Save the Planet: NU at the Copenhagen Climate Conference

In December 2009, Professor Denise Garcia and Scott Quint, Associate Dean of the International Student and Scholar Institute, led fourteen current students and one alum to the United Nations Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark.

“The international community has fourteen days to save Planet Earth.” Such were the words on a flyer at the recent summit in Copenhagen of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The expected outcome of the conference – a political and legal framework to move forward – was achieved only in the last hours. The presence of President Barack Obama in Copenhagen and a meeting between him and the leaders of Brazil, China, India, and South Africa, all large developing country emitters, was what it took for Copenhagen to produce a five-page document: the Copenhagen Accord. It was grudgingly accepted by the other United Nations member states.

For me, this meeting meant that the fundamental rift between developed and developing countries has finally closed. The latter accepted that they also bear obligations on how to prevent further climate change; and the United States, after years of inaction, also recognized it has to play a decisive role.

However, to get to this point, the negotiations were convoluted and marked -Continued on page 7

College Restructuring is Coming

Northeastern is in the midst of a major college restructuring. This is the last year of the long-familiar College of Arts & Sciences. Beginning July 1, three colleges – the College of Social Sciences and Humanities; the College of Science; and the College of Arts, Media and Design – will replace the current college structure.

This change was the topic of many discussions over the past year. Initiated by the Provost’s Office, the restructuring will create three smaller colleges more similar in size to other colleges at the university and more adaptable to a new college-based budgeting system. The change also will facilitate closer academic and administrative interaction among similar departments.

The Department of Political Science will be in the new College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Joining us in the new college will be the following major departments and programs: African American Studies; American Sign Language; Economics; English; History; Languages, Literatures & Cultures; Philosophy & Religion; Sociology & Anthropology; International Affairs; Law, Policy & Society; Human Services; and the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Also joining the new college as a school will be the former College of Criminal Justice.

This year has been a very busy one, with much more work to do. Numerous task forces are working on various organizational and curricular issues, and search committees have been set up to screen candidates for deans of each of the new colleges. The chairs of the new college are meeting regularly to prepare a draft of a new constitution and operating procedures. It is an important opportunity to shape the governance structure for the new college. It is expected that new deans will be in place over the summer.

See www.northeastern.edu/collegestructure for more information on the restructuring process.

For those of you with a long memory, it has been some time since such a restructuring took place. Our own Department of Political Science came into being in 1957, splitting off from the Department of History and Government, and the College of Arts & Sciences was established in 1968, replacing the College of Liberal Arts, which had been created in 1935.
A Note from the Chair...

This past fall brought a number of important changes to the Department of Political Science. On the faculty side, Tom Vicino joined the Department as an assistant professor, while Minton Goldman officially retired after 46 years of service (see page 5). We welcome Tom as he begins his career at Northeastern, and we thank Minton for his many years at Northeastern and wish him all the best. For Minton, though, we know that he will continue what he loves to do: teach our students, as he did this past fall, and engage in research. Also of note, Bob Gilbert, in recognition of his scholarly accomplishments and continuing research agenda, began serving a term as the Edward Brooke Distinguished Professor (see page 4).

On the graduate level, we had a larger entering class of master’s degree students than we have had for at least fifteen years. We also offered the first on-line MPA courses. At the PhD level, our revised PhD in Political Science was officially implemented for the four doctoral students who joined the Department (see page 3).

In looking to the future, the big news will be college restructuring (see cover). This is a planning year that has involved many administrators, faculty, staff and students. By next September, the Department will be a member of the new College of Social Sciences and Humanities. We’ll provide a more detailed update in our summer newsletter.

To our alumni, I hope you enjoy reading about the Department. Please let us know if there are other ways we can connect with you, and I hope you’ll consider supporting the Department in the many activities in which we are engaged to further the teaching and scholarship missions of the Department and University.

Sincerely,

John Portz,
Professor and Chair

Highlights from Fall 2009 Events

Panel on the Obama Presidency

On September 9, as part of Welcome Week, the Department sponsored a panel on the new presidential administration of Barack Obama. Titled “The Obama Presidency: Rising or Falling Star?” Political Science Professors Michael Dukakis, Robert Gilbert and William Mayer gave their assessment of the first nine months of the Obama administration. The overall assessment was generally positive, but President Obama faces many challenges. Nine months is a short time span to judge a president, but the panelists noted that the expectations are high for the new administration.

