

Politicus

Spring 2017



Letter from the Chair, Dr. William Hudson

Welcome to the first Politicus of the Trump era. Whatever you may think of our new president, his election has produced a clear increase in civic participation, among both his supporters and opponents. Mainstream media outlets (aka “the enemy of the people”) have seen their subscriptions and viewership increase – an irony the journalistic community must relish. Many Americans seem much more interested in reading and learning about politics. At PC, we need to respond to this interest with events and courses that chronicle and analyze the lively politics of the moment. Already, before Spring Break, several political science faculty members participated in a well-attended BOP forum on the Trump administration. In this issue, you will find information about some additional events planned for this spring. Please take note and look for more to come before the semester ends.

One important event coming up in a couple of weeks will be a Political Science Department Open Forum for all political science majors and minors. We have scheduled this forum in response to student demand for more opportunities to participate in department policy. I urge you to attend and let us know what more we can do to enliven the study of politics at Providence College. Your political science professors will be present at the forum to hear what you have to say about your experiences as political science majors and minors. We are anxious to learn of your suggestions about new course ideas, departmental activities, and other ways that your experience with the department might be improved. Please mark your calendars: Wednesday March 29 4-5 PM in Ryan 102. (See further details in this issue.)

Thanks again to Mrs. Ortiz and Christian Balasco for their editorial work on this issue.

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UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS:

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Ruane 105 at 4:00 pm

5th Annual Fr. Ed Cleary O.P Lecture Series (flyer enclosed)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Ryan Center 102 at 4:00 pm

Political Science Open Forum (flyer enclosed)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Howley 300 at 5:30 pm

Graduate School Info Session (flyer enclosed)

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Aquinas Lounge at 3:00-5:00 pm

Pi Sigma Alpha Annual Induction Ceremony (new member list enclosed)

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

TBD @ 5:00pm

Forand Scholar Presentations—Class of 2017 Forand Scholars Cassandra Chisholm and John Hindley will be presenting their research.

Friday, May 19, 2017

Aquinas Lounge at 3:00—5:00 pm

Annual Political Science Senior Reception



ATTENTION JUNIORS

APPLY FOR A 2017-2018 FORAND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

What is it?

Scholarship open to Class of 2018 political science majors and minors for the 2017-2018 academic year.

A one year scholarship stipend of \$1000 plus \$500 in research funds to conduct research on a public policy issue.

Program includes three credits earned in an independent study course either the fall or spring semester.

How do I apply?

1. Contact a political science professor to discuss possible research topics.
2. Identify a Forand faculty advisor- likely the professor contacted above.
2. Complete an application form to be submitted to Dr. Hudson by May 12.

**ALL JUNIOR MAJORS AND MINORS WILL BE RECEIVING AN EMAIL
WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WITH MORE DETAILS.**

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

OR

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DR. HUDSON DIRECTLY
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Pi Sigma Alpha Spring 2017 Invitees

****Invitations have been sent to student's emails and Friar Boxes. Please check for the official invitations, and make payments to Emerald Ortiz in Howley Hall by Friday, March 24, 2017. ****

Class of 2017 majors:

Kimberly Carroll
Matthew Harrington
Riley Maloney
Hugh O'Connor

Class of 2018 majors:

Michael Bartels
Brianna Frias
Daniel Ingham
William Lawton
Tatiana Reali
Gabriella Reimer
Christine Reiss
John Tait
Benjamin Tyler

Class of 2017 minors:

Elaine Carey
Andrew Konnerth
Grace Maxim
Patrick O'Brien

Class of 2018 minors:

Courtney Altenburger
Kathleen Coyne
Abigail Wolf



Fifth Annual Father Edward Cleary, O.P. Memorial Lecture

Cuba and the United States: Looking Back and Looking Forward

Thursday, March 23, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Ruane 105



Jorge I. Domínguez is the Antonio Madero Professor for the Study of Mexico and chair of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies at Harvard University. His most recent publications related to Cuba are *Debating U.S.-Cuban Relations: How Should We Now Play Ball?*. Revised and Updated Edition (Routledge 2017), and "Constitución y constitucionalismo en Cuba," *Cuban Studies* 45 (2017): 3-13. Both were published in January 2017.

