

# ALUMNI connections

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

— Jean Williams

*The Political Science Department continues to grow at a phenomenal rate.*

With 325 undergraduates and 30 graduate students, we have never had a larger department. A new faculty member, Laura Hosman, joins us this year. You can read about her fascinating research on development and her dedication to providing students with hands-on research opportunities in this issue.

In addition to Hosman's hire, we are in the process of interviewing candidates for three more positions, which will bring our faculty to 15 full-time, tenure-line positions. Our new faculty — in the areas of public law, public policy and methodology — will begin teaching in September 2015.

Despite our increasing enrollment, we continue our commitment to providing students with small classes, engaged and active learning experiences, and one-on-one and small group research opportunities. Examples of active learning in classes abound: students are writing and

producing film shorts about political theory, engaging in service-learning experiences by spending the night at a homeless shelter, and writing and conducting surveys on student satisfaction at Cal Poly. Outside of class, students are assisting with faculty research projects on a wide array of topics — such as third wave feminism, international economic development, deliberative democracy and the U.S. Congress — and learning to facilitate focus groups, write surveys, and code and analyze interview data.

As a faculty, we feel privileged to work at an institution that allows us to make students the center of the educational experience. Many of the stories in this publication underscore that point: our department is bursting with award-winning faculty and student leaders involved in a myriad of important work.

Enjoy!

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# ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD



**Arthur Goldiner**

Master of Public  
Policy, 2010

Chair, Alumni  
Advisory Board

The Political Science Alumni Advisory Board continues its efforts to maintain contacts with alumni, support faculty and students, and produce events of interest to a wide variety of participants. In addition to working throughout the year to reach these goals, the board also meets biannually. I am pleased to report that the board is in a period of growth and development, having added three additional seats with five new members in total.

New presentations under the ongoing “How Does It Work” series included a particularly interesting and well-attended presentation by distinguished alumna Lisa Haines Heppelmann (B.A., Political Science, 1989), vice president of public affairs for Disneyland. I also presented this year, discussing the intersection of the skill set acquired in a political science education and the public policy issues pertaining to running my vampire fang manufacturing company.

Because there is no discussion by the state Legislature to restore the education budgets we enjoyed years ago, it continues to be important for alumni to maintain their support for the political science program. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the department’s ability to sustain the excellence we all associate with the Cal Poly Political Science Department. In addition, I am pleased to report that a new university fund is now in place specifically for the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. This fund will support MPP students in their work, fund special programs, and provide a new incentive for prospective students to enroll in the program — thus raising the caliber of the program and in turn, the prestige of the program and the department.

If you have questions about the board, or if you are interested in serving, please contact the department.



**Mary A. Harris**

B.A., Political Science,  
1980

Vice Chair, Alumni  
Advisory Board

I’m very happy to be serving on the Political Science Alumni Advisory Board, as it affords me the opportunity to give back to the department. I have such great memories of my years at Cal Poly, and most of them are based in the experiences I had as a political science major. The department was very close-knit, and many lifelong friendships were forged, both with fellow students as well as with faculty. From all that I have seen so far, the qualities of the program that meant so much to me as a student are still alive and well, carried along by an outstanding faculty and staff and involved, passionate students.

In the coming months, I’ll be reaching out to my former classmates for ways to involve more alumni. The advisory board is hoping to build on its existing efforts of mentorship, speaker recruitment, and strategic fundraising for the enrichment of student programs and activities. I look forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new connections with recent grads and current students. We can’t meet at the Darkroom any more, but there are plenty of spots where we can build new traditions and friendships!

# AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



"MATT MOORE CREATES A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES CREATIVITY AND COMPREHENSION."

Professor Matthew Moore won two prestigious teaching awards in 2014: the Distinguished Teaching Award and the College of Liberal Arts' Early Career Award for Achievement in Teaching. The Distinguished Teaching Award is a universitywide award based on student nominations and multiple classroom visits from a peer committee selected from across the Cal Poly community. Likewise, faculty nominate their peers for the College of Liberal Arts' award.

Moore's specialty area is in political theory. He teaches courses in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, and Contemporary Political Thought, as well as courses in the areas of law and American politics. Moore's goal to create an "emotionally engaged" classroom depends on active student participation in courses where students read dense theoretical materials — and students love it. "Matt Moore creates a learning environment that supports and encourages creativity and comprehension," one student said. "[He] encourages students to voice their perspectives by the tone he sets in the classroom."

