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Two Political Scientists Study Staffers’ Impact on Congressional Policy

One of the famous congressional staff members of all time was Mark Twain, who served as secretary to a senator from Nevada, wrote outrageous letters to constituents and was fired after several months for his irregular hours. Today’s congressional staffers have a high turnover rate, too, though less marked than in Twain’s case, and they are likely to move into the executive branch or regulatory agencies of the government.

Under a grant from the Olin Foundation, two University political scientists are defining such factors as mobility as part of a broad profile of congressional staff members. The major focus of the research projects being undertaken by Robert H. Salisbury, professor of political science, and Kenneth A. Shepsle, associate professor of political science, is the role and impact of this little-known segment of government personnel on legislative policy. It is a segment which includes staff assistants to members of Congress, to committees, and to the adjunct agencies that serve Congress, such as the Library of Congress and the General Accounting Office.

Who are these people, now numbering 40,000, who provide help, advice and research to members of Congress, the researchers want to know. In their increasingly pivotal position as agenda setters, decision makers and implementers in the legislative process, what is the staffers’ effect on congressional policy?

“It’s been clear for some time now that congressmen depend on their staff for ideas, the detail-shaping of legislation, the kinds of information on which they make their decisions,” Salisbury said.

In this exploratory year, the researchers are reading the scant literature on the subject and making monthly trips to Washington to interview sources on Capitol Hill. Happily, both former students and friends of the researchers hold staff positions on the Hill. These contacts, who comprise the researchers’ “first foot in the door,” supply generous counsel and names of others in Washington who might be helpful.

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Alumni Help Make Jobs, Careers More Accessible To Students

Is there life after college? Many new college graduates have come to grief over the question. Cloistered in the halls of ivy for four years, they go out into the “real world” in search of job or career and run smack into a brick wall.

The question, from a different viewpoint, also puzzles college administrators and counselors. To them the answer is plain—an emphatic yes—but how to help prepare the students for that job or career poses all sorts of problems. At Washington University, however, at least one solution has been found. It’s an innovative program called Alumni Career Exploration Service for Students (ACESS).

In just its second full year, ACESS, now under the direction of Hazel Sprandel, associate director of Career Planning and Placement, will help more than 100 young people prepare themselves for life in the business or professional worlds by arranging interviews with Washington University Alumni, working in the specific types of jobs the students want to learn about.

ACESS (pronounced “access”) is an unusual program not found on many other campuses around the country. It started here in the spring of 1976 and now has a file of hundreds of participating alumni in two metropolitan areas—St. Louis and Chicago. If undergraduate interest continues to grow and funds become available, plans are to expand the program to Washington, D.C., and to arrange for students to spend a week interning on jobs in the capital city.

The idea for ACESS goes back four years, when it was first broached to the Alumni Association, but it was 1976 before work on it actually got under way, under the direction of Trudi Spigel, coordinator of special programs, and the Alumni Office. That summer letters were mailed to all alums in Chicago and St. Louis who had graduated between 1955 and 1970. “The ones after 1970 may not be in or sound a position to say what long-term job possibilities are and we thought it more effective for students to talk with people who graduated within the past 20 years,” explained Sprandel.

(She fondly recalled getting a letter from an unhappy alumnus who had been excluded from ACESS because of his year of graduation. Sprandel wrote back, explaining why he and his class had not been asked to participate in the program, saying however, that because of his interest, she would gladly add his name to the list of alumni participants. The man, a retired lawyer, is a member of the class of ’906.)

In 1976-77, some 50 students had interviews with about 80 alums in a wide variety of job areas, from publishing and public relations to government, retailing and banking. Sprandel said. This year, with an active campus publicity campaign planned, Sprandel hopes to double the number of students taking part.

“It’s a chance for students to get out and see what it’s like to be on certain jobs,” she explained. “Many students who are not exposed to the world of work cannot make an informed choice about specific job possibilities.” A brochure put out by the ACESS office explains the program this way: “By meeting with alumni who are active now in business and professions, students can identify employment options, assess career expectations, plan realistically for short- and long-term goals, appraise the job market in specific areas and gain experience in interviewing without the pressure of a specific job search.”

Virtually all the students who have used ACESS are “extremely enthusiastic” about it, Sprandel said. And that same enthusiasm extends to the alums, she noted, pointing out that the working men and women graduates of Washington University take hours out of their busy schedules to talk with ACESS students.

