

**Department of Political Science
Annual Evaluation 2003**

**Submitted to
Dean Kate Conway Turner
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

**Submitted by
Richard Pacelle, Chair**

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Summary Statement:

The Department had a strong year. The teaching evaluations for most faculty members were very strong. Virtually the entire faculty had research published, manuscripts under review, or presented papers at conferences. The faculty is active in all forms of service at the College, University, community, and disciplinary levels. The Department has undergone quite a bit of change over the last few years, particularly at the top. For the third straight year, the Department had a new chair. I think the transition was relatively smooth.

The Department continues to walk a difficult line with the Justice Studies program. The faculty resources do not match the commitments that we need to make to the students. With the impending loss of a faculty member, our resources will be further strained. We are relying too heavily on adjunct faculty members at this point. This is also an important year for the Public Administration program.

Strengths:

Strong undergraduate enrollments in Political Science and Justice Studies

Diverse faculty interests and strengths

Strong teaching throughout the Department

Office of Pre-Law Advising has had an excellent start and stands as a model

Enhanced technology in the classrooms (though sometimes it is not working)

Strong office staff (variable student help, however)

Good representation of Department on University and College committees

Host of a major association (Southern Political Science Association)

Host of a general journal (*Politics & Policy*)

Strong internship programs for Political Science and Justice Studies

Revitalized Bureau of Public Affairs

Weaknesses:

Significant leadership turnover over the last few years

Problems with the Masters program

Need for Justice Studies faculty

No significant staff resources for Justice Studies

Lack of senior leadership in the Department

Overworked, underpaid staff

Too much reliance on the junior faculty for administrative responsibilities

Loss of a key junior member of the Department

Forced use of too many adjuncts

Lack of real coherent mission at Dublin Center

Drift in the Public Administration program

Inequities in workload

Needs:

Additional Justice Studies faculty lines: at least two are mandatory at this point

Additional Public Administration lines

A comparative or international relations scholar (we have had significant losses in these areas over the last few years)

Line for Political Science in Middle Eastern Politics

Full time administrative assistant for the MPA Program

Additional teaching and research assistants to help faculty and to recruit top graduate students

Replace old computers, especially in the classrooms

Need additional administrative help

More funds for faculty travel to meet the enhanced research expectations

Teaching

Teaching evaluations in the Department were very strong, remarkably strong. On the item that asks students to rate the professor from 1 to 5, the Department had an overall average of 4.25 in the Spring 2003 and 4.28 in the Fall. The Introductory American Government class, a core requirement for all students, averaged a rating of 4 each semester across the many sections that we offer. The upper division classes averaged 4.3 in both the Spring and Fall semesters.

Professors in the Department have been active in trying to maximize the educational experiences of their students. We offer a number of challenging nontraditional courses and internships that take the student out of the typical classroom. The Department has taken a lead in creative and innovative teaching. Faculty members use classroom technology in giving lectures and also in combining traditional lecture and discussion. I was impressed by the number of faculty members, even those regarded as excellent teachers, took CET workshops as a means of remaining current with technology and seeking to improve their craft.

The Model United Nations and the Model African Union are among the courses that engage students in ways that go beyond the normal lecture and discussion format. Dr. Balleck runs one of the nation's most successful high school and middle school Model UN programs. These programs are exceptionally good recruiting tools for attracting the best high school seniors to Georgia Southern. In addition, a number of faculty members in the Department are active participants in the Bell Honors Program and the University Honors Program, both as instructors and in helping to construct and improve the programs. More than a few faculty have been actively involved in sponsoring internships and serving as mentors for motivated students. A number of faculty teach interdisciplinary classes that are cross listed with other Departments.

Faculty members in the Department have been generous with their time at the various open houses used to recruit high school students and Scholar's Day. A number of the faculty members are involved with SOAR, some in leadership positions.

Service

The Department has been active in service at all levels. The Department had an extended chair search in 2002-03. Six members of the Department were part of that committee. Sharon Tracy, for one, served on a recruitment committee outside the Department. Different personnel committees in the Department were created to deal with two tenure and promotion decisions and a number of faculty members served on those committees.

Members of the Department were also active in College and University affairs. Christine Ludowise served on the Task Force on Faculty Governance. George Burruss chaired the undergraduate research committees. Three members of the Department were active in planning and implementing the successful Masquerade Ball. Nicholas Henry served on

the Ruffin Cup Award Committee for the College. Larry Taylor served on CLASS Award for Excellence Committee. George Cox served on the College's Promotion and Tenure Committee. Patrick Novotny serves on the Faculty Senate and the Library Committee. A number of faculty members served on or chaired various research boards across the campus. Debra Sabia concluded her stint as the Director of the Latino Outreach and Research Services. Karen McCurdy has been active with the College of Graduate Studies.

