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His work has appeared in *Social Science Quarterly*, *American Political Science Review*, *National Journal of Political Science*, *Publius*, *International Migration Review*, and other refereed journals, as well as many chapters in edited volumes. His more recent book, *Latino Politics in America: Community, Culture and Interest*, is scheduled for a second edition in 2008 by Rowman and Littlefield Press. He has completed a research project funded by the Russell Sage Foundation on the intersection of immigrant status and racial and ethnic identity. Currently, his primary focus lies with three book projects (along with co-PI's) regarding the examination of political behaviors and attitudes and bases of a political community for Latinos in the U.S.

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She teaches courses on judicial process and behavior, civil liberties, law and public policy, and American state institutions.

Professor Langer's research interests are in the areas of judicial politics and behavior, American state political institutions, public policy, and methodology. She has refereed journal articles appearing or forthcoming in *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Her book, *Judicial Review in State Supreme Courts: A Comparative Study*, is published with the State University of New York University Press. In her book, she examines the conditions under which justices on American state courts of last resort vote strategically or sincerely when they invoke the power of judicial review. She finds that justices alter their voting behavior depending on the ideological distance from the other branches of government, institutional rules, political settings, and the saliency of the policy. Most recently, she received a National Science Foundation Career Development Grant to evaluate the relationships among justices on state courts of last resort, legislators, governors, interest groups, and the public, using original data from court cases and personal elite interviews. She also is working on projects that examine the rule of law and judicial autonomy in cross-national settings, selection of chief justices on American state courts of last resort, as well as the impact of federalism on income inequality in the American states.

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Jan Leighley received her Ph.D. from Washington University in 1988. Her research examines questions pertinent to American political behavior, particularly political mobilization and voter turnout. She has published widely in the leading journals of the discipline, including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science* and the *Journal of Politics*. Her most recent book is *Strength in Numbers: The Political Mobilization of Racial and Ethnic Minorities* (Princeton University Press), and she has also published an undergraduate textbook, *Media and Politics* (Houghton Mifflin). From 2001 to 2005, she served as editor of the *American Journal of Political Science*. Her current research focuses on the determinants and consequences of voter turnout in the U.S., the effects of various state policies regarding election administration and voter registration, and how the racial context structures individuals' involvements in politics.

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Barbara Norrander received here PhD from The Ohio State University in 1982 and has been a member of the Department since 1990. She is a leading expert on presidential nominations, and also conducts research on the gender gap and state public opinion. She regularly publishes in the major academic journals, including the *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political*

Science, and *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Recent articles include “The Gender Gap in Latin America: Contextual and Individual Influences on Gender and Political Participation,” co-authored with Scott Desposato in the *British Journal of Political Science* (2008), “The Attrition Game: Initial Resources, Initial Contests and the Exit of Candidates During the US Presidential Primary Season,” *British Journal of Political Science* (2006), and “The End Game in Post-Reform Presidential Nominations,” *Journal of Politics* (2000). She is coeditor with Clyde Wilcox of *Understanding Public Opinion*, 2nd edition (CQ Press, 2002).

Professor Norrander teaches Introduction to American National Government (POL 201), Political Parties (POL 231), Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (POL 435), and seminars in the graduate program. Her coauthored book with Michael Corbett, *American Government: Using MicroCase ExplorIt*, 9th edition (Wadsworth 2006), is the leading computer-based workbook for courses on American government. She is the past president of the Western Political Science Association and been a member of the executive board for the Midwest Political Science Association and the editorial boards of *the American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics* and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

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William Mishler received his Ph.D. from Duke University. Before moving to Arizona in 1997, he held tenured positions at Duke University, SUNY Buffalo, and as James F. Byrnes Professor of Government at the University of South Carolina. He also has served on two occasions as Director of the Political Science Program at the National Science Foundation.