One of those students is Randy Adams, ’78, an English major interested in advertising who went to the ACESS office last spring after seeing an advertisement in Student Life. ACESS counselors put him in touch with several alumni advertising executives and he subsequently had rewarding interviews with two of them. They led indirectly this year to an internship with a Clayton public relations firm that is giving Randy valuable experience as well as earning him credit toward his degree.

“The interviews were a wonderful experience,” Randy said. “I would certainly recommend ACESS to anyone, but especially to a liberal arts major, who isn’t sure of what he or she wants to do after graduation.”

The only thing wrong with ACESS, Randy said, is that not enough students know about it. “I’ve been trying to spread the gospel because I think it’s so helpful. I almost think it ought to be required.”

Other students benefit from ACESS in different ways. Some use knowledge gained in the interviews to help decide what type of professional or graduate school to attend. Others, following a series of interviews, often decide to change their undergraduate major or to add a major onto their original one, although Sprandel cautioned that “people who choose majors for their job possibilities may be very sorry they did. Instead,” she said, “ACESS can help them see where their major may lead.”

And pave the way for the new graduate’s smooth entrance into that life after college—the world of work.

THE WU LAW SCHOOL TEAM won the Moot Court regional competition in Omaha, Neb., recently. The team of third-year law students won for overall excellence, the best overall brief, and best briefs of both sides in the tournament. The student lawyers will now go to New York City for the national finals, to be held Dec. 12 to 15. The Law School team has won the regions three out of the last four years. Members of the winning team are John Ocker, Sarah Stegemoeller, Jay Beskin, Alan Mandel, Charles Reynolds and Ned Reilly.
Monsanto Agricultural Products Makes Grant To Biology Department for Postdoctoral Training

WU's Biology Department has received a $30,000 grant from Monsanto Agricultural Products Co. (an operating unit of Monsanto Company) for the postdoctoral training of scholars in fundamental plant biology research.

In announcing the award, Robert E. Thue, chairman of the Biology Department, said: "We are very grateful for Monsanto's gift, and we are confident that it will be used well to further the study of plant biology at Washington University."

The plant biology teaching and research program at the University is under the general direction of Joseph E. Varner, who administers this postdoctoral training program at WU. Varner, a noted plant biochemist, recently received an honorary Doctor of Honoris Causa degree from the University of Nancy in France. He is well known for his work on the effects of plant hormones on seedlings.

Monsanto has indicated that it may elect to provide similar grants for two additional years of support for the same purpose. The initial grant of $30,000 for the academic year 1977-78 will enable the Biology Department to provide financial assistance for the training of recent PhD's doing research on molecular approaches to biochemical, physiological, and genetic problems in plants.

The first two recipients of such aid are Cynthia DiCamelli and David Stuart.

DiCamelli is interested in the development of chloroplasts in plants. Chloroplasts contain chlorophyll, the green pigment in plants, and carry out photosynthesis, the process by which plants make carbohydrates.

Stuart will focus attention on the role of hydroxyproline-rich proteins in the growth and development of seedlings. His purpose is to determine how such proteins contribute to the maintenance of structure and function of the cell wall in plants. This biochemical research complements work which he did previously at the University of California at Berkeley on the physiology of hormone-induced plant cell growth. "There we wanted to learn more about how the stems of plants grow taller and longer," Stuart explained.

DiCamelli earned her bachelor of science degree at Pennsylvania State University in 1972, and was awarded her PhD in biology at Syracuse University last September.

Stuart earned his bachelor of arts degree at Sacramento State University in California in 1971, and was awarded a PhD degree at the University of California at Berkeley last year.

These two investigators are part of a group of nine postdoctoral scholars at WU concerned with plant biology research. Together with ten faculty members also specializing in this field, they constitute one of the larger concentrations of molecular plant biologists in the country. The Monsanto award supplements monies from other gifts and from grants of federal agencies that are used for funding additional postdoctoral training in biology. Recent PhD's from other specialties, including microbiology, chemistry and physics are being recruited to focus their studies on basic plant biology research at WU.

Proxmire To Speak At WU Conference On Redlining Practices

Senator William Proxmire, a Democrat from Wisconsin, will be the keynote speaker Wed., Nov. 30, in the WU Law School’s symposium on "Redlining: Mortgage Lending Practices in Inner Cities." He will speak at 11 a.m. in Graham Chapel.

