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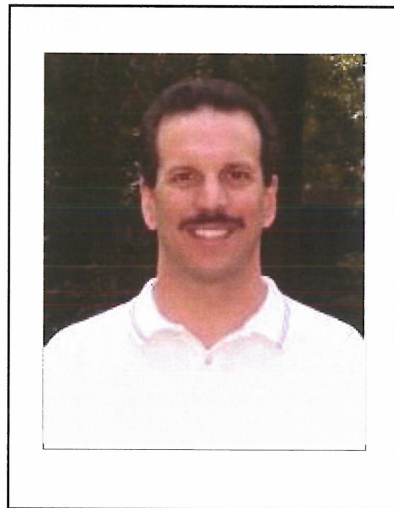
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“Professor Lodge helped build a world-class political science department.”

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dr. Jeffrey Segal, Department Chair & Distinguished University Professor

This marks my first year as chair of the department. As noted by the columns on the undergraduate, Masters, and Ph.D. programs, the department is doing well. We continue our high rankings, and our graduates are all in high demand.

I must, though, regretfully announce the retirement of **Dr. Milton Lodge**, who joined the department in 1971.

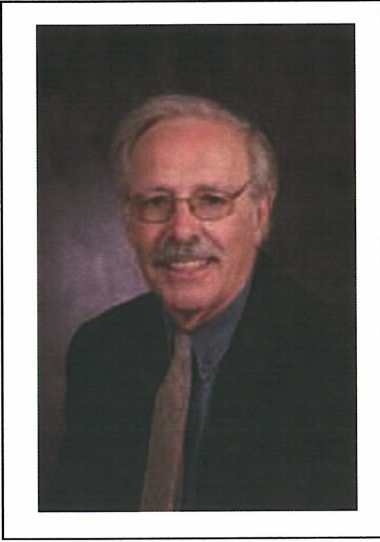
Professor Lodge built an enormously successful career, as noted by his extraordinary scholarly re-

cord, the influence of his publications, and his appointment as a Distinguished Professor. More than building a career, though, Professor Lodge helped build a world-class political science department. Indeed, when political scientists talk about the “Stony Brook model,” they mean two distinct things both intimately connected to Professor Lodge: the online information processing models Professor Lodge and his collaborators have developed; and the idea that successful small departments must focus their energies by being best in some important areas, as Stony Brook political science has done in political psychology.

More than building a world-class department, Professor Lodge was instrumental in developing the interdisciplinary subfield of political psychology, as exemplified by his earning the Harold D. Lasswell Award from the International Society of Political Psychology, for distinguished life-time contribution to the study of political psychology.

Milt will be keeping his office and keeping up with his research activities, so his students will miss him more than his colleagues. Nevertheless, we wish him the best of luck.

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Dr. Milton Lodge,
Distinguished University
Professor

I also announce the retirement of **Maryann Bell**, who has served as Departmental Administrator since 1997. For all of Maryann's great work on campus, she will best be remembered for her tireless community efforts on behalf of the less fortunate among us. All is not a loss though, as we have hired **Suzanne Allsopp**, the former graduate coordinator, to take Maryann's place as Departmental Administrator. We have also hired a permanent undergraduate coordinator, **Janet Cea**, who moved

over from the English Department.

For the first time in three years we have hired a new faculty member, **Dr. Shanna Rose**, who received her Ph.D. this year from the Political Economy and Government program at Harvard University. Before coming to Harvard, she studied economics at Swarthmore College and worked at the Brookings Institution and the Institute for International Economics.



Dr. Shanna Rose,
New Assistant Professor

Dr. Rose is interested in the politics of economic policy-making in representative democracies. Her dissertation examined how politicians in different institutional environments manipulate government finances for electoral gain.

Sandwiched in between hiring and retirement, I am pleased to announce that the university granted tenure and promotion to **Dr. Gallya Lahav**. Professor Lahav teaches and writes on international migration and European integration, both within a comparative and international relations framework.



