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*From the Desk of Dr. William Hudson, Chair of the
Political Science Department:*

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This issue of *Politicus* provides important information students will need to register for classes for next Fall Semester. Please review carefully the pre-registration information for PSC classes. We implemented the new pre-registration system for the first time last fall and implementation went quite smoothly. We anticipate the same this spring. All PSC majors should contact advisors as soon as possible to obtain pre-registration forms. Minors will need to obtain forms from Mrs. Ortiz on the dates and times specified on the pre-registration instructions.

You also will find in the following pages descriptions of several of the courses being offered next fall. These are not catalogue descriptions, but brief discussions of the topics and issues each professor will be covering in the fall. This is a great tool to use in deciding what courses to take.

Note also upcoming events. Seniors need to mark their calendars for the Senior Reception on May 18th. Please give you parents a heads up about this important event at which the PSC department honors all graduating majors and minors. There will be bling!

Finally, thanks again to Mrs. Emerald Ortiz and Christian Balasco for editing and composing this issue. Chris will be among happy PC grads at Commencement in May. For this we congratulate him, but his departure will be bittersweet for those of us on Howley 3. His editorial work on *Politicus* has been superb and he has been Emerald's right hand in accomplishing much of the administrative work of the department. Best wishes Chris – we will miss you.

Professor Hudson



Upcoming Political Science Department Events

Public Interest Law Lawyers Panel — On **Wednesday, April 4th at 4:00PM in Ruane LL05** several public interest lawyers will discuss their career paths. They will offer advice to aspiring lawyers and political science students on their own potential careers in law or related policy areas, and will be available to answer questions from those in attendance. Participants will include **Jennifer Wood**, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Center for Justice, and **Anna Kastler** of the New Bedford Public Defender's Office. More information on this event and its panelists will be forthcoming.

Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony — On **Saturday, April 7th from 4:00PM—6:00PM in the Aquinas Lounge**, Pi Sigma Alpha will host its annual induction ceremony. ***This is an invitation only event.*** This event will include the presentation of awards, the induction of new members, the presentation of chords and medals to graduating seniors, dinner, and a keynote address from Mayor Jorge Elorza of Providence. Invitations have been mailed to all invitees, and RSVPs are requested no later than Thursday, March 29, 2018.

The Political Science Department's Senior Reception — On **Friday, May 18th from 1:00PM-3:00PM in the Moore Lounge Room 125**, the Political Science Department will host its annual Senior Reception. This event is open to all Class of 2018 Political Science majors and minors as well as graduating Public Administration minors. This event is an opportunity for the department to honor all graduating students, especially the ones with highest GPA's. Students are welcome to invite their families. RSVP no later than Friday, May 4th to emerald.ortiz@providence.edu.

New Course Description

PSC 470.002 - Special Topics: Campaign and Electoral Communication in the United States

Professor Matt Guardino

2:30 – 3:45 Tuesdays & Thursdays

“Fake news”! “Twitter storms”! “Bots”!? While the creation and circulation of American political ideas and information have been radically transformed in recent years, some things may not have changed quite as much as it appears. Just in time for the pivotal 2018 congressional campaigns, this course will provide a critical analysis of public communication processes in U.S. elections today. We will consider how the every-growing stream of campaign ads, tweets, news reports (both real and “fake”), and other messages affect American voters, and what these effects say about our broader political-economic system and political culture. We will pay close attention to the historical, economic and technological context of electoral communications; to the best research in the fields of political science and communication studies; and to the views and experiences of people who actually do this work, such as advertising consultants, pollsters and social media managers. The course will feature ample discussion and opportunities to read, watch and analyze ads, news stories, social media posts, stump speeches and other forms of communication, both in class and in formal assignments. Our goal is to arrive at a more thorough understanding of campaign communication today, and to help each other become more critical and informed consumers (and producers) of election-related messages. *Fulfills the American politics field requirement.*

Spring 2018 Pi Sigma Alpha Invitees

The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha would also like to recognize their Spring 2018 invitees. These students have met the necessary requirements for admission into Pi Sigma Alpha and are officially invited to become members of this honor society.