A panel discussion on redlining will be held at 2 p.m. on the same day in the Mudd Courtroom in the Law School. Members of the panel will be Carol S. Greenwald, a Massachusetts banking commissioner; Donald Lasater, chairman of the board of Mercantile Trust Co.; and M. Todd Cook, president of the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The symposium is sponsored by the Law School, the Phoenix Fund, a nonprofit St. Louis based research group, and the Thomas Hennings Lecture Series. This lecture is given in memory of the U.S. Senator from Missouri who served in the Senate from 1951 until his death in 1960.

In October, 1974, the Phoenix Fund released a study documenting a dramatic decline in home mortgage lending over the previous decade by St. Louis savings and loan associations.

Similar disclosures elsewhere led to the passage of federal legislation by Senator Proxmire, which called for disclosure of geographical lending patterns by banks and savings and loan associations.

Cities and states throughout the nation have passed anti-redlining laws or regulations. A recent federal court ruling declared that redlining, when based on racial grounds, is illegal under the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

A $10 million home loan fund was created by members of the Greater St. Louis Savings and Loan League in response to charges of redlining. Their spokesmen contend that decreases in mortgage lending in central cities are the result of lower demand, rather than discriminatory policies.

The most recent Phoenix Fund study, released in February, 1976, indicates that while home lending in the city has risen, most loans are going to predominantly white neighborhoods in south St. Louis.

"NEW YORK ON PAPER," a one-man exhibit by Arthur Osver, noted painter and professor of art at Washington University, is currently at the Terry Moore Gallery, 612 N. Second Street. It will be on display through December 23.
Harry Kisker Named To New Position In Student Affairs

Harry E. Kisker, vice president for campus life, Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, has been appointed assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at WU, Chancellor William H. Danforth, announced.

The appointment becomes effective February 1 and culminates a comprehensive search program which was inaugurated last May. Chancellor Danforth praised the search committee, headed by Burton Wheeler, dean of the College, for its efforts in behalf of the University.

"I am pleased that a person of Mr. Kisker's stature is joining our staff. He brings an extensive background of work with students in a variety of collegiate settings, which will benefit the University," Danforth said.

In addition to Dean Wheeler, the search committee also included: Wallace B. Diboll, associate professor of mechanical engineering, Marilyn Kukowski, associate professor of biology, Horace Mitchell, director of black studies, Gwendolyn W. Stephenson, director of Special Educational Services, Robert L. Virgil, professor and acting dean of the Business School. There were two student members: Robert Fultz, a junior in the School of Engineering, and Becky Maxwell, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Kisker will report to Paul Smith, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. Smith said Kisker's versatile talents and experience are appropriate to the special needs of the WU community. "This is evident by the fact that Lawrence University students awarded Kisker a special vice chancellor for student affairs."

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For Your Erudition, Directory Of Faculty Publications Available

Just off the press is the fifth edition of The Washington University Faculty Publications and Creative Activities Directory. The mini-sized version (photographically reduced edition) includes 309 entries enumerated on 67 pages.

Using this bibliography, you can astound your friends with your erudition. If you're a back-to-earth buff, then “Major, Minor, and Trace Element Compositions of Peridotite and Basaltic Komatites from the Precambrian Crust of South Africa,” a joint article in Mineralogy and Petrology, written by Larry Haskin, chairman of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department and seven collaborators, may be what you've always wanted. For Southeast Asia readers, a book, Business Research in South Korea, edited by Joseph Towle, professor emeritus of management, may have appeal.

The security staff might want to investigate James F. Jones's article “Rosseau's Answer to Crime: The Utopia at Clarens” in Eighteenth Century Life, Vol. 2, No. 3. As a warning, read and heed a recent article on “Irreversible Inner Ear Damage From Rock Music,” in the Transactions of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, written by Barbara A. Bohne, of the Central Institute for the Deaf, and two collaborators.


For copies, write Olin Library, Box 1061.

PHILIP I. HARRINGTON, WU junior, was cited in the September issue of Esquire magazine as one of seven “Great Bright Hopes” among American college students. WU assistant professor of mathematics David Wright said of Harrington, “he’s on a level of mathematical maturity that none of our graduate students can match.” Harrington finished in the top six nationwide in this year's Putnam Mathematics Competition Harrington plans to be a professor of mathematics.

