



Government Department Relocates to New Office Space at 20 Ashburton Place

The Government Department relocated to office space on the second floor of 20 Ashburton Place (the Massachusetts Teachers Association Building) in August of 2006. The office space features enough room for all our full-time faculty members to have their own offices, a spacious conference room and library, a large adjunct office, a graduate student lounge (which doubles as a polling and call center for David Paleologos) and a waiting area for visiting students, considerably improving on and expanding beyond the space on the fifth floor of the Donahue Building that the department previously occupied.

The department has spent the last few months settling into the space and has hosted two events to christen the new space. The first, a social hour with Career Services (which occupies the first floor of the MTA building), was held on October 10, 2006, and served to introduce members of the Government Department to our downstairs neighbors. The second, an Open House for government students, allowed our students to visit the department offices before advising period began, to get information on various programs and to meet with faculty and staff members.

The faculty and staff of the Government Department would like to extend thanks to our temporary staff assistant, Matthew Allen (Class of 2006) who was invaluable in helping with this move. Matt was hired on a twelve week contract to temporarily replace Stephannie Barboza while she was on leave last summer and helped with packing, labeling and organizing both before and after the move.



A look at the Government Department's new office space, located at 20 Ashburton Place.

A Message From the Chair...

Welcome to the Centennial issue of the Government Department Newsletter!

Every year is exciting here in the Government Department – but perhaps this one has been more exciting than most. Between the Suffolk University centennial, the moving of our offices to 20 Ashburton Place, and contracts for Suffolk Helps Boston Vote (last summer and fall) and the Initiative for Diversity in Civic Leadership (kicking off this spring), the place has been humming. You can read about some of these developments elsewhere in this newsletter, but we decided that more was needed – so we are presenting a 2-page photo spread. I hope you enjoy it! We had to drop the faculty research spotlight to make room for the photos, but that feature should return with the fall issue.

Thanks for the many supportive comments on the last newsletter. Please let us know how we can make it even better – you can write to jberg@suffolk.edu. I look forward to hearing from you!

John C. Berg, Chair

Fall 2006 Government Department Events



Ree Armitage and Professor Rachael Cobb discuss the Suffolk Helps Boston Vote pilot program in the days prior to the 2006 elections.



From left, poll worker Ben James, program coordinator Ree Armitage and poll workers Sal Firicano and Jimmy DeMeo review their poll working experiences.

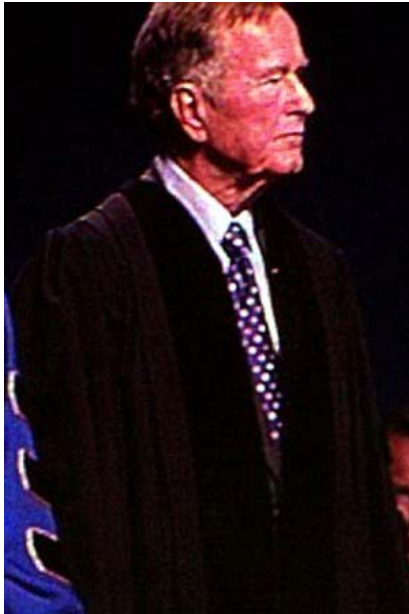


From left, poll worker Brian LeFort, Professor Rachael Cobb, program coordinator Ree Armitage and poll worker Allison Strem do a post-election rundown of the poll working project.