A number of our faculty serve as advisors or sponsors for some of the many groups and honor societies on campus, serving to combine their teaching and service responsibility.

The most notable professional service is detailed in the section on research.

Research

Publications

Books:

Nicholas Henry, *Public Administration and Public Affairs*, ninth edition. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 2004.

Richard Pacelle, *Between Law & Politics: The Solicitor General and the Structuring of Race, Gender, and Reproductive Rights Litigation*. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2003.

Randall Shelden, **Sharon Tracy**, and William Brown, *Youth Gangs in America*, third edition. Belmont, CA: Thomson Publishing, 2003.

Articles in Refereed Journals:

David J. Jackson and **Steven T. Engel**, "Friends Don't Let Friends Vote for Free Trade: The Dynamics of the Labor PAC Punishment Strategy over PNTR" *Political Research Quarterly*. Vol. 56, No. 4 (December 2003): 441-448.

Steven T. Engel, "Teaching Literature in the Criminal Justice Curriculum." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. Vol. 14, No. 2 (Fall 2003): 345-354.

David J. Jackson and **Steven T. Engel**, "Don't Bite the PAC that Feeds You: Business PAC Punishment over the China Vote," *American Politics Research*. Vol. 31, No. 2 (March 2003): 138-154.

Robert Pirro, "Nelson Mandela and the Ordinary Uses of Tragedy in Private and Political Life" *Soundings*, Vol. 85, 1-2, Spring/Summer 2002: 81-106*

Debra Sabia, "Are the Liberal Good in Hollywood? Characteristics of Political Figures in Popular Films: 1945-1998," *Communication Reports*, Vol. 16, No. 1, Winter 2003: 57-67.

Debra Sabia, "Community Service Learning: Bridging Education and Social Practice," *Politics and Policy*, Vol. 31, No. 2, June 2003: 347-372.

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

Eugene Waters, **Steven T. Engel**, and **Christine Ludowise**, "Chapter 11: Special Populations in Prisons." In J. Whitehead, J. Pollock, and M. Braswell (eds.) *Exploring Corrections in America*. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson Publishing, 2003: pp. 399-461.

Reports:

Karen McCurdy, Elizabeth E. Brown, **F. Erik Brooks**, Pidi Zhang, and Sally C. Harton "A Bulloch County Homeless Persons and Families Community Needs Assessment Project, Final Report" Georgia Southern University Bureau of Public Affairs, 55 pp.

Teaching and Study Aids:

Christine Ludowise, "Instructor's/Study Guide" for *Public Administration and Public Affairs*, 9th edition (Nicholas Henry, author). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Christine Ludowise and F.Erik Brooks, "Test Bank" for *Public Administration and Public Affairs*, 9th edition (Nicholas Henry, author). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Sharon Tracy, "Test Bank" for *Youth Gangs in America*, third edition (Randall Shelden, Sharon Tracy, and William Brown, authors). Belmont: Thomson Publishing, 2003.

Book Reviews:

Barry Balleck, *Rostow, Kennedy, and the Rhetoric of Foreign Aid*. By Charles Pierce Kimber (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2001). *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (March 2003): 255-57.

George Cox, "The Mixed Blessings of Market Democracy" (Book review essay). *Politics & Policy*, 31: 4 (December 2003): 757-762.

Richard Pacelle, *Franklin Roosevelt and the Great Constitutional War: The Court-Packing Crisis of 1937*. By Marian McKenna (New York: Fordham University Press, 2002). *American Historical Review* (June 2003): 867-868.

Richard Pacelle, *The Supreme Court Review 2002*. By Dennis J. Hutchinson, David A. Strauss, and Geoffrey R. Stone. (Chicago: The University of Chicago) *Law & Politics Book Review* 13 (December 2003).

Conference Chairs:

F. Erik Brooks, Co-Program Chair, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Held in Savannah, GA: October 2003.

Christine Ludowise, Conference General Chair, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Held in Savannah, GA: October 2003.

Debra Sabia, Conference Organizer and Chair, Hispanic Service Providers Conference.

Papers Presented:

Barry Balleck, "The War on Terror and Its Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy." Foreign Affairs Seminar. Hilton Head, SC, November 2003.

