Great change, but also great promise -- new faculty, additional new space (on the POT 11th floor), and new initiatives.

Time of Transition

We knew this day would come, but Professor John Stempel is retiring, marking the end of the Stempel/Davis team, whose legacy of leadership stretches back to 1972. Stacy Closson will formally replace Stempel as a new permanent assistant professor and an additional faculty search is already underway.

New Budget Model

Next year, the University of Kentucky moves to a new “value based” financial model that will likely put significant financial stress on a number of academic programs across campus. The aim is to create a more consistent and transparent flow of resources to academic units that generate revenue, making possible the best use of diminishing state appropriations.

By all initial indications the Patterson School should be fine. Our endowment will continue to fund our extensive co-curricular activities -- like our Spring Break trip -- and programming which should continue at the same intense level, if not increase. Atlanta is the likely destination for this year’s Spring trip, which may also include a day visit to Fort Benning to obtain firsthand exposure to Army infantry and armor, as well as a bundle of traditional stops at corporations, government agencies and NGOs in Georgia and Tennessee.

Great Speakers/Events

This semester saw 36 speakers coming to Patterson, including a US ambassador who lost her job due to Wikileaks, a half-dozen additional FSOs, and diplomats from Gabon, India, the United Kingdom, Ecuador, and Indonesia. We also heard from a stellar cross section of Patterson School grads who detailed the contributions they are making to diplomacy, development and commerce. These included Ambassador Noel Nelson Messone ’91, Amy Gamblin ’02, Christine O’Neal ’04, JT Ice ’06, and Amanda Mullikin ’10.

The semester saw two signature events: the Vince Davis lecture, delivered by Ambassador Messone; and the Spragens Banking lecture, presented by Swiss financial expert Thierry Malleret. Students also participated in the visit of “Silver Fox” Anderson Cooper to UK to learn about his experience working in combat zones.

Key activities included the US Army War College negotiation exercise, visits to Toyota and Three Chimneys Farm, and our annual Fall Conference.
Patterson School Faculty

Faculty: Arrivals and Departures

The Patterson School core faculty size remains set at ten, but the number of associated/affiliated faculty continues to grow. Once again, Ambassador George Staples missed the annual faculty group picture (above).

In January, Stacy Closson will move into the tenure-track faculty line that was freed when Professor John Stempel retired effective the end of December 2013. We are also saddened to announce that Professor Evan Hillebrand will retire at the conclusion of the Spring 2014 semester. Dr. John Charalambakis teaching responsibilities are now expanding. In addition to commanding our August “Economics Bootcamp” for new students, he will teach international development Spring semester.

New to our faculty lineup next Fall is Visiting Professor of Diplomatic Practice Anupam Ray. Ray is currently a minister at the Indian Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, having returned from New York where he served as head of India’s UN Security Council team. He will be assigned to the Patterson School for two years. In a similar vein, Director Carey Cavanaugh has been in discussion with the Director-General of Hanban in Beijing about bringing a Chinese scholar/practitioner to the Patterson School under the Confucius Institute’s new China Studies program. Finally, an academic search is already underway to add an additional scholar/practitioner to the program at the associate professor level.

3rd Wednesday of Each Month

Lexington Alumni Lunches

Acting on earlier discussions with Suzanne Anandappa ’07 and Andrea Welker ’08, we have decided to test holding a no host alumni lunch in Lexington at noon on the third Wednesday of every month. Just check the Patterson School calendar for the location and if you happen to be in town, are interested, and available, feel free to drop by -- no pre-notification or reservation will be required. There will also always be at least one faculty member present. We’d love to see you.

Mark your calendars: 12:00 pm on January 15th at Local Taco on Limestone.

2013 Fall Conference

Water

This year’s Fall Conference concentrated on water, in all of its dimensions. Key issue areas included water governance and the human right to water, water security and conflict prevention, the environment and water, the impact of climate change in South Asia, Law of the Sea and navigation, and the China-Japan East China Sea dispute. The keynote address was given by Summer Reading author David Feldman who discussed “Water and Climate: Charting a sustainable future.”
End of an Era
Stempel Farewell

Colleagues, Students, and Friends:

The last third of my life has been spent at the Patterson School. I deeply cherish these years, and the people that made them so wonderful, most especially my wife Susan, whom I met after I got here. My colleagues, from Vince Davis through Carey Cavanaugh, have been superb partners and friends. My students -- well, they have greatly enriched my life. All have been delightful associates in the process of equipping not just America, but other countries as well, with the folks needed to make the world a better place to live and to protect our values.

As I settle into retirement, I am very grateful to the school for naming the new award for best performance in each year’s comprehensive exams in my honor. My main focus is on rest for the immediate future, but I hope to see many of you from time to time, either here in Lexington, or in other strange and wonderful places.
Q&A

Professor Stacy Closson

Congratulations on becoming an Assistant Professor at Patterson.

Thank you. I was a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer for three years, and it’s nice to be recognized as someone the faculty and students wish to remain.

What has been your most memorable experiences at Patterson thus far?