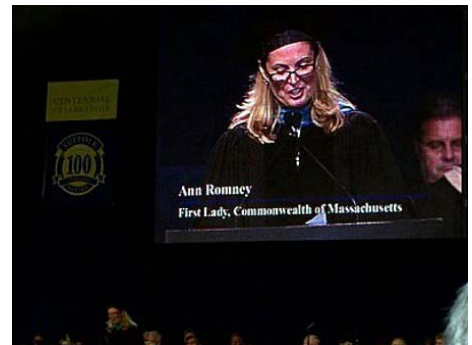
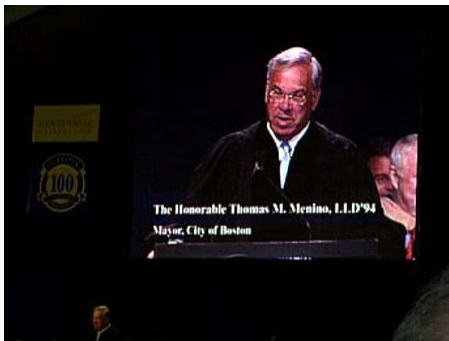


Professor Renée Dankerlin (far left) and the students in her course, Indigenous and Traditional Economic Systems, participate in a videoconference in class in December of 2006. Also attending the conference is Professor Judy Dushku. Professor Dankerlin will be teaching several additional courses this spring.

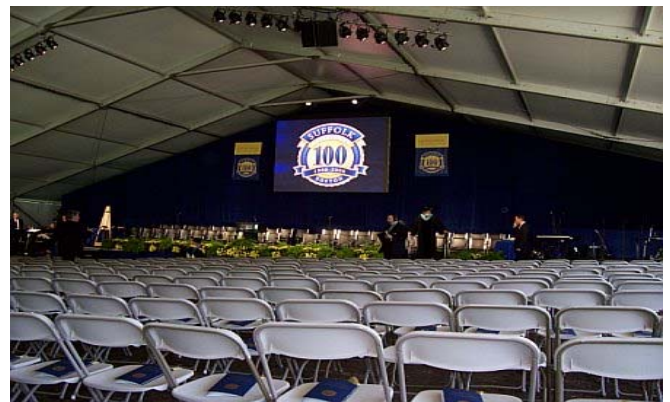
Suffolk University Centennial Convocation September 21, 2006



Former President George Herbert Walker Bush (above and left) served as the keynote speaker at Suffolk University's Centennial Convocation.



From left: Boston Mayor Tom Menino addresses the convocation guests; Government Department professor Judy Dushku in her academic regalia; former Massachusetts First Lady Ann Romney offers congratulations from the Governor's Office.



From left: Suffolk University President David Sargent opens the convocation; the tent on Boston Common where the ceremony took place.

