

Political Science

Happenings

Political Science Faculty and Staff, 2022-2023

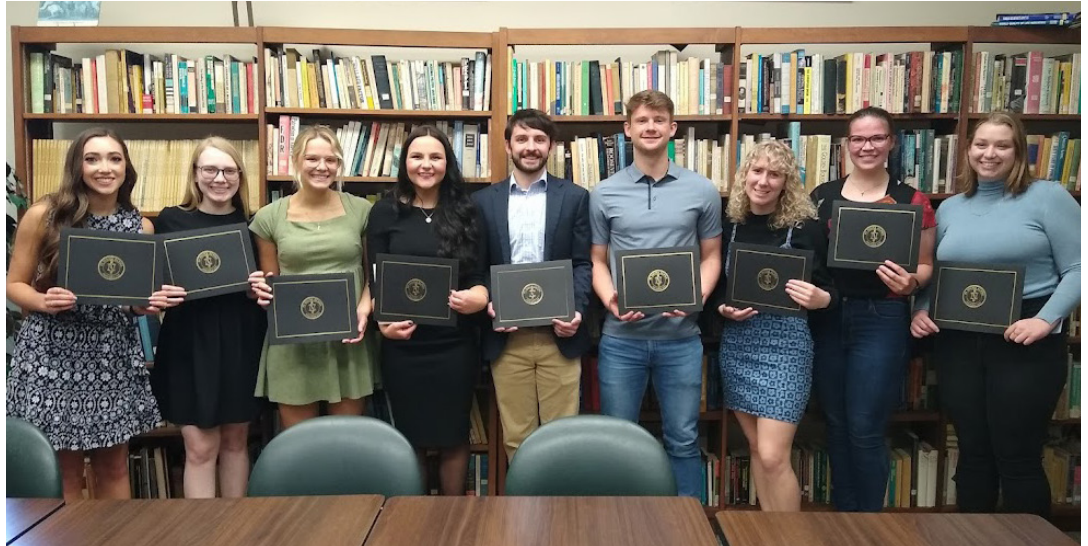
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Have items of interest to the Political Science community at Marietta College? Please let Dr. Tager know. This newsletter is published twice a year, or as the news warrants.



Pi Sigma Alpha inductees (L to R) Lauryn Ward '22, Emilee Hinkle '23, Elizabeth Stern '23, Jacqueline Nicholas '22, Gabriel Hehr '23, David Beattie '23, Natalie Johnson '23, Michaela Hess '22, Elizabeth Vigue '23

Honors

Last spring **David Beattie '23, India Flores '23, Gabriel Hehr '23, Michaela Hess '22, Emilee Hinkle '23, Natalie Johnson '23, Jacqueline Nicholas '22, Elizabeth Stern '23, Elizabeth Vigue '23, and Lauryn Ward '22** were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honorary society. Please contact Dr. Tager for more information about eligibility for Pi Sigma Alpha.

Elizabeth Vigue '23 was awarded the Jack Prince Scholarship, and **Tyler Sydenstricker '22** was awarded the Sherrill Cleland Prize in Leadership.

Michaela Hess '22 was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

John Gantner '22 received the Asa Shinn McCoy Award, and **Natalie Payton '22** received the Delta Upsilon Good Citizenship Award.

Rebecca Guhde '23 and **Michaela Hess '22** were named National Scholar-Athletes for 2022 by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association.

Andrew Novak '23 was recognized for excellence in nonpartisan democratic engagement as an awardee of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge's Student Voting Honor Roll.

Michaela Hess '22, Natalie Payton '22, and Danielle Stewart '22 were named Pioneer Scholars.

Dr. Michael Morgan was named a McCoy Professor, MC's highest teaching honor. He previously had received the Harness Outstanding Educator Award and the Outstanding Faculty Award from the SGA. **Katie Kitchen '21** remembers that "his dedication to his students was unmatched," and the former provost Dr. Janet Bland stated that "having observed his teaching myself, it's no mystery as to why his students speak so highly of the educational experience he provides."

Congratulations to all our honorees!

Notable Student Activities

Last spring, **Alexander Lersch '23** was elected Student Government Association (SGA) President and **Sydni Wilson '24** was elected a Sophomore Class Representative.

