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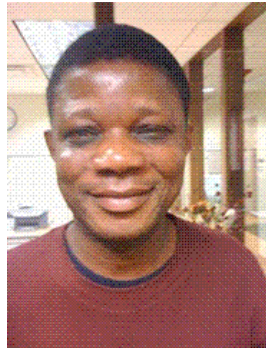
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QUICK NOTES

NEED TO GET INTO A CLOSED CLASS?

Completely fill in the form found on the department web page (see above) under each major. Get instructor's permission and then it must be approved by the chair. Normally limited to no more than 2 overrides per class and only for reasons such as class needed for spring graduation, medical reasons, factors beyond student control such as administrative errors.

FALL-SPRING 2009-2010 SCHEDULES are almost completed. We are awaiting news from the administration regarding sabbaticals, "reassigned time", new chair election and a possible replacement for retiring Professor Kilkelly.



FEATURED FACULTY-NEW PROFESSOR MORGAN NYENDU (next issue new Professor Shoua Yang followed by new Professor Aref Hassan)

Assistant Professor of Political Science
B.A. 1984, University of Ghana
M.A. 1999, Jawaharlal Nehru University
M.A. 2000, Saint Mary's University
Ph.D. 2006, University of Calgary

Dr. Nyendu teaches Political Ideas and Institutions (101); Introduction to World Politics (251); Emerging Issues in the Nonwestern World (337); and African Government and Politics (335); International Organizations (354). He was with the department last year as a fixed term faculty.

Recently you developed a new course in African Politics. Are you thinking of any other new courses or initiatives? The new course has so far been exciting. My desired goal for introducing the course, African Politics and Government was to contribute towards the creation of more awareness about developments on the continent among students who may be interested in Africa. The enthusiasm of students who have taken the course so far has been encouraging. Yes, I have plans to introduce other courses on, namely, Ethnic Conflict/Nationalism in Africa (Level 300) and Political Economy of Sub-Saharan Africa (Level 200/300). I also plan to design and introduce a course on Environmental Politics.

What do you bring to SCSU? I have various assets that I will bring to SCSU. First, I bring a lot of unique experiences to the position. I was born, bred, and partly educated in Ghana. I, will, therefore, bring this unique experience to my teaching and hope to combine it effectively with textbook information. I think that students need to hear some of these personal first-hand experiences of people from other cultures. Second, I will also bring my unique international experience of having been educated in Africa, India, and Canada. Because of my varied academic training in different countries (Ghana, India, and Canada), I also bring with me a multicultural experience that makes it

SABBATICALS

Although not definite it appears Professors Hammes and Uradnik will be on sabbatical for both fall and spring semesters of 2009-2010 and Frank for fall of 2009.

2009/2010 INTERNSHIPS

See Professor Bodelson for approval by April 15th for summer internships and Frank by Aug. 15th for fall 2009.

DEGREE MAPS

Newly revised degree maps for POL and PA majors are available in the POL office and will be available on the web soon. The IR degree map should be available in a few weeks or so.

possible for me to work with culturally diverse student and faculty populations. This has been beneficial in the past to my teaching and relationship with students and academic colleagues and I see it as a great asset that I'll bring to SCSU. Third, because I am a team-player, I'll be willing and ready to work with my academic colleagues and staff in the Department and the SCSU at large. Fourth, my research on indigenous political institutions in Africa and how their collaboration with modern institutions of democratic governance could facilitate development at both the local and national levels could assist both students and researchers who are interested in working on Africa. This could also help facilitate possible future research collaboration on issues of traditional leadership, governance, the state, grassroots movements, democratization, and development, among others, with researchers/academic institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa, which are engaged in similar work. Fifth, I bring to the SCSU my field experience in Ghana as a participant in policy-related activity at the local government level. I served in the past (for seven years) on the Executive and other Committees of a District Assembly, which is the core institution in Ghana's democratic decentralization program

How did you develop your interest in international relations? I have been interested in International Politics since my days in High School and it was this interest that drove me to do graduate studies in International Relations and International Development Studies. It has been my belief that it is only through an understanding of each country's special circumstance and a closer interaction of the global community that we could all collaboratively facilitate the development of a peaceful global community. Thus is my teaching, I emphasize the importance of students making efforts to learn about other parts of the world. With regards to Comparative Politics, my interest largely lies in the role of history, culture, political institutions, transparency, the state and the need for collaboration between 'modern' and 'traditional' institutions to facilitate democratic governance and development in the countries in the Global South.

