Overview
The Department of Political Science offers a B.A. degree that gives both a strong background in social science and excellent professional preparation. The major offers three distinct paths to completion, the traditional major and options in pre-law and public affairs and administration. The two options offer interdisciplinary pre-professional curricula. The department is strong in every aspect of American government (national, state, and local institutions, public policy, public law, and public administration), as well as Comparative Politics in international relations. Political Science majors learn to be strong writers, public speakers, and researchers. Opportunities are also offered to learn advanced social science methodology and practical political skills, as well as to participate in faculty research. Students receive assistance in finding - and credit for completing - local, state, and national internships. Graduating seniors report very high levels of satisfaction with the major, and the number of Political Science majors continues to grow.

Career Opportunities
Attorney, Campaign Aide/Manager, Civil Servant, Diplomat, FBI/CIA Agent, Foreign Service Officer, International Relations Specialist, Journalist, Labor Organizer/Union Representative, Law Clerk, Legal Assistant, Legislative Advocate/Lobbyist, Legislative Aide, Paralegal, Police Officer, Politician, Polling Specialist, Private Investigator, Public Information Officer, Research Specialist, Secret Service Agent, Teacher

Scholarships and Awards
J. Malcolm Smith Scholarships (three per year), $500 each
Department of Political Science students frequently win three types of internships:
• Washington Center Internships
• Panetta Congressional Internships
• California State Internships in the governor’s office, legislature, and courts.

Community Outreach
• We participate in Community College visits and prospective student fairs.
• Our Model United Nations program works with community colleges and students participate in the West Coast Model United Nations Conference.
• Faculty appear as experts on radio and television and are interviewed by the press.
• We do speaking engagements, including Scholar-Olli (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute).

Recent Achievements
Students
Recent scholarship recipients
• Panetta Congressional Internship
  • Christopher Prado, Fall 2010
  • Jennifer Calbonero, Fall 2009
**Professors**

David Baggins, Ph.D.
*Syracuse University, 1984*
American Public Law

Norman Bowen, Ph.D.
*State University of New York, 1978*
International Relations and Comparative Politics (specialty: Western Europe)

Kim Geron, Ph.D. – Chair
*University of California, Riverside, 1998*
American Public Administration and Public Policy
(specialties: Asian-American and Latino-American politics, labor and immigration policy)

Michael Good, Ph.D.
*Miami University of Ohio, 1975*
Political Theory and Methodology

**Assistant Professors**

Elizabeth Bergman, Ph.D.
*Claremont Graduate School, 2001*
American Politics and Public Policy
(specialties: voting and elections)

Maria Consuelo C. Ortuoste, Ph.D.
*Arizona State University, 2008*
Comparative Government and International Relations
(specialties: international security and organizations, Asia-Pacific)

- Noel Perez-Sanchez, Fall 2008
- **J. Malcolm Smith Scholarships**
  - Iowa Robinson – Overcoming Hardship
  - Brandon Soublet – Academic Excellence
  - Lili Marquez – Community Service

**Faculty**

- Elizabeth Bergman specializes in American Politics and public policy, focusing on the effects of institutional structure on political participation and voter turnout. Her work has appeared in “Legislative Studies Quarterly” and an edited volume. Her research has been supported by grants from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the Haynes Foundation and the CSU Foundation. She has also served as a political consultant to local and statewide candidates in California, and to organizations including the American Psychological Association and the Los Angeles Association of Deputy Sheriffs.

- Maria Consuelo C. Ortuoste received a Faculty Support Grant for her research, “The Institutional Bases for National and Regional Environmental Governance in Southeast Asia, 1967 to 2007,” during her first year in CSUEB. She has started the Graduate School Workshop to help students interested in post-baccalaureate degrees. She also started the Political Science career series. “The First Talk,” which was organized in cooperation with the Political Science Club, was held on May 5, 2010 with Amb. Edward Kulakowski speaking on, “U.S. Foreign Policy and Careers in Foreign Service.”

- Michael Good received the Distinguished Political Science Alumni Award from his undergraduate institution, Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, April 2005.


**Alumni**

- Michael Sweeney, 1972, elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2010 as the Mayor of the City of Hayward, former member of the California State Assembly, 1994-1998.

- Tyler P. Berding, 1966, is the founding partner in the Berding and Weil Law Firm, which was established over 25 years ago, with offices in San Francisco and other locations