Event Co-Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Program on Latin American Studies, Office of Institutional Diversity, Global Studies, Development of Western Civilization Program, Black Studies Program, Social Science Program and the Department of History and Classics.

Presentation made possible through the generosity of the Krakowski family.



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If you are a person with a disability and require an assistive device, service, or other accommodation to participate in this event, please contact the Central Reservations Coordinator (401-865-2070; M-F 8:30a.m.—4:30p.m.) well in advance of the event.

Political Science Department Open Forum

Political Science Majors and Minors — Join the Political Science Faculty in an Open Forum regarding your vision for the department's future!

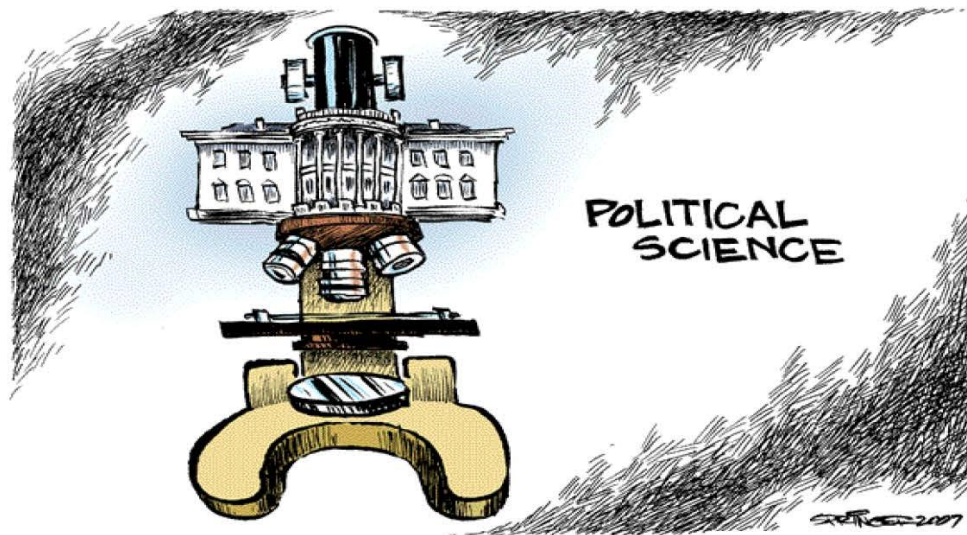
Do you have an idea for a course you would be interested in taking?

Do you want to start a Political Science Club or Mentor Program?

Do you have an idea for an event the Political Science department should host?

Do you have ideas on how to make your experience in the PSC Department better?

IF SO, THEN THIS FORUM IS FOR YOU!



DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

TIME: 4:00 pm—5:00 pm

LOCATION: Ryan 102

****Pizza will be served.****



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Political Science Graduate School Information Session

Hosted by: Dr. Matt Guardino, Dr. Thea Riofrancos, and Dr. Paul Herron

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

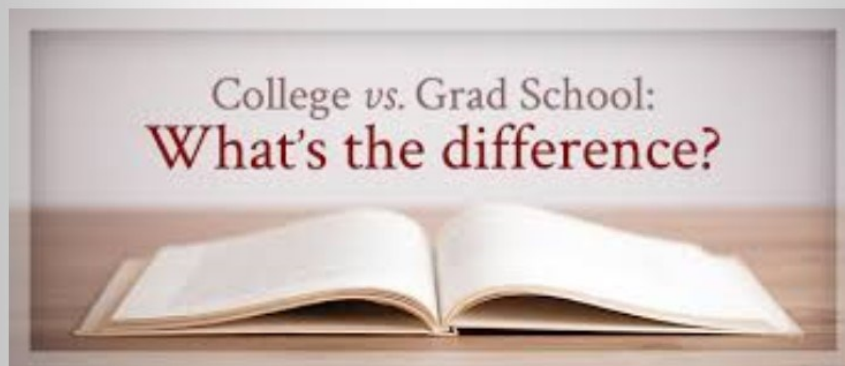
Location: Howley Hall 300

Refreshments will be provided! Stop by after the Political Science Department Open Forum - no RSVP necessary!