Constitution Day

This year’s celebration of Constitution Day took place on September 24, with a faculty panel focused on the question: “Politics, Rights and the Constitution: Should There Be a Right to Health Care?” Featuring Political Science Professors Michael Dukakis, David Rochefort and Michael Tolley, along with Law School Professor Wendy Parmet, panelists explored various aspects of health care as a legal right. Professor Dukakis explored political aspects of this question; Professor Rochefort introduced public opinion polling data; Professor Tolley offered a cross-national comparison; and Professor Parmet highlighted the constitutional dimensions. It was an outstanding series of presentations on this very important issue that has occupied so much time on the national political stage over the past year.

MassASPA Public Policymaking Event

On November 2, the Master of Public Administration program and the Massachusetts’ Chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators held a forum titled “Explorations of Discretion and Trust: Public Policy-making by Elected Officials and Professional Administrators.” The event included a panel discussion exploring the different goals and perspectives that elected officials and professional administrators bring to public policy-making. The panel was moderated by Professor Michael Dukakis, and included Robert DeLeo, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Elizabeth Dromey, Director of Assessment for the City of Newton; Mary Beth Heffernan, Undersecretary of Public Safety for the Commonwealth Of Massachusetts; and Professor John Portz. Watertown School Committee and Town Council.

Graduate Program Reception

On Friday, November 6, 75 students, alumni, faculty and staff affiliated with our three graduate programs attended an evening reception at Northeastern University’s Alumni Center on Columbus Avenue. This was our first year in this new venue and it was an overwhelming success with close to double the number of participants from past years. At this reception, we welcomed the new students to our program, and became reacquainted with some older colleagues. We hope to see even more alumni and students at next year’s event.

Undergraduate Scholarships

Each year the Department awards a number of scholarships to undergraduate students based upon high merit, financial need, or competitive application. These awards are supported by endowments from individual or group donors.

Robert L. Cord Endowed Book Fund

The Robert L. Cord Endowed Book Fund was established by Professor Cord, alumni, and friends. Professor Cord is an emeritus member of the Department and was a Matthews Distinguished Professor. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students for the purpose of purchasing books and course materials. This year, a total of $2,500 was awarded to Nicholas Boston, Allyse Falce, Rory Farrell, Jeff Fontas, Kathleen Kirtz, Paul Marx, Christina Schlegel and Marita Spooner.

Sean Patrick O’Rourke Scholarship

The Sean Patrick O’Rourke Scholarship was established in 1989 through the generosity of Larry O’Rourke in memory of his son, Sean Patrick O’Rourke, a class of 1990 junior majoring in Political Science. This year, a total of $32,000 was awarded to the following seven students: Nicholas Boston, Christine Donnelly, Matthew Evola, Ryan Mulcahey, Jamie Richter, Brendan Rigby, and Matthew Soares.

For information on how you can make a contribution to assist current and future Political Science students, please see page 7 of this newsletter.
The Dialogue of Civilizations program has taken a new turn. This popular program has seen many Northeastern students spend 4 to 5 weeks in another country with a Northeastern faculty member. Professor Bruce Wallin has sponsored two Dialogues to Japan during the past two summers.

In August 2009, however, Wallin helped develop a “reverse” Dialogue in which sixteen Japanese students from Meiji University came to Northeastern. The students immersed themselves in U.S. history and culture. Over the course of two weeks, the Meiji students attended a series of lectures about the United States and explored the City of Boston, including a visit to the Massachusetts State House and the historical sites of Downtown Boston.

Northeastern students visiting Japan and Meiji students visiting Boston have had life-changing experiences. “Before the Dialogue, many Northeastern students had little understanding of what Japan was all about,” says Wallin. “When they finally experienced Japan they learned that the people face the same political problems and the same policy problems as we do. After that, they never thought about Japan in the same way.”

