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The Political Science Department Newsletter

Message from the Chair



To the Seniors:
On behalf of the entire political science faculty, it's my pleasure to offer our sincere congratulations and fond farewell; it's been great having you in the department!

Please keep in touch as your career, education, and life plans unfold. We hope to hear from you in the future! And, don't forget to mark your calendar for Friday, May 18, at 3:00 p.m., for our very special senior awards and recognition reception. Your family and friends are invited, too. Location TBA.

Returning Students: Registration for Fall '07 Courses:
When you register for Fall 2007 courses, most of you will find seats in your first or second choice political science classes. However, if a class does fill up before you register, you can contact me (e-mail is best) to be placed on a waiting list. At the end of the registration period, we'll move as many students as possible from the waiting lists. We'll give preference to political science majors, and students facing special circumstances. Otherwise, we'll overenroll from waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. If you do see that one of the classes you would like to take has met capacity do not leave holes in your schedule hoping to be overenrolled. Fill out your schedule completely and if we are able to overenroll you then at that time you'll just have to drop a course to fit the Political Science course into your schedule. Demand for political science

classes is stronger than ever, and next year we'll have fewer full-time faculty on staff. It's going to be tight, but we'll try to accommodate everyone we can!

A New Look for the Department
The Howley Hall/Service Building renovations are nearly complete. All of our Department faculty are now located on the 3rd Floor of Howley Hall, and the connecting hallway now leads to an improved Data Center and a brand-new Student Resource Center. At the end of that hallway (in the former Service Building, now the "Howley Hall Annex"), a large and modern computer lab, open for student use, will soon be complete. If you haven't visited us lately, come on by for a look!

Have a great end-of-the-semester, and a fine summer,

Prof. Tony Affigne
Chair of Political Science

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Special points of interest:

Ever wonder the real benefit of your Providence College Political Science major? Read recent graduate Lisa Amanti's letter.

Where did the data center go? Look on the last page to find the new location of the new and improved data center.

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The Political Science Department is proud to announce the birth of not one, but two "department babies".
Professor Ruth Ben-Artzi gave birth to her first son Tomer early Tuesday morning, February 20th.
Professor Paola Cesarini gave birth to her first daughter Ginevra on Wednesday, February 21st.

Both professors and babies are doing well.

Pi Sigma Alpha, Spring 2007



The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha will be inducting new members on April 22, 2007.

The spring induction ceremony will be held at the Federal Reserve restaurant and begins at noon. 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.

All students must also be ranked in the top 1/3 of their class. Twenty-five new members were inducted last fall and there are currently forty-four members in the Epsilon Chi Chapter.

Inductees from the Class of 2007 are Nicole Chismar, Michelle Dantuono, Pamela Flenke, Kaitlin O'Shea, Jaclyn Scholl, and Patricia

Synnott.

Inductees from the Class of 2008 are Jeremy Kirkpatrick, Emma Pietrantonio, Edward Stravato, and Lindsay Young.

Congratulations everyone!



Interview with Senior Andrea Moffitt

By Danna Rodrigues

Recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing senior Political Science major Andrea Moffitt during her final months here at PC. Andrea is from West Hartford, CT. She is active on campus as an officer for the Best Buddies Club, a member of the Political Science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha, and a participant in the intramural field hockey program. Andrea spent her junior year studying first semester in Glasgow, Scotland, and second semester in Washington, D.C. Her impressive list of internships includes working for Connecticut's lieutenant governor, interning for her own congressman John Larson, and working at Senator Hillary Clinton's Washington D.C. and NYC offices.