Dr. Gallya Lahav,
Associate Professor

Gallya's recent book, *Immigration and Politics in the New Europe: Reinventing Borders* gauges 10 years of public opinion and elite attitudes towards immigration in a Europe of changing boundaries.

DEPARTMENTAL GRADUATION 2005: THE ROOF CAVED IN !

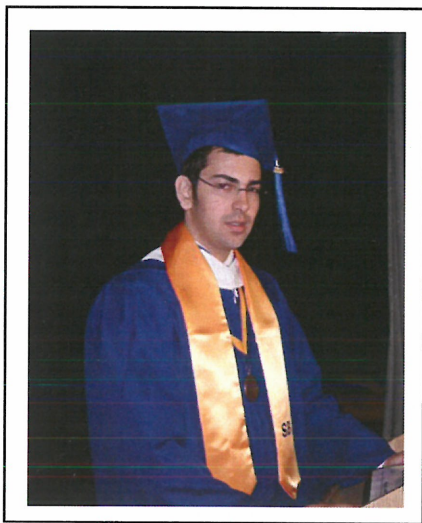
Yes, the roof caved in at Javits 100, where we traditionally have our graduation ceremony. Fortunately, this happened a couple of days before graduation, so we had time to move our ceremony to the Union Auditorium.

Marlene Budd (class of 1986) received the Distinguished Alumni award, and **Frank Myers** received the distinguished teaching award. The Martin Travis award, for students heading to law school went to **Timothy Cole** (headed to Georgetown) and **Vlad Frants**

(NYU or Columbia). The Patricia E. Herman award for students interested in public policy and community development went to **Ilona Pluschau**. The Senior Leadership and Service award went to **Sandy Curtis, Samantha Earley, Vlad Frantz, Chanelle Goody, and Ja-**

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red Wong. Vlad also gave the Farewell Address. The Undergraduate column lists other academic award winners.



Vlad Frants (left),
One of the 2005 Martin
Travis Award Winners
and Farewell Address
Speaker



Three of the 2005 Senior Leadership and Service Award Winners: Samantha Early (left), Jared Wong (bottom left), and Chanelle Goody (bottom right)

POLITICAL SCIENCE PH.D. STUDENT BROOKE ELLISON SPEAKS AT MAIN GRADUATION CEREMONY

Along with U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, guest speakers at the university's graduation ceremony included first year political science Ph.D. student **Brooke Ellison**. Brooke accepted an honorary doctorate on behalf of her close friend, the late actor/director Christopher Reeve.

Brooke was the subject of Reeve's final movie, "The Brooke Ellison Story," which documented her efforts to overcome a nearly fatal automobile accident that left her quadriplegic, as well as graduate from Harvard University. Brooke, co-author with her mother of the autobiographical *Miracles Happen*, also earned a Masters degree from Harvard before enroll-



Brook Ellison (right) and her mother, Main Graduation Guest Speaker

ing in the Ph.D. program in Political Science at Stony Brook. Brooke

is currently studying political psychology.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD: MARLENE BUDD

The 2005 Political Science Distinguished Alumni Award went to Town of Huntington Councilperson **Marlene Budd** (Class of 1986).

Marlene received her Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science (Cum Laude) from Stony Brook University, where she was a member of the National Political Science Honor Society and National History Honor Society. She then received her Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of Baltimore Law School in 1989 and her Masters of Law (L.L.M.) from Columbia Law School in 1990. She graduated in the top 5% of her class at Baltimore, was the Comments Editor of the Baltimore Law Review and received numerous honors including, the American Jurisprudence Awards in Commercial Transaction, Collective Bargaining, Civil

Procedure, and Criminal Law.



