

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

On May 5, 2009, **Larycia Hawkins** successfully defended her dissertation entitled, "Framing the Faith-Based Initiative: Black Church Elites and the Black Policy Agenda." Allen Hertzke served as chair with Aimee Franklin, Tom James, Jill Tao, and Ben Keppel also on the committee. Congratulations Larycia!

Deb Snider will be joining the Political Science staff on August 10. Deb will be replacing Debbie Deering after she retires. Deb will be a part-time employee working with the MPA program. She has over 25 years experience at OU with 16 years as Assistant to the Dean in the College of Architecture. We look forward to having Deb join the staff!

Lane Lewis was born to **Tracy and Lance Lewis** on July 3, 2009. Lane weighed 6 lbs., 14oz. (*Lane pictured below*)



SAVE THE DATE

August 13: 3-5 p.m. Reception for Debbie Deering
August 21: 9-11 a.m. GTA Orientation
August 21: 1-4 p.m. Graduate Student Orientation
August 24: First Day of Classes
August 28: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Faculty Meeting

KGOU did a broadcast about **Michael Givel's Fulbright** to the Bhutan. To listen to the broadcast, go to <http://kgou.org>.

On July 29, SimplexGrinnell will be testing the first alarms in Dale Hall Tower. So, don't be alarmed.

The College of Arts & Science website will soon be joining most of the University by changing over to the Content Management System. CMS was created in early 2007 by the Office of Web Communications to manage Web initiatives. Along with the College of Arts & Sciences, all departments are being asked to make this switch. This change should occur in early fall after updates have been made to CMS. We will let everyone know when the switch to the new system will be made. If you would like to read about CMS, please go to <http://www.ou.edu/webcomm/home.html>.

We have been blessed to have **Debbie Deering** in our department as MPA Advisor and Assistant to several Directors of Programs in Public Administration. She has worked at OU for twenty-six years and in our department for almost seventeen years. It is with a mixture of happiness and sadness that we pass along word of her retirement after many years of outstanding service to the department and to our students. Her last day on the job will be August 14th. We will be honoring Debbie with a Retirement Reception on Thursday, August 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Ellison Hall 132. Mark your calendars!

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Beth McCoy in the College of Arts & Sciences is offering D2L workshops for anyone teaching in CAS. The workshop schedule is posted on the website at <http://casweb.ou.edu/ascs/workshops.html>. To sign up, send your name and department to Beth at bmccoy@ou.edu.

Faculty/staff parking permits for 2009-2010 are currently on sale. There will not be a price increase from last year to this year as it will remain \$222.00. The option of payroll deduction of your permit fee continues to be available either pre-tax or post-tax. If the pre-tax option is elected, the fee is exempt from federal and state taxes and from FICA withholding. Also, once elected, this option is irreversible until the following year.

You may obtain your parking permit by going online to www.ou.edu/parking and filling out an online application. Your permit will be mailed to you via campus mail or you may pick-up your permit at the Parking Office within one business day of the purchase. Permits purchased online may be payroll deducted or paid for by credit card.

The new parking permits will become effective Sunday, August 16th. Please feel free to contact the Parking Office at 325-3311 if you have any questions.

Sooner Football begins September 5th. The Sooners will play BYU in Arlington, Texas, at the new Cowboys Stadium.

The dates for "Camp Completion" are August 19, 20, and 21. There are still several spots available and would love to fill them with graduate students from across campus who are striving to finish their theses or dissertations. You can read more about the event at this link, as well as register:

<http://www.ou.edu/writingcenter/campcompletion/index.html>.

Joyce Allman will begin her new position as Associate Provost for Academic Advising on September 1, 2009. The College of Arts & Sciences thanks her for her many years of service to the students, faculty and staff. Joyce will bring to her new job a deep understanding of the advising process along with many years of practical experience leading the advising program of the College of Arts & Sciences. Her leadership will, of course, be missed in the college. CAS is initiating a search for her replacement and Joyce will play an important role in both selecting and training her replacement.

Crimson, Cream, and GREEN

DID YOU KNOW a very easy way to conserve energy is by turning off our computer monitors when not in use? According to the Department of Environmental Quality, over half the energy used by the computer goes to the monitor so turning it off will save significantly. A common misconception is the belief that using a screen saver also saves energy. Automatic switch to 'sleep mode' or manually turning monitors off is always the better energy-saving strategy.

JOB

American University's School of Public Affairs invites applications for a full-time, tenure-line faculty position at the rank of assistant professor in its Department of Public Administration and Policy. The position will begin in August 2010 and offers the unique professional, research, and professional development opportunities of a top-ranked department located in Washington, DC. Review of applications will begin no later than October 1, 2009, and continue until the position is filled. Email a letter of interest, a current curriculum vitae, writing sample, teaching evaluations (if available), and three letters of reference to: SPAsearch@american.edu with the subject line, "DPAP Policy Search 2." Electronic submissions are preferred; applications and letters of recommendation may also be mailed to: Office of the Dean - DPAP Policy Search 2, School of Public Affairs, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016-8022.

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It has been estimated that the tendency to start and stop a task, to pick it up, put it down, and come back to it, can increase the time necessary to complete the task by as much as 500 percent.

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Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College (NEO) is looking for a full-time instructor to teach American Government classes for 2009-2010. A master's degree in social science, preferably political science, is required. Interviews for the position will begin as soon as possible and the position will be filled by August 10. Materials required from applicants include NEO job application, transcripts, resume, and three references. The job application can be found at the NEO webpage (www.neo.edu) by clicking on Administration, then going to Human Resources and then locating Employment Application. Interviews will begin as soon as suitable applicants are found. Send materials to: Ms. Marcia Enyart, 005 LA, Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Miami, OK 74354. For information on the college and position contact: Jeff Birdsong, Ph.D., Social Sciences Department Chairman, Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, jbirdsong@neo.edu, 918-540-6348 (office), 918-541-7723 (cell).