Longtime Prof Bob Lawrence announces retirement

It’s more than a little hard to imagine, but the department will soon be without one of its longest-serving faculty members. Bob Lawrence recently announced that he will retire next summer, after a distinguished career at CSU.

Bob joined CSU in 1971, but even before that, he had already launched a distinguished academic and professional career. After receiving his B.S. in Journalism at Kansas State University in 1954, Bob served in the Air Force, reaching the rank of First Lieutenant with the 326th Fighter Squadron. He then earned an M.A. (1959) and a Ph.D. (1962) in Political Science from the University of Kansas.

After grad school, Bob was a Research Staff Member for the Hudson Institute in 1962-1963. The Hudson Institute was best known for the work of its director, Herman Kahn, a noted author on military strategy. In 1963, with Kahn and two other co-authors, Bob published A Study of Escalation (1963). Lawrence then taught at Texas Tech, where he was tenured in 1966, as a Research Staff Member for the Strategic Studies Center of the Stanford Research Institute, and then as a tenured Associate Professor at the University of Arizona.

After joining the department in 1971, Lawrence was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1973. A long list of scholarly books, textbooks, and scholarly articles, book chapters, monographs, and studies followed, as Bob became well known in the region and nationally as an expert on military, strategic, diplomatic, and other topics of acute interest during those Cold War years. His latest journal article, published in 2004, is titled “The Preventive/Preemptive War Doctrine Cannot Justify the Iraq War.” Over the years, media outlets frequently relied on his expertise on national security matters.

Bob has always been among our most popular teachers. He’s a former faculty sponsor for the ROTC program on campus, and for many years, he served as CSU’s Pre-Law advisor. His classes in American politics, U.S. foreign policy and security policy continue to draw large enrollments. And students from decades past keep in touch with him, a sure sign of the impact he’s had on generations of students. He has received the department’s Outstanding Teacher Award, as well as the College of Liberal Arts’ Stern Award for Teaching and the campus-wide Lory Award for Excellence in Teaching. In fact, Bob was in such demand as a teacher that for several years, he managed the unusual feat of teaching at both CU and CSU. As he told us recently, “for ten years I taught courses as CSU in the morning, and at CU in the mid- to late afternoons, and that the student evaluations were as high in Boulder as in Fort Collins.”

As for retirement plans, Bob reports being so busy with the paperwork aspect of retirement (arranging finances, and so on) that he hasn’t done much other planning. So we pressed him a bit, and he replied, “I’m not really retiring next year, just moving my teaching and writing from one venue to another.” That fits exactly the Bob Lawrence we know; he’s always been involved in the community, and he’s always had something to say. Our guess is that his plans might include some time at the cabin in Estes.

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The People of Political Science

Outstanding Students

At the end of the 2004-05 year, the department named **Ryan T. Whalen** (left) our Outstanding Senior. Ryan will be attending graduate school at American University in Washington, D.C. this fall. **Jesse Dee Baker** (right) was named Outstanding Junior. **Rebecca Young** (center) was this year’s President of Pi Sigma Alpha, CSU’s chapter of the national Political Science Honorary Society. She received a special service award for her many contributions to the department.

Teaching Award

**Dawn King**, a PhD student in the department, was awarded the College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award in a ceremony held last February. There are only a few such awards given, and this represents the department’s second in two years.

Cycling Scholarship

CSU’s Rams Cycling Team announced the recipients of their scholarships this summer, and one of the three awardees is Political Science major **Nathanael Ksiazkiewicz**. CSU is one of only a few U.S. universities to offer scholarships for cyclists. The scholarships are funded in 2003 by donations from the Friends of Ram Cycling, a booster and alumni group. In 2003, CSU’s club was named Collegiate Cycling Team of the Year.

PhD Alum recognized

Shu Hsiang Hsu has recently been promoted to the rank of Full Professor at Taiwan Institute, partly on the strength of research he did as a visiting associate professor in our department in recent years. This represents a major achievement in Taiwan’s system of higher education. Professorships are awarded by a national committee of the Education Ministry. This is the first Full Professorship received by Taiwan Institute (a 12,000 student campus) in the fourteen years it has existed.

Shu Hsiang is now chief administrative officer at TI and has previously served as its president. In addition, he has been hired by the National Tiawan University (Taiwan’s most prestigious university) to teach an Environmental Law and Policy course at its flagship Tai-Chung campus.

Faculty Notes

**Professor Steve Mumme** was awarded the John Stern Distinguished Professor Award by the College of Liberal Arts in February. This is the most important College-level award for faculty.

Steve participated in a workshop on the politics of U.S.-Mexican border water management at the University of California, San Diego in January. He gave a paper analyzing border water management reforms directed at the International Boundary and Water Commission at a symposium on U.S.-Mexican relations at the University of North Carolina Law School in February. Steve was also invited to speak at the College of Engineering’s Engineering Policy Seminar at the University of Texas, El Paso in March and to give a series of lectures on U.S.-Mexico water issues at the Colegio de San Luis Potosi in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, this October.

