The 2012-2013 academic year was another very successful one for the Department of Government and International Studies. The year began with the appointment of Dr. Kirsten Taylor as Department Chair and Dr. John Hickman continuing as Director of the Inter-Disciplinary Studies program. The Department embraced and successfully completed an ambitious schedule of activities, which included hosting one international conference and three conferences, focusing on domestic issues. In addition, the department took the lead role in hosting the lecture by Four-Star, Retired General B. B. Bell.

Dr. Kirsten Taylor, Department Chair

Through their professional activities, including publishing and service on the editorial boards of scholarly journals, the faculty continued to elevate the prestige of the college. The faculty produced five books and numerous scholarly and other
publications, and taught their full complement of courses, some of which were delivered in new and exciting formats. Students played leading roles in the conferences held on campus, as well as in organizing other activities, including the very successful spring picnic.

The departure of Kirsten Taylor on sabbatical in spring 2013 saw Peter Lawler serving as acting Chair, a transition that proved to be very smooth, as was the handover back to Dr. Taylor on the completion of her sabbatical.

Not content to rest on its laurels, the Department of Government and International Studies has already pivoted to face the challenges of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Dr. Chaitram Singh
Newsletter Editor

Dr. Peter Lawler
Dana Professor

Dr. John Hickman
Associate Professor

Dr. Michael Bailey
Associate Professor

Dr. Eric Sands
Associate Professor

Ms. Darla Fox
Department Secretary
The Third World Studies Conference

Dr. John Hickman, ATWS
President & Site Coordinator
Welcoming ATWS Conference Participants

“It is a famous American aphorism that all politics is local, but it increasingly the case that all politics is global as well. This conference and its broad array of subjects reflect that reality.”

Mr. Whit Whitaker IV, Chief of Staff

Dr. Kathy Richardson, Provost

Dr. Tom Kennedy, Dean, Evans School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences
Debating the Merits of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Ruling on the Constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act

Dr. Eric Sands
Berry College

Dr. David Ryden
Hope College

Dr. Michael Debow
Samford Law School
A two-day conference on Liberal Education and Higher Education was held in April. 70 students and faculty from nine colleges and one high school attended. Featured speakers included Mark Kremer of Kennesaw University, Nalin Ranasinghe of Assumption College, Elizabeth Kaufer of Christopher Newport University, Tom Pope of Lee University, Michael Papazian of Berry College, Robert Schaefer of West Georgia, Mark Kremer of Kennesaw, Brad Collins of The Citadel, Joe Wysocki of Belmont Abbey, and half dozen others. Berry alumni now teaching elsewhere who presented included David Ramsey, Jocelyn Evans, and Dave Thomas. Berry student Kristian Canler was a presenter on the student panel. Berry students Katie Pettet, Kate Farrar, Mike Shaw, Garrett Cook, and Marissa Cioffi also were panel participants. This conference was completely run by Berry students, under the direction of Stephanie Tomys. The conference was funded by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and all expenses for visiting students were covered.
Popular Culture and Real Culture

A two-day conference on Popular Culture and Real Culture was held in December. 75 students and faculty from ten colleges attended. The featured speaker was Wilfred McClay of University of Tennessee, Chattanooga--perhaps the country's leading intellectual historian. Other featured speakers included Jack Moran of Kennesaw and Micah Watson of Kennesaw. Michael Papazian, Eric Sands, and Christie Snider of Berry also presented. Among the students presenting were Berry's Kristian Canler, Dave Esbeck, Kate Farrar, Ian Nugent, and Katie Pettet. The conference was completely run by Berry students, under the direction of Stephanie Tomys. The conference was funded by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and all expenses for visiting students and faculty were covered.
United States National Security in the Post Iraq/Afghanistan Era: What’s Worth Fighting For”

General B. B. Bell
Engaging Students in the Classroom

Debating American Foreign Policy

Should the US use Military Force to Prevent Iran’s Acquisition of Nuclear Weapons?
Should the United States Cut Off Aid to Pakistan?
Ruminations on Rousseau
The Question of Population in International Relations
Guns and Ethnic Conflict
Model United Nations

The Berry College Model UN represented the country of the Netherlands at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. The students in the General Assembly Second Committee and the Commission on the Status of Women were recognized with Position Paper Awards for their outstanding preparation prior to the conference.

The Berry students who participated in the conference are listed below, along with the UN body they worked on.

