

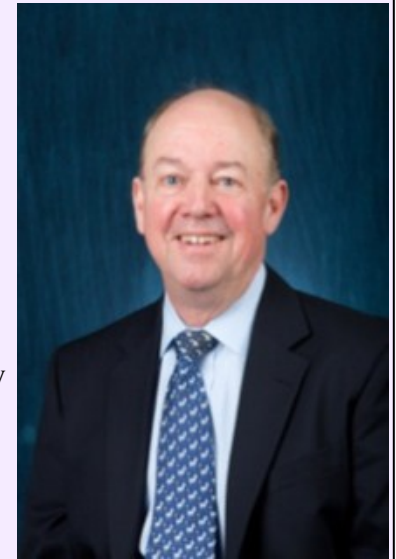
Politicus

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Bittersweet describes my feelings as I write the introduction to this semester's *Politicus*. The departure from the Political Science faculty of two respected colleagues and friends sparks this mixed emotion. At the end of this academic year, Professor Mark Hyde will retire from the faculty and Professor Jeff Pugh will leave us for a new position at UMASS – Boston. These events produce conflicting reactions because one regrets the loss of the departing colleague but at the same time rejoices at the new opportunities they have before them.

Dr. Hyde's departure, of course, comes as no surprise as we have been preparing for his retirement since he announced his intention last year. A successor has been hired (see profile of Dr. Adam Myers below) and several dozen lucky students eagerly enrolled in his final classes this semester for the last opportunity to "take Dr. Hyde." Nevertheless, as his final semester on the faculty draws to a close, we all are more cognizant of what we will miss as he moves on to the retired life. Students will miss his classroom presence and the chance to receive his expert guidance on their class papers along with sage advice on life in general. The department will miss all that he contributes to make our political science learning community vibrant. Professor Hyde has served the department in many capacities, such as department chair and PA Director, and nurtured numerous academic offerings that are central to our curriculum, such as the political science internship, the Washington Semester Program, and our empirical analysis course. His imprint can be found on a number of departmental institutions such as the Political Science Data Center, the Forand scholarship program, the new Downing Award – none would have happened without his energy and determination. No one on the faculty represents better the spirit of the PC political science department than Dr. Hyde. Personally, as someone who has looked up to Mark as mentor and friend for many years, I will miss his wise counsel. Despite our loss, we can be happy that Dr. Hyde's retirement gives him more time to enjoy his beloved Martha's Vineyard. We wish him well and will plot carefully ways to entice him back to campus from time to time. Over the next few weeks, students should find some time to stop by his office for a chat. As always, I am sure, you will be welcome.



Dr. Pugh's decision to leave us comes as more of a surprise but also makes us glad for the new, exciting opportunity that brought it about. Jeff will be joining the UMASS-Boston faculty in its Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance. In his new position, he will be able to pursue his professional research and teaching interests in conflict resolution in Latin America and around the world. In his four brief years at PC, Dr. Pugh has made significant contributions to us through his work with Pi Sigma Alpha, his leadership of several Model OAS delegations, organizing service-learning trips to Ecuador, and in establishing the initial Cleary memorial lectures. Scores of students have benefitted from his superb classes on Latin America and International Relations. He also has made his mark across campus connecting our department with other programs such as Global Studies. We wish Dr. Pugh the best in his new appointment and, as he will be only a short distance up the road in Boston, we will be sure to have him back for frequent visits.

This issue of *Politicus* focuses on providing you with useful information about information you need to make intelligent course choices as you register for next semester and about up-coming departmental events. Thanks to Kaden Belanger, Editor and Emerald Lopes, Administrative Assistant for their help in putting together this issue

- Professor Hudson

Welcome Dr. Adam Myers!

Next fall a new professor will join the departmental faculty: Dr. Adam Myers.

Professor Myers completed his Ph.D. at the University of Texas – Austin last August. This year he has been teaching at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.