**Courtenay Daum** (left) joined the faculty this year and will teach our Constitutional Law and Civil Rights courses, among others. Courtenay completed her PhD at Georgetown University a year ago, and served this past year in the prestigious Presidential Management Intern program, in the Department of Justice.

**Eric Ishiwata** (right) joined the faculty this year, with an appointment shared between Political Science and CASAE (the Center for Applied Studies in American Ethnicity). Eric’s research involves comparative global ethnicity. He completed his PhD in Political Science at the University of Hawaii, Manoa this summer. Eric, who grew up in California’s Silicon Valley, had previously received his BA from CSU.
Undergraduate Alum Updates

1970s

William J. Leone (BA, 1978) was named U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado. Leone was hired as First Assistant United States Attorney in 2001. Prior to that, he was a partner at Cooley Godward LLP. He obtained his law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1981.

Robert McClavey (BA, 1975) is Deputy Commissioner for the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

A.W. (Bill) Ritter, Jr. (BA, 1978), who is term-limited as Denver District Attorney, is a candidate for the Democratic Party’s nomination for Governor. The current Governor, Bill Owens, is term limited, so there will be no incumbent in the 2006 race.

Bruce Walthers (BA, 1977) is Director of Employment Assistance for the Colorado Institute of Art, in Denver.

Edward P. Weber (BA, 1978) received an MA and PhD in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in the 1990s and is now an Associate Professor at Washington State University, where he has also served as acting director of the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service. His specialties include American political institutions, with a focus on environmental policy.

John Weltzien (BA, 1976) is recognized as one of the top bowlers in the world. After graduating from CSU he entered the Professional Bowlers Association and won 5 PBA titles and 3 national American Bowling Congress titles.

After a successful PBA tour career, Weltzien left the circuit for several years, while he raised a family and worked as a pro at a major Florida bowling center. After turning 50, he joined the senior circuit, enjoying frequent success, winning the Senior Doubles title at the American Bowling Congress Championships, a USBC event, in Reno last year.


1980s

Craig Johnson (BA, 1989) is an attorney with Kutak Rock, LLP, in the Denver area. He is currently an officer in CSU’s Alumni Club. Previously, he has served as the President of the Alumni Association Board.

Bart Taylor (BA, 1983) is the Publisher of Coloradobiz Magazine, based in the Denver area.

Stephen D. Walsich (BA, 1987) is the Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Colorado District, with the U.S. Marshals Service of the Department of Justice.

1990s

Sara Thompson Cassidy (minor, 1998) is Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.


Clayton Heil (BA, 1994) is Legislative Assistant for U.S. Senator Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) in Washington, D.C.

Peter M. Ingraham (BA, 1996) is PCS Registered Sales Associate with Wells Fargo Investments in Fort Collins.

Patrick J. O’Keefe (BA, 1992) is Manager for Closure Project Development for the Kaiser-Hill Company at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Golden, CO.

Jenn Leech (BA, 1999) is the Colorado Lobbyist on State Government Affairs for Molson-Coors in Denver.

Karina Michael Waller (BA, 1997) is Legislative Director for U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) in Washington, D.C.

Brian Wild (minor, 1993) serves in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the Vice President in charge of Legislative Affairs. He was previously Chief of Staff to Congressman Pat Toomey (R-PA) and as Executive Director of Advocacy Programs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He also served 4 years on the policy staff of U.S. Senator Hank Brown (R-CO).

2000s

Maria Bennett (BA, 2005) is attending Law School at the University of Indiana.

Neil Dougherty (BA, 2005) is attending Law School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Megan Downing (BA, 2000) completed her studies this year at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Last spring, she testified before the Colorado House Judiciary

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Graduate Alum Updates

1970s
Sam Van Why (MA, 1977; BA, 1971) is Professor at the College for Financial Planning, based in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

1980s
Michael S. Hamilton (PhD, 1985) is professor of political science, University of Southern Maine, where he received the Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Scholarship, and was nominated to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers in 2005. His latest book, Mining Environmental Policy: Comparing Indonesia with the USA, will be published by Ashgate this November.

1990s
Denise Scheberle (PhD, 1991) is on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she studies environmental politics and policy, environmental law, and intergovernmental environmental policy implementation. In 2004 she was the recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award as presented by the UW System Board of Regents.

Eric Shibuya (PhD, 1999) has been promoted to Associate Professor in the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

2000s
Kurt Cline (PhD, 2003) was named Coordinator of the Masters of Public Administration program at Cal State, Fresno, where he is an Associate Professor.

Professor J. Leo Cefkin: A Personal Remembrance
Carl L. Williams

Editor’s note: Last spring, it was my great pleasure to meet Carl Williams and his wife, Jayne, at an alumni event held by CSU’s College of Liberal Arts in San Francisco. (I was lucky; the dinner coincided with the Western Political Science Association meetings in Oakland.) Carl had already sent in the following remembrance of Prof. Cefkin, who passed away last year. We’re delighted to publish it in this issue. Carl’s own story is extraordinary, as the last paragraph of his essay suggests.

