


# UCI Department of Political Science

## Fall 2022 Newsletter

The UC Irvine Department of Political Science is excited to continue its quarterly newsletter! Read below for our latest achievements, announcements, and events offered in Fall Quarter 2022!



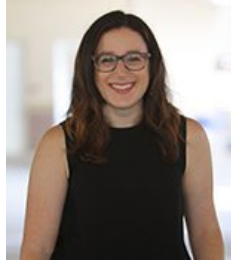
*Political Science  
Fall Events*

WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION	Friday, Oct. 7th 12:30pm - 2:00pm	SBSG 1517
DEPT. MEETING	Wed, Oct. 12th 12:30-2:00pm	SBSG 1511
COLLOQUIUM: LYNETTE ONG	Friday, Oct. 14th 1:00-2:30pm	SBSG 1321
GRADUATE TOWNHALL	TBD	TBD
DEPT. MEETING	Wed, Nov. 2nd 12:30-2:00pm	SBSG 1511
CAESAR SERESERES RETIREMENT	Fri, Nov. 4th 3:30pm - 5:00pm	SBSG 1517
DEPT. MEETING	Wed, Nov. 16th 12:30-2:00pm	SBSG 1511
MID-TERM ELECTION EVENT (CO-SPONSORED BY DEAN AND GSD)	November 17th 5:30	SBSG 1517
JOB TALKS	TBD	ALL IN PERSON

Above is a list of events we held throughout the Fall quarter. Thank you to all the organizers who made these talks happen!

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## Faculty Member Achievements



Professor Sara Goodman has achieved several milestones during the Fall Quarter and we're here to celebrate them! Books: Book: Gadarian, S. K., Goodman, S. W., & Pepinsky, T. B. (2022). *Pandemic Politics: The Deadly Toll of Partisanship in the Age of COVID*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Articles: Goodman, S.W. (2023). *Citizenship Studies: Policy Causes and Consequences*. *Annual Review of Political Science*. Rodriguez, C.G., Gadarian, S.K. Goodman, S.W., & Pepinsky, T.B. (2022). *Morbid Polarization: Exposure to COVID-19 and Partisan Disagreement about Pandemic Response*. *Political Psychology*. 43(6), 1169-1189. Goodman, S.W. (2022). *'Good Citizens' in Democratic Hard Times*. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 996 (1), 68-78. Gadarian, S. K., Goodman, S. W., Michener, J., Nyhan, B. & Pepinsky, T. B. (2022). "Information from Same-Race/Ethnicity Experts Online Does Not Increase Vaccine Interest or Intention to Vaccinate." *The Milbank Quarterly*. 100 (2): 492-503.



Congratulations to Professor Danielle Thomsen for a new Forthcoming article in the *American Political Science Review*.

The name of the article is: "Competition in Congressional Elections: Money versus Votes."



Multiple UCI Faculty (Samantha Vortherms, Davin Phoenix, Mary McThomas), graduate students (Alisson Rowland, Jessica S. Taghvaiee, Alexandra De Ciantis), and alumni (Mary Anne S. Mendoza, Bianca Rubalcava, Misbah Hyder) contributed to an edited volume edited in part by our own Davin Phoenix on Navigating Graduate School and Beyond. The book is available on APSA's website (<https://apsanet.org/gradschool>). The editors coordinated two panels of contributors at APSA's annual conference in September.



**Also a publication from Professor Sam Vortherms**

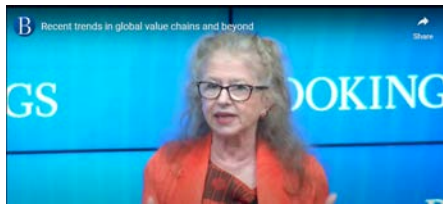
Liu, Rigao, Jiakun Jack Zhang, and Samantha A. Vortherms. 2022. "In the Middle: American Multinationals in China and Trade War Politics." *Business and Politics* 24 (4). Cambridge University Press: 348–76. doi:10.1017/bap.2022.14.