John Gantner '22 presented his paper “The Perils of Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict Management” at the Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference last spring. He worked under the direction of Dr. Morgan, with assistance from Dr. Young on the GIS mapping part of the research project.

Alexander Lersch '23 and **Elizabeth Stern '23** studied at Emmanuel College of Cambridge University in the UK this past summer as part of the University of Richmond’s Jepson Leadership Program. They took courses in Comparative Public Law and Legal History at Cambridge and got to travel to London, Edinburgh, and Dublin on the weekends.

Cole Longcor '23 attended the summer IES-Abroad European Union Program in Freiburg in southwestern Germany. He took a seminar on the EU, and a course on EU-US relations. He also traveled to France, Sweden, Belgium, and Switzerland.

John Gantner '22, **Natalie Payton '22**, and **Morgan Scott '22** presented their Capstone research projects at a Political Science session on All Scholars Day last spring.

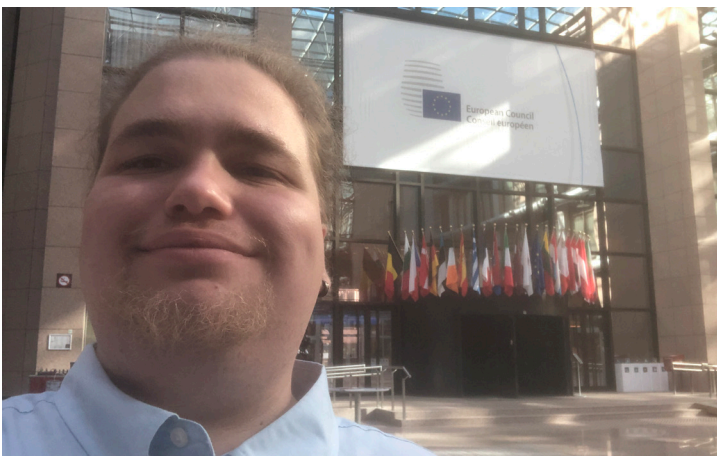
Natalie Johnson '23 will be working part-time for the American Civil Liberties Union this semester, and has accepted a full-time position there that will start after she graduates this December.



All Scholars Day presenters (L to R) Natalie Payton '22, John Gantner '22, Morgan Scott '22



Elizabeth Stern '23 and Alexander Lersch '23 in front of Big Ben in London



Cole Longcor '23 in front of European Council headquarters in Brussels

Internships

Last spring **John Gantner '22**, **Natalie Payton '22**, and **Morgan Scott '22** interned at the City of Marietta Development Office, **Michaela Hess '22** interned with Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action of Wood and Washington Counties, **Johanna James '23** interned remotely with Ballotpedia (a digital resource on U.S. politics and elections), **Andrew Novak '23** interned with the Campus Vote Project as Marietta College's Democracy Fellow, **Brooklyn Trimble '22** interned with the Director of Media and Communications at Marietta City Schools, and **Dylan Tucker '23** interned at the Marietta Municipal Court.

This past summer **Will Bentley '23** interned remotely with New Way Forward Strategies (a political consulting organization in Silicon Valley), **Rebecca Guhde '23** interned at the Harris Law Office in Chattanooga, Tennessee, **Natalie Johnson '23** interned at Rural Action in Athens, Ohio, **Logan McPherson '23** interned at Pennant Moldings in Sabina, Ohio, and **Elizabeth Vigue '23** interned in a competitively awarded Washington Health Industry Communications Internship both remotely and in Washington D.C.

Please contact any Political Science professor for more information about internships.



Elizabeth Vigue '23 at the Association of Accessible Medicines office in Washington DC

PRE-LAW

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see the Marietta College Pre-Law advisor Dr. Schaefer. He can help you navigate the pre-law process whether you're a senior preparing for the LSAT or a first-year student wondering where to begin.

FBI CAREERS

On Wednesday, September 7, several members of the FBI from the Clarksburg, West Virginia and Cincinnati, Ohio offices were on campus to meet with students interested in careers in the FBI.