**Marlene Budd, 2005
Distinguished Alumni
Award Winner**

In 1995 she was elected to the Huntington Town Board, where she has served ever since. Marlene has been actively involved in envi-

ronmental protection and senior care. On the senior front, Marlene is responsible, among other things, for 2,000 new units of senior housing. On the environment, Marlene sponsored the Town's Environmental Open Space and Park Improvement Bond Act of 1998, and the 2003 \$20 million dollar Open Space Bond Act. With the 1998 act and prior environmental reserve funds, the Town acquired over 150 acres of open space.

Marlene will be seeking election to the position of Family Court Judge in September. We wish her the best of luck!

Please send your nominations for future distinguished alumni awards to Dr. Jeffrey Segal (jeffrey.segal@stonybrook.edu).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Dr. Albert Cover,
Undergraduate Program
Director**

The major activity involving undergraduates in the last several months has been graduation. A total of 112 seniors received their BA degrees in May. As always, many of our graduates earned academic honors. Fourteen of our students were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious national honor society. Sixteen students were elected to Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society in Political Science. Five students, **Timothy Cole, Kendra Edwards, Vlad Frants, Jonathan Gurfein, and Jeffrey Kruszyna** graduated Summa Cum Laude

with grade point averages of at least 3.85. Sixteen others graduate Magna Cum Laude (3.7 - 3.84) or Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.69). Three students **Timothy Cole, Jeffrey Kruszyna** and **Stephanie McLean**, wrote senior Honors papers, earning special distinction for that achievement.

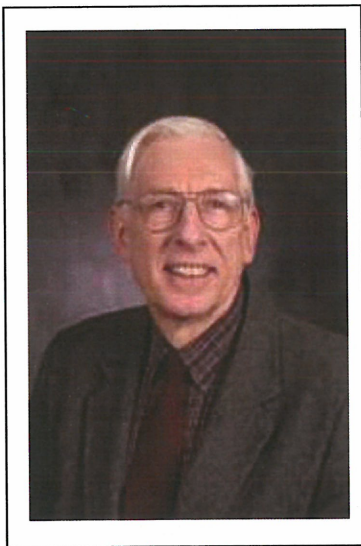
The Alumnus Recognition Award was bestowed this year on **Marlene Budd**, Class of 1986. Marlene received her B.A. in Political Science (Cum Laude) from Stony Brook University, where she was a member of the National Political Science Honor Society and

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National History Honor Society.

The Department reinstated this year the Distinguished Teaching Award. The Award was based on the university-wide evaluations in which all students participate with special input from the members of Pi Sigma Alpha. This year's winner was **Professor Frank Myers**, who many of you will recall from courses in comparative politics, political theory, British politics, and other courses that benefited from his engaging expertise.

Next Fall the Department will have one of its periodic external reviews to see how we stack up against our peer institutions. We expect to do well, and we will report back on the review in our next Newsletter.



**Dr. Frank Meyers, 2004-05
Distinguished Teaching
Award Winner**

M.A. IN PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM UPDATE

Dr. Scott Basinger, MAPP Director

The M.A. in Public Policy Program, the most recent addition to the Department of Political Science (established in 2000), continues to expand at a rapid pace. In June, thirty students received their degrees, in addition to five students who graduated in December.

These students are utilizing their degrees to pursue diverse objectives. For instance, one student will be working in New York City government, another is enrolling in law school at Syracuse University, and a third will be continuing her education further in Stony Brook's Ph.D. program in Political Science.

The primary source of students for the Master's program is Stony Brook University itself. The Fall 2005 entering class is the largest ever at thirty students, and is also the best ever with an average GPA exceeding 3.50. Half of the entering class attended Stony Brook for Bachelor's degrees, and five of these students (whose average GPA exceeds 3.75) enter through the BA/MA program that permits exceptional undergraduates to begin taking Master's courses in their senior year.