A specialist in democratic theory, he teaches and writes extensively on public opinion, political representation, and the dynamics of popular support for democratic parties, leaders and regimes. His articles have appeared in most of the leading journals including the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies and Legislative Studies Quarterly. His books include: *Influence in Parliament*; *Political Participation in Canada*; *Representative Democracy in the Canadian Provinces*; *The Resurgence of Conservatism in Anglo-American Democracies*; *Controversies in Political Economy*; and *Democracy and its Alternatives: Understanding Post-Communist Societies*. His most recent book, *Russia Transformed: Developing Popular Support for a New Regime* (Cambridge, 2007) uses 15 years of original survey data from post-communist Russia to explore the nature, extent, and dynamics of public support for the new regime that has emerged there and to understand the prospects for the development of a more authentic Russian democracy. His current research focuses on two distinct problems: the responsiveness of American political institutions to public opinion, and the dynamics of popular support for democratizing regimes.

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William A. Welsh received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1965, and eventually came to the University of Arizona in September, 1990, where he initially served as Director of International Programs.

His fields of specialization are health policy and comparative social and economic policy. He works on projects in the former socialist countries of East-Central and Eastern Europe in the fields of health care, higher education, and human resource development. These projects have been supported by various agencies such as the U.S. Government, the World Health Organization, and private foundations.

Professor Welsh has been active in many national and international organizations. He served as Executive Director of the International Studies Association, and has held positions on the National Task Force on Undergraduate Education, the International Commission of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the Steering Committee of the Coalition for the Advancement of Foreign Languages and International Studies, and the Board of Trustees of the Consortium for International Development.

Professor Welsh has held Visiting Professorships at the universities of Munich, Bamberg, and Istanbul; at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Vienna), the International Institute of Management (Science Center, Berlin), and the Inter-University Center for Post-Graduate Studies (Dubrovnik). He has delivered invited lectures in 17 countries in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

He is the author or co-author of six books and many scholarly articles, and has directed research or administrative units at four U.S. universities.

His formal honors include an honorary degree from the Medical University of Pecs, Hungary; the Medal of Commendation from the City of Pecs (one of two foreigners to receive this award); selection as the Arizona Honors Academy Professor; and awards for teaching excellence from three universities. His research has been supported by the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Endowment, the Volkswagen Foundation (Germany), the Earhart Foundation, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany), and agencies of the United States Government.

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John Willerton received his Ph.D. from Michigan University in 1985. His teaching and research interests is in comparative politics, Russian foreign and domestic politics, and comparative political elites. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, and has worked at the University of Arizona since coming to Tucson from Michigan State University. Professor Willerton's current research projects involve an examination of the post-Soviet Russian presidency and executive branch, Russian involvement in the CIS and its foreign policy in the area of the FSU (former Soviet Union), and the politics of semi-presidentialism in France (e.g., political cohabitation). Author of *Patronage and Politics in the USSR*, his roughly three dozen articles and chapters have appeared in numerous disciplinary and area studies journals and professional symposia.

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Professor Dixon's recent research has focused on international conflict and conflict management, and on the role of domestic governing institutions on international relations. His articles have appeared in a variety of journals such as *International Organization*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and the *American Political Science Review*.