Government Department News and Announcements

- Last fall the Government Department sponsored the Suffolk Helps Boston Vote Project, in which Suffolk students were trained as poll workers to assist voters in the general election on November 7, 2006. Ree Armitage, a MSPS/MPA candidate who is currently completing his degree at Suffolk, ran the program with the assistance of Professor Rachael Cobb. Ree recruited almost 200 Suffolk students (his initial target: 100) to participate in the program, designed to provide workers for understaffed polling places in Boston and alleviate the poll worker crisis that Boston, a city where the average poll worker's age is seventy-two, has faced in the last few election cycles. The program was run in conjunction with the Center for Election Integrity at Cleveland State University and will hopefully serve as a pilot program for future elections in urban areas.
- Serap Kantarci, an adjunct lecturer in the Government Department, and her husband Mehmet Salinkol, welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Suzan Selin, on December 6, 2006. Congratulations!
- Professor John Berg welcomed his first grandchild, Ita Mae Ross Berg, on January 5, 2007. Congratulations!
- Mary Sullivan, who received her Master's Degree in North American Politics from Suffolk, has been appointed to the post of Director of Canadian Affairs in the office of the United States Trade Representative.
- The Government Department is pleased to welcome Simone Chun, who has accepted a full-time position to teach East Asian politics. Professor Chun will begin teaching in the Fall of 2007.
- Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo, an adjunct lecturer in the Government Department, was elected as Chair of the Division of Social Sciences at Wells College in May of 2006. That same month he also received the Ann J. Russ Prize for Social Responsibility, which is awarded at Wells College every year to the faculty member who has "made the most significant social, political, or ethical contribution, especially involving matters of human diversity and inclusiveness".
- Professor John Berg, was interviewed by "The Breakfast Club", the top-rated morning discussion television program in Jamaica. The interview, which took place by phone on December 15, 2006, discussed the electoral chances for various potential 2008 United States Presidential candidates, including Hilary Clinton, John McCain, Rudy Guillian and Barak Obama. The program airs daily in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean and is hosted by Eric Anthony Abrahams, the former Jamaican Minister for Tourism, and political scientist Dr. Trevor Monroe.
- In November of 2006 Jacqueline Springer of the British Broadcasting Corporation presented two talks on Hip-Hop and Politics, as a part of Suffolk's Centennial Lecture Series. These lectures were titled: "From the Spray Can to the Supreme Court: Rap Music and Culture and Their Relationship With the Law" and "Code of the Streets: Rappers and the 'Law' of Snitching". This series was continued in February of 2007, with James Auburn of the Boston Hip-Hop Alliance presenting two more lectures: "Early Origins of Hip-Hop Music and Culture: An In-Depth Tour of 1978-1990" and "Hip-Hop's Response to Social Issues".
- Dean Sebastián Royo was interviewed by Univision 11 regarding the situation with Cuba on January 16, 2007. He was later interviewed for Spanish public radio (Radio Nacional de Espanha) on January 24, 2007 regarding President George Bush's State of the Union address.
- Professor John O'Callaghan is pleased to announce that the following Government Department alumni are currently attending law school: Daryl Abbas, Allan Motenko, Corrine Petraglia, Jonathan Speranza, Julie Stienbauer, Lori Vaulting and Michael Walsh.
- Two Suffolk University Government Department Alumni are currently running for seats on the Lynn, Massachusetts School Board: current school board member Dan Cahill and new candidate Charles Gallo. Mr. Gallo is hosting a campaign kickoff event in February.
- The Government Department, in cooperation with the Suffolk Recycles Program, cosponsored four showings of former Vice President Al Gore's Academy Award nominated 2006 documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth". Two of these screenings were accompanied by speakers from Clean Air Cool Planet and representatives from MASSPRIG. These showings were held as a part of the Campus Climate Change Challenge Week of Action to combat global warming.
- The Government Department, in association with the Environmental Studies Department, will host author Frances Moore Lappe as a part of the Distinguished Visitor Program. Ms. Lappe, the author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, *Food First*, *Democracy's Edge* and *Hope's Edge*, will be visiting the Suffolk campus for a week in October. In addition to her authorial credits, Ms. Lappe is the cofounder of the Institute for Food and Development Policy and the founder and current director of the Small Planet Institute. For more information on her visit, please contact Martha Richmond, the Director of the Environmental Services Department, at mrichmond@suffolk.edu.

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- Professor Renée Dankerlin is currently teaching a Governance, Equity and Development seminar with Oleg Petrov of the World Bank's E-development Thematic Group. Mr. Petrov has visited the seminar once already this semester and has scheduled four videoconferences with the students in the seminar before the end of term.
- The Government Department will be offering two courses at Dean College starting next semester in order to gauge the level of interest for offering a full government major at that campus. Professor Roberto Dominguez will teach Theory and Practice of International Relations and adjunct lecturer Laurie Curtis will teach The American Presidency.

Distinguished Alum James Bamford to Visit Suffolk University

James Bamford, one of the Suffolk Government Department's distinguished alumni, will be on campus for a week in April. Mr. Bamford, who received his BA in 1972 and his JD in 1975, will teach several classes and appear at several university events, including a talk with author James Carroll and a Lowell Lecture. Mr. Bamford will also deliver a lecture at the Downtown Harvard Club on Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 PM. Maureen Ridings, the new Director of Alumni Relations for CAS, and Erin Palmer, the Alumni Association Assistant, organized this event with Professor Judy Dushku, who is coordinating Mr. Bamford's visit. James Bamford is an expert on Washington politics and national security issues and is the author of *Puzzle Place: A Report on America's Most Secret Agency*, *Pretext for War: 9/11, Iraq and the Abuse of America's Intelligence Agencies*, *Body of Secrets: Anatomy of the Ultra-Secret National Security Agency From the Cold War Through the Dawn of a New Century* and *Mastering Alliance Strategy: A Comprehensive Guide to Design, Management and Organization*. For more information about the events planned for Mr. Bamford's visit please get in touch with the Government Department.