His research is in the newly revived area of political geography – studying the spatial variation of political behavior. His dissertation and recent publications show how increasing partisan polarization in American state legislatures (and recent Republican gains in many) can be understood through an examination of partisan shifts among particular demographic groups in legislative districts.

At his interview, we were impressed with the creativity and methodological sophistication of his research plus his enthusiasm for studying politics. Students will benefit from both this enthusiasm and his keen intelligence in his classes.



Next semester, Professor Myers will be teaching PSC 316 Parties and Interest Groups and two sections of PSC 201 American Government and Politics. In the future, he will teach PSC 102 Empirical Analysis, Comparative State politics, and Legislative politics. We all look forward to welcoming Professor Myers in September.

PC Political Science Major Wins Prestigious Scholarship

by: Mercedz Austin '15



Congratulations to Mercedz Austin '15 upon her designation as a 2014 Ralph J. Bunche Summer Institute Scholar by the American Political Science Association (APSA). The Institute is named for Ralph J. Bunche, the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in political science and who went on to win the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his work as a UN undersecretary and conflict mediator. Mercedz will spend this summer at Duke University for intensive study in political science intended to prepare her for future graduate study in the discipline. While at Duke, she will take advanced classes in political science methods and work on an empirical research project. Several Bunche seminar participants will be selected to present their research at this year's APSA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. Best of luck to Mercedz and we look forward to hearing about her experience when she returns to PC next fall!

Curriculum for Majors and Minors

To graduate as a Political Science Major, students must complete 33 credit hours, normally eleven courses, with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in the department, distributed in the following manner:

- two of these eleven are the "Introductory Sequence"
 - four of these courses are "Field Requirements"
- one course is a "[Capstone Requirement](#)"
- and the remaining four courses are "Political Science Electives."

Introductory Sequence:

The Introductory Sequence consists of two courses: PSC 101, Politics; and PSC 102, Introduction to Empirical Analysis. Students normally take these two courses in sequence, although they may be taken simultaneously in a given semester, especially for students joining the department as sophomores or juniors. Normally, this introductory sequence should be completed before taking other courses in the Department.

Field Requirements:

Students must take at least one course in each of the following four fields: Comparative Government and Politics; International Relations; Political Theory; and American Politics. There is no particular sequence required or recommended, but most Majors try to fill these Field Requirements in their Sophomore and Junior years, giving them more choices for Electives during their Senior year. However, Majors may choose to take these courses any time after completing the Introductory Sequence.

Capstone Requirement:

All students will take PSC 488 or PSC 489: Capstone Seminar by their senior year. Juniors interested in taking a Capstone are allowed to register only for Capstones with available seating.

Political Science Electives:

Students must take four additional courses in the Department to fulfill their overall requirement of eleven courses. These "Political Science Electives" can be any course offered by the department, including internships, independent studies, seminars, tutorials, or any of the courses that fulfill Field Requirements. The Department usually offers a variety of interesting course possibilities under PSC 470, Special Topics, which count as PSC Electives; students are advised to look for these in department newsletters and in the course registration booklet. Two courses taught outside the Political Science Department: Soc 312 Computer Applications in Sociology and HPM 408 Policy Analysis in the Health Sector also can count as a PSC elective. Finally, there are often courses taught in other departments that are "cross listed" with Political Science and which may count towards the Major; again, students should check Department newsletters and the Course Registration Booklet.

Requirements for a Minor in Political Science

Many students choose to supplement their Major with a Minor program that will round out their educational experience in a coordinated way. The Political Science Department's Minor is helpful for students majoring in other programs because of its flexibility and the wide variety of courses within the Department.

A Minor in Political Science consists of six courses (18 credit hours) in the Political Science Department. Of these six:

- two of these are the "Introductory Sequence," PSC 101 & PSC 102
- the remaining four courses are "Political Science Electives," i.e. any four courses from the department's offerings (including SOC 312 and HPM 408), subject to published prerequisites
- ordinarily, Minors should complete the Introductory Sequence courses before taking any of the four upper division electives

A student wishing to Minor in Political Science should have a minimum 2.0 overall GPA or have the specific permission of the Department Chair. To complete the Minor, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in Political Science courses. Students normally should declare the Minor before the end of the first semester of their Junior year.