The same held true for the Meiji students visiting Northeastern. They gained a greater understanding of the U.S., shattering preconceived notions and heightening their awareness of the country's history along the way. Students participated in ten lectures on topics ranging from U.S. foreign policy and America’s relationship with Japan, to the history of Boston and U.S. cultural diversity.

The diversity among U.S. citizens sparked particular interest among the Japanese students. As one Meiji faculty member accompanying the students noted, “The U.S. has become a really multicultural society, whereas Japan is more homogeneous. By staying at Northeastern, our students started to understand the meaning of that diversity.”

Not all the trip was academic. Meiji students also had a chance to enjoy some down time, eating meals with their Northeastern peers and taking in the music scene.

This reverse Dialogue came out of a formal relationship established recently between Northeastern and Meiji University. Professor Wallin first visited Meiji University in 1989 and began a relationship with the university and faculty, including Dean Kosaku Dairokuno of Meiji’s School of Politics and Economics. Professor Wallin worked with Dean Dairokuno to develop an agreement, endorsed by the respective university presidents and boards of trustees, calling for student and faculty exchanges.

The agreement is already yielding more results. This fall a Northeastern student will begin studying at Meiji as an exchange student, and Meiji recently hired a new Northeastern doctoral graduate, Lubo Topaloff, as an assistant professor in political science.

Dean Dairokuno, Speaker DeLeo and Professor Wallin with students at the Massachusetts State House

Student Accomplishments

Chris Chanyasulkit (PhD Candidate) has been reappointed to a three-year-term to the Education Board of the American Public Health Association. Additionally, Chris has been confirmed for reappointment to the MA Commission on the Status of Women. She continues as a Vice-Chair for the Brookline Commission for Women, and Meiji recently hired a new Northeastern doctoral graduate, Lubo Topaloff, as an assistant professor in political science.

Christopher Cunningham (PhD student) had his article, “Northern Ireland and the ‘War on Terror’: Political Perceptions,” published in the September 2009 edition of Irish Political Studies. In this article, Christopher analyzes how the war against terrorism has affected political perceptions in Northern Ireland.

David Hutchinson (PhD student) had his journal article, titled “Memory for Images Intense Enough to Draw an Administration’s Attention: Television News and the ‘War on Terror’” published, with him listed as first author, in the March 2009 edition of Politics and the Life Sciences.

Six PhD students successfully passed their comprehensive examinations and reached candidacy in the Fall 2009 semester. The students are Guy Bellino, Robert DeLeo, Panagoula Diamanti-Karanou, Sheila Kohanteb, Eric Schoenfeld, and Marian Simion.
Graduate Programs in Political Science See Record Growth

Our graduate student body is larger than it has been in a long time. In this current academic year, we’ve welcomed 86 new graduate students – including 28 Master of Arts students, 53 Master of Public Administration students, and five Doctoral students – bringing the total number of graduate students in the Department to 175.

There have also been two major changes in our programs over the past year. One was the re-naming of our PhD program to the MPH in Political Science as announced in our summer 2009 newsletter. In fall 2009 we welcomed our first cohort of four students under this new title, but we also allowed current students to choose which of the two titles best matched their needs.

The other major change was the introduction of online course offerings in our Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. Starting this past fall, Northeastern became one of the first universities in New England to offer an MPA degree online.

Students admitted to the MPA program will now have the option of pursuing the degree on the Boston campus, online, or through a combination of online and on-campus coursework. Admission standards and curriculum requirements are identical for online and on-campus study. This past fall we offered three courses online and we are offering the same number in the spring semester.

Professor Laurie Dopkins of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs has been directing the transition to this new mode of course delivery for us, along with a team of online course experts at Northeastern University Online.

We’ve also had a number of graduate students complete their degrees with us this past year. Since last winter, we’ve had 19 students receive their MA degrees and 13 students graduate from the MPA program.

Of special note are the three students who successfully defended their dissertation this past year: Kevin Donnelly, Emily Neal, and Liubomir Topaloff. Kevin, whose dissertation was titled “The Rhetoric of Reform: Examining the Role of Political Language in Rhode Island’s Health Care Debate” is now an assistant professor at Bridgewater State College. Emily Neal, who defended her dissertation titled “Playtime Preservation: Public-Private Partnerships in Public Land Management” in August, is currently an assistant professor at St. Louis Community College in Missouri. Liubomir, whose dissertation was titled “Cuing Euroscepticism, or What Parties Make of It,” will be moving to Japan, where he has been offered a position as assistant professor at Meiji University (see page 3).