1. Tell us about your favorite Political Science course at PC.

I have had two favorite courses here at PC, American Government and Politics with Dr. Cammarano and International Relations with Dr. Blum. I enjoyed American Government because I had a chance to take an in-depth look at how my government works. I was learning information that directly affected me and every other American Citizen. International Relations was a great course because it taught material that is current and useful in the future. Because of technology and globalization our world is becoming more interconnected. It is essential that the United States know about other countries governments and political system. Education is a tool for change and this course made me more aware of the world I live in. Also having professors who are creative and challenging made my courses even more enjoyable

2. What is your greatest accomplishment thus far in your political science career?

My greatest accomplishment thus far in my political science career came while I was studying abroad through American University's program in Wash-

ington DC. The program is sponsored by PC and Dr. Hyde is the contact here at school. I was in the American Government program and I was interning for Senator Hillary Clinton. While there I was given opportunity to work in the executive office. Each day that I was there I was the only intern to work in the executive office. I did everything from meet her at her car in the morning to listen in on hearings. I had the chance to meet important people and watch historical votes take place. It was a wonderful experience, I learned more from that internship than any other.

3. What has been your most memorable experience as a Political Science major?

My most memorable experiences as a Political Science major were often not in the classroom. Being closely connected with the department has made my experience memorable. Working in the data center and knowing most of the department's faculty has made me feel like being a political science major is being part of a community. I was fortunate in that I have an advisor who I truly appreciate and respect. Having an advisor who cares and has challenged all four years has made my time here at PC special.

Also while in DC I had a course that dealt with campaigns and elections and we did a campaign simulation. Four of us from class were picked to run as senators for Texas. We formed teams and held public debates and did media advertising. Our commercials looked just as real as what we saw on TV. This fake election was an exciting time and gave me a small taste of what being in a real election would be like.

4. What are your plans for after graduation?

Currently I am in the middle of my job search. I have looked at a variety of job including the campaign trail. As of now I have been interviewing for paralegal and legal assistant positions in the New



York City and Washington DC areas. I plan on working for about two years and going back to law school. After law school I plan on practicing law and then entering into politics.

5. Do you have any parting advice for current political science majors here at PC?

My parting advice comes in two pieces. First, internships are the key to success. Every experience and connection I have made along the way began with an internship. Internships give you the opportunity to learn in a hands-on environment. I have learned a lot about what I did and did not want out of a job once I graduated from having worked in different environments. Once you do have these experiences you need to use your internships as building blocks to search out other opportunities. You never know what you may learn or who you will meet. Second, have fun. College goes by so fast and it is important that you enjoy your experience here at Providence College. You have four years here and after that you are an adult, use your time wisely. Good Luck!

Alumni News

Patrick Brown, Class of 2005: Patrick has spent the two year period since his graduation from PC half way around the world-in China-where he teaches English to elementary level students. Outside of teaching, he has also found the time for extensive travel. As recently as the Chinese New Year, Patrick spent time in Myanmar, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

Robert Burns, Class of 1974: After graduating Number 1 in Political Science in 1974, Robert went on to obtain a graduate degree in Speech Communication from UMASS, Amherst. Today, he is a professor of Speech Communication at Emerson College and was most recently featured on ABC News for his work with those who struggle with speech fears and severe speech phobias Robert was also recently asked to speak at the Convention of the National Communication Association on "Rhetoric & Life & Times of Colin Powell."

Jennifer O'Meara, Class of 1993: Upon her departure from PC, Jennifer went on to receive a Masters of Science in Mass Communication/Organization from Boston University. Her career path has included work at a number of advertising/marketing/public relations agencies as well as two and a half years as the Director of Web Services at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island. As of September of last year, Jennifer left her position at Blue Cross for a position with Mindshare Interactive Communications. Outside of work, she is also a board member of the PC Boston Club for the past nine years and served as the club's president for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Richard Howe, Class of 1980: Richard attended PC on an ROTC scholarship and spent the four years following his graduation as an Army Intelligence Officer on the East German border. Upon leaving the armed forces, he went on to attend Suffolk University Law School, graduating in 1986. Richard

spent the next eight years practicing law in Lowell, MA. In 1994, he was elected to the county level office of Register of Deeds for the Northern District of Middlesex County. He has since been re-elected twice, most recently in the fall of last year.