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ment while the student is in school. Sandler said such loans are not part of the University's need-based financial aid program. However, students who are unable to secure a Guaranteed Student Loan from a bank may receive this loan from WU. Often students who apply for these loans are not among those receiving other forms of aid.

Financial need is determined by subtracting a reasonable family contribution from total expenses incurred while attending WU, including tuition, room and board and other expenses.

“The University is prepared to continue to increase its commitment for students who have need of financial help not only because of rising tuition, but also as other costs increase for such things as transportation, books, and supplies,” Sandler said.

Income as well as costs may vary throughout a student's college career. Abrupt changes in financial status of students and their families during the school year may require an adjustment in the need determination.

“We try to make a fair and reasonable judgment of need,” said Sandler. “We are willing to discuss that determination with students at any time.”

JAMES M. LAMPRECHT, who received an MS in civil engineering in 1977 from WU, received a fourth award of $300 from the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, for his entry in the Foundation's national 1977 Student Engineering Design Competition.

Estemed Physicist, Feenberg, Dies of Heart Attack at 71

Eugene Feenberg, Wayman Crow Professor of Physics Emeritus, suffered a fatal heart attack and died on Mon., November 7. He was 71 years old. At services held for him at the Berger Memorial, 4715 McPherson Ave., Professor Michael Friedlander, a good friend and associate of Feenberg's delivered a sensitive eulogy. He said: “When we think of Gene, our image is that of recent years—our respected and distinguished colleague, honored for his contributions to science, but still reserved and unassuming; held in deep affection by his students; offering quietly stated opinions laced with a wry and gentle sense of humor; our most widely respected colleague for so many years; secure in his family.”

A member of the National Academy of Sciences, Feenberg enhanced our understanding of the fundamental nature of matter in some 80 papers and three books which he wrote over the years since he earned his PhD at Harvard in 1933.

DR. PAUL LACY, Edward Mallinckrodt Professor and head of the Department of Pathology at WU's School of Medicine, has received an honorary doctorate from Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. The University, Scandinavia's oldest and foremost university, has an international reputation in the sciences. Dr. Lacy received the honorary degree for his achievements in the field of pathology and his many contributions to the medical profession.
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November 18-December 1

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
2 p.m. Department of Civil Engineering Seminar, "Adaptivity Approaches and Reliability Estimations in Finite Element Analysis," Ivo Babuska, research professor, Institute for Physical Science and Technology, U. of Maryland, College Park. 100 Cupples I.

7:30 p.m. St. Louis Linguistics Society Lecture, "The Effect of Language on the Old English Alliterative Line Form," Janet Collins, prof. of English, SIU, Edwardsville. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall.


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
9 a.m. School of Dental Medicine Continuing Education Course, "The New Era in Restorative Dental Materials," Dr. Ralph W. Phillips, Associate Dean for Research, School of Dental Medicine, Indiana U., Bloomington. School of Dental Medicine, 4559 Scott. Call 361-4700, Ext. 287 to register.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:30 p.m. School of Architecture Tuesday Evening Lecture Series, "Planning or Anarchy?" Ole Svensson, WU visiting professor of architecture, from Copenhagen, Denmark. Steinberg Auditorium.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
2 p.m. Fourth National Conference on Men and Masculinity registration, Resource desk, main level, Mallinckrodt. Admission for all conference events $15; $5 for unemployed.

7:30 p.m. Fourth National Conference on Men and Masculinity Thanksgiving Dinner, Wohl Center Private Dining Room, 6515 Wydown. Admission $7 at the door. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 21, by calling 862-1022.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
8 p.m. Fourth National Conference on Men and Masculinity Speech, "Creating a Movement for Change," Sam Julty, author and organizer of the New York Men's Center. A dance performance will be included. No charge. Edison Theatre.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8 p.m. Student Union Poetry and Fiction Reading, with Louise Gluck, poet and member of the staff of Goddard College, Plainfield, VT, reading from her own works. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall.

8:30 p.m. School of Architecture Lecture, "Arata Isozaki," Rosaria Piomelli, prof. of architecture, Pratt Institute, NY. Steinberg Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
11 a.m. School of Law Symposium Lecture, Sen. William Proxmire (Dem., Wis) speaking on the symposium topic, "Redlining: Mortgage Lending Practices in Inner Cities." Graham Chapel.