Catherine Burton, "Poverty, Concentrated Poverty, and Latino Homicide Victimization," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA, March 2003.

Steven Engel, "Rousseau's Enduring Relevance: Patriotism and the Liberal Polity," Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO, March 27-29, 2003

Steven Engel, "Teaching an Ethic of Public Service: The Successes and Failures of a Service-Learning Experiment," International Conference on Civic Education Research, New Orleans, LA, November 16-18, 2003.

Gale Harrison, "The Impact of Western Militarism on Women and Children: Lessons from Northern Ireland" National Women's Studies Association, New Orleans, LA June 2003.

Gale Harrison, "Into the Curriculum: Integrating Faculty Development in Northern Ireland into the Political Science Curriculum" Clayton State College, Morrow GA: March 2003.

Nicholas Henry, "Intersectoral Administration: A New Term for a New Governance in a New Age" American Society for Public Administration, Washington D.C.: March 2003.

Christine Ludowise, "Teaching Juvenile Justice in a Climate of Change" Georgia Political Science Association/ Criminal Justice Association of Georgia in Savannah, GA: January, 2003.

Karen M. McCurdy and Larry R. Mutter "Demographic Evolution in a Rural South Georgia County: Ramifications for Public Policy" Rural Sociological Society meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 27-30, 2003.

Karen M. McCurdy, F. Erik Brooks, Elizabeth Brown, Pidi Zhang, "A Study of the Homeless Population in Bulloch County, GA" Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Savannah, GA October 12-14, 2003.

Karen M. McCurdy and Julia Schmidt Pirro "Highbrow and Lowbrow Music of the Left: Effective Agents of Social and Political Change," Georgia Political Science Association meeting, Savannah, Georgia, January 30-February 1, 2003.

Patrick Novotny, "John F. Kennedy, The Unpledged Electors Controversy, And The 1960 Presidential Election In Georgia" Annual Meeting Of The Georgia Political Science Association, February 28, 2003, Savannah, Georgia.

Godwin Okafor, "Financing Sub-National Governments in Nigeria: The Case of Seven Local Governments in Enugu State." Paper Presented at the Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies (SIRAS), Frankfurt, KY, March 27-29, 2003.

Richard Pacelle, "Political Principals and Legal Principles: The Solicitor General as Agent" Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL: April 2003.

Robert Pirro, "Tragic and Comic Perspectives in Contemporary American Pragmatism" American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA: August 2003.

Debra Sabia, "The Board of Regent's Hispanic Pilot Project: El Proyecto Ayuda," Latin American Association, Atlanta, GA May 2003.

Larry Taylor, "The Role of Simulation Models and the Model African Union", National Council for Black Studies Atlanta GA, March 19-22, 2003.

Larry Taylor, "Unsung Voices in the Civil Rights Struggle", Southern Conference on African American Studies, Charleston, South Carolina, February 20-22, 2003.

Sharon Tracy, "Gangbanging Comes to the Country" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA, March 2003.

Sharon Tracy, "Cultural Diversity: The 'Bullets' of Hate on School Campuses," National Youth At Risk Conference, Savannah, GA, February 2003.

Invited Talks:

Barry Balleck, "Terrorism: Global Challenges for the 21st Century." Global Access Project Georgia Southern University. Statesboro, GA, November 2003.

Barry Balleck, "The Origins and Strategic Implications of Terrorism." Rotary Club. Glennville, GA, November 2003.

Rebecca Davis, "Models for Pre-Law Advising," Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors, Durham, NC, October 2003.

Lois Duke Whitaker, "Our Government and Theirs: Australia and the U.S" Optimist Club, Columbia, S.C. March 2003.

Lois Duke Whitaker, "China and Its Expanding Economy," Columbia, S.C. August 2003.

Patrick Novotny and Julie McGuire, "Art, Politics, And The Public," Your Cultural Conscience Series, Georgia Southern University, February 2003 .

Godwin Okafor, "Federalism in Nigeria and the United States," University of Nigeria, Nuskka, July 2003.

Godwin Okafor, "The Role of Local Governments in a Federal System," University of Nigeria, Nsukka, July 2003.

Robert Pirro, "The Politics of Tragedy/The Tragedy of Politics" Biever Lecture Series, Loyola University, New Orleans, February 2003.

Debra Sabia, "Service Learning Opportunities and Strategies for Community Development," Abraham Baldwin College, February 2003.

Debra Sabia, "The Center for Latino Outreach and Research Services: Building Bridges Across Borders," Augusta State University, U. S. Cullum Series, April 2003.

