Tolley Creates International Human Rights Scholarship

Howard Tolley will retire from the political science department on June 30. With his PhD from Columbia and a UC law degree, Tolley has offered a dozen different public law classes in the American and international subfields—from U.S. constitutional law to international organization.

Since joining the faculty in 1984 Professor Tolley has served as undergraduate program director, acting department head, academic adviser for pre-law students and international affairs majors, and organization adviser for the Political Science Student Association / Model UN team, Amnesty International and UUs in the southern Indiana region. At UC, Tolley is an avid art collector, with a particular interest in American art, and he has also been active in philanthropy, having served since 1975 as the executive secretary of the Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation and as a founding member of the Ohio Grantmaker’s Forum.

D. David Altman has dedicated the past 40 years to environmental concerns as both a civic leader and a nationally known environmental lawyer. Over this same era he has also been active in philanthropy, having served since 1975 as the executive secretary of the Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation and as a founding member of the Ohio Grantmaker’s Forum.

Howard Tolley was recognized last spring at the 2010 McMicken Alumni Gala, and D. David Altman will be recognized this spring as a 2011 honoree at the McMicken Alumni Gala.

The department invites you to join us for the 3rd Annual McMicken Alumni Gala on Friday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Westin Hotel Cincinnati for dinner and dancing as we honor Altman and other 2011 distinguished alumni. For more information and to make reservations, please visit www.artsci.uc.edu/alumniWeekend.

Linda Bennett (Political Science, ‘74, BA; ‘78, MA; ‘81, PhD) and D. David Altman (Political Science, ‘68, BA)

Linda Bennett has dedicated her career to education. After working 30 years in higher education, she was announced the third president of the University of Southern Indiana. Out of the 38 higher-education institutions in Indiana, Bennett joins a group of only nine female presidents.

After the Cincinnati native earned all three of her degrees in the Department of Political Science in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, Bennett went on to teach at Wittenberg University from 1983 through 1996, rising to professor and chair of the political science department.

She spent time as chair of political science at Northern Kentucky University before continuing onto Appalachian State University in North Carolina as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She held that position until 2003 when she took the provost role and moved to Wittenberg University.

As president of USL, Bennett oversees the young university’s growth, including construction of campus buildings like the Business and Engineering Center, the expansion of the University Center, and developing stronger ties with the southern Indiana region.

Contributions to the scholarship fund can be mailed to Kobie Smith, Associate Director of Development, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, P.O. Box 210367, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0367 or made online at www.artsci.uc.edu/polisci/Tolley. For more information, email kobie.smith@uc.edu or call 513-556-6257.

Richard Harknett’s 2010 article, “Leaving Deterrence Behind: Warfighting and the Era of Cybersecurity,” was published in the Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and he was invited to speak at the Karlsruhe Dialogues in Germany. His presentation was covered on German TV and radio. He is currently serving as chair of UCs University Faculty and is involved with the university’s strategic planning.

Laura Dudley Jenkins researched art and culture through a Fulbright Scholarship in Indonesia with colleagues from DAAP. She presented a paper, “Conversion as Seduction: Islamophobia in the Law and Media,” at the annual conference on South Asia in October. Her chapter, “Caste Discrimination and Reservations,” was published in Hindustain and Law. Two book chapters are also forthcoming. “Scheduled Castes, Christians and Muslims: The Politics of Casto-Majorities and Micro-Minorities” in Minority Studies, and “India’s Democracy: Success Against the Odds,” coauthored with UC graduate student Harita Patel, in Achieving Democracy.

In addition to directing the department’s graduate programs, Associate Professor Stephen Mockabee continues his research on the influence of religion in American politics. A forthcoming article in Politics and Religion demonstrates that interpersonal communication networks within churches contribute to the vibrancy of political discussion, increasing both the volume and variety of political information citizens encounter. This year Mockabee is serving as the division chair for the religion and politics section of the American Political Science Association’s annual conference.

After wrestling with converting the department’s curriculum into semester-based programs, Associate Professor Tom Moore is currently on sabbatical writing a book about Chinese foreign policy and the implications of China’s rise for great power and regional order in East Asia. He is also exploring related themes in collaborative work with PhD student Rafael Ramier; their particular focus is China’s response to the 2008-09 global economic crisis.

