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The Political Science Department Newsletter

Message from the Chair

It's been a pleasure serving the Department as Acting Chair while Tony Affigne is on Sabbatical Leave this Fall semester. On his behalf and on behalf of the faculty and staff of the department, I bring you greetings and this update.

It's been a lively Fall semester. We were joined by Dr. Ruth Ben-Artzi, our newest faculty member, who is teaching International Relations courses as well as courses on the Middle East. Ruth's PhD degree is from Columbia University. Look for more about her elsewhere in this issue of Politicus. She replaces our long-time colleague Dr. Anwar Ahady, who had been on leave for three years, in his native Afghanistan, where he served first as Governor of Afghanistan's Central Bank and where he is now Minister of Finance in the Karzai government.

We lost our colleague Dr. Cyril Daddieh, who left Providence College to become Director of the African-American Studies program at Miami University, Ohio. We will miss Cyril's good cheer and presence in the department.

Professor Jim Carlson will be on Sabbatical leave during this upcoming Spring semester, so you won't see any of his courses listed in the booklet for this Spring. To help you with your course planning, note that Fr. Ed Cleary, O.P., will be on leave all of next academic year (07-08) and that Susan McCarthy and Mary

Bellhouse will be on leave for at least one semester of next year.

We've had our usual run campus events this semester. PSC strives to be as active, if not more so, than any other department on campus in bringing events to campus that help make the atmosphere at PC more conducive to learning in general. Our department believes that learning should not stop at the classroom door. Besides a series of events on the Middle East that we co-sponsored with the American Studies program, we had Attorney Stephen Oleskey speak in October on the detainees in Guantánamo prison in Cuba, with over 100 people in attendance. We will have Jennifer Lawless speaking on Monday, November 13th. If you follow Rhode Island Politics, you will know that Professor Lawless, from Brown's PSC department, ran as a Democratic candidate for Congress in the recent primary elections. She will speak on her experiences and on the difficulties of breaking into the "old boys network" in Rhode Island.

As registration approaches, take note of the changes in PSC offerings from what is in the printed registration booklet. Some times have changed and an additional course is being offered. You will have received an email about this, as have your advisors, and there is a short piece in this newsletter about those



changes. Good luck with registration.

There will be renovations happening in Howley Hall during the second part of this academic year. Our faculty who have offices in the Service Building wing of Howley Hall – Ruth Ben-Artzi, Paola Cesarini, and John Carroll – will move temporarily to the second floor of Howley Hall, but they should be back in the Service building by the start of next semester. There will be more dust than usual in some parts of the building, but we will continue to make our own noise and dust on the third floor, as usual, so maybe we won't notice the noise and the faculty of Math and Computer Science who are moving to Howley when the renovations are complete.

Best of luck the rest of the way this semester. See you in the halls.
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Political Science Dept. Providence College

Special points of interest:

- Ever wonder what that "Model O.A.S." course is? Check out all the info inside!
- Did you know Political Science hired a new professor and has a visiting lecturer? Check out their stories only in POLITICUS!

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Pi Sigma Alpha, Fall 2006

The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha will be inducting 26 new members on November 16, 2006. The fall induction ceremony will be held at McPhail's in Slavin Hall and begins at 5:00 pm.

In order to obtain membership, juniors must complete six political science courses (18 credits) with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in those courses, while seniors must complete six political sci-

ence courses (18 credits) with a GPA exceeding 3.4. Twenty-four new members were inducted last fall and there are currently forty-five members in the Epsilon Chi Chapter.

Inductees from the Class of 2007 are Amy Baker, Seth Butler, Kimberly Caron, Shaun Donnelly, Kyle Drennan, Kristyn Dusel, Katherine Farrell, Jennifer Ferro, Paul Fusaro, Brent Gilbert, Jaime Guerrero, Mat-

thew Korn, Andrea Moffitt, Alvaro Muniz, John Patitucci, Stephen Sobin, Paulina Solinska, Brittany Stalsburg and Christina Tintle.

Inductees from the Class of 2008 are Timothy Canney, Nicholas Cote, Sarah Duncan, Kenneth Hunt, Nicole Picard and Amanda Silk.



