**Faculty Annual Report 2020**

**John J. Pitney, Jr.**

**Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics**

**February 21, 2020**

**I. Teaching**

**A. Courses Offered**

Spring

* Gov 101 US Congress Enrollment:
* Gov 123 American Political Parties Enrollment:

**B. Supervision of Theses and Independent Studies**

1. Undergraduate Theses

Spring

* Bryn Edwards, Trump Twitter (two-semester)
* Matthew May, Boeing

3. Independent Study

**C. Innovative Teaching**

In all my classes, I made video and web presentations in class and taught students how to conduct proper research with electronic sources. All classes included blogs enabling students to post questions and comments and providing them with a record of what I presented in class. The Congress class, as it has for decades, featured a role-playing simulation of the legislative process.

**II. Advising**

**A. Advisees:**

Lincoln Bernard

Bianca Carrizal

Alanna DeMuro

Maxwell Fisher

Kendall Hollimon

Zenaida Huerta

Luke Livingston

Matthew May

Georgia Wood

**B. Letters of Recommendation:** An asterisk (\*) designates pre-2020 alumni:

Talia Bromberg SC (3)

Patrick Coe (1)

Thomas Falci (1)

Sahil Kapur (1)\*

Henry Schulz (1)

Julia Schulman (1)

Georgia Wood (1)

**III. Scholarship and Research**

**A. Publications**

*In print*

* “Resolved: The Senate Should Represent People, Not States -- Con,” in Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson, eds., *Debating Reform*, 4th ed. (Thousand Oaks: CQ/Sage, 2021).

*In press*

* *Un-American: The Fake Patriotism of Donald Trump* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2020, forthcoming).
* Review of *Ideas of Power*, by Verlan Lewis, in *Party Politics* (forthcoming).

**B. Other Professional Activity**

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**C. Plans for Next Year**

* With Professor Busch, I shall write a book for Rowman and Littlefield on the 2020 election.
* Chapter on George W. Bush and Congress, in Michael Nelson, Barbara Perry and Russell Riley, eds., *43: Inside the George W. Bush Presidency* (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 2021).

**IV. Service to the College**

**A. Faculty Liaison, Washington Semester Program**

* Set up and maintained WWW database of internships and housing opportunities;
* Met with participants on placement and housing; led orientation session on October 12.
* Coordinated administration with Claremont and DC staff.
* Participated in search for DC faculty.

**B. Committee and Organizational Assignments**

* Member, National Awards Committee
* Editor, Government Department Facebook page

Editor, Dreier Roundtable blog

**C. Other Collegiate Activities**

* Ran Dreier Roundtable student op-ed contest (fall/spring).

**D. Email Lists**

Regularly sent emails about jobs and internships to listservs comprising hundreds of students and alumni.

**E. Awards and Honors**

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**V. Service to Community**

**A. Articles in Periodicals and Websites**

Daily postings on:

* *Epic Journey*, a blog that follows up on the book of the same name.
* *Autism Policy and Politics*, a blog relating to my book research
* *Bessette-Pitney Text*, a blog updating the textbook.

**B. Community Events**

**C. Media Interviews:**

KQED-FM (Saul Gonzalez), Super Tuesday, February 21.

*La Tercera* Chile (Alejandro Tapia by email), Democratic debate, February 20.

*The Hill* (Reid Wilson by email), Trump and Republican senators & candidates, February 19.

*El Mercurio* Chile (Jean Palou by email), Bloomberg, February 19. *San Diego Union-Tribune* (Michael Smolens), Sanders v. Bloomberg, February 18.

*San Jose Mercury News* (Casey Tolan), Sanders & CA primary, February 18.

KCAL-TV (Randy Paige), Nevada caucuses, February 17.

Associated Press (Julie Watson), CA 50 race, February 11.

KCAL-TV (Randy Paige), New Hampshire primary, February 10.

KCBS-AM (Susan Kennedy), Yang candidacy faltering, February 8.

American Public Radio Marketplace (Meghan McCarty Carino), budgets & elections, February 7.

KPCC- FM (A Martinez), CA and Trump Senate vote, February 7.

CTV News Canada (Jennifer Burke), impeachment trial aftermath, February 7.

*Le Parisien* (Stéphane Loignon), Pelosi, February 6.

KSRO-FM (Steve Jaxon), Trump after the Senate vote, February 6.

KPCC- FM (A Martinez), SOTU and Trump Senate vote, February 5.

KCAL-TV (Randy Paige), impeachment trial vote, February 5.

Associated Press (David Sharp), Susan Collins to vote not guilty, February 5.

*Pravda* Slovakia (Andrej Matisak by email), SOTU, February 4.

KSRO-FM (Pat Kerrigan), Iowa caucus fiasco, SOTU, February 4.

KPCC-FM (Larry Mantle), Iowa caucus fiasco, February 4.

KCAL-TV (Jasmine Viel), Iowa, impeachment, February 2.

CTV News Canada (Akshay Tandon), impeachment trial, February 1.

*El Mercurio* Chile (Jean Palou by email), Iowa caucuses, January 31.

La Tercera Chile (Valentina Jofré by email), impeachment trial, January 31.

CTV News Canada (Jennifer Burke), impeachment trial, January 30.

CalMatters (Ben Christopher), endorsements, January 30.

Political Junkie Podcast (Ken Rudin), impeachment trial, January 29.

*The Atlantic* (Saahil Desai), GOP and Puerto Rico Statehood, January 28.

CTV News Canada (Angie Seth), impeachment trial, January 26.

KCBS-AM (Patti Reising and Jeff Bell), Bloomberg, January 23.

CTV News Canada (Jennifer Burke), impeachment trial, January 23.

*Los Angeles Daily News* (Ryan Carter), Schiff and impeachment trial, January 22.

*Veja* Brazil (Ernesto Neves by email),impeachment, January 17.

KPCC-FM (A Martinez), impeachment, January 17.

*San Diego Union-Tribune* (Charles Clark), Rep. Mike Levin, January 17.

*San Jose Mercury News* (Casey Tolan), Andrew Yang, January 16.

*Orange County Register* (Brooke Staggs), impact of marches, January 14.

KCAL-TV (Sara Donchey), Iran, impeachment, January 12.

CTV News Canada (Akshay Tandon), Trump & Iran, January 11.

KPCC-FM (A Martinez), CA budget, Garcetti endorses Biden, impeachment, January 10.

KCBS-AM (Patti Reising & Jim Taylor), impeachment trial process, January 10.

*La Tercera* Chile (Fernando Fuentes by email), politics of Iran crisis, January 9.

*Capital & Main* (Robin Urevich), Bernie Sanders, January 8.

*San Diego Union-Tribune* (Charles Clark), CA 50 race, January 7.  
KNX-AM (James Tuck), Trump and Iran, January 7.

KPCC-FM (Larry Mantle), Iran, impeachment, D nomination contest, January 6.

*Riverside Press-Enterprise* (Jeff Horseman by email), D primary in the IE, January 6.  
NBC News (Jonathan Allen), religion, West Point, and Iran strategy, January 6.

*Arizona Republic* (Yvonne Wingett Sanchez), McSally, Sinema, and the Iran attack, January 3.

CTV News Canada (Todd van der Heyden), Julian Castro withdrawal, campaign finance, January 2.

KCBS-AM (Keith Menconi), Warren and Medicare for All, January 1.