To "declare" a Minor in Political Science, students should get an appropriate form from the Dean's office -- or online -- fill in all information, meet with their advisor in their Major, and then meet with the Chair of the Political Science Department.

Field Requirement Table

Political Science Majors must take at least one course in each of the following four fields:

Comparative Government and Politics, Political Theory, International Relations, and American Politics.

The following table lists the courses in the department that fulfill each of the four Field Requirements:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMPARATIVE POLITICS</u></p> <p>PSC 205 – Intro to Comparative Politics</p> <p>PSC 320 – Comp Asian Government</p> <p>PSC 324 – Gov & Politics of Russia & the former Soviet Union</p> <p>PSC 325 – Comp Revolutions</p> <p>PSC 329 – Comp Middle Eastern Politics</p> <p>PSC 333 – Comp European Government</p> <p>PSC 334 – Comp African Government</p> <p>PSC 336 – Intro: Lat American Gov & Politics</p> <p>PSC 416 – Race and Politics in the Americas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</u></p> <p>PSC 207 – International Relations</p> <p>PSC 361 – International Politics: Middle East</p> <p>PSC 369 – International Law & Organization</p> <p>PSC 430 – International Political Economy</p> <p>PSC 482 – International Security</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POLITICAL THEORY</u></p> <p>PSC 204 – Introduction to Political Theory</p> <p>PSC 341 – Classical Political Theory</p> <p>PSC 342 – Modern Political Theory</p> <p>PSC 343 – Contemporary Political Theory</p> <p>PSC 344 – Ancients and Moderns</p> <p>PSC 348 – American Political Theory</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AMERICAN POLITICS</u></p> <p>PSC 201 – American Government and Politics</p> <p>PSC 211 – Intro to Public Administration</p> <p>PSC 300 – Law and Society</p> <p>PSC 303 – Urban Politics</p> <p>PSC 305 – Legislative Process</p> <p>PSC 306 – The American Presidency</p> <p>PSC 310 – American Foreign Policy</p> <p>PSC 311 – American Constitutional Law</p> <p>PSC 312 – Civil Liberties</p> <p>PSC 315 – Elections and Electoral Behavior</p> <p>PSC 316 – Political Parties and Interest Groups</p> <p>PSC 317 – Comparative State Politics</p> <p>PSC 318 – American Public Policy</p> <p>PSC 319 – Political Attitudes, Public Opinion</p> <p>PSC 416 – Race and Politics in the Americas</p>

**Fall 2014
PSC Department Course
Offerings**

DEPT: Political Science

SEMESTER: Fall 2014

Course Number	Course Title (limit 30 characters)	Series	Limit	Instructor	Day	Time
PSC 101 001	Politics	F	18	Romans	T, W, F	9:30am - 10:20am
PSC 101 002	Politics	G	18	Romans	T, W, F	10:30am - 11:20am
PSC 101 003	Politics	K	18	Zencirci	T, R	11:30am - 12:45pm
PSC 101 004	Politics	K	18	Blum	T, R	11:30am - 12:45pm
PSC 101 005	Politics	I	18	STAFF	M, W, F	12:30pm - 1:20pm
PSC 101 006	Politics	L	18	Zencirci	T, R	1:00pm - 2:15pm
PSC 101 007	Politics	L	18	Blum	T, R	1:00pm - 2:15pm
PSC 101 008	Politics	M	18	STAFF	M, W, F	2:30pm - 3:20pm
PSC 101 009	Politics	E	18	Battistoni	M, R	10:00am - 11:15am
PSC 101 010	Politics	C	18	STAFF	T, W, F	8:30am - 9:20am
PSC 101 011	Politics	M	18	STAFF	M, W, F	2:30pm - 3:20pm
PSC 102 001	Empirical Political Analysis	H	25	Guardino	M, W, F	11:30am - 12:20pm
PSC 102 002	Empirical Political Analysis	I	25	Guardino	M, W, F	12:30pm - 1:20pm
PSC 201 001	American Govt and Politics	F	25	STAFF	T, W, F	9:30am - 10:20am
PSC 201 002	American Govt and Politics	G	25	STAFF	T, W, F	10:30am - 11:20am
PSC 205 001	Comparative Politics	N	25	STAFF	T, R	2:30pm - 3:45pm
PSC 205 002	Comparative Politics	U	25	STAFF	T, R	4:00pm - 5:15pm
PSC 207 001	International Relations	H	25	Ben-Artzi	M, W, F	11:30am - 12:20pm
PSC 207 002	International Relations	J	25	Ben-Artzi	M, W, F	1:30pm - 2:20pm
PSC 207 003	International Relations	A	25	STAFF	M, R	8:30am - 9:45am
PSC 211 001	Public Administration	E	25	Cammarano	M, R	10:00am - 11:15am
PSC 217 001	Environmental Politics	K	25	Affigne	T, R	11:30am - 12:45pm