Of final note is the upcoming re-accreditation site visit for our MPA program taking place this March. A committee representing the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NAS- PAA) will be visiting our campus to speak with faculty, current students, employers and alumni as part of a review process which takes place every seven years.

Gilbert Appointed Brooke Chair

Professor Robert E. Gilbert was recently appointed the Edward W. Brooke Professor of Political Science.

Professor Gilbert is a scholar of the American presidency, most recently focusing on issues of presidential disability and succession. He has authored four books and numerous articles and book chapters. He has lectured widely in the United States and abroad. In 1994, he was appointed to the Working Group on Presidential Disability by former President Carter and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. The Report and Recommendations of the Working Group were presented to President Clinton at the White House in 1996. Professor Gilbert is a University Excellence in Teaching Award winner. In 2004, he delivered the Robert D. Klein University Lecture, speaking on “Presidential Disability in the Age of Terrorism.”

As Brooke Professor, Gilbert continues his research and will work toward completing a psycho-biography of President John F. Kennedy that is now underway. Also, he will host a conference on issues related to the American presidency.

Professor Gilbert joined the Department of Political Science in 1973. He served as Chair of the Department for twelve years (1978-1990), and has served on many University and College committees. He also served on the editorial board of Northeastern University Press.

The Edward W. Brooke Professorship was established in 1975 by Alvin Zises, a member of the Northeastern University Board of Trustees. The Professorship was created to honor Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke, the first African-American ever elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote (1967-1979). Prior to his election to the Senate, Brooke served as Attorney General of the Commonwealth. More recently, in October 2009, he was awarded a Medal of Achievement by the U.S. Congress for his many contributions to American society at a ceremony attended by President Obama.

The chair endowed in Brooke’s name provides research support for a three-year term, renewable to five years. Prior to Gilbert’s appointment, the Brooke Chair was held most recently by Professor David E. Schmitt and, earlier, by Professor Walter S. Jones.
Department Welcomes New Faculty

The Department is pleased to welcome four new full-time faculty members for this academic year.

David Lazer joins the Department as an associate professor with a joint position in the College of Computer and Information Sciences. His expertise is in network analysis. He studies the political and organizational implications of different social networks, particularly those that are based on electronic connections, such as the Internet. A recent project, for example, focused on the use of web sites by members of Congress as a means to connect to constituents. His most recent book is a co-edited volume titled, Governance and Information Technology: From Electronic Government to Information Government. Professor Lazer earned a PhD in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and he joins the Department most recently from a position at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Thomas Vicino is an urban and public policy scholar who joins the Department as an assistant professor. His areas of expertise include urban and suburban politics as well as public policy. His research includes issues of race, class and economic change in urban and suburban areas. In 2008, he published Transforming Race and Class in Suburb: Decline in Metropolitan Baltimore. He is a co-author of Cities and Suburbs: New Metropolitan Realities in the U.S., published in 2009. Prior to joining the faculty at Northeastern, he taught at the University of Texas-Arlington and Wheaton College. Professor Vicino earned his PhD in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Natalie Bormann, who has taught as an adjunct faculty member in the Department for several years, is a visiting assistant professor during this academic year. Her areas of teaching and research include European politics, international relations theory, and American foreign policy. In 2008, she published National Missile Defense and U.S. Identity: A Postcultural Critique, and this past year she co-edited a volume entitled, Securing Outer Space: International Relations Theory and the Politics of Space. Professor Bormann earned her PhD in International Politics from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.

Philip D’Agati is a full-time lecturer in the Department during this academic year, after teaching as a part-time lecturer and advanced doctoral candidate in the Department for a number of years. His area of expertise is international relations. In addition to teaching courses, Professor D’Agati continues to mentor and teach the relevant courses for Northeastern’s Model United Nations and Model Arab League programs. His dissertation, titled “Nationalism on the World Stage: Cultural Performances at the Modern Olympic Games,” is under review for publication. Professor D’Agati earned a PhD in Public and International Affairs from the Department.