For information, email Dr. Guardino (mguardin@providence.edu).



Come hear about possibilities for master's and PhD programs in political science, public policy and public administration in an informal setting. We will discuss the types of programs that are available, the career paths they can lead to, application procedures and useful tips, and will be happy to field any and all questions. We will also have two recent PC political science alumni on hand who have been successful in the graduate school process – one in a master's program and one in a PhD program.



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PSC 201: American Government and Politics

Prof. Guardino - Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 am – 11:15 am

If you've been following the news over the last year, you know that American politics is in turmoil. This course is designed to shed some light on that turmoil, by helping you (1) attain a basic understanding of the United States' political development and institutions, (2) understand why our government works the way it does, and (3) become a more critical analyst of government, politics and political news. Our core theme will be *political economy*, or the relationship between the processes and practices of democracy, on the one hand, and the operation of the national and global economy, on the other. In working through this theme we will pay special attention to key public policy debates as they have been shaped by the historic 2016 elections, and how the basic features of American government and politics illuminate the issues and events that appear in the news every day. I hope you will leave this class with a solid understanding of how the government and political system operates, as well as an expanded sense of the possibilities for and the limits to American democracy, and thus a better ability to make informed decisions as an engaged citizen.

PSC 316: Political Parties and Interest Groups

Prof. Myers - Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:45 pm

This course examines political parties and interest groups, two institutions at the heart of contemporary democratic politics. Our focus will primarily be on how these institutions operate in the U.S., though we'll also consider their operation in other democracies from time to time. Important topics we will discuss include: the formation of party systems, party identification, realignment theory, party polarization, lobbying and the lobbying industry, and campaign finance.

PSC 319: Political Attitudes and Public Opinion

Prof. Guardino – Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 – 3:45 pm

Public opinion is central to the study of democratic politics. In this course, we will explore a variety of questions related to U.S. public opinion: Where do political attitudes come from, and how much do people know about politics? Do we make political judgments based on our material self-interest, or do more abstract values shape our attitudes? Do Sean Hannity, Breitbart News, Rachel Maddow and other media sources influence public opinion? Is the American public polarized? What explains our views about war, climate change, and other prominent policy issues? And what is the connection between public opinion and public policy outcomes - does the government listen to the governed? We will focus on what public opinion is and how it *actually* affects politics, what roles we think public opinion *should* play in a democracy, and how we might bridge the gap between the realities and our ideals. Our discussions draw on theories and research findings in political science and communication studies, views from government officials, activists, political consultants and other "on the ground" actors, and events and issues in contemporary politics. I hope you will leave this class with a richer and more critical understanding of the role of public opinion in American democracy, and thus a better ability to make informed decisions as an engaged citizen.

382: Politics and Culture: Visual Politics

Prof. Bellhouse – Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-2:15 pm

What does the visual have to do with power? In Politics and Culture this fall, we will focus on *the visual* and treat the visual as a mechanism of power and a site of power and struggle. Visual politics is pervasive: it is often at work in film, photographs, advertising, television, video games, security and mass surveillance, street art and graffiti, comic books, graphic novels, the built environment, public spaces, paintings and prints, war memorials, cemeteries, and in everyday practices such as fashion, hairstyles, makeup, and tattoos. While we will be interested in a variety of topics, we will focus especially how visual markers are used to construct hierarchical categories of identity and difference, especially in pervasive practices of racialization and gendering. We will be interested in how visual practices affect how we recognize others and how it affects our own subjectivity or sense of self. We will explore some important *methods* for analyzing visual materials and practices.

PSC 380/WMS 380: Gender & Politics

Prof. Bellhouse - Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:45 pm

Gender is a central concept for understanding social inequalities and power relations. This course is designed as an introduction to the study of gender, sex, and power. Our primary focus will be on the United States since the 1950s, and on some major theoretical claims about gender, sex, and sexuality that will help us to frame our thinking about gender and politics. We will be interested in how norms of gender, sex, and sexuality find expression in institutions, policies, and everyday practices in ways that tend to legitimize only certain human beings as political actors, certain identities as politically relevant, certain human beings and relationships as important and valuable, and certain practices as the “proper” means by which one might bring about change. Our interest is in the *intersecting* and compounding effects of race and gender and class, and so will work to look at gender and race and class together. In this course, we will reject the assumption that gender and race are simply natural or pre-political givens, and instead we’ll ask how *government policies and practices* as well as private practices work to create and sustain particular raced-gendered-sexualized identities.