PSC 311 001	Am Constitutional Law (Crs AMS)	I	15	Romans	M, W, F	12:30pm - 1:20pm
PSC 315 001	Elections and Electoral Behavior	L	20	Affigne	T, R	1:00pm - 2:15pm
PSC 316 001	Poli Parties & Interest Groups	J	20	STAFF	M, W, F	1:30pm - 2:20pm
PSC 329 001	Middle Eastern Politics	O	20	Zencirci	M, R	2:30pm - 3:45pm
PSC 336 001	Latin American Politics	J	20	STAFF	M, W, F	1:30pm - 2:20pm
PSC 343 001	Contemp Poli Theory	N	20	Bellhouse	T, R	2:30pm - 3:45pm
PSC 343 002	Contemp Poli Theory	L	20	Bellhouse	T, R	1:00pm - 2:15pm
PSC 380 001	Gender and Politics	Q	12	Jordan-Zachery	T	2:30pm - 5:00pm
PSC 382 001	Politics & Culture (Cross AMS)	P	20	Bellhouse	M	2:30pm - 5:00pm
PSC 382 LAB*	Politics & Culture(Cross AMS):Film Lab	X	20	Bellhouse	M	5:01pm - 6:30pm
PSC 425 001	Mass Media and Politics	E	20	Guardino	M, T	10:00am - 11:15am
PSC 450 001	Political Science Internship	V	20	Hudson	T	4:00pm - 6:30pm
PSC 470 001	Spec Top: Pol. Thought in Sci Fi	Q	12	Affigne	T	2:30pm - 5:00pm
PSC 488 001	Cap: International Security	V	12	Blum	T	4:00pm - 6:30pm
PSC 488 002	Cap: International Political Economy	S	12	Ben-Artzi	F	2:30pm - 5:00pm

*Note: PSC 382 LAB should be scheduled Mondays, 5-6:30 (it immediately follows PSC 382 in series P.)

Fall 2013 Course Offerings: LAW

Course Number	Course Title (limit 30 characters)	Series	Limit	Instructor	Days	Time
LAW 201 001	General Law	T	25	McLaughlin	M	4:00pm - 6:30pm
LAW 201 002	General Law	X	25	McGuirl	R	4:30pm - 6:50pm
LAW 201 003	General Law	E	25	Bornstein	M, R	10:00am - 11:15am

Up Coming Events

Enacting Rhode Island's Marriage Equality Act: Perspectives from Participants

Date: **Monday, March 31, 2014**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Ruane LL05

The Political Science Department is hosting a panel discussion regarding the enactment of Rhode Island's Marriage Equality Act.