Suffolk University, MassVote and Oíste Collaborate on an Initiative for Diversity in Civic Leadership; Kickoff Event Held in February By Teri Fair

This spring semester begins a collaboration between Suffolk University, MassVote and Oíste to begin an Initiative for Diversity on Civic Leadership. Professor Teri Fair, who began teaching at Suffolk last fall, will head up Suffolk's part of the program.

The Initiative for Diversity in Civic Leadership is a nonpartisan effort designed to prepare people of color in the greater Boston area for elective and appointive office through a candidate/leadership training program that will be sensitive and responsive to cultural and ethnic diversity. What sets this 16-week program apart from other programs is the combined training of leadership and candidate training that includes access to volunteer mentors who are current and former elected officials and community leaders, coaching by professional consultants with significant professional campaign expertise, networking sessions, intensive weekend training sessions, in addition to resources for individuals interested in public service.

Four areas will be emphasized: leadership, public policy, candidate training, and public administration; most instruction will be delivered by experts and practitioners of color. The program is designed to be responsive to the needs and interests of the participants so that maximum benefit is received. The application process for the program will begin within the next two weeks, and the program will start on April 2, 2006, and classroom instruction will be at Suffolk University. Suffolk's commitment to the partnership includes the following: collaborating with Oíste on curriculum development for the training program, providing classroom space, providing use of Blackboard, identifying and confirming lecturers and trainers for the instruction sections, providing students with a certificate of completion, and providing programmatic support. I was designated as the program coordinator for the Suffolk component.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino will be the speaker for the Initiative's Kick-off Event on February 7, 2007 from 5:30pm until 7:30pm at 73 Tremont. At the celebration, the findings from a groundbreaking study conducted by University of Massachusetts, Boston, will be released discussing the number of people of color who currently hold elected and appointed office in greater Boston. The findings are sure to be startling for some and a call for action for others.

Perspectives from Around the Globe: The International Conference on the State of Affairs in Africa

By Kathleen Crissinger

Recently, in the Summer/Fall of 2006, I served as Director for the first International Conference on the State of Affairs of Africa (ICSAA) at the International Institute for Justice & Development (IIJD) located in Boston. The aim of our three day event was to improve the nature, management and focus of development programs in Africa. We also sought to create an ongoing dialogue with those who are most affected by such programs and earn their livelihoods on the continent – the African people.

Our plenary sessions focused on several areas of development and justice: State of Democratic Governance, State of Economic Development, Creating and Building Wealth Through Entrepreneurship in Africa, State of the Justice System, Ethical Responsibilities to Forced Migrants, Health and HIV/AIDS and finally African Rural Women – Human Rights, Poverty and Economics. However, our most important panel was the Final Goals Setting Plenary, which fused each of our sessions, giving rise to an agreed upon action-oriented agenda to address the African development crisis.

The stated goal for each of the sessions was to achieve strategic consensus on what the root causes of poverty and underdevelopment are and to set priorities on how to resolve the crisis by creating a more collaborative, effective plan for future development endeavors.

Within each of our discussions we sought to turn the current focus of development away from temporary emergency relief methods and toward more sustainable solutions, which Africans believe work best for them. Additionally, we emphasized the need for reforming institutions, building infrastructure and increasing capacity building through the active participation of local experts. To enhance the discussion we brought together a group of diverse academic scholars, elected officials, development professionals, community leaders, entrepreneurs, philanthropists and members of the non-governmental organization community.

