



## Jyle Nogee Graduate Scholarship Created

**Dr. Joe and Mrs. Jo Nogee** recently established an endowed scholarship in memory of their son, Jyle Nogee. Dr. Nogee is an emeritus faculty member who taught International Relations in the UH Political Science Department for many decades. While he was department chair in the late 1960s, he led the department's successful effort to establish a doctoral program. The Nogee's gift is part of their continuing support for UH and UH Political Science; the department is sincerely grateful for this gift. The first Nogee Scholarship will be awarded in fall 2018.

The picture at right is from an April event to celebrate this generous gift. The program included the reading of a tribute to Dr. Nogee from **Dr. Asma Kombargi**, one of his former doctoral students.



Front row: Nita Lineberry, the Nogeess, Bob Carp, Dick Murray. Back row: Giovanni Rosselli (CLASS Advancement), Susan Scarrow, Greg Weiher, CLASS Dean Antonio Tillis, Kim Howard (CLASS Advancement), Kent Tedin.

### See you in Boston!

UH Pol Sci Alumni are invited to the Texas Universities reception at American Political Science Association Annual Meetings

Friday, August 31  
7:30 - 9:00pm  
Sheraton Boston Hotel  
Room: Back Bay B

## Message from the Department Chair Teaming Up for Success

Team leadership is a good recipe for success for academic departments. In UH Political Science, faculty members share the duties and opportunities of department leader jobs, rotating positions such as undergraduate and graduate director, committee chairs, and department chair. Because of this rotation, there are many brains to tap and much experience to enlist when administrative challenges arise.

For the last seven years it has been my privilege to serve as chair of UH Political Science. One of the many fun aspects of the job has been writing this newsletter to let you know what's happening in PGH! However, now it's time for me to pass the leadership baton. Associate Professor **Jeffrey Church** will become department chair in summer 2019; because he has a pre-scheduled leave, Professor **Kent Tedin** has graciously volunteered to serve as interim chair for the 2018-19 academic year, stepping back into a role that he knows well. The department will be in good hands under their leadership, and will continue to grow and thrive. You can look forward to a steady stream of good news in future issues!



(This is me while serving as Scholar-in-Residence at LUISS-Guido Carli in Rome in May, 2018)

But now, I invite you to read this newsletter to find out what's been happening lately, including a bumper class of graduating doctoral students, faculty and student research award winners, and new opportunities for international studies.

--Susan Scarrow  
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## New UH-UK Legislative Internship Program

Political science major **Shelby Parker** spent the spring semester at the University of Swansea in Wales on a new UH-Swansea internship exchange program. She took courses on British politics and completed a 4 week internship program in the office of a member of the Welsh Assembly. In 2018-19 this ongoing internship program will send UH students to Swansea to do internships in the Welsh Assembly or Westminster Parliament, and will bring Swansea students to UH to take courses and participate in political affairs internships in the Houston area. UH students are eligible for study abroad scholarships that can fully offset the additional costs of the program.



## Award-Winning Researchers

Congratulations to first year PhD student **Naomi Nubin-Sellers**, who was appointed to the American Political Science Association's 2018-19 Minority Fellowship Program. This nationally-competitive program will support her studies and provide her with networking opportunities. Naomi's broad research interests are in the fields of American politics and public policy, with an emphasis on incorporating intersectionality into current understandings of the political process.

Naomi is currently researching how intersectionality affects support for redistribution policies and whether legislative infrastructure affects how often African American female candidates run for office in state legislatures. She previously earned a BS in administration of justice and political science and an MPA, both from Texas Southern University, where she also worked as a research assistant. Naomi plans to pursue an academic career in teaching and research.



Congratulations to newly-promoted Associate Professor **Ling Zhu**, winner of the university's 2017-18 junior faculty award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship or Creative Activity. These highly competitive awards recognize faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to their fields. Dr. Zhu is pictured receiving her award at the annual Faculty Awards ceremony.

Dr Zhu's research focusses on inequality, social welfare policies, and health care politics. In addition to pursuing her own research, she is an active research mentor for undergraduates, doctoral students, and MPA students. She has also served as faculty advisor for doctoral students on the job market.

## Students Pursue Research as their "Summer Job"

This summer several political science majors are participating in the UH Summer Undergraduate Research Program, a competitive scholarship program which helps advanced undergraduates for students develop their research skills. The students are working with a faculty mentor and attending group meetings throughout the summer. They will present their results at the fall semester Undergraduate Research Day. This summer's political science participants are **Baongan Chuor**, mentored by **Dr. Justin Kirkland**, on "Asian-American Political Participation", **Isaiah Johnson**, mentored by **Dr. Jennifer Clark**, on "Executive and Legislative Branch Interactions on Immigration Policy"; **Daniel Perez**, mentored by **Dr. Scott Clifford**, for a project on Latino political attitudes; and **Praboda Perikala**, mentored by **Dr. Jeff Church**, on "The Demos and Political Deception in *Huck Finn* and *Invisible Man*".