If your name is listed below, an official invitation has been sent to you. As a reminder, if you choose to accept membership into Pi Sigma Alpha, there is a required sixty-five dollar (\$65.00) membership fee which covers dues in the national chapter as well as the cost of certificates, honors chords and medallion and other expenses. This is a one-time fee. Membership fee payments can be paid by cash or a check made payable to ***Providence College***, and must be submitted to Emerald Ortiz in Howley Hall 318 by Friday, March 23, 2018.

Class of 2018:

Arlin Baez
Megan M. Collins
Bethany E. Frank
Marla A. Gagne
Amy M. Gilligan
Christopher W. Panagakis
Alison J. Patterson
Meghan E. Rafter
Stephen C. Rasch

Class of 2019:

Justin C. Bergner
Madeline Budroe
Samantha J. Dever
Grace E. George
Devon R. Guanci
Sabrina Morelli
John F Riccio
Allison E. Schmidt
Peter W. Shanley
Christina Zikopoulos



Fall 2018 Pre-Registration Information for all Political Science Majors and Minors

- * This semester all Political Science majors and minors will be pre-registered into Political Science courses as a means to ensure all majors and minors are able to secure a seat in the Political Science courses of their choice.
- * All majors (**including double majors**) must meet with their advisor to receive their ALT PIN and to complete the pre-registration form with their advisor. Advisors will be emailing students to schedule advising appointments.
- * Pre-registration forms must be completed and delivered to Emerald Ortiz in Howley Hall 318, no later than 4:00pm, on April 10, 2018.
- * All class of 2019 students who have been assigned into Fall 18 Capstone courses will be pre-registered and emailed a reminder of which course they'll be pre-registered in. (See the Capstone Information email for more information.)
- * Pre-registration into Fall 2018 courses will be prioritized by class year as well as by order of submission. Early submission of your pre-registration form will increase your chance of obtaining your first choice.
- * All **MINORS** will need to stop by Howley Hall 318 on either April 3rd between 2:00 and 4:00pm or April 5th from 2:00-4:00pm to complete a pre-registration form.



Pictured Above: Dr. Joe Cammarano teaches a course in Political Science.

Political Science Fall 2018 Course Descriptions

PSC 205 Comparative Politics

(Prof. Thea Riofrancos) What accounts for the stark differences in political regimes and economic systems across different countries, and at different moments in world history? Why do social movements and revolutions erupt in some contexts, and not others? How should we define “development,” and what factors facilitate it? In order to answer these questions, we will examine the intertwined histories of colonialism and imperialism, state-formation, nationalism, and capitalism. Next, we will proceed to survey key concepts in the field of comparative politics: political regime; the political economy of development; state/society relations; social movements; and revolutions.

PSC 207 International Relations

(Prof. Ruth Ben-Artzi) This course is designed to familiarize students with the field of international politics. It will introduce concepts, theories, and debates central to the understanding of the field. Topics covered include power, anarchy, security dilemma, balance of power, interdependence, conflict and cooperation, international institutions, international law, collective security, globalization, international political economy, foreign policy, and international norms and human rights. Students will learn to think critically and analytically about how various theories are used to explain patterns and events in international relations. Historical and current cases and events in international politics will be used to demonstrate theories and debates.

PSC 217 Environmental Politics

(Prof. Tony Affigne) Political scientists analyze *Environmental Politics*, in the United States and around the world, to understand how citizens and governments are responding to unprecedented environmental threats. For more than two centuries our civilization has powered its growth by burning coal, petroleum, and methane, emitting vast quantities of carbon dioxide, increasing the heat in Earth’s atmosphere to dangerous levels. During the same period expanded agriculture, the burning of forests, and industry’s demand for resources have led to destruction of habitats on every continent, causing mass extinction on a scale not seen in 65 million years. Billions of people face drought, famine, and coastal inundation, as well as violence sparked by conflicts over scarce resources. Many of our world’s majestic animals—whales, elephants, polar bears, giraffes, gorillas, orangutans, and tigers—may soon disappear forever. In this course we will study the international social and political movement which emerged in the 1970s, demanding action for environmental protection and environmental justice, setting international standards, strengthening national laws, and transitioning to renewable energy. *This course is open to all Providence College students.*

PSC 300 Law and Society

(Prof. Paul Herron) This class examines some of the various relationships between law and society, with a focus on punishment, criminal law, and the American Justice system. We will consider theories that seek to justify criminal punishment and will then analyze those theories in a series of case studies. Some of the topics covered include: the elements of the criminal act, the guilty mind, homicide, justification and excuse, self-defense, attempt, mental illness, race, the prison system, criminal procedure, sentencing, policing, juvenile justice, and the death penalty.