Among these sessions, one of the great highlights was welcoming Dr. Alan White, Chief Investigator for the United Nations Special Court in Sierra Leone. Serving from July 2002 to July 2005, he spoke of his collaboration with Sierra Leonean officials to restore justice and order following the horrific ethnic cleansing of that country's civil war. Dr. White's painstaking criminal investigation led to 13 indictments for violations of international humanitarian law and crimes against humanity including that of Charles Taylor, former President of Liberia. He was approachable, his story was riveting and we continue to remain connected.

Each day, with the support of my motivated staff of twelve, we worked together to formulate and execute a comprehensive plan for promoting the first International Conference on the State of Affairs of Africa (ICSAA).

As Director my tasks included devising an international advertising/marketing plan, working with the creative team at ForeignPolicy.com, developing a national Op-ed strategy targeting 155 major news organizations, creating a public advocacy campaign for increased awareness, updating the Board of Directors on project progress at bi-monthly meetings and serving as organizational spokeswoman for all speakers, panelists and conference delegates. I was always multitasking and the work was continuously stressful, but I knew my efforts were contributing to a greater good – helping to create a dialogue with other pan-Africanists to pursue responsible development policies and foster the discussion for improving the actions, which we as professionals take, in addressing the African development crisis.

Finally, an especially touching moment came when my professional goals and vision blurred. Dr. Kwame Frimpong, Professor of Law at the University of Botswana and one of our panelists, presented me with a bright, kente cloth scarf embroidered with his university's lettering. This much treasured scarf is now a personal touchstone, reminding me that my journey as an international public servant has just begun, illuminated by the hope of a continent and its people.

Kathleen Crissinger will receive her Master of Science in Political Science in International Relations from Suffolk University in May of 2007. She has also worked for the American Anti-Slavery Group in Boston and the Institute for Multi-Track Development in Washington DC, where she concentrated on Sub-Saharan Africa. This fall she will attend the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University, where she will focus on Non-Profit Management and Public Policy.