What have you found to be most interesting about SCSU and St. Cloud? There are several things that I have found interesting about SCSU. First, I really enjoy the teaching atmosphere within the College and the Department because of the good student-faculty ratio. This has enabled me to have close contact with my students. Moreover, the good student-faculty ratio has enabled me to closely follow the performances/progress of my students. Second, academic colleagues in my Department and our Office Manager, Cindy Helm have been so nice to me that I see myself as living a 'normal' family life. In fact, others, among whom are Professors Sharon Cogdill, the most immediate past Acting Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Peter Nayenga (Department of History) and Oladele Gazal (Biological Sciences) have all contributed in no small ways towards making SCSU an interesting place for me. With regards to the city itself, I have been impressed by the fellow-feeling of the people I have come in touch with who are always ready to help and the facilities that are available for our use.

Are SCSU students any different then students in Candada or Ghana-If yes how? Speaking in general terms, students everywhere are the same - seeking knowledge and having "great expectations" for their future. However, differences which are often shaped by culture always exist. My experience has shown that whereas students in both Canada and SCSU work to pay their fees, those in Ghana are largely sponsored by their parents and other relatives and so have more time for themselves.

NEW INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR AND MINOR APPROVED BY SCSU AND MNSCU Professor Ed Greaves I.R. Program director has just returned from a semester in Chile will be working with IR professors Nyendu and Hassan to prepare various forms such as declarations of major-minor and degree maps. We are hoping to have these in place by the first week of spring semester classes. *Much thanks to Professor Jason Lindsey for serving as fall semester program director. He spent numerous hours advising students and implementing the program.*

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS During early March the department will begin taking applications for department scholarships and make awards in April. These then can be used the following summer and academic year. Amounts vary. The amounts this year appear to be less as they vary depending on past investment performance, whether they were awarded the previous year, and the decision to split an award or not.

RIGGS SCHOLARSHIP (up to \$966) Ron and Eleanor Riggs served SCSU for over 30 years. Ron Riggs was Chair of the Political Science Department. The family wishes to recognize both of their parents. Applicants must be a junior or senior majoring in Political Science, Public Administration, or International Relations and who wish to serve an internship. Preference given to candidates interning with a legislator at the State Capitol but candidates interning with local or other government agencies may apply.

M. FOERSTER SCHOLARSHIP (up to \$233) The purpose is to give students a chance to work in or for offices of members of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives or Senate, from any state or district, whether they are in Washington or legislators home districts. Other government or para-government agencies may be acceptable. Open to all majors, but must have an accepted internship.

NICK BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP (up to \$1776) One to four scholarships open to upper class Political Science, Public Administration, or International Relations majors who will be interning in the field of government. Preference will be given to those interning with a member of Congress. The only criterion is financial need. Congressman Begich was a SCSU graduate who was a Congressperson from Alaska. He was killed in a plane crash in Alaska.

ROBERT BECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (up to \$454) Robert Becker was a Professor of Political Science at St. Cloud State University. He was born in Minneapolis. He married Mary Baab in 1958. He was a graduate of Hamline University, Michigan State University, and William Mitchell College of Law. He was president of the St. Cloud State University Faculty Senate from 1969 to 1971 and was Special Assistant to the president of SCSU from 1976 to 1988. Robert Becker retired from St. Cloud State University after teaching for 33 years.

The scholarship will be awarded to a junior majoring in Political Science who is pursuing a pre-law course of study. The scholarship can be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the committee. The scholarship will be awarded to students presenting both academic accomplishments and financial need. A 3.0 cumulative (4.0) scale grade point average is needed to receive the scholarship.

CALDECOTT SCHOLARSHIP *[due to low investment returns it will not be awarded this year]* Richard R. Caldecott is a 1977 high honors graduate of St. Cloud State University with a B.A. in Political Science and Criminal Justice. Mr. Caldecott is a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Caldecott, Forro, & Taber. Lisa Caldecott Gilbertson is a 1982 high honors graduate of St. Cloud State University with a B.S. in Mass Communications. Ms. Gilbertson is employed by Northwest Airlines, Inc.

