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New Director

International Studies

Marcus Kurtz, Professor of Political Science, has been named Director of International Studies, effective January 1, 2019.

Kurtz received both his MA and his PhD in political science from the University of California, Berkeley. His tenure at Ohio State began in 2000, when he became assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. He was promoted to associate professor in 2006 and to full professor in 2013.

Kurtz's research and teaching inter-

ests are in the areas of comparative politics, democratization, political economy and development, with a focus on Latin America.

Kurtz has authored two books, both published by Cambridge University Press: *Free Market Democracy and the Chilean and Mexican Countryside* and *Latin American State Building in Comparative Perspective: Social Foundations of Institutional Order*.

His second book examines the socio-political foundations of state building and failure in four South Ameri-

can countries with a comparative extension to the Prussian case.

He has also published several peer-reviewed journal articles in such publications as the *American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Politics & Society*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, and *Theory and Society*. Some of his article titles are: "Oil and Democracy: Endogenous Natural Resources and the Political 'Resource Curse,'" "Capturing State Strength: Experimental and Econometric Approaches" and "Paths of Policy Diffusion: When and How Diffusion Shapes Financial Globalization in Latin America."

Other ongoing research examines the causes and consequences of differing strategies of international economic integration in Latin America, the role of the state in economic development, the cross-national measurement of state capability or governance, the relationship between natural resource wealth and political regime, as well as the effects of free market developmental strategies on the problem of democratic consolidation.

Kurtz has received distinguished

recognition for his teaching services. Among other honors, he was named Joan M. Huber Faculty Fellow in 2015 and was awarded Best Paper in Political Sociology by the American Sociological Association in 2010. He also received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2007.

"I am honored to have been selected to lead the Undergraduate International Studies Program," Kurtz said. "I am excited to continue the improvements that have made the UISP one of the gems of Ohio State's undergraduate offerings."

Herding Cyber-Cats: Information Security Management

OSU's Chief Information Security Officer, Helen Patton, will be teaching a new International Studies course this Spring, "Herding Cyber-Cats: Information Security Management."

Helen Patton is the Chief Information Security Officer at The Ohio State University, where she manages the Enterprise Security team and oversees Information Risk and Control Governance across University units. With more than 20 years of experience in the Security, Risk and Resiliency profession, Helen Patton (CRISC, CISA) brings a wealth of experience in managing information, technology and operational risk for global organizations, and advocates using Information Risk and Security Management to enable the mission of the Institution.

Prior to working at Ohio State, Helen spent nine years in a Fortune 50 Financial Services firm, where she was responsible for creating Risk and



Resiliency programs and operations which delivered pragmatic risk delivery capabilities to internal and external clients, in areas such as SOX/SSAE16 oversight, vulnerability management, mobile technologies, cyber security, business continuity, and operations management.

In November of 2018 the Information Security Executive® (ISE®) awards program recognized Chief Information Security Officer Helen Patton as ISE® North American Executive of the Year in the Academic/Public division. She was honored during the ISE® North America Leadership Summit and Awards held in Chicago on November 8-9.

Helen has a Master's degree in Public Policy, and holds certifications as a Certified Information Systems Auditor and Certified In Risk and Systems Control, from ISACA. She is also a member of the State of Ohio Attorney General Cybersecurity Advisory Board, the Information Systems Security Association, Women for Economic and Leadership Development, and the CISO Executive

Roundtable.

COURSE INFORMATION

Spring 2019
International Studies 3702
Herding Cyber-Cats: Information Security Management
Helen Patton
T R 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM
Room 119, Campbell Hall
Class Number 33043

This hands on course will focus on information security governance tools and processes. Students will learn the basic structures and activities used by Information Security professionals to manage information security and the cyber risks which threaten us as individuals and organizations. This applied knowledge will enable students to understand the context of information security risks in the broader organizational, political and societal contexts. Course activities will include organizational and threat analysis, creation of continuity, threat mitigation plans, analysis of industry standards and frameworks, and investigation of cyber laws and regulations.