## Faculty Member Leads NSF-sponsored Workshop



In May Associate Professor **Lydia Tiede** co-led an NSF-sponsored workshop on “Facilitating Empirical Studies of Judicial Behavior on Constitutional Courts from a Comparative Perspective”. The workshop’s aim was to promote cross-national and cross-regional studies of courts. Dr. Tiede is an expert on comparative courts, with a particular interest in the impact of reforms to Latin American legal systems. At this 2 day workshop, held in Fort Worth TX, experts on judicial behavior on five continents shared information about regionally-specific data and approaches. Dr. Tiede’s co-PIs for this project were Drs. Nuno Garoupa (Texas A&M) and Rebecca Gill (University of Nevada Las Vegas).

The picture shows Dr. Tiede (far right) with other UH conference participants: Associate Professor **Tanya Bagashka** (third from left) and four graduate students with research interests in judicial politics (from left to right) **Haimo Li**, **Devon Jones**, **Vivian Kalu**, and **Susan Achury**. Also pictured is Dr. Julio Ríos-Figueroa (third from right), from Mexico City’s *CIDE* research institute.

## Faculty Research Spotlight: Civilian and Military Approaches to Deterrence

Assistant professor **Zachary Zwald** is researching how individual risk disposition affects willingness to employ deterrence measures in foreign policy. In collaboration with Dr. Jeffrey Berejikian (University of Georgia), he has been conducting decision experiments investigating differences between how civilians and military officers approach deterrence signaling in conflict situations. The research, funded by a grant from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, has demonstrates that both civilian and military support for deterrence strategies is highly influenced by how policy options are described, and that preferences vary across different conflict domains

(conventional, nuclear, chemical, cyber). The research aims to contribute to deterrence stability by illuminating differences in how civilians and military leaders evaluate the risks associated with policy options.

Dr. Zwald is director of the department’s National Security Studies minor, and he runs its international affairs internship program. He is also a frequent foreign policy commentator for Houston area news media, and gives presentations for community groups.

## Faculty notes

Congratulations to **Dr. Scott Clifford**, **Dr. Elizabeth Marcinek** and **Dr. Ling Zhu**, who have recently been awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor.

In June, Assistant Professor **Francisco Cantu** [presented his research](#) on fraud in Mexico’s 1988 presidential election at the UH Data Sciences Institute.

Professor **Kent Tedin** and former UH Professor **Bob Erikson** (now at Columbia University) are pleased to announce the publication of the 10th edition of *American Public Opinion*.

In May Professor **Susan Scarrow** spent a month as a visiting-scholar-in-residence at L.U.I.S.S. Guido Carli (the International Free University of Social Sciences) in Rome, Italy.

In the 2018-19 academic year, Associate Professor **Jerónimo Cortina** will serve as interim associate director of the UH Center for Mexican-American Studies.

### Grad Alumni Notes: Congratulations!

**George Hawley** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Alabama–Tuscaloosa.

**Adolfo Santos** has been appointed assistant provost at Texas A&M University. He will lead the university’s new Higher Education Center in McAllen, Texas.

Please keep sending us your good news so that we can share it!



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## Congratulation Graduates!



Kudos to our 2017-18 Master's and PhD graduates. At the Master's level: **Charlotte Christian, Matthew Lurton, Ella Stobart, and Sarah Stout.** At the PhD level: **Marcia Beyer, Cong Huang, Danie Mascarenhas, Markie McBrayer, Jonathan Solis, Matthew Ward, and Kenicia Wright.** The picture shows them receiving their degrees at the May graduation

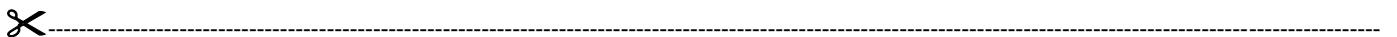
ceremony in NRG Stadium. Among their future plans: Charlotte Christian has enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Virginia, Kenicia Wright will be starting a tenure-track job at the University of Central Florida; Marcia Beyer has a full-time appointment at San Jacinto College; Danie Mascarenhas has a visiting appointment at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Cong Huang will be completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the UH Hobby School of Public Affairs. In addition, August 2017 graduate Yeaji Kim will be starting a tenure-track job at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

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## Doing it With Your Help: The Power of Teamwork

Many of the initiatives profiled in our newsletters have been made possible by generous friends of UH Political Science. This includes alumni whose organizations have sponsored international politics internships, scholarship donors, alumni who have presented at career days for political science majors, those who have mentored current graduate students,

and those who have helped us recruit good students for our programs. We are grateful for your support! Please continue to help us spread the good news about UH Political Science and about our students who are doing amazing things!



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