This recipient must be at least a junior and have a grade point average of at least 3.25. The recipient must be a declared major in any of the three Political Science majors who has an expressed interest in attending a graduate or professional school after graduating from

SCSU. Financial need is a criterion and some demonstration of leadership potential is required. Amount to be determined

BUDGET CUTS, FACULTY AND COURSE OFFERINGS At a recent meeting of Social Science Chairs we were told needed faculty replacements will be limited as will monies for temporary hires. This may result in some classes not being offered as frequently as in the past. If you need a class such as 312, 488, etc. and it is being offered you need to take it as they may not be offered every year. There will only be one theory class offered spring 2010. Due to the retirement of Professor Kilkelly it may be some time before we can offer POL 411 (presidency) again. We were also told to expect classes to be offered during days and times that may not be the most convenient to some students in order to best use staff and facilities.

UPPER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT POL 429 Seminar will officially end at the end of spring semester 2009. For POL it will be replaced with a 1 credit POL 420-Senior Project that will be paired with select POL 400 level courses. For IR it will be taken in conjunction with a 400 level international relations or comparative government course. For Public Administration the Upper Division Writing Requirement is still fulfilled by the required internship. You must secure permission in advance from the instructor teaching 400 level class you would like to pair it with.

SUMMER CLASSES 2009

FIRST INTERSESSION	FIRST SESSION	SECOND SESSION
YANG POL 440 * Ethnic Politics -American group MTWTH 8-11:15	HASSAN POL 440 * politics and the intelligence community--American AND IR group MTWTH 10-11:55	LINDSEY -POL 338 Politics of Eastern Europe- -Comparative group MTWTH 10-11:55
NYENDU-POL 335 African Government & Politics MTWTH 11:30-2:45 Comparative group	FRANK POL 195 MTWTH 10-11:55	
GREAVES POL 456 * Terrorism, Insurgency and World Politics - International Relations group MTWTH 3-6:15	LINDSEY POL 195 ONLINE (goes through both sessions)	LINDSEY POL 195 ONLINE (goes through both sessions)
	BODELSON POL 444 INTERNSHIP (goes through both sessions- permission required BY 4/15)	BODELSON POL 444 INTERNSHIP (goes through both sessions)

- Can qualify for upper level writing credit (420- credit with **instructor's permission**)

DEPARTMENT ADVISORS SPRING 2009

NAME	DIRECT ADVISING	INDIRECT
Lindsey	SPRING General pol sci S-Z	Honors thesis*// Soviet Studies
Greeves	IR director and IR advising	Student research colloquium // Latin American Studies
Butenhoff	ON LEAVE 2008-2009	International Relations Club and Global Issues Forum advisor. The Model UN is part of the IR Club.
Bodelson	General pol sci E-K PA Long term care emphasis	
Uradnik	<i>Prelaw for department majors/minors only-no general ed.</i>	
Wagner	ON LEAVE 2008-2009	Faculty SCSU Survey director yearly participation of student directors in research colloquium
Frank	CHAIR General pol sci A-D / soc sci education //Public Admin. Program director	Honors thesis*// Faculty SCSU Survey director yearly participation of student directors in research colloquium
Kukoleca Hammes	General pol sci-L-R// Program director POL SCI	Faculty SCSU Survey director yearly participation of student directors in research colloquium// *Pol Sci Honors thesis
Yang	SPRING –public administration advising	
Nyendu	I.R advising	
Hassan	I.R. advising	
Kilkelly	Phased retirement retires at end of fall semester 2009	
ADJUNCTS Bill Haniff (353- Theories of IR), Stephen Hammes (489 public management), Dede Gaetz (482 Personnel), Carol Anderson (311 MN Politics)		

*Indicates faculty member willing to work with students who want to do a Political Science Honor's thesis.

Generally no faculty does general education advising unless it is related to their areas of specialization/interest. Students seeking general education advice should consult with the Advising Center. Transfer students should meet with administration transfer advisors before meeting with department faculty.