John Englishmen, Class of 2003: John followed up his education at PC by obtaining a Masters of Arts in Teaching at Fairleigh Dickenson University in New Jersey. He is now in his third year of teaching social studies at an inner city Catholic high school in Paterson, NJ.

Justin Macione, Class of 1995: After his graduation from PC, Justin went on to complete a master's degree in Sports Management from St. Thomas's University in Miami in 1998. He has spent the years following as a member of the media relations team for the NFL's New Orleans Saints Football team. Justin was also a resident of New Orleans during the Katrina disaster.

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Chairperson : Anthony Affigne Phone x2569

SUB	NUM	SEC	Course Title	Day/Time	LIM	Instructor	Prereq/Comment
PSC	101	001	Politics	M, W/8:30-9:45	18	McCarthy	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	002	Politics	M,W/11:30-12:45	18	Ben-Artzi	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	003	Politics	M,W/2:30-3:45	18	Ben-Artzi	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	004	Politics	T,R,F/8:30-9:20	18	Cammarano	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	005	Politics	T,R,F/10:30-11:20	18	Battistoni	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	101	006	Politics	M,W,F/12:30-1:20	18	Hudson	PSC Gateway Course; Not open to juniors & seniors
PSC	102	001	Empirical Political Analysis	M,W,R/10:30-11:20	25	Hyde	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	102	002	Empirical Political Analysis	M,W,R/11:30-12:20	25	Hyde	PSC Foundation Course
PSC	201	001	American Govt. and Politics	M,W,F/2:30-3:20	20	Carlson	Amer. Field
PSC	201	002	American Govt. and Politics	M,W,F/1:30-2:20	20	Carlson	Amer. Field
PSC	201	003	American Govt. and Politics	M,W,F/2:30-3:20	20	Romans	Amer. Field
PSC	205	001	Comparative Politics	M,W/10:00-11:15	20	McCarthy	Comp. Field
PSC	207	001	International Relations	M,W,F/12:30-1:20	20	Blum	IR Field
PSC	207	002	International Relations	M,W,F/1:30-2:20	20	Blum	IR Field
PSC	211	001	Public Administration	T,R/10:00-11:15	20	Cammarano	Amer. Field
PSC	217	001	Environmental Politics	T,R/1:00-2:15	20	Affigne	PSC Elective
PSC	300	001	Law and Society	M,W,F/10:30-11:20	20	Carlson	Amer. Field
PSC	303	001	Urban Politics in the U.S	T,R/2:30-3:45	20	Affigne	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	305	001	Legislative Process	M,W,F/11:30-12:20	20	Romans	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	311	001	American Constitutional Law	M,W,F/9:30-10:20	20	Romans	Amer. Field; Prereq. PSC 201
PSC	320	001	Comparative Asian Government	M,W/1:00-2:15	20	McCarthy	Comp. Field
PSC	324	001	Govt & Politics of Russia & Frmr U.S.S.R	M,W,F/8:30-9:20	20	Blum	Comp. Field
PSC	333	001	European Politics	T,R/10:00-11:15	20	Cesarini	Comp. Field; Politics Field
PSC	336	001	Latin American Politics	T,R/8:30-9:45	20	Trudeau	Comp. Field
PSC	341	001	Classical Political Theory	T,R/1:00-2:15	20	Bellhouse	Political Tehory
PSC	341	002	Classical Political Theory	T,R/11:30-12:45	20	Bellhouse	Political Theory
PSC	344	001	Ancients and Moderns	T,R/2:30-3:45	20	Battistoni	Political Theory
PSC	419	001	Public Program Evaluation	T,R/1:00-2:15	20	Hyde	PSC Elective; Prereq. PSC 102
PSC	450	001	Political Science Internship	T/8:30-11:15	20	Hyde	PSC Elective; Formerly PSC 460
PSC	488	001	Capstone: Politics and the Sixties	M/1:00-3:45	12	Trudeau	Capstone; Open to PSC seniors
PSC	488	002	Capstone: War, Peace and Pol. Econ of Middle East	T/1:00-3:45	12	Ben-Artzi	Capstone; Open to PSC seniors
PSC	488	003	Capstone: Presidential Campaign Politics	R/1:00-3:45	12	Cammarano	Capstone; Open to PSC seniors
PSC	488	004	Capstone: Visual Culture and Power	W/2:30-5:15	12	Bellhouse	Capstone; Open to PSC seniors