I enrolled at CSU in 1962, having transferred from Boston University. I majored in Political Science primarily because I was advised that was the best course of study to prepare for law school, but I also chose that major because of my passion for politics and public policy. In the 1960s, CSU had very few African-American students. As I recall, the majority of the few African-Americans at CSU then were either on a football or basketball scholarship: I had neither. Likewise, I don’t recall any other African-American Political Science majors during my tenure at CSU. It was, to put it mildly, a lonely environment for me. Within a short time, however, my sense of estrangement was eased considerably by the engaging personality of Professor J. Leo Cefkin.

When I received the Autumn 2004 issue of PoliGRAM and read of Prof. Cefkin’s death, I was not only saddened, but almost instantaneously I had flashbacks to my memories of “Leo”—as he was referred to affectionately and reverently by that small group of us majoring in “poli sci” in those days. I first met Prof. Cefkin when I decided to take a tour by myself of the Political Science Department after I had registered and selected my classes for the fall quarter in 1962. Walking aimlessly down the nearly empty hall of the Department that day, a short, bespectacled, rotund man was approaching me. As I was about to pass him, he smiled and looked me directly in the face and said, “Are you looking for someone?” I responded, “No, I’m just looking around…. He stuck out his hand and said, “I’m Leo Cefkin, Chairman of the Political Science Department.” I told him who I was and that I was new to CSU and that I was majoring in Political Science. After all these years, I can still see his warm and friendly smile as he said, “Welcome to Colorado State and the Political Science department.”

In my first year at CSU, I didn’t have any classes with Prof. Cefkin, but our paths would cross on campus from time to time, and he would always take a few moments to ask how

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Undergrad Alums (cont.)

Committee on a matter concerning jury trials in municipal jurisdictions, revisiting the scene of her CSU legislative internship.

Shawn Garner (BA, 2005) is attending Law School at the University of Kentucky.

Kyle McCarthy (BA, 2005) is attending the Denver University School of Law, with help from a Chancellor’s Scholarship.

Brady Pike (BA, 2004) is working on a Masters degree at the London School of Economics.

Sarah Stieben (BA, 2005) is attending the University of Kansas Law School.

Marla Schoenfelder (BA, 2002) - see page 5.

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“Cefkin,” cont.

I was doing. One day, undoubtedly sensing my loneliness, he told me to stop by his office any time I wanted to chat about my classes and things in general. About two weeks later, I took him up on his invitation and we had a very wide-ranging and cordial discussion about current affairs—particularly the raging civil rights struggles in the South. He gave me a mini-lecture about each of my classes and how I should approach my subjects to get the most from them. I was enthralled with his description of the reasoning for the separation of the Political Science program from the History Department.

That initial session was followed by several others with Prof. Cefkin throughout my years at CSU. Prof. Cefkin was the faculty advisor to the Young Democrats Club. In my last year at CSU, I was elected President of the club. It can be safely revealed now that Leo was instrumental in encouraging me to seek the post. We would often talk politics—not just campus politics, but also state, national, and international. Although his academic specialization was international affairs, Leo was, in my opinion, an astute observer of domestic politics. He would often recommend books to me that were not on the assigned reading lists for my classes, and his recommendations were most often prefaced by a remark such as, “Now, the point that I’m making here is further explained by this author, in this book, and I urge you to read it.” Of course, I would do so, and invariably my interest and comprehension of the matter under discussion would deepen.

I took two courses from Prof. Cefkin. In those classes he displayed—as I knew from my sessions with him in his office—a deep and far-ranging intellect. His demand for rigorous thinking was intimidating on occasion, but he was at all times the quintessential gentleman and scholar. He tolerated and encouraged us to differ with his analysis and interpretation, but one paid an embarrassing price for a poorly reasoned or uninformed argument with him.

I never returned to CSU after I completed requirements for my degree. My post-CSU trajectory from civil rights activist, policy advisor to the Mayor of San Francisco, public housing and redevelopment executive, Chairman of the California Coastal Commission, and presently a practicing attorney have come about without any further communication between Leo and myself. This remembrance of my times with him, however, has given me pause to appreciate Prof. Cefkin—Leo—and to be thankful that he took the time to befriend me.

Recent Intern Steps Up

It wasn’t that long ago that Cory Gardner (BA, 1997) was an intern at the legislature with the program Prof. John Straayer has run for years. Now, Cory has stepped up to the main stage, on his own. Currently serving as a member of the state legislature from Yuma, Cory recently drew some notice from the Rocky Mountain News, with this quote:

“Who says Republicans don’t like pork? I’m already bringing home the bacon to my district.”

The caption explained the rest of the story. It seems Rep. Gardner had successfully bid on a pig at the recent Yuma County Fair.

We love it when our grads do well. And we really love it when they keep their sense of humor!

Recent Grad in Afghanistan

Maralina Schoenfelder (BA, 2001) is pictured in Afghanistan (at the right in the photo, with an unidentified friend), where she served with the Army. She recently returned from her tour and is planning on attending an area law school in the near future.
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