

Vanderbilt University's Department of Political Science
Spring 2007 Speaker Series

Robert M. Howard (Georgia State University)

"Of Time and the Constitution: The Ab(Use) of Judicial Recess Appointments"

Friday, February 2 (12:00 in Calhoun 335)

Robert Howard is Associate Professor of Political Science at Georgia State and received his Ph.D. from State University of New York at Stony Brook (1998). Prof. Howard's research interests center on judicial politics public policy, and constitutional law. He is the author of numerous articles on topics ranging from citizen support for the Supreme Court to analyses of the Court's opinions. He has published this research in such journals as the *Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, and *Political Research Quarterly*.

D. Sunshine Hillygus (Harvard University)

"The Persuadable Voter: Strategic Candidates and Wedge Issues in Presidential Campaigns"

Friday, February 9 (3:00 in Calhoun 219)

D. Sunshine Hillygus is Assistant Professor of Government and director of the Harvard Program on Survey Research. Her research and teaching interests include American voting behavior, campaigns and elections, survey research, and information technology and society. Her work has been published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, and *Political Behavior*, among others. She is also co-author of the book, *The Hard Count: The Social and Political Challenges of the 2000 Census* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2006).

Department Brown Bag Talk

Prof. Christian Grose and Frank Wilson

"Ideological Influence Over the Distribution of U.S. Defense Policies, 1993-2002"

Friday, February 16 (Noon in Calhoun 335)

Roger A. Hanson (Hanson and Hunter Consulting)

"The Mosaic: Trial Courts as Organizations"

Tuesday, February 27 (12:00 in Calhoun 337)

Roger Hanson (Ph.D. University of Minnesota) is principal consultant for Hanson and Hunter Consulting and co-author of the forthcoming *The Mosaic: Trial Courts as Organizations* (Temple University Press). Hanson's consultant work involves serving as an advisor in efforts to improve court performance in countries around the world as well as in many of the American states. He is also the author of over forty books, monographs, and articles addressing various aspects of court performance.

Bruce Shine (Shine and Mason Law Office)

“Understanding the European Court of Justice”

Thursday, March 15 (Time/Location TBA)

Bruce Shine is a principal of Shine and Mason Law Office and has lectured nationally and internationally on numerous labor and employment law topics, education law and employee stock ownership issues. He is the author of numerous articles that examine the development of the European Court of Justice and its impact on international law, as well as many others on various aspects of the Tennessee legal system.

Peter Smith (University of California, San Diego)

“Latin America’s ‘Pink Tide’ and the United States”

Friday, March 23 (3:00 pm in Wilson 126)

Received a Ph.D. Columbia University (1966) and is Professor of Political Science and Simon Bolivar Professor of Latin American Studies (also Adjunct Professor of History and IRPS).

Smith specializes in comparative politics, Latin American politics, and U.S.-Latin American relations. His major publications include *Politics and Beef in Argentina: Patterns of Conflict and Change* (1969), *Argentina and the Failure of Democracy: Conflict among Political Elites, 1904-1955* (1974), *Labyrinths of Power: Political Recruitment in Twentieth-Century Mexico* (1979), *Talons of the Eagle: Dynamics of U.S.-Latin American Relations* (1996; 2nd edition, 2000), and *Democracy in Latin America: Political Change in Comparative Perspective* (forthcoming 2005). Smith has served as president of the Latin American Studies Association and has been a consultant to the Ford Foundation, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, and other institutions. At UCSD, Smith served as director of the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (1989-2001) and director of Latin American Studies (1994-2001).

Jim Gibson (Washington University)

“Confirmation Politics and the Legitimacy of the U.S. Supreme Court:

Institutional Loyalty, Positivity Bias, and the Alito Nomination”

Thursday, March 29 (12-1:30 in Calhoun 335)

Prof. Gibson is Sidney W. Souers Professor of Government in Arts & Sciences (Ph.D., University of Iowa). His research interests include comparative processes of democratization, topics in American politics (including political parties, public opinion, and especially courts and legal processes), and all areas of quantitative research methods (especially survey research). He currently is working on studies of the consolidation of democracy in Russia; political tolerance, justice, and the initiation of democratic reform in South Africa; law, legal values, legal consciousness in Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Spain, and the United States; and the legitimacy of judicial and legal institutions throughout the world.

Susan Stokes (Yale University)

“Globalization, the Welfare Gap, and the Rise of the Left in Latin America”

Friday, March 30 (3:00 pm in Buttrick 206)

PhD, Stanford University, 1988. John S. Saden Professor of Political Science and director of the Yale Program on Democracy. Her research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, and the Russell Sage Foundation. Her research interests include democratic theory and how democracy functions in developing societies, with a focus on Latin America. Her most recent book is *Democracy and the Culture of Skepticism: Political Trust in Argentina and Mexico* (with Matthew Cleary, Russell Sage Foundation, 2006). *Mandates and Democracy: Neoliberalism by Surprise in Latin America* (Cambridge, 2001), received prizes from the APSA Comparative Democratization section and from the Society for Comparative Research. Other recent publications include “Perverse Accountability,” *American Political Science Review*, and “Endogenous Democratization,” with Carles Boix, in *World Politics*.

John Carey (Dartmouth University)

“The Primary Elections ‘Bonus’ in Latin America”

Friday, April 6 (3:00 pm in Buttrick 206)

Professor of Government at Dartmouth University, Carey received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, San Diego in 1994. Before coming to Dartmouth, he taught at the Universidad Católica de Chile, the University of Rochester, Washington University in St. Louis, and at Harvard. Carey specializes in the study of democratic institutions, elections, and Latin American politics. His current research projects include work on the sources of unity and divisiveness within legislative parties and coalitions, and on the relationship between transparency in legislative decision making and political accountability. Carey is the author of *Presidents and Assemblies: Constitutional Design and Electoral Dynamics* (Cambridge University Press, 1992, with Matthew Shugart), *Term Limits and Legislative Representation* (Cambridge UP, 1996); *Executive Decree Authority* (also Cambridge UP, 1998, also with Shugart) as well as articles in such journals as the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Party Politics*, and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

Dana Fisher (Columbia University)

“Outsourcing Activism in America”

Thursday, April 12 (3:30 in Garland 209)

Dana R. Fisher (Ph.D., Wisconsin) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Columbia University. Her research interests fall under the sub-disciplines of political and environmental sociology. Presently, she is working on projects that explore the ways in which civil society participates in political processes—on the local, national, and international levels. Her first book, *National Governance and the Global Climate Change Regime*, was published by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers in summer 2004. Her second book, *Activism, Inc.* focuses on activism in America (Stanford University Press, 2006).