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From Ideas to Policies to Action

Department of Political Science

Some of the world's biggest conundrums are caused by a lack of political consensus, capabilities, and will. Political scientists work to solve these problems, thereby charting a path forward for institutions, communities, and citizens who work actively toward a better world.

CU-Boulder's Department of Political Science is nationally recognized for the study of political theory and practice. Our teaching and research is global as well as local: along with specializations in Latin America, Europe, and Asia, our curricula focus on the complex factors shaping Colorado and national political events. Our faculty has a distinguished record of academic and research achievement.

Our students learn not only through classroom work but also off-campus experiences, traveling the globe to conduct original research. Department of Political Science undergraduates have interned in executive, legislative, and judicial offices as well as campaigns, and with governmental agencies, interest groups, and other institutions directly involved in the political process.

The need to solve political problems is greater than ever—and so is our ability to solve them. Your support for the Department of Political Science not only will bolster our student and faculty efforts, but help convert ideas into action, and promote positive change around the world and here at home.

"We know how to build solar panels, but when it comes to getting communities to invest in them, we've got a ways to go. Scientists and engineers have devised solutions to reduce our carbon footprint. We need to figure out how to get it done politically."



**Kenneth Bickers, Chair
Department of Political Science**



*Ketchum, home of the Department
of Political Science*

The department maintains an active research agenda, with strengths in American politics, comparative politics, international relations, policy, and political theory. In recent years, our faculty have published numerous books and articles in the discipline's most prestigious academic journals and university presses, and they continue to conduct innovative research on some of the most important issues of our time, including climate change, global poverty, U.S. elections and social policy, and violent international conflict.



CU-Boulder political science graduate students attract acclaim well beyond campus. The doctoral research of **Bozena Welborne (above, at left)**, which has earned her prestigious Boren and Fulbright fellowships, explores the impacts of the increasing presence of women in Middle Eastern and North African government agencies. **Glenn Wright** and **Maureen Donaghy** have also won nationwide competitions to fund their research in Central and South America.

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We are raising funds for these initiatives:

Endowed Visiting Professorship: By bringing to CU-Boulder prominent scholars for year-long appointments, our students will be continually able to tap new sources of expertise—as will our faculty and the larger community. Donor funding in the area enables our department to attract the best and brightest thinkers from around the academic landscape. *Goal: \$50,000-\$75,000, annually*

Integrated Research Teams: Unlike many large public universities, we can expose select political science undergraduates to research opportunities starting junior year—affording them an opportunity to break new ground in the field on subjects as diverse as U.S. elections and women politicians in Latin America, and giving them a leg up on their peers when applying for jobs. We seek funding for four to six undergraduates to work with graduate students on faculty-directed research for up to two years. *Goal: \$40,000-\$50,000 per team, annually*

Student Scholarship and Travel Fund: Political science students maximize their education by attending and presenting at conferences that expose them to cutting-edge political science ideas and trends, and through internships that illuminate intersections between theory and real world. Limited finances prevent some students from participating in these opportunities, which include nationally prominent programs such as Model EU and Model UN. We're raising funds so more students can share these experiences. *Goal: \$20,000, annually*

Legacy Endowment Fund: Seeded by capital growth from a \$500 gift made in 1906 and more recent gifts by generous donors, this fund will grow into an annually distributed fund to support a variety of department needs, from dissertation fieldwork, to development of new teaching techniques, to research on topics from Congressional accountability to big-box retailers' impact on local politics. *Goal: \$14,000, annually*

Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges

Understanding politics has been at the heart of academic inquiry for more than two millennia, yet these remain exciting times for this increasingly collaborative, cross-disciplinary field. Today's CU-Boulder Department of Political Science is strongly committed to engaging our undergraduate and graduate students in thinking about and preparing for the challenges they face. Your support will help us achieve these goals.



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