

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Congratulations to **Brandy Kennedy!** Brandy successfully defended her dissertation, "Reassessing Representative Bureaucracy: An Exploratory Analysis Using Role Perception," on August 19. Serving on her committee were Cindy Rosenthal (chair), Glen Krutz, Gary Copeland, Mitchell Smith, and Zev Trachtenberg.

Faculty Enrichment Proposals are due to Greg by Tuesday, August 25. Please send proposals via email to grussell@ou.edu and copy cbrister@ou.edu. For detailed submission of guidelines, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences' web page: http://casweb.ou.edu/home/faculty/funding/funding_enrichment.html

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.

Don't forget to submit an electronic copy of your syllabus to Jeane at jeanehardy@ou.edu.

Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

The Departmental Awards Reception will be Monday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Beard Lounge of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

KNOWN MEETINGS

August 28: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Faculty Meeting
August 28: 2-3 p.m. Latin Amer. Committee Mtg

JOBS

Seminole needs a daytime Government adjunct (or even two) to teach the survey course during the daytime for at least the Spring 2010 semester. Graduate students with a Masters Degree in Political Science or closely related field. Please contact Pam Koenig at p.koenig@sscok.edu if you are interested.

News from the Library

As part of a recent library website redesign, My Library functionality (the ability to personalize the library website, adding features and links most useful to you for quicker, easier access) has recently been re-enabled. If you require information about what resources you had selected in your previous My Library account, please email libwsc@ou.edu. If you have not set up a My Library account and wish to do so, please contact me at krs@ou.edu. I will be happy to walk you through the process via email or phone, or make an "office call". If you have any questions about the new library website, feel free to email Karen at krs@ou.edu.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

For the most recent guidance from Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding H1N1 Influenza, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/institutions/guidance/>

OU Healthy Sooners has Wellness for Men Webinar- Now is your chance to learn about Wellness for Men from the privacy of your desktop computer in a lunch and learn webinar offered Thursday August, 27th. Not just for men - the women in men's lives can have significant influence on men's health. Women can also tune in and learn useful tips about men's health. Click here (www.hr.ou.edu/news/news082409.asp) to learn more and enroll.

Weight Watchers at Work Begins in September - If you want to join Weight Watchers at Work (<http://healthysooners.ouhsc.edu/weightwatchers.asp>) now is the time. Meetings begin the first week of September. Contact Breion Rollins (brollins@ouhsc.edu) to reserve your spot.

Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan - Thinking of how to meet those future college expenses for the kids, grandkids, or even for you? Here's why the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan may be the answer. 1) Save more for college through investing. 2) When you withdraw the money for college, it's tax-free. And 3) you can have the amount you want to save deducted directly from your paycheck. Click here (www.hr.ou.edu/news/news082409-2.asp) for more information.

New HR Faces Featured in August - Meet the new members of HR featured this month. Click here (www.hr.ou.edu/news/news082409-3.asp) to see who they are.

Annual Benefits Enrollment Scheduled for November - Mark your calendar. Annual Benefits Enrollment is scheduled for November 13th - November 22nd. More information will be available in the fall. Click here (www.hr.ou.edu/SelfServiceIntroduction.asp) to review your current benefits in Employee Self-Service.

ENROLLMENT REMINDERS

- Students may add and drop classes online through the second week of classes.
- If special permission is required during the first week, electronic special permission must be entered in the online enrollment system.
- Unless specifically dated beyond the first week of classes, all special permissions will become void at the conclusion of the first week.
- Beginning with the second week of classes every student will require special permission to add a class, and any previous special permissions must be updated to include a date (unless an expiration beyond the first week was previously entered).

Finally, please clarify with students that they must complete their own enrollment. I frequently hear, "But my (professor, advisor, etc.) told me s/he would take care of it, so I thought I was enrolled." Students evidently interpret that as meaning someone else would enroll them, not just give them special permission to enroll.

For Your Information

Please consider distributing it to your students and encouraging them to do research on the Oklahoma Legislature. This research guide is posted at <http://www.okhouse.gov/Legislation/ResearchingLegislation.aspx>. An easy way to find it is to go to www.OKHouse.gov look under the Legislation tab. It is about 2/3 of the way down the list. Several other helpful tools were recently added to the House website. Under the Information tab, near the bottom, is a link called Legislative Process. It has several new documents including a very complex chart and a simplified chart of how a bill becomes a law. Please keep the House internship program in mind for your best and brightest this spring: www.OKHouse.gov/internship.



The Oklahoma ASPA chapter will sponsor a panel at the OPSA conference in Ada being held in November 5-6. If you are a PA/Policy faculty or graduate student and would be interested in presenting a paper on this panel, please submit a proposal to Steve Housel (shousel@mac.com) by Friday, August 28, 2009.

From President Boren

As we are all aware, there is a potential for there to be an increase in the H1N1 virus this fall. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued the following guidelines:

- Wash hands often and thoroughly or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after you use it. Coughing and sneezing into your elbow, when tissues are not available, may help to avoid transmission from contaminated hands.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Self-isolate, when possible, if experiencing flu-like symptoms.

It is important for all of us to do our best to follow these guidelines.