



POLITICUS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the Spring 2006 edition of *Politicus*, where you'll find useful information about our Fall 2006 courses, student and faculty activities, alumni notes, and other news.

New administrative assistant: In January, Ms. Emerald Lopes began her duties as the department's administrative assistant (replacing Sandra Murray, who is very happy at her new job with the Bank of America). Emerald has already learned the 'system' and is available to answer your questions about departmental activities and opportunities. Welcome, Emerald!

New faculty member: In September we'll welcome Dr. Ruth Ben-Artzi as the newest member of the department. Look for her course on politics in the Middle East, PSC 361. Dr. Ben-Artzi brings extensive research and teaching experience, from previous appointments at Columbia University, Hunter College, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Farewell, Dr. Daddieh: In another important change, we'll say goodbye to Dr. Cyril K. Daddieh, who's leaving Providence College on July 1, 2006, to take over leadership of the Black World Studies program at Miami University of Ohio. Our colleague since 1998, he will be missed. Good luck, Dr. Daddieh!

Graduation 2006: Seniors, don't forget to tell your families about the Senior Reception, scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, May 19. Watch for details as the date approaches. All are invited!

Have a great semester, and for those of you returning in the fall, have a happy and productive summer.

Tony Affigne, Chair

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Paolo Cesarini has attended the 2006 annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She participated in a high-profile session exploring the history of anti-American sentiments in Latin America, which she organized. She also presented her new research on democratization and the obstacles facing democratic reform, in a variety of Latin American political contexts

Professor Robert Trudeau has attended the American Political Science Association's Conference on Teaching and Learning in Washington, DC. He was one of twelve 'track' moderators who had primary responsibility for the technological portion of the conference; and he did make a presentation on interactive course management software at one of the conference's major plenary sessions. His recent appointment to serve on the APSA's national advisory committee ranks him among the nation's best political science professors.

Professor Mary Bellhouse will attend the 2006 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association this March in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Professor Bellhouse will chair the panel on "Rethinking Authority: Social Relationships, Political Practices" presented by four students.



Professor Anthony Affigne will attend the 2006 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in March. Professor Affigne will serve as chair and discussant on the research paper panel for "The Politics of Space and Identity," as well as pre-conference Roundtable on Latino Politics discussant and offering expert commentary on three papers.

Professor Cyril Daddieh has attended the International Studies Association's annual meeting in San Diego. He presented a paper researched on his sabbatical-year in Ghana. The paper offers comprehensive analysis on Ghanaian politics, against the backdrop of 2004's historic elections.

Professors Mark Hyde and John Carroll will present their major research project on United States state-level lobbyists at the 2006 annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The project is based on a series of national surveys of lobbyists, which explore their impact on law and policy making.

Professor James Carlson will attend the 2006 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois. He will serve as a discussant on a panel devoted to the integration of formal, classroom learning, with community-based experiential approaches.

Professor William Hudson will attend the 2006 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He will serve as a discussant in the conference division on "Teaching, Research and Professional Development."

PI SIGMA ALPHA NEWS

By Stephanie LaCharite '06



The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha will be inducting 24 new members on April 23, 2006. The spring induction ceremony will be held downtown at the Bella Vista restaurant and begins at 1:00 p.m.

In order to attain membership, juniors must complete six political science courses with a GPA of 3.5 or better in those courses, while seniors must have a GPA exceeding 3.4 in six courses. Twenty-two new members were inducted last fall and there are currently thirty-one members in the Epsilon Chi Chapter.

Inductees from the Class of 2006 are Kimberly Ahern, Peter Hanoian, Christopher Hoelzer, Laura Martin, Jessica Murphy, Emily-Anne Patt, Adam Roach and Suzanne Young. **Inductees from the Class of 2007** are Brendan Brown, Amanda Dillon, Nathaniel Downing, Sarah Dunn, Elizabeth Finan, Mallory Goodwin, Matthew Harutunian, Rebecca Hatch, David Jose, Laura Martino, Rachel Mills, Amber Rankin, Ryan Sweeney, Robert Tammero, Sarah Vaz and Nicole Wright. Congratulations everyone!

SPOTLIGHT ON POLISCI STUDENTS

By Nicole Phillis '07

Brittany Stalsburg Class of '07, writer of the article entitled "Finding the Right(s) Way for Women in Ethiopia and Afghanistan" will be published in *Global Perspectives* this Spring. The article argues that although women in both these countries have constitutional rights designed to promote equality, these rights are not always applied in practice and thus further subordinate and oppress women. She will also discuss the effects of transnational assistance and how new ways must be sought by feminists to reconcile the cultures of these women with rights that would improve their status. Congratulations Brittany!

