

Where are they now? – Dr. James Magee



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In this new section of the newsletter, we will highlight a retired faculty member of the Political Science Department. This issue features Dr. James Magee.

Dr. James Magee first came to Eastern Michigan University in 1972. A Princeton PhD, former Fulbright Scholar in African Studies, and specialist in international politics, Magee was the first head of the department in 1972-1975. From 1975 to 1977, Magee served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Magee was well known for his commitment to superior teaching. Not surprisingly, in 1992, he was honored with a Distinguished Faculty Award. During his tenure in Political Science, Magee's undergraduate courses included *American Government*, *War & Peace*, and *American Foreign Policy Process*. Additionally, he served as the department's academic advisor for undergraduate students. Dr. Magee retired from EMU in 2000. When asked about his former professor and colleague, current EMU Professor of Political Science Edward Sidlow stated, "After 10 years of being in a university as a student and 30 years of teaching, Dr. Magee remains one of the top teachers I've ever met. He was very engaged in his own unassuming and unpretentious way, which was truly inspirational to undergraduates."

Currently enjoying his retirement, Dr. Magee is trying to catch up on reading all the books he didn't have time to read while teaching. He and his wife reside in Minnesota, where they take advantage of art museums, orchestras, Twins baseball, and the theater.

Model United Nations

The 23rd annual American Model United Nations International was held November 17-20 in Chicago. The event drew more than 1,200 participants. EMU sent two teams: Russia and Thailand. The Russian Federation won a Best Overall Delegation award and an Outstanding Delegation award for the General Assembly Plenary. Both teams won Position Paper awards. The conference now includes sessions from different years, and EMU brought home Outstanding Delegation for the USSR in the Historical Security Council for 1990.

Funding Target: Hortin and O'Connor Scholarships

About ten years ago, endowed scholarships were created to honor Professors David Hortin and Bernard O'Connor. They have been largely ignored since then, so the current payout is under \$500. To increase the endowment so each student gets an award of at least \$1,000, we need to raise \$12,000-14,000 for each fund.

To donate: Go to the EMU Foundation web site: <https://emufoundation.org/index.php/public-give.html>. The Hortin Endowment is fund 01413; the O'Connor Endowment is fund 01289.

New Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Barbara Patrick



This fall, the department welcomed Dr. Barbara Patrick as assistant professor of political science. Previously, Patrick was an assistant professor of political science and public administration at Mississippi State University. She received both her doctor of

philosophy and master's degree in public policy and administration, with areas of concentration including research methodology, public budgeting, and financial management, from Mississippi State University. Dr. Patrick received her bachelor's degree in political science from Rust College in Holly Springs, MS.

Dr. Patrick has published numerous articles in journals such as *Politics and Policy*, *Public Integrity*, and *Public Performance and Management Review*, among others. Her teaching and research interests include education policy, performance management, and budgeting.

Part-time Lecturer Spotlight:

John Fike



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John Fike says that his part-time teaching in the Political Science Department at EMU has been more enjoyable “than any other endeavor” that he has pursued. Professor Fike has instructed both undergraduate and graduate courses on nonprofits in the U.S.

His teaching interests strongly reflect his professional accomplishments. For 35 years, Fike worked with the Salvation Army and the Detroit Institute of Arts on fundraising. While also running his own consulting company, Philanthropy Solutions

Inc., Professor Fike has raised about \$75 million over the span of his career.

When asked what drew him to nonprofit work, he explained, “I thought the nonprofit world would make better use of my skills, offer greater breadth in development of further skills and interests, and would be a forum from which I could contribute to the improvement of social conditions in ways not possible through for-profit or corporate institutions.”

Professor Fike is currently working on a book that is expected to be published in 2013. He emphasizes the critical values of love, dignity, equality, care for the public good, open dialogue, and personal and social development and expression. “We each have a responsibility to maintain and enlarge the influence and experience of those values among our fellow human beings. As we do that, the nonprofit sector can continue to serve humanity in vital ways.”

The Great Presidential Mock Debate

On October 22nd, the Political Science Department hosted its quadrennial mock presidential debate in the Student Center Ballroom. Faculty members from the department portrayed three candidates running for the presidency: Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein as President Barack Obama, Dr. Barry Pyle as Republican candidate Mitt Romney, and Dr. Richard Stahler-Sholk as Green Party candidate Jill Stein. The moderator was Dr. Edward Sidlow as Candy Crowley.



Alumni News

- **Keith Williams** ('10) is a second-year graduate student at the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. He will be interning with the Department of State in the spring.
- **Amanda Diamond** ('09) graduated from Cooley Law School in Ann Arbor and took the Florida bar exam in July 2012.
- **Samuel Gedman** ('06) has completed his PhD course work at the University of Mississippi and is preparing for his comprehensive exams.
- **Geoffrey Montagne** ('05) was a guest commentator on the U.S. presidential election for Denmark's morning TV talk show.
- **Sarah Chusid** ('04) completed a master's degree in political management from George Washington University in 2010 and worked for the 2012 Obama campaign in Ohio.
- **Harvey Santana** ('99) has been reelected to the Michigan House of Representatives.

Faculty News

Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein has two articles forthcoming. “Overcoming Methods Anxiety: Qualitative First, Quantitative Next, Frequent Feedback Along the Way” (with Brooke Allen) will appear in the *Journal of Political Science Education*. “Plowing through Bottlenecks in Political Science: Experts and Novices at Work” is forthcoming in an Indiana University Press volume edited by Kathleen McKinney.

Dr. Judith Kullberg was the organizer for panels on Political Sociology & Anthropology for the 2012 annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Dr. Joseph Ohren was the featured speaker on the 2012 elections at the November “Headline Lunch” meeting of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Claudia Petrescu's coauthored article, “Do They All Perform Alike? An Examination of Perceived Performance, Citizen Satis-

faction and Trust with U.S. Federal Agencies,” was published in the *International Review of Administrative Sciences*. Her collaborator was **Dr. Forrest Morgeson**, part-time lecturer in the department.

Dr. Gregory Plagens coauthored a journal article on “Mexican American Public Sector Professionals: Perceptions of Affirmative Action Policies and Workplace Discrimination.” The article appeared in *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, volume 32.

Dr. Edward Sidlow provided expert commentary on the 2012 elections for several media outlets. The fifth edition of his American government textbook, coauthored with part-time lecturer **Dr. Beth Henschen**, is scheduled for publication in January 2013.

Dr. Nitya Singh published a journal article, “How to Tame Your Dragon: An Evaluation of India's Foreign Policy Towards China,” in the *India Review*.