PSC 311 Constitutional Law

(Prof. Paul Herron) This course is the first of a two-part series introducing the basic concepts in American constitutional law. We will examine the development of American constitutional law, with an emphasis on how the structures of government (including separation of powers, judicial review, federalism, and executive authority) have changed over time. But this course is different from traditional constitutional law courses that often place an emphasis on United States Supreme Court cases. Congress, the President, political parties, social movements, and public opinion have also played a significant role in shaping the course of constitutional doctrine and practice in American history.

PSC 315 Elections & Electoral Behavior

(Prof. Tony Affigne) In *Elections and Electoral Behavior* you will learn all about political elections in the U.S. For example, we will consider how the presidential election of 2016 has (or has not) changed the game; how campaign rules and candidate strategies are evolving; the role and influence of political parties; challenges and opportunities of new technologies; voter suppression and election integrity; and campaign financing. Because this is an election year, we’ll also analyze state and congressional campaigns as they occur, keeping a close eye on current events. *Satisfies American Politics field requirement.*

Political Science Fall 2018 Course Descriptions (cont.)

PSC 325 Comparative Revolutions

(Prof. Susan McCarthy) What is revolution? What causes it, and what distinguishes revolution from rebellion and other large-scale political change? In this course we examine theories of revolution and the socio-political forces that produce revolutionary change. We do so by comparing revolutionary movements and outcomes in France, Russia, China, Nepal, Egypt, Colombia, Iran, and other cases. The course also considers the future of revolution in the 21st century. Satisfies the Comparative Politics field requirement; cross-listed with Asian Studies.

PSC 348 American Political Theory

(Prof. Mary Bellhouse) In the fall semester 2018 American Political Theory will focus on race in America. We will focus on 3 main topics: 1) what slavery was like in America and how slavery was central to the making of American capitalism; 2) radical Black thought and action in the 1960s, including Malcolm X, Ella Baker, James Baldwin, and the Black Panther Party; and, more briefly, 3) the contemporary condition in the 21st century with respect to race.

PSC 382 Politics & Visual Culture

(Prof. Mary Bellhouse) What does seeing and being seen have to do with power? This course is about how visual culture is a site of power and struggle and a mechanism of oppression and resistance. Course topics will include community-based social justice art projects from around the world; the visual politics of race in America, including lynching photographs; Western imperialism and colonial imagery; images on social media in the 21st century; visual surveillance; advertising; and visual politics on the PC campus.

PSC 430 001 International Political Economy

(Prof. Ruth Ben-Artzi) This course provides an analytical overview of major topics in international political economy (IPE). We will begin with the analysis of the central theoretical debates in IPE: We'll examine historical as well as contemporary perspectives on IPE. Following this foundation, we will take a closer look at the central issues in IPE, such as production, trade, finance, and development. We'll explore how states interact on the global economic scene and question whether the process of globalization has changed the role that states play in the global economy. Further, we will devote a fair amount of time to examining the economic impact of globalization on developing countries and the relationship between wealthy and poor countries. Questions we will address in this context include:

PSC 470 001 ST: American Political Geography

(Prof. Adam Myers) Many of us are fascinated by the Red-Blue maps that show voting patterns in every election year, but why do those maps look the way they do? In this class, we take a deep dive into the question of how place affects politics in America, focusing on the historical, cultural, economic, and demographic forces that impact differences in political geography. While we will spend considerable time thinking about how place will affect the 2018 elections, we will also examine other topics in American politics that have to do with geography, including redistricting, racial segregation, immigrant settlement patterns, and economic development. Students will learn how to use mapmaking software and write research papers in which they create their own political maps.