## VIEW MORE

Watch a short video about Moore's Distinguished Teaching Award: <http://bit.ly/mooredtavideo>

Congratulations to Elizabeth Lowham for winning the College of Liberal Arts' Early Career Award for Achievement in Institutional/Professional Service. Lowham has directed the Political Science Department's Master of Public Policy (MPP) program since 2007, her first year at Cal Poly. She shouldered significant administrative and service responsibilities very early in her career.

"Dr. Lowham completely deserves this award. Frankly, it is an understatement to call Dr. Lowham 'outstanding' in service; it is more appropriate to state that she is simply off the charts," said Political Science Chair Jean Williams.

As MPP director, Lowham has overhauled the program's curriculum, raised its profile and quality, successfully shepherded it through its first program review cycle, and very ably managed its day-to-day operations.

In addition to her role as MPP director, Lowham is also director of the new Cal Poly Center for Expressive Technologies (CET). "My vision is for the center to be a central location where people who are interested in this sort of interdisciplinary work can come for support," she said. "The center is about expanding people's understanding of how technology and expression interact."



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The team shows off some of the technology they're using to create the solar powered digital library kit in UNIV 392, Appropriate Technology for the World's People. (Left to right) Patrick Robertson, Anoop Thakore, Yenny Zaldivar, Naina Viswanath and Professor Laura Hosman.

# HOSMAN BRINGS WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE & OPPORTUNITY

— Brandon O'Rourke



This fall, the Political Science Department welcomed Laura Hosman to its faculty. Officially an assistant professor of ethics, public policy, science and technology, she brings with her a wealth of international experience and Learn by Doing opportunities for Cal Poly students.

Hosman's professional life, which includes work abroad, research and teaching, is at the nexus of public policy, technology and international development. "It's actually most fun when your research and teaching can coincide," she said. "Bringing technology into

international development is definitely where my heart is." (Notably, she has given a TED Talk on the subject.)

Currently teaching Technology and Public Policy, among other courses, she will also help lead the new Science, Technology and Society minors offered through the College of Liberal Arts starting in summer 2015.

It was during her five years at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) that her love for international development grew into a professional project. As she and her partners confronted the problems involved with



technology and development, their work bloomed into the PISCES project, currently operating in Micronesia, which attempts to bring technology-based solutions to teachers and schools that often are without electricity.

Hosman hopes to further integrate her development work with her research and teaching in the future, a sure benefit for Cal Poly, the department, and Learn by Doing. Through her courses, she's "hoping to bring students of many disciplines together."

As she did at IIT, Hosman wants to tap the student body for project-based learning, possibly abroad. "My favorite thing is to work with students on this stuff and to get them to see what it's like in these remote places," she said. "It's the most effective way to learn about yourself and the world."

Her current research interests involve experiential learning among students and the often understated role of electricity in development. One of her studies, research on hardware challenges in development, was commissioned by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Hosman's international experience includes work in Haiti and Micronesia, and her education has taken her around the world. A post-graduate Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Amsterdam for International Relations was followed by time spent at the Venice International University. Then she studied at USC, where she earned a doctorate in political economy and public policy. Before accepting a position at IIT, she was a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley doing "grant-funded research on innovative technology projects in Sri Lanka, Macedonia and the former Yugoslavia."

"It was the Learn by Doing ethos that was the strongest pull to Cal Poly," she explained. "At Cal Poly you can think outside the classroom." And that is what Hosman intends to do. But the conversation, like her work abroad, always turns back to teaching. What she loves about that work is that if one "scratches the surface, there's always politics to be found."



A demonstration of the solar powered digital library kit's educational software. The kit replicates an online environment for remote, unconnected schools.

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# MOCK TRIAL: THE EPITOME OF LEARN BY DOING

— Alexa Arndt and Ellen Stark



(Left to right)  
Daniel Estes,  
Deeksha Kohli,  
Summer Dietsche,  
Alexa Arndt, Nick  
Gonella, Erin Chazer,  
Ekta Gujral and  
Zackary Michaelson

Mock Trial is a national competition held each year in which students argue a fictitious court case against teams from other schools. Students from Cal Poly's four Mock Trial teams travel up and down the state during fall and winter quarter, sacrificing weekdays and weekends for competition and the goal of advancing to nationals.