Erik Andersen Class of '06, has been accepted to present his paper, "Existence and Endeavor," at the International Anarchist Academics and Activist Conference at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA from April 13-15. While at the conference, Erik will have the opportunity to share his paper with other anarchist academics, as well as partake in three days of culture, jamming, music, film, art, panel presentations, discussions, lectures, and demonstrations. We wish Erik the best of luck with his presentation and congratulate him on his critical work in anarchist theory.

Cristina Vasile Class of '08, has been accepted to present her paper, "Character Assessment as an Indicator of Vote Choice," at the Illinois State University Undergraduate Political Science Conference on April 7. The paper is a revision of a research paper she completed for PSC 102 (Empirical Analysis). We wish Cristina the best of luck with her presentation.

STUDY ABROAD

By Rob Tammero '07

This semester Rob Tammero, Class of '07 has been studying abroad in Florence, Italy. In his own words, Rob tells of his experience as a student abroad.

Studying abroad has tremendously enhanced my college experience. Attending classes taught by professors of varying cultural backgrounds coupled with immersion in a foreign environment has provided a type of education that is impossible to get from studying at home. As a political science student I have benefited not only from the unique perspective and teaching style of my teachers here, but also from talking with people from all over the world. Studying abroad also provides a great opportunity for traveling throughout Europe. Almost every weekend I would leave Florence and travel to a new city in Europe, each of which has contributed to a fantastic experience abroad. I would recommend studying abroad to anyone interested in learning about culture, people, and life outside of the U.S.

COURSE SCHEDULE FALL 2006							
Dept	#	Sec	Course Title	Instructor	Series	Lim	Prereq/Comment
PSC	101	001	Politics	Battistoni	D	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	002	Politics	Cesarini	G	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	003	Politics	McCarthy	J	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	004	Politics	Carroll	B	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	005	Politics	Carroll	M	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	006	Politics	McCarthy	K	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	007	Politics	Trudeau	C	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	008	Politics	Ben-Artzi	E	18	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	102	001	Empirical Political Analysis	Hyde	F	25	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	102	002	Empirical Political Analysis	Hyde	G	25	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	201	001	American Govt and Politics	Carlson	H	25	Amer. Field
PSC	201	002	American Govt and Politics	Carlson	F	25	Amer. Field
PSC	201	003	American Govt and Politics	Cammarano	M	25	Amer. Field
PSC	205	001	Comparative Politics	McCarthy	L	20	Comp. Field
PSC	207	001	International Relatns	Blum	G	20	IR Field
PSC	207	002	International Relatns	Blum	H	20	IR Field
PSC	207	003	International Relatns	Ben-Artzi	F	20	IR Field
PSC	211	001	Public Administration	Cammarano	B	20	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201; Not open to seniors
PSC	305	001	Legislative Process	Romans	D	20	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	306	001	The American Presidency	Cammarano	K	20	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	311	001	American Constitutional Law	Romans	E	20	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	315	001	Elections and Electoral Behavior	Carlson	E	20	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 102 & PSC 201
PSC	316	001	Pol Parties & Interest Groups	Carroll	D	20	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 102 & PSC 201
PSC	324	001	Gov/Pol Russia & Frm Sov Union	Blum	E	20	Comp. Field
PSC	336	001	Latin American Politics	Trudeau	L	20	Comp. Field
PSC	341	001	Classical Political Theory	Bellhouse	K	20	Theory Field
PSC	341	002	Classical Political Theory	Bellhouse	L	20	Theory Field
PSC	344	001	Ancients and Moderns	Battistoni	L	20	Theory Field
PSC	348	001	American Political Theory	Romans	F	20	Theory Field
PSC	361	001	Int'l Pols of the Middle East	Ben-Artzi	G	20	IR Field
PSC	419	001	Public Program Evaluation	Hyde	J	20	PSC Elective; Prereq. PSC 102
PSC	450	001	Political Science Internship	Hyde	X	20	PSC Elective; R 2:30-5:00pm
PSC	470	001	ST Relig/Pols in Latin America	Cleary	X	12	PSC Elective; MW 2:30-3:45pm
PSC	470	002	ST Amer Constit Trad	Carroll	K	12	PSC Elective
PSC	488	001	Visual Culture/Identity/Power	Bellhouse	X	12	Capstone; W 2:30-5:00pm; Open to PSC juniors & seniors
PSC	488	002	Generational Politics	Carlson	X	12	Capstone; T 2:30-5:00pm; Open to PSC juniors & seniors

INTERVIEW WITH A SENIOR

By Nicole Phillis '07

I had the pleasure of meeting with MaryBeth Allen a Political Science major, Data Center worker and Pi Sigma Alpha member and asking her some questions regarding her experience as a Poli Sci major. You may find some of her answers interesting.



Q: As a senior, what has been your favorite moment with Political Science?

A: My favorite moment has to be the Political Science Barbeque for student workers and professors my sophomore year. It was so much fun being outdoors, hanging out with professors, in a casual barbeque setting. I like hanging out with professors, they're cool...mostly.