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Gary Goertz received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1988. Gary Goertz teaches political science at the University of Arizona. He is the author or co-author of seven books and over 40 articles on issues of international politics, methodology, and conflict studies. He is the author of "Contexts of International Politics" (Cambridge 1994) and co-author with Paul Diehl of "Territorial Changes and International Conflict" (Routledge 1992) and "War and Peace in International Rivalry" (University of Michigan Press, 2000). His current interests include on conflict management and conflict resolution, for which he and Paul Diehl have received a National Science Foundation grant. Other research interests include the theory of international institutions and norms for which he has also received an NSF grant and published a book "International norms and decision making: a punctuated equilibrium model." He is currently working on a large project on the evolution of international institutions, focusing on how they adopt conflict management dimensions. Having been trained as a statistician before his Ph.D. in political science, he has an active and ongoing involvement with methodological issues. Currently the topic of necessary conditions, their theory and methodology occupy him and on which he has co-edited a anthology on topic this topic, "Necessary Conditions: Theory, Methodology, and Applications" (Rowman & Littlefield 2002). He is co-editor of the anthology "Necessary Conditions: Theory, Methodology, and Applications" (2003) and "Explaining War and Peace: Case Studies and Necessary Condition Counterfactuals," (2007). He is editor of a special issue of Political Analysis entitled "Causal Complexity and Qualitative Methods" (2006). His most recent methodological work deals with the construction of concepts "Social Science Concepts: A User's Guide" (2006 Princeton University Press) and "Politics, Gender, and Concepts: Theory and Methodology" (2008 Cambridge University Press).

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V. Spike Peterson received her Ph.D. from American University in 1988. She has courtesy appointments in Women's Studies, Comparative Cultural and Literary Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, and International Studies. She edited and contributed to *Gendered States: Feminist (Re)Visions of International Relations Theory* (1992) and co-authored (with Anne Sisson Runyan) *Global Gender Issues* (1993, 1999), which was one of the first and still most widely used texts on gender and world politics. Her most recent book, *A Critical Rewriting of Global Political Economy: Integrating Reproductive, Productive and Virtual Economies* (2003), introduced an alternative analytics for examining intersections of ethnicity/race, class, sex/gender and national hierarchies in the context of today's globalizing--and polarizing--dynamics. Her current research investigates informalization and 'coping, combat and criminal economies' in conflict zones. She has published more than fifty journal articles, reviews and book chapters on the topics of feminist international relations theory, global political economy, nationalism, democratization, heterosexism, human rights, and critical poststructuralist and feminist theory.

Peterson has been awarded a MacArthur Foundation Research and Writing Grant (1996), a Fulbright Scholarship for research in the Czech Republic (1997), a Udall Center Public Policy Fellowship (2007), and a Rockefeller Bellagio Scholarly Residency (2008). She has held the position of Visiting Research Scholar at Australian National University (1995), University of Bristol (1998), University of Göteborg (2000) and the London School of Economics (2007, 2008). She has guest lectured at numerous universities in the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe and been an invited speaker at international conferences in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Peterson currently serves as an Academic Associate of the Atlantic Council of the United States and on the editorial boards of *International Feminist Journal of Politics*; *Globalizations*; *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*; *New Political Science*; *Politics & Gender*; Palgrave Studies in International Relations; Westview's "Dilemmas in World Politics" Series; and Routledge's "Review of International Political Economy" Series. In 2000-2001 she received the national Mentor Award of the Society for Women in International Political Economy, as well as the Provost's General Education Teaching Award at the University of Arizona. She regularly teaches a General Education course (INDV 101: Politics of Difference: Race/Ethnicity, Class, Gender and Sexualities), undergraduate courses in political science that are cross-listed with Women's Studies, and graduate seminars on contemporary social theory, theories of the state, and global political economy.

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Professor Volgy's research interests include: international structures and international conflict; comparative foreign policy analysis; public policy analysis; and American politics (including voting behavior and the effects of mass media and gendered roles on political culture). His work has appeared in *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journalism Quarterly*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *World Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Prospect*, *Harvard Business Review*, and *New Republic*, as well as other journals. He co-authored *The Forgotten Americans* (1992) about working poverty in America, *Politics in the Trenches* (2001), about democracy, local governance and changing political culture in the United States, and more recently his book about post Cold War global relations, *International Politics and State Strength* was published in 2003. His latest work on world order architecture is scheduled for publication in 2008 by Blackwell Publishers.

Apart from his research and teaching interests, he has been active in the local and global community. He served in office for 14 years, including as Mayor of Tucson, and he assisted in democratization and public policy training programs in East Europe and Central Asia between 1989 and the present.

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