

Politicus

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Letter from the Chair: Transitions and Forand Scholarship Opportunities for 2011 Majors



Spring is always a time of transition for us with our senior students, but this year we have additional transitions to mark. First, on behalf of the entire department, I want to congratulate our 80 graduating seniors (60 majors and 20 minors). We hope to see you, your family, and friends at the Senior Reception on Friday, May

14, from 3-5 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge. It's the time when we say farewell to the Class of 2010, greet their family and friends, and recognize academic excellence and service to the department. You will be receiving a formal invitation soon, but make a note of the date now.

This spring we also congratulate Dr. Trudeau on his upcoming, well-earned retirement from Providence College. I know I speak for all of our faculty and students in saying that we will deeply miss Bob, as a teacher, scholar, colleague, and friend.

And this semester marks my final one as Chair of the Political Science Department. Beginning in July, Dr. McCarthy will move into Howley Hall 316 and take over as department chair.

I also want to remind those of you juniors (Class of 2011) that we are awarding scholarships and research stipends next year under the Forand Research Scholars program to students interested in conducting community-based research on a public policy or other political issue. I already sent a formal notification to all junior majors, so check your past emails for this. If you are interested, please see me for more details. And remember that this year's Forand Scholars will be presenting the results of their research on Wednesday, April 21, at 3:30 p.m. in Harkins LL13. It should be an impressive set of presentations, and I urge those interested in being a Forand Research Scholar in 2010-2011 to attend.

Enjoy the rest of the semester!

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Farewell to Dr. Bob Trudeau: Retiring After 40 Years

By: Shannon Hulst '10

Bob Trudeau came to Providence College in the fall of 1970, beginning what was to become 40 years with the Department of Political Science. With his many stories of his time spent in Latin America, BT has influenced many students over the years to study, live, work, and serve internationally.

As his retirement nears in May, Bob has begun making plans for the next stage of his life. He will be starting off by traveling to Botswana and South Africa days

after the 2010 graduation ceremonies, where he will be attending a seminar and is looking forward to learning how Africa compares to Latin America. He will be traveling to see his granddaughter in Georgia, and is already planning other places that he and his wife may visit. When he is not busy making travel plans, Bob plans to catch up on his reading.

Bob thanks his students for all of their hard work over the past 40 years, and has enjoyed the opportunity to watch them all grow

throughout their 4 years at PC. He encourages his current and former students to take advantage of opportunities and not take anything for granted – if something is good, act as a good citizen and contribute to maintaining it. And when all is said and done, there is “nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile”.

The Department thanks Bob for his dedication and positive influence over the years, and wishes him the best of luck in his retirement.



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Welcome, Jeff Pugh!

By: Shannon Hulst '10

The Department would like to extend a welcome to its newest member, Jeff Pugh, who will join us this fall as an Assistant Professor. He will replace Bob Trudeau, who is retiring at the end of this year. Professor Pugh comes to us from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, where his doctoral dissertation examined the role of institutions in resolving conflict between migrants and host populations in Ecuador and South Africa. More generally, his research focuses on international peace and conflict, Latin American politics, democracy, and migration.

Previously, Pugh earned bachelor degrees in Political Science and Speech Communi-

cation from the University of Georgia, and a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, he lived in Quito, Ecuador for a year, and he has directed a nonprofit organization engaged in peace-building work in Ecuador—the Center for Mediation, Peace, and Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC)—for six years. As part of this initiative, he ran the International Conflict Resolution study abroad program in South America for three years in partnership with CEMPROC and the University of Georgia. He is active within the profession, serving on the Executive Council of the Mid-Atlantic Council on Latin American

Studies.

Pugh is very excited to be coming to Providence College; he plans to offer a range of courses including Latin American Politics, International Conflict Resolution, International Relations, Human Rights, Intro to Politics, and Model OAS, among others. His teaching style tends to be interactive, based on a critical examination of contrasting arguments in order to achieve greater understanding. When he is not teaching, writing, or conducting conflict resolution trainings, Pugh enjoys cooking, tennis, hiking, and making music (he has sung in several barbershop quartets, and he is currently learning guitar and piano).