Q: What was your favorite Political Science class?

A: My favorite Political Science class was – well, there's two: 1) Seeing Masculinity with Laurie Naranch, because I was her research assistant and it was really fun to finally take her in a class on such an interesting topic and 2) International Relations with Dr. Blum, because it was challenging but still really interesting and engaging.

Q: If you could live one day in any professor's shoes, who would it be and why?

A: Oh, what a tough question! There are so many options! I think I would have to pick Dr. Cesarini, because she has traveled and worked all around the world, and knows all of the languages I want to learn. But, I'm torn between Dr. Hyde too because he rides motorcycles, has a cool truck, and a nice dog. What a dilemma!

Q: What are your plans after you graduate?

A: As of right now, I am going to spend the next four months in Galway, Ireland. I plan on working, immersing myself in Irish culture, and traveling throughout Europe.

Q: If you had one piece of parting advice for Political Science majors, what would it be and why?

A: Keep the legacy of "the book" alive!

ALUMNI NEWS

By Professor Jim Carlson, Coordinator of Alumni Relations

The Political Science Department has initiated an effort to increase communication with our many thousands of alumni. In the future we plan to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates by featuring an "Alum of the Month" on the Department's web page. We also will establish an alumni newsletter. As we move forward we also plan to develop a means for current students to communicate with alumni about graduate programs, law schools and career choices. The alumni we have contacted so far have welcomed these ideas. They also reveal an interesting variety of careers that can be pursued with a political science degree from PC.

Tara Reynolds '91 is head VP of customer marketing for Prudential Life Insurance, responsible for customer retention, communications, and now endeavoring to build Prudential's first successful direct life insurance sales channel through the phone and Internet.

Jill Dunn '00 is currently an associate editor at Glow magazine in Toronto, a women's health, beauty and lifestyle magazine.

James Drinan '78 practiced law for fifteen years before transitioning into association management. He is currently Executive Director of the American Association of Endodontists located in Chicago.

Daniel S. Meade '95 went to law school at Catholic University. After Catholic he went to Boston University Law School and received a masters degree in banking law. He works in the Federal Reserve Board's Legal Division in DC.

Louise Rosarbo Dinsmore worked for Congressman Ron Machtley for 6 years until he lost the gubernatorial election in 1994. She got involved in fundraising and has been fundraising for higher education ever since. She is currently employed at the University of Rhode Island fundraising for the Athletic Department.

Jennifer Graham '00 is currently an associate producer with The Alan Colmes Show and assistant on the TV show "Hannity & Colmes" (as one of the lone liberal Democrats). Prior to that, she worked as the Senior Executive Assistant to the Chairman of Fox Studios in LA, and before her stint in Las Angeles, she was a field representative in US Senator Dianne Feinstein's San Diego office.

Michelle (Balthazar) Murphy '94 since graduating from PC, received my MPA from Syracuse University. Additionally, she completed a year of graduate work at Johns Hopkins in Computer Science. She is currently working for Fidelity Investments as a Director in Corporate Information Security and reporting to the Chief Information Security Officer.

Justin Macione '95 obtained a master's degree in Sport Management from St. Thomas University in Miami in 1998 and for the past eight years has worked in media relations for the NFL's New Orleans Saints football team.

THE DATA CENTER

By 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, 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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AIRFORCE ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

By Brendan Brown '07

As a Junior Political Science major, and a dual Canadian-American citizen, I was fortunate to be able to attend the 48th Annual Academy Assembly on "Canada-US Relations" at the Air Force Academy in February. Held in Colorado Springs, approximately 120 students from Canada, the US, and various military academies, the Assembly discussed various security, energy, trade, political, and social aspects of the countries' relationship within small roundtable groups. Roundtables were headed by Air Force cadets and various academic, military and diplomatic professionals. My group was led by two Air Force professors: David Rodearmel, a former State Department law officer from the U.S. Embassy in the Ukraine, and Commander Kevin Haney, a Navy Top Gun pilot. Some other highlights included hearing and meeting two keynote speakers: Joe Clark, the former Canadian Prime Minister, and Navy Admiral Timothy Keating, Commander of NORAD.

A great portion of time had my fellow Canadian students and I educating our American friends as to what goes on in Canada (we are actually more than hockey and igloos), how we view the US, and the importance and influence of the USA's northern partner. The conference's goal was to bridge a common understanding of North America's interests between the two countries, as well as develop theoretical solutions to what our governments can do to meet the needs of the two countries. In addition to the fantastic social aspect of the week long meeting, we were able to write a consensus report on the findings of the conference; a report which is widely distributed to academic and international organizations. A great week was wrapped up the night before everyone departed with a ballroom resort dinner at the foot of the Rockies - quite a sight. I would like to thank the Political Science Department for such a wonderful opportunity to represent the school.