

# GRADUATE MENTORSHIP AWARD

Department of Political Science  
University of California, Los Angeles

This award is in recognition of an outstanding graduate faculty advisor by the Political Science Graduate Student Association, which annually presents one faculty member with the award for "Outstanding Mentorship." The awarded is given to a full-time faculty member in the UCLA Department of Political Science.

## The 2014 Graduate Mentorship Awardee is Professor Barbara Geddes

Professor Geddes has served on more than 100 dissertation committees and has chaired 41. Her students now teach all over the world. She has served as Vice Chair of Graduate Studies on three occasions and as recently as 2013 completed another successful two-year term. Barbara has chaired the Graduate Studies Committee, implementing new graduate program policies while creating an environment that fostered academic growth and collegiality amongst faculty and graduate students. She has been recognized by the discipline at the very highest level, and was presented the Powell Graduate Mentorship Award by the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) at their annual conference in Washington D.C. this past August. The Powell Award was established in 2012, and is presented on a bi-annual basis to a political scientist who throughout his or her career has demonstrated a particularly outstanding commitment to the mentoring of graduate students in Comparative Politics.



The prize was named in honor of G. Bingham Powell – past APSA president and former managing editor of the *American Political Science Review* -- and was initiated by his students. Barbara's early work investigated bureaucratic reform and corruption in Brazil, the politics of economic policy making in Latin America, and political bargaining over institutional choice. Her current research focuses on dictatorships and how they break down. Her theoretical typology informs a comprehensive data analytical project describing authoritarian regimes since 1946. Early conclusions from this study about regime duration and modes of transition appear in "Autocratic Breakdown and Regime Transitions," *Perspectives on Politics* 12 (2014), co-authored with two of her former graduate students, Joseph Wright and Erica Frantz. Barbara is finishing a book, *How Dictatorships Work*, under contract with Cambridge University Press. She currently teaches courses on research design, authoritarian politics, and Latin American politics.