Led by a four-person executive council (Daniel Estes, Casey Sheehan, James Cheney and Alexa Arndt) and first-year faculty advisor Jennifer Alton, fall quarter 2014 saw unprecedented success for Cal Poly. Mock Trial placed fifth at Fresno, first at La Verne, and third at Claremont. In winter quarter, the teams will compete in tournaments hosted by UCLA, Stanford and UC Berkeley, before competing at regionals in February.

Last season, Cal Poly advanced past regionals to Opening Round Championships for the first time in program history, and the group is working hard to maintain and expand upon this progress.

Each August, before school is in session, the Mock Trial season begins with the release of a 100-plus-page packet that consists of a fictional lawsuit or criminal charges, fictional characters, and fictional case law and legal statutes. Each team member fills the role of witness or attorney. Within days students memorize these packets and prepare prosecution and defense theories, themes and witnesses over the course of several weeks.

Faculty advisor Alton is effusive in her praise of Mock Trial students. "These individuals are intelligent, engaged and fun," she said.

Mock Trial is more than an extracurricular activity; it is the epitome of Learn by Doing. Students are not only exposed to practical legal experience, they are also able to hone their public speaking skills while practicing teamwork and collaboration within a group of their peers.

"In Mock Trial, students learn to think critically, to analyze, to persuade, and to defend a legal position," Alton said. "They are asked to think, argue and strategize under enormous pressure. They must also remain calm and courteous during the forensic battle. Each of them rose to the challenge."

# STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO CAPITAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

— Christopher Nielsen



The Capital Fellows Program, administered by the Center for California Studies, annually accepts an elite group of graduate-level students. Each year, the program selects 18 representatives for each of the fellowship programs in the State Senate, Assembly and executive branches, and 12 fellows for the judicial branch.

In their respective placements, fellows are exposed to high-level policy discussions with political and state government leaders. Students have myriad opportunities to engage in public service and are encouraged throughout their tenure to contribute to the development and implementation of public policy in California.

Within the past two years, three Political Science Department alumni have been selected as fellows. This year, Christopher Nielsen, a June 2014 political science and history graduate, is in the Senate Fellows Program, working in the office of Senator Mike McGuire. Last year, Christina Hulick (B.A., Political Science, 2013) completed the Senate Fellows Program in the office of Senator Anthony Cannella, while Taylor Roschen (MPP, 2013; B.A., Political Science and History, 2011), completed the Executive Fellows Program in the California Department of Food & Agriculture. Both Hulick and Roschen continued as staff employees with their respective branches after their fellowships ended.

“It’s so exciting to immediately utilize my academic learning from studying political science at Cal Poly in a way that allows me to live up to the university’s Learn by Doing philosophy,” said Nielsen.

Roschen added, “Cal Poly provided me with a strong foundation to excel in this prestigious program. I am proud to be one of many Mustang representatives serving the public.”

For more information on the Capital Fellows Program, visit: <http://bit.ly/capitalfellows>.

## 2014 STUDENT AWARDS

### George and Janice Clucas Awards

- Christopher Pham
- Daniel Estes
- Madeline Cimino

### John Lynn Fund Awards Academic Excellence

- Christina Lefevre Latner

- Daniel Wasta

### Outstanding Paper

- Christina Lefevre Latner

### Research Paper Excellence

- Daniel Wasta

### Non-Research Paper Excellence

- Andrew Smith

### Outstanding Service

- Nikki Lanshaw
- Katie Magnus
- Joi Sullivan

### Senior Project Excellence

### Best Written Senior Project

- Carlos Villacis: “Power in

the Future: The Geopolitics of Alternative Energy”

### Best Senior Project

- Katie Hoselton: “Resolution on the Use of Conflict Minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo”



Kelli Seybolt accepting her Honored Alumna award at Cal Poly's Homecoming, Oct. 31. (Left to right) Kristie Boyett, Cal Poly Alumni Association President; President Jeffrey D. Armstrong; Kelli Seybolt; and Douglas Epperson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

# SEYBOLT NAMED CAL POLY HONORED ALUMNA

— Joi Sullivan

*Among the youngest women to reach the civilian equivalent of a general officer in the U. S. Air Force, Kelli Seybolt inspired students at her talk in October.*

The creative and distinct title of her talk, “Bananas, Terrorism and the South China Sea: Global Partnerships, National Security, and Making a Difference in Public Service,” speaks to Seybolt’s unique experiences since graduating from Cal Poly with a degree in political science in 1990.