Model O.A.S. 2006

Rachel Mills '07

This past April, I attended Model OAS with Dr. Trudeau and several other juniors and seniors from Providence College. We sent two delegations, one representing the United States and one representing Haiti. I happened to be on the delegation for the United States, representing them on a committee that dealt with indigenous peoples, trafficking in persons, poverty and trade. As a political science major, I have learned a great deal about United States foreign policy and international relations, but nothing could possibly substitute for the experiences I had at the Model in Washington DC.

All the delegates are expected to stay "in character" as their country, which meant that many delegations resented the United States. On the other hand, many delegations also looked to the United States as an example and would vote similarly to the US on various issues. The US provides more funding than any other country to the OAS, and many countries were very concerned about remaining on good terms with the US in order to receive aid.

Students were required to write a resolution on a particular issue relevant to their committee. My resolution dealt with census reform in various nations to ensure that governments were accurately accounting for the needs of their indigenous populations which were often neglected. My resolution sparked some very interesting debate, but was eventually voted down because of resentment from delegations representing Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, and several other nations. Other resolutions actually targeted some of the policies of the United States, and often times I made different speeches defending US foreign policy and the quest for democracy.

At the end of the Model, we had elections for the President and Committee Chairs for the following year. Matthew Korn of Providence College was elected to serve as chair of one of the committees. Moreover, Nicole Phillis of Providence College was actually elected as president for the Model in 2007. Most importantly, I learned more about the United States and Latin America through my interactions with other students when I was actually in



Washington DC than I ever learned in a classroom. I met students who were actually from schools in Argentina, Guatemala and Colombia. Although committee sessions may have been tense at times, at the end of the day all the delegations would explore the city together, and one night we all went to a salsa club. Not only was the experience informative, but it was a lot of fun. If given the opportunity, I will definitely return to Model OAS in the future.

Introducing New Faculty: Prof. Ruth Ben-Artzi

Cara Bragg '09

This year, the faculty of the Political Science Department was expanded with the recent addition of Professor Ruth Ben-Artzi. Ms. Ben-Artzi, originally from Israel, completed her undergraduate work at the University of Haifa in northern Israel, and she later continued her studies with an emphasis on international relations and regional development at Columbia University in New York City. Prior to coming to Providence College, Ms. Ben-Artzi worked as a teaching assistant at Columbia, a visiting professor at Hunter College in New York, and an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, where she completed her post-doctoral fellowship as well. Originally, Ms. Ben-Artzi was attracted to PC because she found the situation offered a good position

in the field at a high-quality liberal arts school, which she believed would be an excellent place to start her career. She was also drawn to PC because of the collegiate department and great faculty, in addition to the advantage of teaching small classes and her fondness for the New England area. Since her arrival here, Ms. Ben-Artzi has found the atmosphere welcoming and agreeable, although the new experience of teaching at a smaller, Catholic, and less diverse institution differs greatly from her previous experience. Thus far at Providence College, Ms. Ben-Artzi has enjoyed teaching classes such as Introduction to Politics, International Relations, and Middle East Politics, and she is excited about her seminar class for next semester con-

cerning Political Economy, one of her foremost interests. Although she has not had much chance to gain many experiences outside of teaching yet, Ms. Ben-Artzi has found that conferences have been beneficial to her teaching at PC, and she hopes for other opportunities, such as travel and research, in the future, especially because her teaching is informed by her research. With regard to her academic plans in the near future, Ms. Ben-Artzi has an article under review at this time, and a manuscript of hers has been sent out to publishers for consideration with the working title of *Banking on Development: The Great Expectations in Regional Development Banks*.

The Political Science Data Center

Mitch Haddad '09

Since 1985 the Political Science Department has been host to the Data Center, a great place for students to study and conduct research. Located on the third floor of Howley Hall in Room 314, the Data Center is a computer lab that includes various types of data and access to such programs as SPSS.

The Data Center is perfect for students who are doing data based projects or for general studying. Data Center staff and/or faculty are always available if assistance is needed.