Panelists:

Mr. Christopher C. Plante, National Organization for Marriage

Mr. Devin Driscoll, formerly of Rhode Islanders United for Marriage

Fr. Bernard Healey, Rhode Island Catholic Conference

Rev. Don Anderson, Rhode Island Council of Churches

Senator Leo Raptakis, District 33 – Coventry/W. Greenwich/E. Greenwich

Representative Jeremiah O'Grady, District 46 – Lincoln/Pawtucket

The event is free and open to the Providence College Community.

Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony

Date: **Saturday, April 5, 2014**

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: '64 Hall, Slavin Center

The Providence College, Epsilon Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha will be hosting the annual Induction Ceremony to welcome new members. All current members are invited to attend.

Members are allowed 2 guests, but not restricted to only parents. There will be a speaker, dinner, certificates will be given to the newest members and chords and medallions will be distributed to graduating Pi Sigma members.

Please RSVP to elopes2@providence.edu no later than Friday, March 28, 2014.

The Role of Civil Society and Faith-Based Organizations in Colombia's Peace Process”

Date: **Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Ruane #105

The Ed Cleary, O.P. Memorial Lecture, inaugurated in 2013 with former President Ricardo Lagos of Chile as the first speaker, continues this Spring at Providence College. The series seeks to raise awareness on campus about issues of human rights, religion, and Latin America, in memory of former PC professor Father Ed Cleary.

The second annual Cleary Lecture will feature **Dr. Virginia Bouvier** of the **United States Institute of Peace**. Dr. Bouvier is the senior program officer for Latin America. She is currently the United States delegate/observer to the Colombian peace process taking place in Havana, the most serious initiative in ten years to try to end the half-century long Colombian armed conflict.

In 2012-13 she served as a process design expert for the United Nations Standby Team of Mediation Experts. She joined USIP in January 2003 as a program officer for the Jennings Randolph Fellowship program. For the previous seven years, she was an assistant professor of Latin American literature and culture at the University of Maryland. From 1982 to 1989, Bouvier served as senior associate at the Washington Office on Latin America, where she focused on Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Bouvier has also served as a consultant and research director for the Women's Leadership Conference of the Americas, a joint project of the Inter-American Dialogue and the International Center for Research on Women, and as a consultant at the World Bank, Levi Strauss Foundation, Levi Strauss and Co. and the C.S. Fund.

Her areas of expertise include Colombia, mediation and peace processes, conflict analysis and prevention, civil society, and gender and peacebuilding. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and holds a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley in Latin American studies.

More information is available here: <http://www.usip.org/experts/virginia-m-bouvier> and at <http://vbouvier.wordpress.com>.

For more information about the Cleary Lecture series, see <http://providence.libguides.com/lagos>. For questions about the event, contact jpugh@providence.edu or dorique@providence.edu.

"Higher Education Politics, the Student Loan Crisis and the Endangered American Dream"

Date: Monday, **April 28, 2014**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Ruane 105

The Political Science Department will be hosting a talk titled "Higher Education Politics, the Student Loan Crisis and the Endangered American Dream" with Professor Suzanne Mettler on April 28, 2014 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Ruane 105.

Suzanne Mettler is the Clinton Rossiter Professor of American Institutions in the Government Department at Cornell University. Her research and teaching interests include public policy (including social welfare, tax, health, and education policies), American political development, political behavior and civic engagement, and inequality.

Mettler's new book, due out in March 2014 from Basic Books, is: *Degrees of Inequality: How Higher Education Politics Sabotaged the American Dream*. (Books will be for sale at the event.)

Forand Scholar Presentations

Date: **Thursday, May 1, 2014**

Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Harkins LL13

The Political Science Department will host a research presentation by the department's Forand Scholars. This is an opportunity for scholars to present their research findings.

The following scholars will be presenting their research:

Justin Serafin:	The Politics of Gun Control
Sam Conley-Elgee:	Internet Access and Educational Policy in Rhode Island
Lauren Evans:	Industrial Decline and Civic Identity in Rhode Island
Nicholas Wallace:	Health and Wellness Policy
Kathleen O'Hanlon:	Rhode Island Pension Reform
Kerry Fleming:	Community Health and Obesity

Senior Reception

Date: **Friday, May 16, 2014**

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Aquinas Lounge

The Political Science Department will be hosting our annual Senior Reception. All class of 2014 Political Science majors and minors are invited to attend along with their families.