Seybolt's path to her current position as the director of international affairs and foreign policy advisor for the U.S. Coast Guard was not a straight shot from graduate school. It involved numerous internships and jobs in different departments within the public service sector, including a Presidential Management internship. Seybolt's career trajectory served as encouragement to students who are about to graduate and embark on similar journeys with an unknown destination.

Seybolt talked about the lack of protection of fish stocks in sovereign waters, which can drive unemployed fisherman to piracy in Somalia; China's ability to stop the importation of Filipino bananas into the Chinese market; the significance of global partnerships; and the flexibility of the Coast Guard. The topics provided students with examples of how their classes have prepared them for the future and how geo-political dynamics, economics, globalization and the military continually intersect.

Having worked at the U.S. State Department, the Pentagon, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard, Seybolt's insight into the career possibilities and the dynamics within different governmental departments proved helpful for students interested in public service. The perfect career may be at one's fingertips; it is essential to be, (in the words and motto of the U.S. Coast Guard) *Semper Paratus*, "always ready."

At Cal Poly's Homecoming (Oct. 31-Nov. 1), Seybolt was among six distinguished Honored Alumni recipients. The award — the highest honor bestowed upon Cal Poly alumni — recognizes one outstanding graduate or former student in each of the university's six colleges.



(Top) Seybolt and Gary Rasicot, the Coast Guard's director of marine transportation systems, met with international cadets during a luncheon at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Feb. 20, 2014.

(Above) Seybolt speaking on "Security Cooperation-Building Maritime Partnerships" during the International Maritime Panel Discussion April 7, 2014, at the Sea-Air-Space Exposition. PHOTO: Lisa Nipp

## HEAR FROM SEYBOLT

Watch a short video about Seybolt's Honored Alumna Award: <http://bit.ly/seybolthavideo>

# DEBATE TEAM POLS SUCCESS

— Neeckaun Irani



The Debate Team in Hawaii. (Left to right) Minnal Kunnan, Bryan Pride, Ryan Curtin and Andre Fontana. PHOTO: Neeckaun Irani

The activity of collegiate debate has been providing Cal Poly students with skills in communication and critical thinking since the university won its first debate trophy in 1906. Although this activity is based in the Communication Studies Department, some of the Debate Team's greatest successes have come from political science students.

At debate tournaments, participants don't know the topics in advance. They can be on any subject and, this year, ranged from whether or not DMX and George Zimmerman should compete in a boxing match to whether or not Mexico should join the Mercosur trade bloc.



## *A chat with the* **ASI PRESIDENT**

— Daniel Wasta

*In April 2014, political science senior Joi Sullivan was elected Cal Poly Associated Student Inc. president.*

Sullivan, now in her first year of the Master of Public Policy program, has the unique opportunity to improve the campus experience for more than 19,000 Cal Poly students in a variety of roles.

Sullivan's core campaign team included political science peers Daniel Wasta, Jonathan Wardrip (B.A., Political Science, 2014) and Katelyn Magnus. The team used its acquired knowledge from classes, as well as support and insight from professors, to create an effective and successful campaign. The opportunity to create a winning campaign for Sullivan certainly fit Cal Poly's Learn by Doing teaching philosophy.

As a member of her campaign team, it was truly an honor to help Sullivan achieve such a lofty goal. Now that she is at the halfway point in her presidency, I see an engaged, humble leader who can listen to any student concern and stand up to the California State University Board of Trustees. She balances a strong work ethic and dedication with the ambition to be the best student, person and friend that she can be.

I recently had the chance to talk to Sullivan as she reflected on the past eight months.

**It is currently winter break. Do you go a day without doing something as ASI president?**

No. Even if it is just checking my email or thinking of ways to achieve my goals as we

After debaters are told the topic, they have 15 minutes to prepare before their seven-minute speech.

Currently one-third of the team consists of political science scholars. Last year MPP student Bryan Pride was on the first team to ever win both the America's Cup Debating Championship and the United States Universities Debating Championship in the same year.