Pi Sigma Alpha Update

By: Kevin Lindsey '10

The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Providence College chapter of the national political science honor society, has been at work planning a number of events for the end of the semester. With our board, consisting of President Megan Bennett, Vice President Kevin Lindsey, Treasurer Kyle Cassidy and Secretary Meredith Gregory, and faculty advisor Dr. Hyde, we will be hosting an induction ceremony on April 17th and a best paper competition.

Our induction ceremony which will be held on on April 17th from 6:00-8:00 in '64 hall will welcome new class of 2010/2011 members as well as returning class of 2010 Pi Sigma Alpha members and their families to receive their certificates and graduation chords. It will feature a guest speaker, Christina Tintle, class of '07 who

currently works as a sales associate for Bloomberg Financial, dealing primarily with the government and splitting her time between New York and Washington, D.C. Inductees and their families will also be treated to a catered dinner starting at 6:30pm.

The results of the best paper competition will also be announced at the induction ceremony. This is a competition that is held annually for all political science majors and minors to submit a paper they have written in the last year. The papers are judged anonymously by a board of faculty who volunteer for the task and decide on the top three papers. The authors of these papers then receive cash prizes for their work.

Congratulations to class of 2010 Pi Sigma Alpha members Megan Bennett, Laura Bucci, Benjamin Cabana, Kyle Cassidy,

Tinacho Chitongo, Michael Coffee, Caitlin Duggan, Daniel Fisher, Alexander Gaffney, Benjamin Gatti, Meredith Gregory, Danielle Hennessey, Shannon Hulst, Hannah Johnson, Michael Killoy, Jaclyn Kramer, Carrie Lamb, Kevin Lindsey, James Mahady, Mackenzie Mango, Bruno Melo, Megan Mensinger, Julie McNulty, Kate Moylan, Deanna Piscitelli, Lauren Riley, Carolyn Schulte, Alyssa Sylvaria, Dora Szekely, and Taylor Williams and class of 2011 members Lauren Ballback, Kyle Gill, Sara Labanara, Megan Lagreca, Matthew McCabe, Elizabeth McNamara, Caitlin Peruccio, Kiley Phelan, Lauren Swidler, Melissa Wirths, and Amanda Zefi. We hope you find continued success in your studies and will join us for the induction ceremony!

Model OAS 2010: Representin' Jamaica, Mon!

For over 25 years Dr. Trudeau has taught a class called "Model Organization of American States (MOAS)." Students in this class are assigned a certain country in the Western Hemisphere, and together they represent this country at a simulation model session of the OAS, held in Washington, D.C. each year. This year Providence College students, representing the Caribbean nation of Jamaica, traveled to the Model from March 29th to April 2nd along with around 30 other delegations from schools throughout the Americas.

Having prepared diligently all semester, the Providence students met with the Jamaican ambassador, Anthony Johnson, upon their arrival in DC. Once at the Model, acting "in character" as delegates from Jamaica, students debated and presented resolutions related to many different topics affecting the Western Hemisphere. While some students were fortunate enough to have their resolutions pass, others were not as lucky; however, the true value of the experience came in

the transformation of the students into Jamaican delegates, the actual experience of the diplomatic process, and the cross-cultural bonds that were formed between delegations. Speaking to this transformation, senior Megan Bennett explained that "participating in the Model really opened [her] eyes to the frustrations, excitements and rewards which diplomats encounter," describing it as "overall, an extremely edifying experience." Opening and closing ceremonies of the Model, as well as the midweek gala, were held in the actual OAS building, right by the National Mall, all of which contributed to the transformation and realism of the experience. Despite some grueling eleven hour days in committee meetings, students still found some time to see the sights in DC, an experience augmented by the timeliness of their visit at the height of the cherry blossom season.

With his retirement imminent, this was Dr. Trudeau's last trip to the Model as a faculty advisor, but as

Chair of the Faculty Council and invaluable in the planning of the Model, his involvement in MOAS will not cease upon his retirement from Providence College. The Delegation of Jamaica appreciates all that Dr. Trudeau has done for their class, as well as for the Model as a whole, and they invite you to "get up, stand up" and honor Dr. Trudeau for his years of dedication to MOAS. Dr. Trudeau, on behalf of the delegation, I would like to remind you that although you will miss us, "in this great future, you can't forget your past; so dry your tears, I say."



