THE CHANGING FACE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE IN OKLAHOMA HIGHER EDUCATION

As a feature of the tenth anniversary edition, Oklahoma Politics issued a general invitation to political scientists—particularly the senior faculty—to assess how teaching and researching political science in Oklahoma has changed over time. While the resulting submissions mostly reflect the experience of the larger institutions, they range in character from personal reminiscences to programmatic statements of departmental achievement. They are best appreciated, we think, when read together as a group; each contribution speaks to the others, and sometimes in subtle ways. We hope that the following essays give our readers—especially the younger ones—a better sense of where Oklahoma political science has come from, and where it might be going.

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