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GREETINGS!

We are happy to send you the Spring 2008 edition of the Providence College Political Science Alumni Newsletter. In this issue we profile and recognize a former faculty member and two PSC alumni who will receive honorary degrees at the 2008 Commencement Ceremony. Many of you will remember Professor Zygmunt (Ziggy) Friedemann who during his years as department chair professionalized our program by insisting on professional national searches for new faculty. Austin Sarat '69, who teaches at Amherst, is one of the most esteemed political scientists in the nation. Fay Frank Rozovsky '73 is an attor-

ney who is an authority on patient safety and health risk management.

Next fall we will welcome a new member of the political science faculty. She is Professor Julia Jordan-Zachery (PhD, Connecticut) who will come to us from Howard University. She will be the Director of the Black Studies Program and will also teach political science courses. We will provide a complete profile of her in the Fall edition of the Newsletter.

You can find previous issues of the Newsletter linked to the Department web site (www.providence.edu/polisci).

Also take a look at our current Alum of the Month as well as alumni we have profiled in the past. It is an exciting time for those of us who are interested in politics. Our Providence College Alumni Listserv-Discussion Forum (<http://lists.providence.edu/mailman/listinfo/pc-pscalums>) is up and running, though we have not observed very much activity. If you want to start an online discussion about current politics, post a message. As always, we love to hear from you. Let us know what your are doing.

--James Carlson, Keeper of the Flame

Zygmunt "Ziggy" Friedemann, Ph.D. to Receive an Honorary Degree at Commencement 2008



Zygmunt J. Friedemann (Ziggy), Professor Emeritus of Political Science will be presented an honorary degree during the Class of 2008 Commencement Ceremony. Ziggy taught political science at PC from 1956 until he retired in 1990. His area of expertise is International Relations and Foreign Policy. Nearly every political science major took one of his courses. He was presented the Distinguished Faculty Award by the PC Alumni Association in 1973. Ziggy was born in Poland and survived imprisonment in

two Nazi concentration camps. Before coming to the United States in 1948, he worked for the U.S. Army as an interpreter and liaison. He earned his PhD in political science from Brown University. He was chair of the Political Science Department for many years and later in his career he was elected to the Rhode Island General Assembly where he served for eight terms. Among his accomplishments was the role he played in the development of the emergency 9-1-1 system in Rhode Island.

Commencement Honorary Degrees

Fay Frank Rozovsky, J.D., M.P.H. '73

Fay Frank Rozovsky, J.D., M.P.H. '73 is president of The Rozovsky Group, Inc. and an authority in patient safety, consent, and health-care risk management. An attorney, she has written more than 600 articles and has written, co-written, or edited more than 20 books. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court cited her book, *Consent to Treatment: A Practical Guide*, as legal authority in a critical patients' rights case. A faculty member at Vir-

ginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Rozovsky is one of the first women to attend PC and graduated *summa cum laude*.



Austin D. Sarat, Ph.D., J.D. '69



Austin D. Sarat, Ph.D., J.D. '69 is the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Jurisprudence and Political Science, Five College Fortieth Anniversary Professor, and senior advisor to the dean of the faculty at Amherst College in Massachusetts. An internationally renowned scholar on capital punishment, Sarat is also recognized as a pioneer in

the development of legal study in the liberal arts and in the humanistic and cultural study of law. He has authored or edited more than 60 books, many relating to capital punishment. A graduate of PC's Liberal Arts Honors Program, he founded Amherst's Department of Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought.

Candice Perodeau, Class of 1993

After working as a waitress and then at a lobbying firm for a year, Candice got a job with the Republican National Committee. She worked in the RNC's press office as a member of the "truth squad" for the 1996 election cycle. Following that cycle, Candice was hired by Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH) as a press secretary and then "campaign manager" when Pryce began to run for a House leadership role. Pryce won her election and named Candice her "leadership staffer", making her the youngest woman to serve in that role. Candice then moved to Massachusetts to raise a family, where she worked as the Director of Communications for the Massachusetts Department of Economic Development. When the commute became too much she left her political career for the private sector. She is now a senior account executive at Rainier Corporation, a public relations firm, where she has been for 5 years.

Chris Buchanan, Class of 1995

Upon graduation from PC, Chris received his MPA from American University in Washington, D.C. He also interned on Capitol Hill and worked for various trade associations as a federal lobbyist. He worked for a retail trade association which represented large-scale retailers such as Wal-Mart, the company which then hired him directly. He has now been with the company for eight years, working as a Senior Manager of Public Affairs. He is New England's public affairs, government relations, and community affairs representative. He and his wife recently moved back to the area after having lived in Annapolis, Maryland.

Jennifer Sevigney Durand, Class of 1996

Most recently, Jennifer was named co-chair of the CLE & Publication Committee of the Boston Bar Association's Family Law section. She is an attorney at Pakenham, Schmidt, & Federico P.C., where she focuses on domestic relations. After graduation from PC, she served as a law clerk for two years for the justices of the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court and joined her current firm in 2001.