-Danielle Turcotte '11

Post-Providence College Plans

By: Crissa Morton '10

Spring is in the air, and for the seniors at Providence College that means graduation is upon us and the real world is calling. For Political Science seniors, our major has prepared us for a variety of careers and graduate programs. In the current economic climate, having many options is a very good thing.

With a limited job market, many seniors are turning to graduate school and volunteer programs. Law school is always a popular choice for PC students, but many are also looking to pursue degrees in Public Administration and Public Policy. Still others are considering volunteer programs such as AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and Teach for America.

Some seniors already know what they are doing next year, while others are still not sure. However, they know that the education they received at PC will provide an excellent foundation for whatever their future contains. To all seniors, good luck and stay in touch!

Post-grad plans of some Political Science Seniors:

- Mackenzie Mango is attending Boston College Law School, focusing on human rights law.
- Carrie Lamb will be attending American University to pursue a Masters in Public Ad-

ministration.

- Dan Fisher is deciding between Syracuse University School of Law and St. John's University School of Law.
- Alyssa Sylvaria is planning on earning her Masters in Public Health from Brown University.
- Danielle Allard is attending UMass Dartmouth School of Law and will be furthering her interests in environmental policy and social justice issues.
- Shannon Hulst will be earning her Master's in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island.

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Political Science Course Offerings-Fall 2010

PSC 101	Politics	TWF	9:30-10:20	Cammarano
PSC 101	Politics	MWF	11:30-12:20	Romans
PSC 101	Politics	MR	8:30-9:45	Pugh
PSC 101	Politics	MR	10:00-11:15	Ben-Artzi
PSC 101	Politics	TR	1:00-2:15	Ben-Artzi
PSC 101	Politics	MR	2:30-3:45	Hudson
PSC 101	Politics	MR	10:00-11:15	Battistoni
PSC 101	Politics	MWF	1:30-2:20	Pugh
PSC 102	Empirical Political Analysis	TWF	10:30-11:20	Hyde
PSC 102	Empirical Political Analysis	TR	11:30-12:45	Affigne
PSC 201	American Govt and Politics	MWF	1:30-2:20	Carlson
PSC 201	American Govt and Politics	MWF	2:30-3:20	Carlson
PSC 205	Comparative Politics	TR	1:00-2:15	McCarthy
PSC 207	International Relations	MR	10:00-11:15	Blum
PSC 207	International Relations	TR	11:30-12:45	Blum
PSC 211	Public Administration	TRF	8:30-9:20	Cammarano
PSC 217	Environmental Politics	TR	1:00-2:15	Affigne
PSC 303	Urban Politics in the U.S.	T	2:30-5:00	Affigne
PSC 305	Legislative Process	TWF	9:30-10:20	Romans
PSC 310	American Foreign Policy	M	4:00-6:30	Cesarini
PSC 311	American Constitutional Law	MWF	9:30-10:20	Romans
PSC 317	Comparative State Politics	TR	11:30-12:45	Hyde
PSC 333	European Politics	MR	8:30-9:45	Cesarini
PSC 336	Latin American Politics	MWF	12:30-1:20	Pugh
PSC 341	Classical Political Theory	TR	4:00-5:15	Bellhouse
PSC 343	Contemporary Political Theory: American Pol after 9/11	TR	2:30-3:45	Bellhouse
PSC 344	Ancients and Moderns	TR	1:00-2:15	Battistoni
PSC 361	International Politics of the Middle East	R	4:00-6:30	Ben-Artzi
PSC 382	Politics and Culture: The 1960's in America	M	2:30-5:00	Bellhouse
PSC 450	Political Science Internship	R	4:00-6:30	Hyde
PSC 470	Special Topics: Human Rights	MR	10:00-11:15	Cesarini
PSC 470	Special Topics: Contemporary Political Theory, Politics, & Ethics	MR	2:30-3:45	Cleary
PSC 488	Capstone: "Lost" Bodies: Representation, Ideology, & Policy	R	2:30-5:00	Jordan-Zachery
PSC 488	Capstone: Globalization	T	4:00-6:30	Blum
PSC 488	Capstone: The Global Politics of Religion	T	2:30-5:00	McCarthy