Ashley Jones and Chase Doscher (General Assembly First Committee)

Stephen Hall and Michel Howard (General Assembly Second Committee)

Anna Miles and JC Albritton (General Assembly Third Committee)

Emily Tedesco and Tara Ippoliti (General Assembly Fourth Committee)

Cole Reardon (C-34)

Emily Caldwell and Devan Estavez (Commission of the Status of Women)

Rob McDonald and Stephanie Tomys (UN Commission on Trade and Development)

Yashua Rivera and Ireka Canty (International Atomic Energy Agency)
Spring Picnic
Evans Seminar on Vocation

Dr. Tom Kennedy, Dean and Seminar Coordinator
Faculty: Professional Activities

Dr. Michael Bailey

Scholarly Article

Chaitram Singh and Michael Bailey, “Praetorian Democracy, Illiberal but Enduring: Pakistan as Exemplar” in *Southeast Review of Asian Studies* (Forthcoming Summer 2013)

D. Book reviews and other publications or creative endeavors

Review of Edwards, Mickey, “The Parties Versus the People: How to turn Republicans and Democrats into Americans” in April 2013 issue of *CHOICE*

F. Undergraduate research – student publications and presentations.

Thesis director for Fan Xiong, who presented his research “The Rise of the Religious Nones: The Existential Security Model” at the Berry College Symposium on Student Scholarship

Reviewer for *Journal for Third World Studies*. 
Dr. John Hickman

Book


Article


Columns

Geopolitical Insecurities and Territorial Grievances in East Asia.” *e-IR*. December 31, 2012  

[http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/06/18/red_moon_rising](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/06/18/red_moon_rising)

[http://likethedew.com/2013/03/05/associate-justice-alito-changes-his-mind-giving-the-targets-of-secret-surveillance-a-day-in-court/](http://likethedew.com/2013/03/05/associate-justice-alito-changes-his-mind-giving-the-targets-of-secret-surveillance-a-day-in-court/)


John Hickman. “John Kerry on Global Warming Climate Change ‘Climate Concerns’.” *Like the Dew*.  


Conference Paper  

Service  

As 2012 Vice President of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), served as both the site coordinator and panels organizer for 2013 ATWS Conference at Berry College.  

Dr. Hickman Receiving the ATWS Presidential Award
October 11-13, 2012.

Assumed office as the 2013 President of the Association of Third World Studies.

Named Co-editor (with Jeff Lidke) of the *Southeast Review of Asian Studies* (SERAS).

Served as Faculty Representative on the student organizations reform subcommittee of the Berry College Student Life Council and helped to draft the

“*Student Organization Subcommittee Recommendations- April 2013*.”


Served as Faculty Sponsor for the Berry College Young Democrats, Berry College Amnesty International and Berry College Muslim Heritage Group. In the latter capacity, helped organize and introduce a speech by Azadeh Shahshahani on March 28, 2013.

Offered comments following the film “Since Otar Left” on March 25, 2013 as part of the Film Series: European Immigration.


Reviewer, Journal of Third World Studies
Books


Book Chapters


Articles


“Are Conservatives or Liberals Ruining Higher Education?” Minding the Campus, April 11, 2013

“Better Than They Knew: A Response to Pat Deneen,” First Things.online, January 25. 2013


“Conservatives vs. Liberals on Higher Education,” Minding the Campus, April 20, 2013


“Defending the Humanities,” Weekly Standard, (forthcoming)

“Ethics and Health Care: Rethinking End-of Life Care” (with Dan Callahan), Center for Policy

“The Higher Education Bubble: Not as Big as You Think,” Minding the Campus, June 12, 2012.


“Locke and the Science of Virtue,” Society, forthcoming. (There will be a number responses to my article.)


“Noble Characters, Hard Truths, and Invincible Whining in Portis’ True Grit,” Expositions (Villanova), forthcoming. (This will also appear in the Portis issue of Perspectives on Political Science).

“President Obama and the Proud Men of Morehouse,” Minding the Campus, May 20, 2013.

“The State of Liberal Education These Days,” University Bookman, Fall, 2012.


“Where Is Puritan Middle-Class America When We Need It?” Law and Liberty, September 28, 2012.

Presentations


“Locke on God and Property,” Jacksonville State University, September, 2013

“The Road to Serfdom Never Gets to Serfdom,” Teneo Retreat, September 2013
(This is an event for hundreds of very successful young professionals, public intellectuals, and office holders.)