Professor Joel Wolfe’s article, “Who rules the EU Pragmatism and Power in European Integration Theory,” will appear in Journal of Political Power. In addition, Wolfe received a Taft Research Seminar award that involves organizing a seminar centered on the participation of our Taft visiting scholar, David Baker. Baker is a professor emeritus from Warwick University in the United Kingdom and is an expert on fascism, European politics and political economy.

Michael Ekehman (’11, BA), previously worked as law clerk to Judge Stephen A. Wolaver at the Greene County Common Pleas Court, Xenia, Ohio, but has recently taken a job as an associate in the Angstman Law Office in Bethel, Alaska.

Charles Faruki (’71, BA) was selected again as one of the top 10 attorneys in Ohio in the 2011 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine. Faruki co-founded Faruki Ireland & Cox in 1989 and acted as president of the Dayton Bar Association. He chaired the Ohio State Bar Association’s Federal Courts and Practice Committee, and serves as chair of the governing council of the Ohio Bar Foundation. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is also the new chair of the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

Myron Arthur Greenberg (’79, PhD) is a contract administrator in the U.S. Department of Defense. He was selected to attend the U.S. Naval War College. He published “Physics & Metaphysics of Deterrence: The British Approach,” in Newport Papers. He also published a number of review essays in Naval War College Review.

Deborah Ann Hampton (’81, BA) works in the intellectual property division at Limited Brands. She was recently appointed by the U.S. Commerce Secretary to the Trademark Public Advisory Committee. She joins Anne Chasser, UC associate vice provost for research, as a member of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s technology transfer commercialization, on the committee.

Chunneng Lu (’96, PhD) began teaching at Taibai University in Taichung, Taiwan. Paul R. McKibben (’91, BA) and his wife Molly McKibben welcomed daughter Elizabeth Marguerite on Nov. 21, 2009 in Cincinnati.

Blair G. Schroeder (’76, BA) currently works for Cincinnati Children’s Hospital as their Kentucky government relations associate. He also serves as the chair of the Northern Kentucky Forum, vice president of LEGACI, the premier organization for young professionals in Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati, as a member of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Advisors, and as a member of the 2010 Leadership Northern Kentucky Class.

Col. Jerry E. Sullivan (’93, MA, ’95, PhD) is deputy director of foreign policy advisory program in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

James D. Ward (’83, MA, ’88 PhD) was recently elected to the National Council of the American Society for Public Administration. He was elected to the organization’s governing body from District 3 which spans the geographical area of the southeastern United States. Ward was sworn in for a three-year term at the ASPA National Conference which took place March 11-15, 2011 in Indianapolis. Ward is a professor of political science at Mississippi University for Women and well published in the areas of diversity management and social justice policy.

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Professor Bardes Retires, Sets Up Graduate Fellowship Fund

Last September Barbara A. Bardes, professor of political science and alumna of the department, retired from teaching at UC. She has established a graduate fellowship fund with a challenge gift. The goal of the challenge is to endow the fund so that the income can be used for fellowships for political science graduate students. Such fellowships could be applied to tuition, stipends or other enrichment activities for graduate students.

Bardes earned her BA and MA degrees in political science at Kent State University. She earned her PhD in political science at the University of Cincinnati in 1975. During her years of study at UC, Bardes taught the first course ever offered by the Department of Women’s Studies, honors courses for undergraduates, and served as the assistant director for grants and contracts for the Behavioral Science Laboratory, now known as the Institute for Policy Research. From 1977 until 1993, Bardes held a faculty position at Loyola University Chicago where she served as the university coordinator for the North Central Accreditation visit and as dean of Mundelein College. She returned to the University of Cincinnati as the dean of Raymond Walters College. After serving in the deanship for 10 years, she continued her faculty role in the department at the Uptown Campus, serving as graduate director for four years.

An active scholar and author, Bardes has coauthored one of the leading American government textbooks for more than a dozen editions, coauthored texts in public opinion and public policy, and published numerous articles on public opinion and foreign policy.

In recognition of the support that the University of Cincinnati gave to her own graduate education, Bardes has made a lead gift to the fund and offered to match other contributions. If you are interested in contributing to the graduate fellowship fund, please contact Kobie Smith at kobie.smith@uc.edu or call 513-556-6257. Contributions can also be mailed to Kobie Smith, Associate Director of Development, McMillen College of Arts and Sciences, P.O. Box 210367, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0367.