This interdisciplinary activity has been extremely important in facilitating the educational growth of political science students due to the overlap between debate research and classwork. When asked about the competitive advantage political science students have, debate team member and political science senior Andre Fontana said, "We learn advanced theories, historical trends, and the status of

current events in our courses. Political science students have the knowledge, but knowing how to convey that message is another thing. That's what the communications aspect of debate teaches us."

All of the political science debate team members also volunteer their specific skill sets to community programs. One such project included debate demonstrations at Paulding Middle School in Arroyo Grande. "Debate has created a close-knit network of peers and coaches that are all invested in our success," said Emilio Horner, who won a third-place speaker award in competition this fall. "It's also created new opportunities for us to spark interest in a new generation of debaters."

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start the New Year, I am working or thinking about work nearly every day of break. That said, taking breaks are critical to productivity, so I have had to learn how to unplug every once in a while.

**What are some key issues you have been working on?**

Although a good amount of my time was spent lobbying for student involvement in the establishment of fees on CSU campuses, I also spent considerable time working on a very successful voter registration drive for the November elections. We are also working on an extensive master plan process for ASI-managed facilities.

**What is the most rewarding part of being ASI president?**

One of the most rewarding parts of this position is the opportunity to convey sincere gratitude and other heartfelt messages to wide audiences, from sending an encouraging message to students or spending a few minutes in front of the entire faculty and staff thanking them for their work.

**What is it like to be in the MPP program and handle the responsibilities of ASI president?**

Challenging. Many times, it seems as if there is not enough time in the day to accomplish all of my responsibilities. I am the first president in quite a while to be a graduate student while serving, and I can certainly see why. It takes significant time management skills and likely, very little sleep.

**How did the faculty in the Political Science Department support you during your bid for president?**

They supported me in a litany of ways. I knew I could always go to them for helpful advice, but there were also times when they gave me the emotional support to keep me going. Whether it was a good word in class or just a few encouraging words when I was in the department, knowing I had their support meant the world to me.

**If you could change one thing from these past eight months, what would it be?**

I would have kept a journal, beginning in February 2014 of the campaign. I have had so many experiences and learned so many lessons, and I need to keep better track. I want to look back on my time as ASI president and remember every detail of the highs and the lows of this year. I plan on remedying this come January.

**What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year?**

During the campaign, I had an idea of what I thought would be good for Cal Poly, but I did not come in with a detailed agenda. The first few months have been a huge learning curve, and I've been working on various issues that fell into my lap. I am most excited to intentionally spend time on the things I have discovered are most in need of improvement for the betterment of Cal Poly students.

# ALUMNI *updates*

## 2010s

**Cynthia Allen** (MPP 2010) recently earned a doctorate in public policy and administration from Walden University.

**Daniel Chang** (POLS 2013) entered UC Hastings College of the Law and is currently part of the UC Hastings' Alternative Dispute Resolution Team. Chang placed seventh out of 227 teams at the 2014 American Bar Association's Negotiation Competition in Chicago. In addition to competing and working through his second year in law school, he is working as a law clerk at Sungevity, a leading residential solar installation company.

**Michelle Cristobal** (POLS 2010) completed a two-month backpacking trip through Europe—beginning in Spain, going as far as the Czech Republic, and ending up in Italy in early 2014. She is a financial analyst with Mozilla, home of the Firefox Web browser, in Mountain View, Calif. In July, she was also hired as the music manager for Russian-Israeli classical guitarist Yuri Liberzon and is working with branding, promotion and event management.

**Griffin Gonzales** (POLS 2013) was hired to work for a nonprofit organization geared toward serving people, public school educators, and administrators throughout San Luis Obispo County. He plans to further his education in the near future by enrolling in a graduate program that focuses on health and the politics behind the Affordable Health Care for America Act.

**Adriana Hidalgo** (POLS 2013) moved to Washington, D.C., and completed an internship in the office of Congresswoman Lois Capps in

fall 2013. Upon the completion of her internship in December 2013, she was offered a full-time staff position as Capps' staff assistant. Since then, she has been promoted to legislative correspondent. Her responsibilities include drafting responses to constituent mail and managing the constituent mail system.

**Kristin McCarty** (POLS 2013) moved to Davis, Calif., and began a fully funded doctoral program in sociology at UC Davis with an expected graduation date of 2020.

**Elizabeth Merson** (MPP 2012) was recently promoted to program manager of Public Health Emergency Preparedness at the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department. She also just purchased a home in the area.