The Edison Theatre stage will become an enchanted forest when the Oxford and Cambridge Shakespeare Company presents a Midsomer Night's Dream, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19. See listing below.

2 p.m. School of Law Symposium Panel Discussion, "Redlining: Mortgage Lending Practices in Inner Cities." Panelists will include Carol Greenwald, Mass. state banking commissioner; Donald Lasater, chairman of the board, Mercantile Trust Co.; and M. Todd Cook, president, Philadelphia Savings Fund Society. Mudd Courtroom, School of Law.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
11 a.m. Department of Art and Archaeology Lecture, "The Beginning, the Middle and the End," Nelson Wu, Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of Art. Steinberg Auditorium. Co-sponsored by the Asian Art Society.

4 p.m. Department of Chemistry Seminar, "Substitution Reactions Which Proceed Via Radical Anion Intermediates," Nathan Kornblum, prof. of chemistry, Purdue U., Lafayette, Ind. 311 McMullen Lab.

PERFORMING ARTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7:30 p.m. Black Arts and Science Festival Performance, When the Revolution Comes. Black Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, directed by Clyde Ruffin, WU asst. prof. of black studies. Beaumont Lounge, Mallinckrodt.

8 p.m. Edison Theatre Series, featuring the Oxford and Cambridge Shakespeare Company, presenting Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare, Edison Theatre. Admission $4.80; $3.75 for students not from WU, and WU faculty and staff; $2 for WU students. Tickets available at the Edison Theatre Box Office. (Also Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Edison Theatre.)

EXHIBITIONS

"Faculty Show," an exhibit of more than 100 works by WU faculty. Steinberg Gallery, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 1-5 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Through Nov. 30.

"The Understanding Eye: Stanley Morison, Typographer," an exhibit of books and manuscripts documenting Morison's works. Rare Book Department, level five, Olin Library. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Through Dec. 31.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
8 p.m. WU Film Art Series, "The Guardsman," with Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. Brown Hall Theatre. Admission $2; $1 for WU students with ID. Cosponsored by Performing Arts Area. (Also Sun., Nov. 20, 2 p.m., Brown Hall Theatre.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "2001," Brown Hall Theatre. Admission $1.50. (Also Sun., Nov. 20, 8 p.m., Wohl Center.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series Double Feature, "The Caine Mutiny" and "The Misfits." (9:45 p.m.). Brown Hall Theatre. Admission $1.50 for either or both films. (Also Tues., Nov. 22, same times, Brown.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
12:30 p.m. Women's Tuesday Film Series, "Matina Horner: Portrait of a Person" and "Dorothea Lange: Under the Trees." 303 Mallinckrodt. Sponsored by the Women's Programming Board. (Also 6:30 p.m., Wohl Center Lounge.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:30 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother." Brown Hall Theatre. Admission $1.50. (Also Sat., Nov. 26, same times, Brown.)

8 p.m. WU Film Art Series, "Scarlet Pimpernel," with Leslie Howard and Merle Oberon. Restock Auditorium. Admission $1.75; $1 for WU students with ID. (Also Sun., Nov. 27, 2 p.m., Restock.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
12:30 p.m. Women's Tuesday Film Series, "Black Women." 303 Mallinckrodt. (Also 6:30 p.m., Wohl Center Lounge.)

7 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "It's a Wonderful Life." Brown Hall Theatre. Admission $1.50.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:30 and 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "Mother Luster Goes to Heaven." Brown Hall Theatre. Admission $1.50. (Also Thurs., Dec. 1, same times, Brown.)

MUSIC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8 p.m. Department of Music Graduate Voice Recital, Jan Parker, soprano. Brown Hall Lounge.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
3 p.m. WU Galant Ensemble Concert, directed by Peter Chow. Included in the program will be Mozart's "Lucio Silla" Overture, the "Capriol Suite" by Peter Warlock and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. Graham Chapel.

8 p.m. Department of Music Concert, "Music of the Renaissance Virtuosi," with James Tyler, lutenist and guest artist-in-residence. The program will include lute, early guitar, and mandora music from the 16th and 17th centuries. Edison Theatre.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
4 p.m. Department of Music Student Recital, with performances by various students. Graham Chapel.

CONCERN FOR WORLD HUNGER will be the theme of an interfaith Thanksgiving service Tues., Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. in Graham Chapel. The program will include music and readings. Sponsored by the Committee on Interfaith Concerns and Hillel.