An Alumna's perspective on Value of a Providence College Political Science Education

Dr. Hyde,

This is Lisa Amanti (06; hopefully the name still rings a bell). I wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know how much I have come to appreciate the Political Science department at PC. I am at Suffolk Law with many political science majors and when we have entered discussions about college, I have been completely astounded by the lack of experience/knowledge/perspective that people have. It hit me hard when we had a discussion about research and I mentioned SPSS and statistical analysis. A classmate of mine, who graduated from Vanderbilt, had no idea what I was talking about. She was never required to take a research methods class as a political science major, which really surprised me. Also, the internship that I took as a class with you, has served me well. My experience with the Public Defender's office has given me topics to discuss during interviews, class discussion and lunch conversation. At the risk of making this email one long praise, the expectation and scholarly environment that surrounded the political science department has provided me with a confidence in this experience without which, I am not sure I would be able to get through this first year. It is difficult to describe, but as one of the youngest in my section of 90, female, and among a group with impressive resumes, I felt unsure, nearly inadequate in the beginning. But the more I listen, and the more I learn, the more confident I feel in the skills I have, largely because of the political science department. I always knew that I made the right choice with my major and minor, but having that reaffirmation recently made me want to write this email to you. So, thank you and thanks to your colleagues for teaching me all that you have.

Sincerely, Lisa Amanti

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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 the Howley Hall Annex, 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.

The data center has recently been relocated to Howley Hall Annex room 322.

Phone: 401-865-2433
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9AM-8PM, Friday 9AM-6PM, Sunday: 10AM-8PM



Political Science Department Travels

Dr. John Carroll has been invited to serve as expert discussant for a panel at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) April 12-15, 2007 in Chicago Illinois. For those who aren't aware, MPSA is often considered to be the most prestigious and empirically rigorous regional conference in the discipline of political science. The panel is on "Interest Groups and Lobbying the States" a research area for which he and Dr. Hyde have recently gained greater national recognition. Our department has watched with interest as this research project has evolved, and we are delighted to see Dr. Carroll's expertise acknowledged through this prestigious invitation.

Dr. Susan McCarthy recently attended the Western Political Science Association's (WPSA) annual meeting which was held on March 6-11, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. McCarthy presented her recent

research on faith-based civil society in China. With China's growing role in the global economy, and importance as a military and diplomatic power, Dr. McCarthy's expert analysis of that country's internal political systems is among the best in the field. Our department is proud of Dr. McCarthy's work, and her continued high visibility at WPSA and other scholarly conferences brings credit to both the department and the College.

Dr. Mark Hyde recently attended the Southwestern Political Science Association's (SWPSA) annual meeting which was held on March 14-17, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Hyde was invited to chair a special panel on "Political Theory in the Political Science Classroom." Given the high profile accorded theoretical work in *Social Sciences Quarterly*, and the national reputation that journal enjoys, we view Dr. Hyde's invitation

to chair this panel as an important and positive reflection on our department and the College.

Patrick Brand (class of 2008) will be attending the 47th Annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, the Conference takes place at Annapolis, MD. All NAFAC delegates, upon nomination from their respective universities, are afforded the opportunity to engage in lively discussions, hear renowned experts on the issues, share their own personal views on world events, and learn more about the United States Naval Academy and the U.S. Naval Service. The Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference attracts distinguished speakers each year. Recent guests include President George H. W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Stephen Hadley and General Wesley Clark.