Brett Rowan, Class of 2004

Brett is currently in his third year of law school at Washington University, planning to graduate in May. He serves as the Executive Articles Editor of the *Washington University Global Studies Law Review*, and recently wrote an article that was selected for presentation at Yale University for the 6th Annual Young Scholars' Conference hosted by the *Yale Journal of International Law*. The article was titled "The Price of 'European' Identity: The Negative Social and Economic Impact of Slovenian Migration Law". He is one of eight students nationwide and one of only four non-Yale students to present. Brett has also volunteered his time in the International Humanitarian Law Teaching Project, in which law students teach the Geneva Conventions to local high school students and community groups.

Joanna Wandycz-Mejias, Class of 1990

Joanna is currently the Coordinator of the Center for Foreign Students at Pablo de Olavide University in Seville, Spain. With 24 students in the Fall of 2001, she started as the Director of the Hispanic Studies Program (the largest program at the center). Total enrollment by the end of 2007 had increased to 197 students, and the Center predicted enrollment of over 300 students for the Spring of 2008. Joanna lives in Seville with her husband (a native of Spain) and her two children, Alexander (7) and Leticia (4).

Lindsay Weber, Class of 2006

After graduation, Lindsay completed a year of graduate school to get her teaching certification. She has four remaining classes until she can receive her Masters. She is now teaching History (U.S. History II) at Mendham High School in New Jersey, which she enjoys. In addition to teaching, Lindsay is also coaching varsity girls' soccer and varsity girls' lacrosse.

Kristen Gallagher, Class of 1995

Kristen graduated from PC in 1995. She went to work for Daly and Wolcott (now Infor Distribution systems), an ERP software company based in Providence. The company took her through a career development process that trained employees in programming, project management, sales, and marketing. She started with project management and was transferred to California in 1997 to lead Pioneer Electronics' ERP implementation. In 1998 she moved to sales as a System's Engineer, demonstrating the company's business solution to current and prospective customers. In 1999 she followed her career as a System's Engineer and Business Software Solution Consultant to JD Edwards, a tier 1 ERP software provider. (The company has since been acquired by both PeopleSoft and Ora-

cle.) Kristen was awarded Solution Consultant of the year for North America for the fiscal year of 2007. Recently, she was promoted into a management position where she now leads Solution Consultants on sales cycles and partnering with Regional Sales managers and Account Executives on attaining and exceeding the quarterly sales goals for the company. Her team's objectives are to provide thought leadership to prospects and customers on best business practices for their industry to have a direct impact on their bottom line. Customers her company partners with are varied, such as Amgen, Netgear, Otis Spunkmeyer, and International Rectifier.

Aside from work, Kristen has been heavily involved with various non-profits in Orange

County, including the United Way and Young Professionals Against Cancer. Last year she volunteered in Arusha, Tanza-



nia through Cross Cultural Solutions during a 5-week sabbatical. While there, she taught 40 3- to 6-year-olds phonics, reading, and math, and worked with locals to improve HIV prevention.

Recent Department Events

Women's Words: Gendered Priorities and Communication in Congress

On November 26, the Political Science Department and Women's Studies Program co-sponsored a talk by Dr. Jennifer Lucas (PC '99), professor of Political Science at St. Anselm College. The presentation investigated the role of gender in congressional politics. Through research regarding speeches made by both male and female politicians, Dr. Lucas concluded that though the differences between men and women were not as large as expected, women were more likely to speak in an inclusive manner, use personal experiences, and address issues involving marginalized groups.

Transitional Justice Film Series

The Political Science Department, supported by Dr. Cesarini, sponsored a series of films regarding transitional justice on Wednesday evenings throughout the semester. The events were open to all Political Science students and refreshments were served.

Tim Army, Class of 1985



Tim Army has followed an unusual career path since his graduation from

the PC Political Science Department in 1985. After being selected as a Hockey All-American in 1985, he began his coaching career in 1987 as an assistant coach for the Friars. In his six years in this position, he helped direct the Friars to more than 20 wins in four seasons, as well as two appearances in the NCAA Tournament. From here he went as an assistant coach to the NHL, to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks from 1993-97 and the Washington Capitals from 1997-02. During this time, Army served as an assistant coach for the 1994 and 1996 U.S. National Teams, winning a bronze medal at the 1996 World Championships in Vienna. In 2002 he became the head coach of the Portland Pirates (AHL). He guided the Pirates to two appear-

ances in the Calder Cup Playoffs. In 2005, Army returned to Providence College as the head coach of the Friars hockey team. In his first 2 seasons back at PC, he has guided the team into the Hockey East playoffs. The 2007-08 season has seen the Friars consistently ranked in top 20 and again in the Hockey East playoffs. Army now lives in North Kingstown, RI with his wife and two sons.

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