PIZZA AND POLITICS

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free food, which returned to its usual live format with a session on the war in Ukraine late last semester. Please look for an event for Constitution Day in mid to late September. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact Dr. Morgan.

WASHINGTON SEMESTER

Interested in studying at American University for a semester and getting an internship in Washington DC? Please contact Dr. Tager for more information about the Washington Semester Program (WSP) and see also www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/.

Tyler Sydenstricker '22 attended the WSP last spring. He interned in the finance section of Congresswoman Jennifer Weston's reelection campaign, and in addition to the WSP seminars, took an AU course on Disability Activism.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The MC Model United Nations club is open to all students interested in learning more about global issues by attending simulated UN sessions where students role play diplomats from different countries. Please contact **Alexander Lersch '23** or **Natalie Johnson '23** or any Political Science professor, for more information. We're hoping to attend the LEIMUN conference this November in Huron, Ohio.

Political Science Alumni News

Taylor Carr '22 is attending law school at the University of Toledo.

John Gantner '22 is attending the Political Science PhD program at the University of Kentucky.

Michaela Hess '22 is a graduate assistant coach in the Canisius College rowing program and attending the MS graduate program in Sports Administration.

Maddie Leers '22 is attending the MA program in International Affairs at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C.

Taylor (Williamson) Ryan '21 is attending law school at the University of Cincinnati.

Morgan Scott '22 is employed at Working America, an organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO trying to promote policies that benefit working class people.

Lauryn Ward '22 is attending law school at West Virginia University.

Bryan Washington '22 is working at Transperfect Legal Solutions in Washington, D.C. It is a multinational legal services firm headquartered in New York City. Bryan previously interned in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Max Turner '21 is a Wealth Management Associate at United Bank in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Brianna Dietry '19 received her JD from the John Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University and is now an Assistant Prosecutor in Wayne County, Ohio.

Jamie Farmer '19 is a Legal Assistant with Kirkland & Ellis, a law firm in Washington D.C.

Matthew Johnson '19 is a Cardiovascular Intensive Care Nurse at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. He received a BS in Nursing from Xavier University in 2021.

Paul Bieniek '17 entered the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

Hannah Steketee '17 is the Assistant Borough (County) Attorney for Matanuska-Suistna Borough in Alaska (located just north of Anchorage). She received her JD from West Virginia University.

Sally Hauser '14 is the Executive Assistant to the CEO of The Strategy Group, a conservative political consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio.

Kim (Hughes) Branscome '13 is a Senior Appeals Quality Auditor at Centene Corp. (WellCare Health) in New Castle, Pennsylvania. She previously worked at Gateway Health.

Caleb Ellis '13 is Staff Attorney at the Clerk's Office of the West Virginia Supreme Court in Charleston, West Virginia. He received his JD from Indiana University.

Amelia Bean-DeFlumer '10 is the Delaware (OH) City Prosecutor. Her office handles the misdemeanor and traffic docket at the Delaware Municipal Court. She received her JD from The Ohio State University.

Mickey Hart '08 became Director of Talent Acquisition for Redwood Living, a developer of apartment neighborhoods headquartered in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Sean Paulhus '08 ran unopposed in the Democratic primary for his Maine State House district this past June. He will be running for his third term in the Maine State Legislature this November.

Sarah Smith '07 is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Fayette County, West Virginia. She received her JD from Capital University.

Michael Korn '02 is Director of Customer Success at the Colibri Group, a firm focused on professional training and education. He works in the New York City office.

Bret Allphin '01 became a Senior Program Manager with the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). He mostly works remotely from Marietta and occasionally in Washington, D.C. He continues to serve on the Marietta City Council.

Heather Taylor-Miesle '99 became Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Regional Conservation at American Rivers, a national conservation group headquartered in Washington, D.C. She was formerly the Executive Director of the Ohio Environmental Council. She received an MPA from the University of Southern California.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

In late February, **Dr. Mark Schaefer** was interviewed on WTAP television about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In early March he appeared on the inaugural Marietta College podcast *Faculty Chronicles* to discuss at greater length the invasion.

In late February, **Dr. Mike Tager** was interviewed on WTAP television about the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court.