Goldman Speaks on U.S. and Russia

On December 17, Professor Minton Goldman gave a talk in the Department’s conference room on “Lessons from the U.S.-Russian Rivalry in Central Asia.”

Professor Goldman identified three key lessons. First, Russia will continue to have a predominance of influence in ex-Soviet central Asia. Second, central Asian republics have good reason to accommodate Russia’s expectations in the region even as they strengthen ties to the U.S. Third, the U.S. has had a difficult time implementing effective policies in Central Asia.

In light of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. needs to build more effective ties with the central Asian republics. These lessons build from Professor Goldman’s recent book, Rivalry in Eurasia: Russia, the United States and the War on Terror (Praeger, 2009).

Although officially retired in the summer of 2009, we are glad to report that Professor Goldman continues to teach and be involved in the academic work of the Department with the status of Professor Emeritus.
Alumni News

Danielle Chaplick (BS’06) is employed at the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission. She works with cities and towns as they consider joining the GIC as their health care provider for municipal employees. She’s also an avid runner and is preparing for the Boston Marathon. If you would like to support her run for the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center, follow this link, www.firstgiving.com/daniellechaplick.

Capt. Claudia Crossland (MA’01) recently completed the MS in Geological Engineering at Missouri University of Science & Technology, after serving in the U.S. Army for a year in Baghdad. Claudia reported to Fort Bragg, North Carolina this past October to the 20th Engineer Brigade.

Keith Dubanevich (BS’80) has entered public service after 25 years of practicing law initially in Houston, Texas and later in Portland, Oregon. Keith has been appointed Special Counsel to the Oregon Attorney General. He provides advice on consumer and business issues and civil rights. Keith obtained his JD from Tulane University Law School in New Orleans.

Myron Greenberg (BA’65, MA’67) recently published a Review of Michael S. Goodman’s Spying on the Nuclear Bear: Anglo-American Intelligence and the Soviet Bomb, in the Autumn 2009 issue of Naval War College Review. Myron currently works as a Contract Administrator in the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Aeronautical Systems Division and over his long career has been published on many occasions.

Ivo Tankov (MPA’09) has been hired as an associate in the Tax Services Department of Ernst & Young in Poland. As an associate, Ivo will specialize in providing tax advice during mergers and acquisitions of government as well as publicly traded companies. Ernst & Young is one of the biggest financial/consulting services companies in the world.

Itir Tokosz (PhD, 2007) had her peer-reviewed article, titled “The Turkish Military’s Perception of Instability as an External Threat and Terrorism,” published by The Defense Against Terrorism Review.

MPA Alum named President-Elect of APWA

George R. Crombie (MPA’89) was recently elected President of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Elected by APWA’s 29,000 members, Crombie serves in this leadership position with the new President, Larry T. Koehle, P.Eng., the Director of Public Works and Engineering for the Town of Caledon, Ontario. The APWA provides educational services and promotes increased investment in public works and infrastructure systems. Crombie will assume the presidency of APWA in 2010-11.

Crombie, who also taught as a part-time professor in the program for several years, is currently president of Crombie Consulting, specializing in public works/utility management, education and sustainability management. He recently served as Secretary of Natural Resources for the State of Vermont, overseeing more than 600 employees and an $80 million budget. Crombie’s career has included public works directorships in the cities and towns of Durham, NH; Burlington, VT; Nashua, NH; and Plymouth, MA. He also served as the Undersecretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In his APWA career, Crombie was key to initiating the Blueprint for Education and Certification for public works professionals. He was also named one of APWA’s Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year in 2002, was a former recipient of a Jennings Randolph Fellowship, and was awarded the Charles Walter Nichols Award in 2001 for his work on environmental issues. Prior to being named President-Elect, Crombie was serving a second term as APWA Board Director-At-Large, Environmental Management. In addition to his MPA degree from Northeastern University, Crombie holds a BS degree from the University of New Hampshire.

Meeting with Alumni in D.C.