“Did Walker Percy Write the Last Self-Help Book?” Conference on Walker Percy at the
University of North Carolina Sponsored by Thomas International, March, 2013. (My presentation was well over an hour, followed by another hour-long panel discussion with me and the conference’s two other featured speakers.)

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“Tocqueville and Liberal Education,” Furman University, April, 2013.

Other Creative Accomplishments

Executive Editor of Perspectives on Political Science (Routledge), one of the leading scholarly quarterlies on the philosophical side of political science. Two recent issues have morphed into books, and a third will soon.

“On the Opening Sections of Portis’ True Grit,” was schedule for presentation at the American Political Science Association Meeting. But the meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to a hurricane.

Wrote about sixty blog mini-essays on a wide variety of subjects for my Rightly Understood, which is part of Big Think, cited by Time as a America’s leading current events website. These posts have been very widely reprinted and cited.

Published 26 short essays in the online journal The Imaginative Conservative. Most of these were reprinted from other places. This journal has a very impressive circulation.

Also posted often on a variety of topics at the First Things blog Postmodern Conservative. I recruited all the bloggers for this influential blog.

Service as a consulting or advisory editor for The New Atlantis, Ethika Politika, The University Bookman, Modern Age, Citizens and Statesmen, and The Imaginative Conservative.

Served on the dissertation committee for Lorraine Krall at Georgetown.

Reviewed articles and reviewed and blurbed books for a variety of journals and presses.

Served on the external review for candidates for promotion and tenure at other colleges or universities.

Grant (and Departmental Contribution)

I received about $17,000 from the Gaby Foundation through ISI for three events at Berry.

The first was a debate over the ObamaCare decision by the Supreme Court. I recruited the speakers and took care of their honoraria.

The second was a conference in December featuring students from Berry and ten other colleges on Popular Culture and Real Culture. There were a variety of presentations by both students and faculty, including Wilfred McClay, the country’s leading intellectual historian. This conference was completely run by Berry students, and five government majors presented. All the expenses of the fifty-five visiting faculty and students were covered by the grant.

The third was a conference in April featuring students from Berry, nine other colleges, and one high school on Liberal Education Today. There were six panels over two days featuring presentations by both faculty and students. A government major presented and five other Berry students served as either chairs or discussants. All the expenses of the fifty visiting faculty and students were covered by the grant. And this conference was also completely run by Berry students.
Dr. Eric Sands

Dr. Sands was appointed as an Honored Visiting Professor for Ashland University's Master of Arts in American History and Government Program. Over the Summer he offered a course at Ashland University on Constitutional Law and, during the school year, offered two online courses on Political Parties and Sectionalism and the Civil War. He offered a series of webinars to high school students around the country through a grant from the Department of Education. Dr. Sands delivered lectures for the Bill of Rights Institute, the Rome TEA Party, and was the keynote speaker for the Friends of the Constitution's Paul Revere Banquet. Dr. Sands also continues to offer courses for the Oak Hill Senior Scholars Program and to serve as the Pre-Law Advisor.
Dr. Chaitram Singh

Articles


Chaitram Singh & Michael Bailey, “Praetorian Democracy, Illiberal but Enduring: Pakistan as Exemplar,” *Southeast Review of Asian Affairs* (Forthcoming)

Conference Papers

Chaitram Singh & Michael Bailey, “Praetorian Democracy, Illiberal but Enduring: Pakistan as Exemplar,” Association of Third World Studies Conference, Berry College, October 14, 2013

Presented a review of Parker Palmer’s *Let Your Life Speak* and Leo Tolstoy’s *The Death Of Ivan Ilych,* Evans school Seminar on Vocation, May 13, 2013.

Work in Progress

Completed 3 chapters of a new novel, a sequel to the earlier novel, *The Flour Convoy*
Other Professional Activities

Introductions of Keynote Speaker Dr. Bruce Conn, Third World Studies association Conference, Berry College, October 15, 2013 and of retired Four--star General B.B. Bell, invited Berry College speaker.

Editor, *ATWS Newsletter*, covering the conference at Berry College. Associate Editor (Latin America), *Journal of Third World Studies*.

Newsletter Editor, Department of Gov’t & Int’l Studies
Article


Conference Paper


Other Scholarly Undertaking

Contract with CQ Press for textbook entitled *American Foreign Policy Challenges*, co-authored with Professor Richard Mansbach (Iowa State University).