

Department of Political Science, University of Missouri
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Alumni News
2008-2009
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Brian Bough (MA 2007) works as an education research analyst at the Division of Performance and Accountability, Bureau of Indian Education in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Maqsood Choudary (PhD 1991) now teaches at Northeast Lakeview College, the newest (2007) campus of Alamo Community Colleges, in San Antonio (Live Oak, Texas). His son received a degree in aeronautical engineering at Iowa State and works in the Washington, DC, area.

Steve Galatas (PhD 2000), assistant professor at Stephen F. Austin State University, is coauthor of *Lone Star Politics: Tradition and Transformation in Texas*. He was also elected vice president of the Midwest Canadian Studies Association at the organization's biannual meeting in St. Louis.

Jae-Woo Hong (PhD 2004) accepted a position at Inje University in Gimhae (near Busan), South Korea. He was formerly at the Center for Comparative Democratic Studies in Seoul.

Daniel Jones-White (MA 2004) works as an analyst for the Office of Institutional Research at the University of Minnesota. He formerly worked for Institutional Review and Planning at the University of Missouri.

Jaechul Lee (PhD 2005) accepted a position at Sogang University in

Joni Smith-Criswell (MA 2005) is employed at the Office of the Secretary of State, in Jefferson City.

Tara Warne (PhD 2008) provides policy development and assessment as a research analyst for Washington University in St. Louis. She formerly worked for Institutional Review and Planning at the University of Missouri.

Jongbin Yoon (PhD 1999) is on sabbatical from Myong Ji University and is spending the academic year 2008-09 as a visiting scholar in Political Science at the University of Missouri.

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Charles Menifield (PhD 1996) received the 2007 V.O. Key Award. His book with Stephen D. Shaffer, *Politics in the New South*, was named the outstanding book on Southern politics in the previous year. Menifield is professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Political Science at the University of Memphis.

Lilian Barria (PhD 2000) and **Steve Roper** (PhD 1995) have visiting positions at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in Qatar. Both are on leave from the Department of Political Science at Eastern Illinois University.

David Feldman (PhD 1979) is the new Chair of the Department of Planning, Policy and Design School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine. He had been at the University of Tennessee for fifteen years.

Ahmet Sozen (PhD 1999) has joined the faculty in the Department of International Relations at Eastern Mediterranean University in Cyprus. He was formerly at Bahcesehir University in Turkey.

Dewey Clayton (PhD 1995) was recently promoted to full professor at the University of Louisville.

B.J. Reed (PhD 1977) was named Executive Assistant to the Chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and has served as Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service since 2000. He has been on the faculty at UNO since 1982.

Sungdai Cho (PhD 1999) is on sabbatical from Hanshin University and is spending the calendar year 2008 as a visiting scholar in Political Science at the University of Missouri.

Brian Bough (MA 2007) accepted a position with the American Indian Records Repository (Department of Interior) in Lenexa, KS.

Maureen Gallagher (MA 2006) returned to Missouri and continues to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She previously resided in Virginia.

Recent placements of PhDs include:

Yasemin Akbaba (2006) at Gettysburg College,
Rick Almeida (2006) at Francis Marion University,
Adrian Ang (ABD) at Florida International University,
Balkan Devlen (2007) at Izmir University of Economics,
Donald Gooch (ABD) at Arkansas Tech University,
Byong-Kuen Jhee (2006) in the Peace Research Institute at Korea University,
Cigdem Kentmen (2007) at Izmir University of Economics,
Ozgur Ozdamar at Economics and Technology University,
Dursun Peksen (2008) at East Carolina University,
Zeynep Taydas (2006) at Clemson University,
Rollin Tusalem (ABD) at Arkansas State University,
Jason Wells (2005) at the Central Intelligence Agency, and
Enyu Kathy Zhang (2006) at Seattle University.