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Hours: Mon-Thurs 9AM-8PM, Friday 9AM-6PM, Sunday: 10AM-8PM

SPRING 2007 - COURSE SCHEDULING REQUEST FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

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SUB	NUM	SEC	Course Title	SERIES	LIM	Instructor	Prereq/Comment
PSC	101	001	Politics	K	18	Battistoni	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	002	Politics	M	18	Blum	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	003	Politics	L	18	Blum	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	004	Politics	E	18	Carroll	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	005	Politics	M	18	Cammarano	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	102	001	Empirical Political Analysis	F	25	Hyde	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	102	002	Empirical Political Analysis	G	25	Hyde	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	102	003	Empirical Political Analysis	B	25	Cammarano	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	102	004	Empirical Political Analysis	D	25	Cammarano	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	201	001	American Govt and Politics	E	20	Romans	Amer. Field
PSC	201	002	American Govt and Politics	F	20	Romans	Amer. Field
PSC	205	001	Comparative Politics	F	20	McCarthy	Comp. Field
PSC	205	002	Comparative Politics	G	20	Brophy-Baermann	Comp. Field
PSC	205	003	Comparative Politics	H	20	Brophy-Baermann	Comp. Field
PSC	207	001	International Relations	K	20	Ben-Artzi	IR Field
PSC	207	002	International Relations	L	20	Ben-Artzi	IR Field
PSC	300	001	Law and Society	G	20	Carroll	Amer. Field
PSC	310	001	American Foreign Policy	H	20	Carroll	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	312	001	Civil Liberties	G	20	Romans	Amer. Field
PSC	318	001	American Public Policy	X	20	Martino	Amer. Field; M 3:30-6:00pm
PSC	321	001	Chinese Politics	J	20	McCarthy	PSC Elective; Prereq. 205 or 325
PSC	325	001	Comparative Revolutions	C	20	Trudeau	Comp. Field
PSC	342	001	Modern Political Theory	K	20	Bellhouse	Theory Field
PSC	342	002	Modern Political Theory	L	20	Bellhouse	Theory Field
PSC	380	001	Gender & Politics	J	20	Bellhouse	Cross List WMS 380
PSC	416	001	Race & Pol in the Americas	X	20	Affigne	Comp. Field; Amer. Field; TR 2:30-3:45pm; Cross-listed BLS 416
PSC	430	001	Int'l Political Economy	X	20	Ben-Artzi	IR Field R 2:30-5:00pm
PSC	450	001	Political Science Internship	X	20	Hyde	PSC Elective; R 2:30-5:00pm
PSC	470	001	ST Model O.A.S.	J	12	Trudeau	PSC Elective; Permission of instructor
PSC	470	002	ST Human Rights in Latin Amer	X	12	Cleary	PSC Elective; MW 2:30-3:45pm
PSC	485	001	Religion & Politics in US	X	12	Cleary	PSC Elective; T 2:30-5:00pm
PSC	489	001	Ecological Crisis and Response	X	12	Affigne	Capstone; W 2:30-5:00pm; Open to PSC juniors & seniors
PSC	489	002	Capstone: Globalization	X	12	Blum	Capstone; W 2:30-5:00pm; Open to PSC juniors & seniors
PSC	489	003	Capstone: Transitional Justice	X	12	Cesarini	Capstone; T 2:30-5:00pm; Open to PSC juniors & seniors
PSC	489	004	The Politics of Education	X	12	Battistoni	Capstone; R 2:30-5:00pm; Open to PSC juniors & seniors

Alumni News

Mary Kate Lizotte '04 has passed her PhD. qualifying exams at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She is in the process of developing her dissertation prospectus and in the past year presented papers at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia and International Society for the Study of Political Psychology in Barcelona, Spain.

David Allen '81 attended law school at George Washington University. He has practiced law with the firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld for twenty years. In 1997 he relocated from Washington, DC to Los Angeles to start the Los Angeles office of the firm. There are now 75 attorneys in the Los Angeles office.

Allison Auger '06 is living in Utah doing a year of service with the Student Conservation Association. She was recently involved in two search and rescues in the Arches and Canyon Lands. She was able to spend some time in Albuquerque to witness the annual hot air balloon festival.