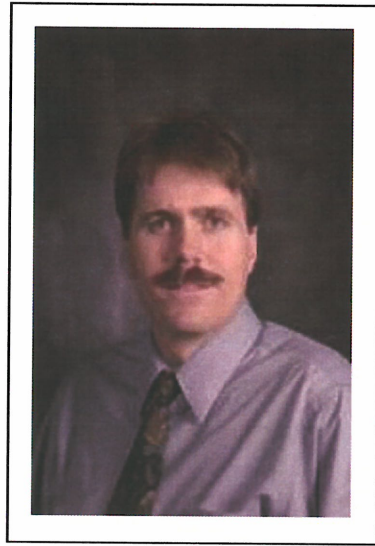
A recent development within the University will likely have further positive impact on the M.A. Program's ability to recruit the best of Stony Brook's fine undergraduate population. The University recently established six undergraduate colleges, each of which has a theme and specially crafted curriculum. In particular, the "College

of Leadership and Service" aims to foster "a commitment to work in the public interest" in business, government, and non-profit organizations. We are very excited about the prospect that this program will provide a regular flow of students into the M.A. Program.

Many of our courses are taught by local leaders, drawn from a deep pool of expertise in the community. **Dr. Lee Koppelman**, the Director for the Center for Regional Policy Studies, taught a course in Planning. In Fall semester, we will welcome Suffolk County Clerk **Ed Romaine** to the ranks of our instructors, as he will offer a course in Administrative Law. In the past both State **Senator Kenneth LaValle** and former Suffolk County Executive **Robert Gaffney** have taught in the M.A. Program.

Master's students are required to contribute to the community in the form of 200-hour internships, typically in government offices and non-profit organizations. This year students performed internships for Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton, and in the offices of the Suffolk County Executive, the New York State Assembly and State Senate, the Hawaii State Senate, the Nassau County Legislature, the Long Island Regional Planning Board, and the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission. Students consistently report that these internships provide a valuable opportunity to put the classroom lessons to work, and create further momentum in their pursuit of civic service.

PH.D. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dr. Charles Taber,
Ph.D. Program Director

The PhD program in political science at Stony Brook is a relatively small, but elite program spe-

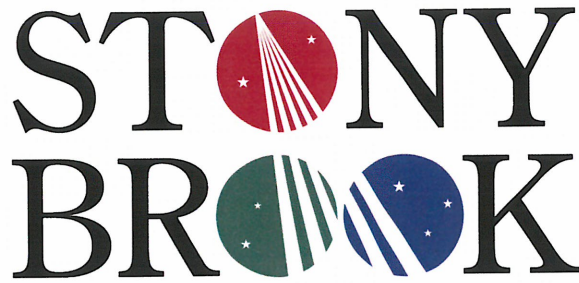
cializing in American politics, political psychology, and political economy. Among American doctoral programs in political science, Stony Brook ranks with the very best. This year, we graduated five PhD students: **Daniel Cassino**, **Thomas Craemer**, **Sung-Youn Kim**, **Simona Kuscova**, and **Dari Sylvester**. They have accepted academic positions at Princeton University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Iowa, Grand Valley State University (Michigan), and the University of the Pacific (California). Congratulations to our doctoral class of 2005!

Our PhD students have been very active this year presenting papers at professional conferences and publishing research articles. Many of our students traveled to

the American Political Science Association and the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, presenting papers and serving as chairs or discussants for research panels. In the past year, several of our students had papers accepted for publication, including **Inna Burdein**, **Erin Cassese**, **Dan Cassino**, and **Thomas Craemer**. Moreover, one of our students – **Sung-Youn Kim** – was awarded a prestigious dissertation fellowship from the National Science Foundation for his work on “A Computational Model of Political Cognition.” It is achievements like these that keep Stony Brook among the best doctoral programs in political science in the United States. For more information on our PhD program, please visit: www.stonybrook.edu/polsci/

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2005 !





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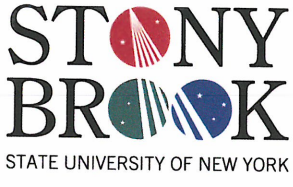
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