

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Recently Published

Grillot, Suzette R.; Cruise, Rebecca J.; and D'Erman, Valerie J. (2009) "National and Global Efforts to Enhance Containerized Freight Security," *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*: Vol. 6: Iss. 1, Article 51.

Charles S. Bullock, III, Ronald Keith Gaddie, and Justin J. Wert, "Electoral College Reform and Voting Rights" *Faulkner University Law Review* (Fall 2009)

SAVE THE DATE

August 13: 3-5 p.m. Reception for Debbie Deering
August 19: 3:30-5 p.m. Kennedy's Dissertation Defense
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
August 28: Back-to-School Reception at Ellis/Sheffield's (TBA)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Committee A is pleased to report that Professor Greg Russell has been reappointed Chair of Political Science for another four-year term (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2014). We greatly appreciate the feedback provided by the faculty and staff, which was both constructive and positive. We wish Greg the best in carrying this burden for another term.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

My OU New Employee Orientation Redesigned - New employee experiences within the first 30 days of employment can greatly impact one's success in a new position. The MyOU New Employee Orientation introduces employees to policies, procedures, OU's culture and mission, employee resources, and benefits options. Tours of campus are even available. Join us at MyOU by clicking here to learn more and to enroll (www.hr.ou.edu/new_employee/Orientation.asp).

Office of Human Resources Supernova Winners - Check out the award winners here (www.hr.ou.edu/news/news073009.asp).

OU Healthy Sooners Wellness Works Newsletter - Check out the Wellness Works Newsletters (<http://healthysooners.ouhsc.edu/newsletter.asp>) and sign up for upcoming Lunch and Learns (<http://healthysooners.ouhsc.edu/>). Weight Watchers at Work is coming soon (<http://healthysooners.ouhsc.edu/weightwatchers.asp>).

Who's Who in HR - Here are more new faces that have joined HR within the last year. Click here (www.hr.ou.edu/news/news072909.asp) to learn who they are. Please join us in welcoming them.

The University of Oklahoma is required to provide employment statistics to the federal government on an annual basis. To ensure accurate and complete reporting, the Office of Equal Opportunity invites you to update your veteran status. Your participation is voluntary and your information will be kept confidential as required by federal and state law. Your veteran status will be maintained in your personnel file and will only be reported to the authorized federal agency in a summary format. No individual identification will be included in the report.

Should you decide not to participate at this time, you may do so at any time in the future. To participate, go to <https://hr.ou.edu/certify/default.asp> and log in. It only takes four minutes and you will receive an email notice when you have updated your information. If you want to be counted in this year's veteran's update, you will need to provide your selection by August 15, 2009. Thank you for your consideration. Please direct your questions about this process to the Office of Equal Opportunity (Norman Campus: Melinda Hall at mhall@ou.edu / OUHSC Campus: Carole Call at carole-call@ouhsc.edu)

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!

If you have an item you would like listed in the *Announcements*, email Cathy at cbrister@ou.edu by 8:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

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- Turn off office lights when not in use.
- Adjust blinds to deflect heat in the summer and keep heat in during the winter.
- Layer clothing in the workplace – add a sweater if cold, remove a top layer if warm.
- Unplug charges for cell phones when not in use.