Tom Schrempf '88 who attended Georgetown University Law School is currently employed as an Assistant Attorney General for New York State, and work in Albany. He works in the environmental field suing to recover state expenditures from the clean up of petroleum spills.

Ryan McLeod '01 is currently in his first year of law school at Louisiana State University. He has been busy

since PC working on political campaigns (Herseth for Congress (SD - special election in June '04) Klein for State Senate (NY primary '04), Daschle for Senate (SD - Nov 04), Melancon for Congress (Louisiana Dec 04 runoff), Tim Idoni for County Clerk (Westchester County, NY Nov '05) and Lamont for Senate (CT Primary Aug 06). He also did national community service with AmeriCorps and Teach for America.

Steve Kunze '85 received his MPA from Indiana University and was accepted in the 1987 Class of Presidential Management Interns. He works for the IRS, but does not do taxes, He is on the administrative side concerned with the budget, strategic planning, and performance metrics.

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This year four enterprising Political Science seniors have undertaken the formidable task of the *HONORS THESIS*. Reserved for seniors in the department who have a 3.6 GPA in the major or higher, the Honors Thesis is a two-semester course, taught under the advisement of one faculty member, culminating in a final paper to be defended in front of an "Honors Certification" committee at the end of the student's senior year. This year Nate Downing, Matthew Korn, Nicole Phillis, and Amber Rankin, are each working on different honors theses. Juniors interested in writing an Honors Thesis their senior year should discuss their proposal with their prospective thesis advisor and/or committee members by the end of their junior year, as the thesis research is intended to begin immediately senior year. We wish the best of luck to our thesis-writing seniors as they work through their projects and look forward to learning more about the final products of their travails in the Spring!



Interview with Bryan Brophy-Baermann Danna Rodrigues '09

Tell us a little bit about your life, interests, hobbies, etc.

A: I was born in Okinawa, Japan. My father was in the U.S. Air Force for a while after going through ROTC in college. My family moved back to the U.S. by the time I was two, so I don't remember anything about living in Okinawa. I was naturalized at age two, and granted citizenship retroactively as of the day I was born, so I'm still not sure if I could ever run for President!

Q: *Did you always know you wanted to be a professor?*

A: I never thought I would be a professor. I went through the standard "policeman" stage when I was young, but by the time I was ten or eleven I was set on becoming a doctor, even started college on a "pre-med" track. That interest had begun to fade during my time abroad before college. I had met so many people doing so many different things in a totally new part of the world—it was then, I think, that I decided I could never learn enough, that learning for the rest of my life might be the best way to go. I ended up triple-majoring in German, Communication

Studies and Political Science, adding poli sci in my junior year—I fell in love with everything political!

Q: *Describe your favorite area/concentration and tell us why you like it.*

A: My favorite areas of political science are political violence and the environment; that is, I tend to look at the discipline through issue areas rather than the formal subdivisions you usually think about (American, Comparative, International Relations, Theory, etc.) I believe this is the best way to approach learning—life and issues and problems are messy things and forcing our perspectives or our answers to those "big issues" into narrow, vividly defined boxes doesn't work

Q: *What is your favorite aspect of lecturing/teaching?*

A: Leaving the classroom with the feeling that I learned something along with the students is my favorite part of teaching. I hate the feeling of talking at people; I want to draw them into a conversation, into something they have to actively engage. I also might get questions I hadn't

thought of or be led down a path I wasn't strictly prepared for. If I can manage that, I've grown too. It's not the easiest thing to do, and I'm not always successful, but when it works it feels great!

Q: *Being a new member of the PC community, what are your first impressions?*

A: My time on campus has been short, but I've had very positive experiences across all aspects of PC. The campus is beautiful and the buildings create a welcoming environment. I've been impressed with the college's approach to interdisciplinary studies (American Studies, Global Studies), reaching beyond narrow confines approached by some colleges. I've even found a place to park every time I've needed to all semester!

Q: *You are teaching Comparative Politics next semester, if you could give students one reason to take your course, what would it be?*

A: Take Comparative Politics and you'll find answers to two BIG questions: What's going on in the world? What do all of the differences between us mean?