Professor Hillebrand and I designed the 2011 Fall Conference, which explored scenarios at the nexus of energy prices, economic growth, and geopolitics. We’re now putting the finishing touches on a monograph for MIT Press. Also, the 2013 spring break trip. Students and faculty traveled together in a bus across Ohio, Michigan and into Canada, stopping all along the way to learn about US-Canadian border issues, Japanese-American business relations, Arab-American relations, and Detroit’s efforts to revitalize their economy.

Which classes have you enjoyed teaching?

Energy Security is my most challenging because the issues are in constant motion. I’ve moved from looking mostly at the geopolitics of oil and gas, to address the environment, innovation, and social issues. My research has followed alongside, going from Russian geopolitics to US military energy innovation. Weak States and International Security is fun and popular with students. It probes what the US and EU have deemed the ‘number one security challenge,’ examining causes of state weakness, trans-national threats emanating from weaker states, and policies to ameliorate these threats.

You worked before in government?

Yes, I entered the Defense Department as a Presidential Management Intern after my Masters degree and was there for 6 years with tours in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, USEMB Kiev, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where I was the Ukraine and later Caucasus policy desk officer. I left OSD in 2002 to pursue a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics.

Could you tell us about the new one credit course you devised focused on professional development.

In addition to government, I’ve worked for an NGO, a consultancy firm, and three think tanks. This has given me a lot of perspective on what’s needed to get a job. After assisting some students with their resumes, cover letters, and internship searches, I taught a 5 week mini-course. Now, I’m working with two Patterson alumni who own professional development firms to design a permanent module for Patterson students to be held each spring.

What are your future plans as an Assistant Professor?

I plan to teach the Middle East Politics course that Professor Stempel made so popular. My BA and MA focused on the region and I’ve been to Egypt three times in as many years. I’m now completing an article on the causes of revolutions that compares Eastern Europe and the Arab world.

I will also continue my research on several aspects of energy, including a paper with Professor Mingst on the resilience African states may have to prospective hydrocarbon production and another on the effect of off-shore multinational enterprises in the Central Asian gas business on regional relations, with a planned spring research trip to Kazakhstan. Finally, as an ‘Emerging Leader of Environment and Energy Policy’ at the Atlantic Council/Ecologic, I’ll continue to compare trans-Atlantic energy policies and practices through study trips and policy papers with European colleagues.
In November, Patterson students launched a biannual magazine on international affairs titled *Ex-Patt*. This is a completely student-led, student-driven publication oriented around insightful analysis of global issues. Editor-in-Chief William Stroupe, who had experience with The Yale Globalist as an undergraduate, assembled a team of editors and writers to make this vision a reality. The first issue, “Downfall,” includes features on Brazil, Iran, EU enlargement, the PKK, Swiss banking secrecy, HIV, and the CIA. The magazine is available in a glossy, full-color, printed version at key points on campus and around Lexington. It can also be found online at: [www.expattmagazine.com](http://www.expattmagazine.com).

We see *Ex-Patt* as an excellent vehicle that should add valuable leadership and editorial skills to our graduates’ professional toolkits.
UN Visitor

Vince Davis Lecture details Africa’s Potential

This year’s Vince Davis Lecture was exceptional. Noel Nelson Messone ’91 came to Lexington to do the honors. Messone, currently Gabon’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, had just completed an assignment serving as the rotating president of the United Nations Security Council.

Messone provided an “insider’s” perspective on this global body, noting the challenge faced in reshaping it to handle the demands of the 21st Century. To a standing room only audience, he delved deeply into the situation in Africa, identifying both the promise, but also the difficulties that the continent faces today due to conflicts, climate change and globalization.

Fifth Annual Spragens Family International Banking Lecture

Thierry Malleret, former World Economic Forum (Davos) Senior Director and Swiss banking and investment expert spoke about “Financial Security in an Era of Disequilibrium.” He provided an analytical framework on how to make sense of the new trends, risks, and uncertainties that are emanating from our dramatically changed planet. His bottom line conclusion was that the increased complexity, velocity, and transparency of our time have overwhelmed the capabilities of government officials and corporate leaders to make sensible decisions. Malleret lives in Geneva and is the author of several books. He co-founded the financial newsletter Monthly Barometer.

Last year’s Spragens Family lecture was given by Michalis Sarris, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus.
CYPRUS CRISIS
NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE

We returned to another age old conflict this Fall as the US Army War College worked with students to find resolution of the “Cyprus Problem. Visiting Foreign Service officers Jim Ellickson Brown, Tom Navratil, and Ron McMullen (previously US Ambassador to Eritrea) served as team mentors, instructing students on the intricacies of trying to cut through decades (if not centuries) of ill will and misunderstandings to craft a win-win solution. Needless to say, that solution remained elusive.

The US Army War College is now putting the finishing touches on an exercise focused on territorial disputes in the South China Sea. The Patterson School may conduct this new exercise next fall.
25 New Alumni
December 2013
Graduates

Lindsay Johnson
Jessica Kyle
Allie Lawyer
Markus Lang
Max Lord
Shannon Moody
Dillon Nichols
Hannah Osborne
Nicholas Spanoudis
Scooter Stein
Sarah Trainor
Haley Tucker
Benjamin Vogelpohl
Wade Wilson
Xiang Xie

Mark your calendars: 12:00 pm, January 15th
at The Local Taco on Limestone. See page 2.