Government Department Student and Faculty Publications and Presentations

- Nathan Shrader, who received his MSPS in 2006, presented his paper, “Metamorphosis: President George W. Bush’s Rhetorical Foreign Policy Transition from Realism to Liberalism 1999-2004”, at the Northeastern Political Science Association, held at the Omni Parker House last November. This paper was also published in the Pennsylvania Political Science Association’s journal, *Commonwealth*.
- David Jacobsen, who is currently working towards his Master’s Degree in the Government Department, had his paper, “Massachusetts Republican Candidate Recruitment: Party Strength or Party Stigma?”, accepted by the New England Political Science Association.
- Serap Kantarci has presented the following papers: “Veiling, Feminism and National Identity” at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s annual meeting, held at the Omni Parker House Hotel on November 11, 2006; and “Scarf Wars: Episode IV” at the Law and Society Association’s annual meeting in July of 2006. “Scarf Wars” was also presented at the American Sociological Association’s annual meeting in Montreal, Canada on August 11, 2006.
- Professor Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo has published the following books: *Who and What Govern in the World of the States: A Comparative Study of Constitutions, Citizenry, Power, and Ideology in Contemporary Politics* from University Press of America, and *Liberal Democracy and Its Critics in Africa: Political Dysfunction and the Struggle for Social Progress* from Zed Books. In July of 2006, Professor Kasongo attended the World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Fukuoka, Japan where he presented his paper “Japan’s Economic and Political Relations with Africa since the 1970s and Their Implications for Popular Demands for Democracy in Africa: A Preliminary Reflection” and also chaired a panel, “Politics and Democracy in Central Africa”. Also in July of 2006 he presented “The Rise of Democratic Pluralism and Its Implications in Education in Africa” at the Center for the Study of International Cooperation in Education at Hiroshima University, Higashi-Hiroshima, Japan. He is currently focusing his research on political and economic relations between Japan and Africa since the Bandung Conference in 1955.
- Professor Roberto Domínguez has published a new book, *Towards the Completion of Europe: Analysis and Perspectives of the New European Union Enlargement*, with Joaquin Roy. His article with Jarry Haar, “Managing Industrial Development: The Case of Mexico’s Electronic Industry,” was published in the 2006 edition of *Revue Sciences de Gestion*. Professor Domínguez also attended several conferences last year: the Philadelphia meeting of the American Political Science Association, where he presented “The Construction of EU Foreign Policy” in August of 2006; the Third Pan-European Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research in Istanbul, Turkey, where he presented “The Impact of Enlargement on the External Relations of the EU” in September of 2006; the 2006 Canadian Association for Latin American Studies Conference where he presented “Mexican Foreign Policy: The Limits of Democratic Transformation” at the University of Calgary in September of 2006; and the Fourth Biennial Conference on Transatlantic Studies at the Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies where he presented “Organic Intellectuals and Decision Makers in the Construction US Foreign Policy: Perceptions of Europe 2000-2005” in October of 2006. He also participated as a lecturer in the “Comparative Regional Security” Seminar organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City from December 7th to December 9th and participated in the panel “Soft Money in Europe” at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s 38th annual meeting in Boston in November of 2006.
- Dean Sebastián Royo has published chapters in two new books: “Spain and Portugal in the European Union: Mission Accomplished?” in Eleanor E. Zeff and Ellen B. Pirro’s *The European Union and the Member States: Cooperation, Coordination and Compromise*, and “The Challenges of EU Integration: Iberian Lessons for Eastern Europe” in Joaquin Roy and Roberto Domínguez’s *Towards the Completion of Europe: Analysis and Perspectives of the New European Union Enlargement*. Dean Royo participated in the Globalization and Higher Education Forum at the Suffolk University Center for Teaching Excellence in December of 2006 and presented “Spain and Portugal in the European Union: Lessons” at the 102nd Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. Dean Royo published several journal articles: “Globalization and Higher Education” in *Parallax* and “Beyond Confrontation: The Resurgence of Social Bargaining in Spain in the 1990s” in *Comparative Political Studies*. He also had several articles published in *Cinco Dias*, a Spanish-language Mediterranean newspaper.
- Mark Andrews, adjunct lecturer, participated in the Connecting Business with Government Seminar and served on the “Top Five Things You Need to Know When Working in Government” panel, hosted by Dr. Michael T. Lavin, the Chair of the Public Management Department at Suffolk University. Professor Andrews also presented at the Boston

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Chamber of Commerce/Suffolk University Leadership Program, where he delivered a talk on economic and education partnership.

- Vann Snyder, adjunct lecturer, would like to announce an unpaid internship at his Beacon Hill fundraising company. The internship is open to both graduate and undergraduate students and will involve working with Democratic political candidates on all aspects of political fundraising. Required skills include working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. For more information please contact Professor Snyder directly at SnyderCom@aol.com.
- Professors Roberto Domínguez and Judy Dushku, in cooperation with Professor Jay Roselini of the Humanities and Modern Languages Department, presented “Relations Between Turkey and Western Europe Today,” presented as a part of the Centennial Lecture Series on October 23, 2006.
- Three Quinn Dickerson Seminars were held over the last semester: Professor Rachael Cobb presented “Who Nominates?: Parties, Primaries and Gubernatorial Elections” in September; Miguel Schor of the Suffolk University Law School presented “Squaring the Circle: Democratizing Judicial Review and the Counter-Constitutional Difficulty” in October; and Pablo Toral of Beloit College presented “Latin America’s Quest for Globalization: The Role of Spanish Firms”. The Dickerson seminars are held in memory of Professor Quinn Dickerson, a Government Department faculty member who passed away in the summer of 2004. For more information on the Dickerson seminars and a schedule of upcoming events please check the Government Department website.

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