Debra Sabia, "Cultural Appreciation, Understanding, and Methodology for Reaching Out to the Hispanic Community," Savannah, Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Services, September 2003.

Chair or Discussant of Panel:

F. Erik Brooks, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Savannah: October 2003.

George Burruss, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Savannah: October 2003.

Christine Ludowise, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Savannah: October 2003.

Christine Ludowise, Georgia Political Science Association/Criminal Justice Association Savannah: January 2003.

Karen McCurdy, Southeastern Conference on Public Administration, Savannah: October 2003.

Richard Pacelle, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago: April 2003.

Richard Pacelle, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia: August 2003.

Richard Pacelle, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Savannah: October 2003.

Robert Pirro, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia: August 2003.

Debra Sabia, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Savannah: October 2003.

Debra Sabia, Georgia Political Science: January 2003.

Larry Taylor, Annual Leadership Development Seminar of Board of Regents, University System of Georgia, Jekyll Island: April 2003.

Larry Taylor, National Council of Black Studies, Atlanta: March 2003.

Sharon Tracy, American Criminal Justice Society, Boston, MA: March 2003.

Grants:

George Burruss and Christine Ludowise Faculty Research Grant, Chatham County Drug Courts Georgia Southern University, \$4,000.

Catherine Burton and Sharon Tracy, Faculty Research Grant, "Irish Travelers" Georgia Southern University, \$2,000.

Rebecca Davis, Administrative Office of the Courts, State of Georgia, \$43,700.

Rebecca Davis, Student Technology Grant, \$9,712.

Lori Amy, **Steven Engel**, and Catherine Chaput, Faculty Service Grant, Project for Civic Engagement and Social Transformation, \$4,260.

Godwin Okafor, Fulbright Senior Specialist Program. Nigeria, \$10,104.00.

Debra Sabia, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, \$14,000.

Debra Sabia, Hispanic Pilot Project \$27,000.

Editor:

Barry Balleck, Managing Editor, *Politics & Policy*

F. Erik Brooks, Book Review Editor, *Politics & Policy*

George Cox, Editor in Chief, *Politics & Policy*

Editorial Boards:

Lois Duke Whitaker, McGraw-Hill/Dushkin Publishers.

Nicholas Henry, *Public Organization Review*.

Richard Pacelle, *Law & Society Review*.

Debra Sabia, *Journal for Genocide Research*.

Reviews:

Catherine Burton, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*

Steven Engel, *Politics & Policy*, *Policing*, *An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, *Journal of Politics*, Sage Publications.

Nicholas Henry, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, *Public Administration Review*, *Public Organization Review*, Kluwer Press.

Karen McCurdy, Lynne Reiner Press.

Patrick Novotny: *Journal of Politics*, MIT Press.

Godwin Okafor, Horizon Publishing.

Richard Pacelle, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, *Law & Society Review*, State University of New York Press.

Robert Pirro, Palgrave/MacMillan Press.

Debra Sabia, Walker Institute of International Studies, Occasional Paper Series.

Sharon Tracy, *Criminal Justice Research Journal*, Sage Publications

Awards and Recognition:

George Cox, Donald T. Wells Award for Service to the Discipline, Georgia Political Science Association.

Steven Engel, 2003 CLASS Award for Excellence.

Nicholas Henry, Laverne Burchfield Award for Best Book Review Essay. *Public Administration Review*

Richard Pacelle, *Choice* Outstanding Titles Award 2002 for *The Role of the Supreme Court in American Politics**

Major Administrative Positions in Professional Associations:

George Cox, Executive Director and Treasurer, Southern Political Science Association

Nicholas Henry, Development Subcommittee, American Society for Public Administration

Christine Ludowise, Executive Council Member, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration

Christine Ludowise, Program Committee Member, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration.

Christine Ludowise, Treasurer, Southeast Georgia Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

Karen McCurdy, Secretary, Georgia Political Science Association.

Karen McCurdy, Conference Manager, Southern Political Science Association.

Professional Association Service:

Catherine Burton, Chair, Outstanding Graduate Student Awards Committee, Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Catherine Burton, Awards Committee, Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Nicholas Henry, Chair University Giving Action Committee, American Society for Public Administration.

Nicholas Henry, Selection Committee, Laverne Burchfield Award for Best Book Review Essay, *Public Administration Review*.

Richard Pacelle, Public Law Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee.

Debra Sabia, Hispanic Pilot Project, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Debra Sabia, Hispanic Task Force, Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs.

*Although the date is 2002, the publication and award was not until 2003.