On July 31, 2009, nine Political Science alumni gathered in Washington, D.C. to hear from Department Chair John Portz. Portz spoke about recent changes in the Department and shared material that had been distributed at the recent 50th Anniversary event of the Department. Alumni shared their “NU stories” and where their career paths had taken them. The sixties were particularly well-represented with four alumni from that decade. In attendance were: Richard Melia (BA’66), Beverly Ann Bendekgey (BA’69), Neil Friedman (BA’69), Arthur Peabody (BA’69), David Lustig (BA’69), Andy Sakallaris (BA’74, MA’77), Renee Rappaport (BA’77), Joe Lillis (BS’93), and Christopher Hogan (BS’94). We hope to stay in contact, despite busy schedules. For those in the D.C. area, Northeastern has a very active alumni chapter, led by Joe. To learn about upcoming events and activities, check the chapter website at www.northeastern.edu/alumni/chapters/dc/.

On the previous night, Professor Portz met for dinner with Richard Joyce (BA’68) and his wife, Valerie Stucky. The conversation included stories and updates from Northeastern as well as the career paths followed by Richard, who retired as a senior equal opportunity specialist with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Valerie, who retired as a resource specialist at NASA.
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by a general atmosphere of chaos and suspicion. Denmark was the host country, but it did not provide an atmosphere conducive for negotiations and compromise. Shortly before the conference, it removed its minister of the environment and put in place someone who lacked the charisma and clout to conduct successful negotiations. Developing countries were very suspicious and opposed a draft document by this new minister.

The developing countries also contributed to the chaos when they chose as their representative a top climate negotiator who came from a country that lacks strong standing in the international community.

In this deeply divisive scenario, the Northeastern Huskies thrived. They met inspiring people: Vice-President Al Gore, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, New York Times columnist and author Thomas L. Friedman, and people who are single-handedly changing the status quo in their municipalities, communities, towns, and townships. In other words, Northeastern students have learned that top down change may seem extremely difficult to achieve with a very slow and deeply divisive process. However, significant bottom-up change and innovation is already occurring at the local level across the world.

We were all present at a panel that launched the “Amazon Fund.” This is perhaps one of the most significant achievements of Copenhagen: the idea that carbon-retention forests have to be preserved and funds must be established for that end.

Opportunities for learning were unprecedented. We attended incredible lectures all over town, met extraordinary people, and experienced remarkable moments. We were there, and our presence has changed our lives. For me, the best part was to have the Northeastern students with me. They were appreciative, thankful for the opportunity Northeastern had provided them, and genuinely wanted to see a breakthrough. All of us who attended are now inspired to keep on working for the overarching goal that was lost during the negotiations: to save our Planet, now!

-Kate Bendoraitis (BA10)

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Political Science students seek to understand “how government really works.” We study flow-charts, dissect opinion pieces, examine statistics, read case studies, and argue endlessly with one another, all in pursuit of that goal.

All that study, however, is a little like looking at an architect’s plans for a house and walking around in the yard, then trying to guess what the people inside are doing; you won’t really ever know what they’re doing, or understand why they’re doing it, unless you’re in the house with them.

Working at the State Ethics Commission put me right at the dinner table of Massachusetts state and local government. And sometimes the family fights got pretty ugly. As an Enforcement Division intern, I was responsible for the initial investigations of complaints that municipal officials had violated conflict of interest laws (i.e. accepted a bribe, hired their brother, approved a government contract for their private business partner, etc.). Sometimes the complaints were true.

It was kind of thrilling, but also disappointing to see how corrupt and outrageous government can sometimes be. But in other cases the complaint was made because of a misunderstanding, a grudge, hard feelings, or a lie, and no real violation had taken place. Yet no matter the outcome, with each complaint I investigated, I learned more and more about the inner-workings of state and local government.

But the most important knowledge that I walked away with was that what one person sees as a miscarriage of justice, a misuse of public funds, or a downright scandal, someone else sees as vindication, their saving grace, or simply the only way it could all work out. In a sense, whether government is “good” or “bad” is relative. When I finally left my position with the State Ethics Commission almost two years later, I left with that knowledge. It’s something I never could have gained from a book, and it’s given me a truer understanding of “how government really works.”

-Kate Bendoraitis (BA10)

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