At this event the majors with the highest GPA as well as graduating department student employees will be acknowledged.

Additionally, graduating Public Administration minors will also be acknowledged. We encourage families and friends to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

Blum Speaks about Ukraine Crisis

by Courtney Buohl

For the past few months, Ukraine has faced a political crisis of chaos and violence. Protests led to the ejection of President Viktor Yanukovich, with new elections expected to occur on May 25. The violence in Crimea caused Crimea to turn to Russia for help, and Russian forces moved into Crimea. Crimea eventually voted to become part of Russia on March 16. The U.N. Security Council rebuked the vote, as many Western countries saw the referendum as a violation of Crimea's sovereignty. The U.S. response has been to impose sanctions on Russia, as well as remove Russia from the G8.

Doug Blum is a professor of political science at Providence College, and one of his areas of expertise is Russia. Blum said, "We're at a time of fundamental change in US-Russian relations," a kind of change Providence College students have not seen in their lifetimes. The U.S. stake in this crisis is that policymakers are thinking much differently about Russia than they did in the past years post-Cold War. "Instead of seeing Russia and Putin's administration specifically as involved in a protracted transition toward European or Western understandings of modernity, the perception now is that Putin and his regime represent something fundamentally different. They are engaged in a completely different project which has to do with very atavistic understandings of national interest as defined by power," Blum said. This leads to a "fundamental reassessment" of the Russian regime and how the U.S. should react to Russia.

Blum said that Putin orchestrates a narrative of friends versus enemies; Putin and his administration "have a very defensive, even paranoid view of the outside world, especially the West." Putin has shown that he is willing and able to use force, and so the U.S. will react to that. The U.S. and Western European countries now are "dealing with Russia as an adversary rather than as a difficult but potentially manageable partner," Blum said.

Many Americans are concerned not only with the current violence in Ukraine, but also what is next for Russia. "What's about to happen is that US and Western Europe are about to take a much more confrontational and militarized approach to dealing with Russia," Blum said. Some possibilities for action include increased economic sanctions, increased troops in the NATO alliance, and possibly inviting neighboring Georgia to join NATO. Blum cautioned against this militarized action, saying, "Placing more men and more arms in front line NATO states and inviting Georgia to move toward membership will be extremely provocative and counterproductive." It would be easy for Putin to make this military action part of his friends and enemies narrative.

Blum said that the removal of Russia from the G8 is a symbolic move, as Russia has never been economically on the same level as other members of the group. The sanctions, however, will have a damaging effect on Russia's GDP, and if the sanctions are increased, they will not only affect Russia but also the rest of the world. Blum does not think that war is likely, but he is "so concerned about anticipated steps that will contribute to further militarization," as these moves have the potential to be "destabilizing and even dangerous."

Those interested in learning more about Russia and the Ukraine situation should consider taking Dr. Blum's PSC 324 *Government and Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union* which will be offered Spring 2015.

Consider a Forand research grant!

Members of the Class of 2015 recently were sent an invitation to apply for a \$ 1000 Forand scholarship grant to conduct research on a policy issue relevant to Rhode Island and Southern New England. To receive the grant, students need to identify a research project under the supervision of a political science professor and submit a competitive application to Political Science department chair, Dr. Hudson. A committee of faculty will review application and select Forand grant recipients at the end of this semester. Details about the grant and application procedures were provided in the invitation. While this program is open only to current Juniors, members of the Classes of 2016 and 2017 should keep this opportunity in mind for the future.

If you want to learn what six graduating Seniors discovered with their grants this year, come to the 2014 Forand Research grant presentations on May 1 at 4 PM in Harkins LL13.

Anyone with questions about the Forand program should stop by for a talk with Dr. Hudson in Howley 319.

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