**Elise Mullen** (POLS 2011) is currently working in Washington, D.C., for Senator John McCain (R-AZ) on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. In this capacity, she helps conduct investigations on major companies facing accusations of tax fraud and abuse, as well as violations of banking and securities laws. Prior to this role, she served on the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, working on cybersecurity issues for former Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX).

**Lanz Nalagan** (POLS 2011) serves as political director for Christopher Cabaldon, mayor of West Sacramento. He is also the development assistant at the Pacific Crest Trail Association. Nalagan continues his political and nonprofit advocacy outside of work, managing local campaigns and consulting for non-governmental organizations.

## PATRICK HALE

(POLS 2012) is the president and CEO of PHC Group Inc., a \$6.4 billion privately held, highly diversified company that owns a number of other firms. He recently published his eighth novel, "High Treason." Hale has also earned his doctorate, a Juris Doctorate, and a number of other advanced degrees in a range of disciplines.



**Amanda Robinson** (POLS 2010) relocated to Santa Cruz County to begin her political career after traveling and volunteering throughout South America for seven months. She began with helping plan fundraisers and grow the volunteer base at a local nonprofit family resource center. Through this work she was offered a campaign manager position for a supervisorial race. Robinson then became very involved in the Democratic Central Committee of Santa Cruz County, where she served as secretary and now vice chair. She is also a representative to the California Democratic Party.

## 2000s

**Maureen Brocco** (POLS 2007) is the research attorney for a court in Santa Clara.

**Anthony Gaeta** (POLS 2001) graduated from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 2005. He was recently named partner in his firm, Collinsworth, Specht, Calkins & Giampaoli, LLP, a San Diego civil litigation firm specializing in construction defect, insurance, personal injury, employment and general liability litigation.

**Griselda Garcilazo** (POLS 2001) is attending graduate school at Loma Linda University for a Master of Science in counseling.

**Darn Spieget** (POLS 2004) continues to practice law in San Luis Obispo County with specialties in civil litigation, personal injury, probate and trust litigation.

## 1990s

**Nick Kosla** (POLS 1999) is working for Pulte Homes as director of planning and entitlement. He also volunteers as chair of the Orinda Planning Commission. Kosla, his wife and two daughters are very involved in the elementary school.

**John Lipman** (POLS 1992) is vice president of marketing and sales for a Redwood City medical device company that manufactures a novel treatment for sleep apnea. He lives in

Livermore, Calif., with his wife and a daughter; his other daughter attends Cal Poly.

**Michael Pick** (POLS 1999) operates his own law firm in San Luis Obispo, specializing in business and real estate litigation.

## 1980s

**Robert Burnett** (POLS 1980) is employed with Citizens Business Bank in Arcadia, Calif., as the vice president of service manager operations. He is approaching his 34th year with the bank. He is also in his 34th year as a firefighter with the Sierra Madre Fire Department and holds the rank of battalion chief. He and his wife, Rosemary, have two daughters: Amanda, 23, and Paige, 21.

**Marcia Godwin** (POLS 1986) received tenure at the University of La Verne this past year and co-edited a book, "Local Politics and Mayoral Elections in 21st Century America: The Keys to City Hall."

## 1970s

**Linda Barger Bodenlos** (POLS 1972) has contributed 36 years of service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service as the corporate knowledge and communications branch chief, located in Portland, Ore. She is looking forward to retiring in four years and plans to volunteer as a project manager, help children through therapeutic horseback riding, and have quality time with her two grandchildren.

**Dan Hossbach** (POLS 1972) retired in December 2014 after 21 years in the U.S. Army and 19 years teaching.

**Clark Jarrett** (POLS 1977) is in his 22nd year teaching history and economics at a magnet high school in downtown Los Angeles and is in his ninth year as a humanities adjunct assistant professor at a community college.

**Jeff Peterson** (POLS 1976) is enjoying retirement in Sonoma County with family and friends. He enjoys frequent trips to Lake Almanor. Between grandkids and assisting his wife, Teresa, with her hobbies, he certainly does not get bored.

## CHARLES BELL

(POLS 2004) recently became the deputy city attorney at the San Diego City Attorney's Office. He is also preparing to take over as president of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, the African American lawyers' and judges' association of San Diego. In addition, Bell is the president of the Cal Poly Black Alumni Affinity Chapter that was formed in January 2014.

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— KATIE MAGNUS

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