PSC 348: American Political Theory

Prof. Bellhouse - Monday 2:30-5:00 pm

In the fall 2017, PSC 348, American Political Theory, we will be interested in **capitalism and race in the United States, and radical Black American thought**. During the semester, we will focus on three topics:

1) Slavery and Capitalism. We will be especially interested in new scholarship on American capitalism that focuses on slavery; for example, Edward Baptist’s book *The Half has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism* (2014) and Daina Berry’s *The Price for Their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from Womb to Grave, in the Building of a Nation* (2017). **2) Demonization, mythology, and race, including what Du Bois called “the role of propaganda in history.”** We will be concerned here with how state violence, popular culture, and silencing and distortions in history have been used to oppress Black Americans (as well as other groups such as Native Americans and immigrants) and to popularize ideas about racial supremacy and inferiority. **3) Radical Black American thought**, with assigned readings by radical Black American scholars, activists, and public intellectuals, such as James Baldwin, Malcolm X, Angela Davis, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and Keeanga-Yamahatta Taylor. We will watch several movies during the semester, inside and outside of class, such as “Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution,” “The Black Power Mixtape,” “13th,” and “I Am Not Your Negro.” Throughout the semester, we will be mindful of the benefits of adopting an *intersectional* approach, and thus we will be interested in gender and sexuality as well as race and class.

Fall 2017 Course Offerings in Political Science

*****Check Cyber Friar for the most up-to-date course listings.*****

**** Please note that the following courses will need to be pre-registered for. Majors should meet with their academic advisors to fill out the pre-registration form. Minors should email their Banner ID and CRN to the department Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Ortiz at emerald.ortiz@providence.edu or stopping by Howley 318. All sections of PSC 101; PSC 102; PSC 201; PSC 207 and PSC 211.****

Course Number	Course Title	Series	Limit	Instructor
PSC 101 001	Politics	K	18	Doug Blum
PSC 101 002	Politics	K	18	Joe Cammarano
PSC 101 003	Politics	I	18	STAFF
PSC 101 004	Politics	L	18	Doug Blum
PSC 101 005	Politics	J	18	STAFF
PSC 101 006	Politics	N	18	Susan McCarthy
PSC 102 001	Empirical Analysis	F	20	Adam Myers
PSC 201 001	American Government and Politics	E	25	Matthew Guardino
PSC 201 002	American Government and Politics	L	25	Matthew Guardino
PSC 205 001	Comparative Politics	G	25	Thea Riofrancos
PSC 205 002	Comparative Politics	F	25	Thea Riofrancos
PSC 207 001	International Relations	A	25	STAFF
PSC 207 002	International Relations	E	25	STAFF
PSC 211 001	Public Administration	U	25	Joe Cammarano
PSC 217 001	Environmental Politics	K	25	Tony Affigne
PSC 300 001	Law and Society	H	20	Paul Herron
PSC 311 001	American Constitutional Law (crosslist AMS)	J	15	Paul Herron
PSC 316 001	Political Parties and Interest Groups	N	20	Adam Myers
PSC 319 001	Political Attitudes and Public Opinion	N	20	Matthew Guardino
PSC 325 001	Comparative Revolutions	K	20	Susan McCarthy
PSC 348 001	American Political Theory	P	20	Mary Bellhouse
PSC 380 001	Gender and Politics (crosslist WMS)	N	15	Mary Bellhouse
PSC 382 001	Politics and Culture: Visual Politics	L	20	Mary Bellhouse
PSC 419 001	Public Program Evaluation	G	20	Adam Myers
PSC 450 001	Political Science Internship	Q	20	Tony Affigne
PSC 470 001	ST: Political Thought in Science Fiction	L	20	Tony Affigne
PSC 470 002	ST: Globalization	V	20	Doug Blum
PSC 488 001	Capstone: Global Politics of Religion	P	12	Susan McCarthy
PSC 488 002	Capstone: Politics of Oil	W	12	Thea Riofrancos