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Congratulations to Prof. Jeffrey Kopstein for winning two grants totaling \$200,000 as part of multi-institutional contract from the Department of Defense to study:

- 1) malign influence operations and antisemitic narratives targeting military officers and civilians
  - 2) the meaning of the oath among among officers and enlisted personnel in the US armed forces.
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Etel Solingen was lead author of “Rising Risks to Global Value Chains” In Global Value Chain Development Report: Beyond Production, published by the World Trade Organization, Asian Development Bank, Research Institute for Global Value Chains at China’s University of International Business and Economics, Japan’s Institute of Developing Economies, and China Development Research Foundation (English and Chinese translation). She presented the study in-person at launchings of the report hosted by the World Trade Organization, Brookings Institution (Washington DC), Asia Society (Silicon Valley), European University Institute

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### **News from Professor Cecelia Lynch**

Graduate student Misbah Hyder successfully defended and submitted her dissertation in December 2022! She begins a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Notre Dame’s Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence in January 2023.

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**Affiliated Professor Gregory Shaffer has received an award!**

His book: *Emerging Powers and the World Trading System: The Past and Future of International Economic Law* (CUP 2021) won the 2022 Chadwick F. Alger Prize of the International Studies Association.

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**Russ Dalton**

Russ Dalton is not only the most cited political scientist at UCI, but the most cited political scientist or law scholar in the UC system according to a college's most recent collection of citations.

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**News from Affiliated Professor David Feldman**

1. Was interviewed for a broadcast on KCRW - NPR station in Los Angeles broadcast on Monday, November 28 - "Drought-stricken CA increasingly turning to desalination of ocean water. <https://www.kerw.com/news/shows/greater-la/water-climate-oc/desalinatio>
  2. Quoted in Los Angeles Times article on November 7th- "They used to call Californiaocean desalination a disaster. But water crisis brings new look" - <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-11-07/drought-drives-nenewed-interestin-in-desalination>
  3. Published - *The Governance of Water Innovations: to Quench a Thirst*, Elgar, September 2022 - <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/usd/the-governance-of-water-innovations-9781800882041.html>
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**News from Affiliated Professor Mark Fisher**

The UCI Center for Neuropolitics held its first event on October 19, a half-day Symposium on “Cognitive Decline and Political Leadership”. This was a highly successful event, co-directed by Mark Fisher and Davin Phoenix, that featured California State Senator Dave Min, multiple UCI faculty members including Political Science Professor Shawn Rosenberg, and the First Annual Jerrold Post Lecture on Neuropolitics given by Nassir Ghaemi, MD, Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University. The video of the entire Symposium is accessible at the Center’s website: <https://sites.uci.edu/centerforneuropolitics/>

The next Center event is scheduled for January 20, 2023, a lecture presentation titled “Liberals, Conservatives, and the Political Brain: fMRI Studies of Political Ideology”. Registration is available for this virtual event on the Center website.

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## Graduate Student Achievements



**Melina Much**

- Served as plenary session speaker at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government in October 2022 for the Empirical Study of Gender Annual Conference.
- American Political Science Association Centennial Grant Fellowship in Summer 2022 for work on women's movements on social media and natural language processing.
- UCI 2022 Summer Inclusive Excellence Fellowship for development and honing methodological pedagogical skills to apply DTEI principles in Political Methodology.



**Prince Paa-Kwesi Heto**

Published a research article on African indigenous knowledge in Ghana, which I co-wrote with Takako Mino. Our main finding is that indigenous knowledges have been much more resilient than traditionally presented in the literature and continue to play an important role in shaping people's worldviews.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/11771801221138304>

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**Hunter Hilinski**

Forthcoming Book Review publication of *Elite Capture* by Olúfémí O. Táíwò, in the *Journal of the Cultural Studies Association*

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**Daniel Weisz Argomedo**

Former UCI political science graduate Nathan Jones, Irina Chindea, current political science graduate Daniel Weisz Argomedo and John Sullivan have published an article at the *Journal of Strategic Security* called: *A Social Network Analysis of Mexico's Dark Network Alliance Structure*. The article assesses Mexico's organized crime alliance and subgroup network structures. Through social network analysis (SNA) of data from *Lantia Consultores*, a consulting firm in Mexico that specializes in the analysis of public policies, it demonstrates differential alliance structures within Mexico's bipolar illicit network system.

Jones, Nathan P.; Chindea, Irina A.; Weisz Argomedo, Daniel; and Sullivan, John P.. "A Social Network Analysis of Mexico's Dark Network Alliance Structure." *Journal of Strategic Security* 15, no. 4 (2022) : 76-105.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5038/1944-0472.15.4.2046>  
Available at: <https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/jss/vol15/iss4/5>

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**Thank you to everyone who submitted something for the newsletter. As always if you know someone who has achieved anything, even the smallest thing remember to congratulate them! It might be something small, but it could mean something big to them.**

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# Alumni News

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