PSC 470 002 ST: Campaign & Electoral Communications in the U.S.

(Prof. Matt Guardino) Just in time for the pivotal 2018 congressional elections, this course will provide a critical analysis of various forms of communication in U.S. elections today. We will consider how the daily torrent of campaign ads, "tweets," news reports (both real and "fake"), and other messages affect American voters, and what these effects say about our broader political-economic system and political culture. Fulfills the American Field.

******A number of other courses will be offered in the Fall of 2018.**

Consult Cyber Friar and the course catalog for more information.****

Fall 2018 Course Offerings in Political Science

Check Cyberfrier for the most up-to-date course listings.

Reminder: PSC 342 Modern Political Theory now meets the core curriculum Philosophy requirement as well as the PSC Political Theory field requirement .

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CRN	Course #	Course Title (limit 30 characters)	Series	Limit	Instructor
1848	PSC 101 001	Politics	H	18	Gizem Zencirci
1849	PSC 101 002	Politics	H	18	STAFF
1850	PSC 101 003	Politics	K	18	Doug Blum
1851	PSC 101 004	Politics	K	18	Susan McCarthy
1852	PSC 101 005	Politics	I	18	Gizem Zencirci
1853	PSC 101 006	Politics	L	18	Doug Blum
1854	PSC 101 007	Politics	J	18	STAFF
1855	PSC 101 008	Politics	U	18	Susan McCarthy
1856	PSC 201 001	American Government and Politics	F	25	Adam Myers
1857	PSC 201 002	American Government and Politics	G	25	Adam Myers
1858	PSC 201 003	American Government and Politics	U	25	Matt Guardino
1859	PSC 205 001	Comparative Politics	F	25	Thea Riofrancos
1860	PSC 205 002	Comparative Politics	G	25	Thea Riofrancos
1861	PSC 207 001	International Relations	I	25	Ruth Ben-Artzi
1862	PSC 207 002	International Relations	J	25	Ruth Ben-Artzi
1863	PSC 217 001	Environmental Politics	L	25	Tony Affigne
1864	PSC 300 001	Law and Society	E	20	Paul Herron
1865	PSC 303 001	Urban Politics (crosslist BLS)	K	17	Tony Affigne
1867	PSC 310 001	American Foreign Policy (crosslist AMS)	E	17	STAFF
1868	PSC 311 001	Constitutional Law (crosslist AMS)	K	17	Paul Herron
1869	PSC 315 001	Elections and Electoral Behavior	Q	20	Tony Affigne
1870	PSC 324 001	Gvmt and Pol of Russia & Fmr Sov Union	U	20	Doug Blum
1871	PSC 325 001	Comparative Revolutions	L	20	Susan McCarthy
1872	PSC 329 001	Middle East Politics	J	20	Gizem Zencirci
1873	PSC 344 001	Democratic Theory	O	20	Rick Battistoni
1874	PSC 348 001	American Political Theory (crosslist AMS & BLS)	P	14	Mary Bellhouse
1875	PSC 375 001	International Conflict Resolution	M	20	STAFF
1876	PSC 380 001	Gender and Politics (crosslist WMS & BLS)	N	15	Mary Bellhouse
1877	PSC 382 001	Politics & Visual Culture (crosslist GST)	L	15	Mary Bellhouse
1878	PSC 430 001	International Political Economy	T	20	Ruth Ben-Artzi
1879	PSC 470 001	ST: Political Geography	Q	15	Adam Myers
1880	PSC 470 002	ST: Campaigns and Electoral Communication	N	15	Matthew Guardino
1881	PSC 488 001	Capstone: American Democracy in Peril	P	12	Bill Hudson
1882	PSC 488 002	Capstone: Politics of Oil	W	12	Thea Riofrancos
1883	PSC 488 003	Capstone: Mass Media, Political Economy, and Political	L	12	Matthew
CRN	Course #	Course Title (limit 30 characters)	Series	Limit	Instructor
	LAW 201 001	General Law	T	25	STAFF
	LAW 201 002	General Law	U	25	STAFF