

Political Science

Happenings

2023-2024 Political Science Faculty and Staff

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



Welcome Dr. Krumm!

Dr. Mitchell Krumm joined the Political Science Department this summer. He previously taught at the University of South Carolina at Aiken, and Bethel University (MN), respectively. An Ohio native, Dr. Krumm received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University, and his B.A. from The Ohio State University. His teaching interests are primarily in political thought, public law, and American politics. His current research includes examining issues of secession, self-determination, and consent.

Welcome to Marietta College, Dr. Krumm!

Faculty Activities

Dr. Tager retired after 28 years of service to Marietta College. We thank him for his many years of dedication. He is now an Emeritus Professor. He will be greatly missed and the department hopes to continue to engage him with the department.

Dr. Schaefer served multiple terms as department chair for Political Science — approximately 10 years — and passes the torch this year to Dr. Morgan.

Dr. Krumm delivered a paper — “Russia, Ukraine, and the Problem of Plebiscites” — at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago last April.

Dr. Morgan will have a book published in September titled *Talking Tough in U.S. Foreign Policy: Executive Actions, National Emergencies, and Economic Sanctions*. It is co-authored with Dr. Yu Ouyang of Purdue University-Northwest, and published by Palgrave Macmillan as part of their series “The Evolving American Presidency.” For more information, or to pre-order copies on Amazon, go to <https://a.co/d/brAlyYs>. Dr. Morgan has taken over as chair of the Political Science department.

Notable Student Activities

Sarah Wallenfelsz '24 and **Grace Wharton '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 Law of the UK and US and International Law at Cambridge. In addition to exploring the city of Cambridge and other English locales, they also traveled to Dublin and Edinburgh on the weekends.

Sydni Wilson '24 studied in Granada, Spain last spring semester.

Dave Beattie '23, Emilee Hinkle '23, Elizabeth Stern '23, and Elizabeth Vigue '23 presented their Capstone research projects at a Political Science session on All Scholars Day last spring.

Elizabeth Vigue '23 participated in a Hackathon directed by Dr. Khorassani, which asked students to design feasible solutions to the problem of mental health access. Elizabeth's entry was titled "Youphoria, A Community Based Approach to Wellness."



Left to right, Grace Wharton '23, Gabe Davin '24, and Sarah Wallenfelsz '24 at Edinburgh Castle.



Sydni Wilson '24 at the Alhambra in Granada, Spain.

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 **Aria Hawks '23**, **Phoebe Smith '24**, or **Dr. Morgan**, for more information. We're hoping to attend either the NMUN-DC or LEIMUN conference this November.



Dr. Morgan answers a question at Pizza and Politics while Dr. Schaefer waits his turn.

Honors

Last spring **Michaela Donnelly '24**, **Rebecca Guhde '23**, **Aria Hawks '23**, **Sarah Wallenfelsz '24**, **Grace Wharton '23**, and **Sydni Wilson '24** were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honor society.

Elizabeth Stern '23 won the Adair Prize, given to the senior student most outstanding at building esprit de corps. **Natasha Didytch '23** delivered the winning Jewett Oration at graduation titled "If One Door Closes, Pry Open a Window." **Emilee Hinkle '23** achieved a cumulative 4.0 GPA, and won the Political Science Capstone Award.

David Beattie '23, **Emilee Hinkle '23**, **Alexander Lersch '22**, and **Elizabeth Vigue '23** were named Pioneer Scholars.

Congratulations to all our honorees!



Pi Sigma Alpha inductees (left to right) Sarah Wallenfelsz '24, Grace Wharton '23, Michaela Donnelly '24, and Aria Hawks '23.

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.

WASHINGTON SEMESTER

Interested in studying at American University for a semester and getting an internship in Washington, D.C.? Please contact Dr. Schaefer for more information about the Washington Semester Program (WSP) and visit www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/.

PIZZA AND POLITICS

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free food. Our last session in April included a lively discussion about the upcoming 2024 U.S. presidential election. 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.

INTERNSHIPS

Last spring **Dave Beattie '23** interned in U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson's Marietta office, **Kyra Eaton '25** and **India Flores '23** interned at the Marietta Municipal Court, **Emilee Hinkle '23** interned at the Marietta Law Director's Office, **Jason Panas '23** interned at the Marietta Mayor's Office, and **Jackson Petty '23** interned at the Buckeye Hills Regional Council in Reno, OH.

This past summer **Jacob Milliron '23** interned at the Jan Dils '90 Law Office in Parkersburg, **Brier Offenberger '23** interned at the Beverly, OH Police Department, and **Jack Wallace '23** interned at Ax Capital, a campaign accounting and compliance firm, in Columbus, OH.

For more information about internships Please contact Dr. Morgan or Dr. Schaefer.

Political Science Alumni News

Natasha Didytch '23 is the Community Engagement Coordinator at the Brilliance School, a public charter school in the Cleveland area.

India Flores '23 joined Worldpackers, which places people in volunteer opportunities abroad and pays their expenses. She is working in Guatemala. She previously studied abroad in Costa Rica.

Rebecca Guhde '23 is attending law school at the University of Louisville.

Emilee Hinkle '23 is attending law school at The Ohio State University.

Logan MacPherson '23 is an Inventory Specialist at Pennant Moldings in Sabina, Ohio. He interned there previously — developing a training program for them.

Jason Panas '23 is attending the master's program in Political Science (with an emphasis on Public Administration) at Kent State University.

Elizabeth Stern '23 is attending law school at Duquesne University.

Elizabeth Vigue '23 is a Contract Specialist at Medpace, a CRO for Drug and Biologic and Medical Device Programs headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Maddie Leers '22 was accepted into the Peace Corps, her assignment yet unknown. She is a paralegal at the Kozlov Law Office in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Cole Longcor '22 is doing marketing for Civic Synergy, an organization promoting collaborative bipartisan problem solving.

Andrew Novak '22 is a Legislative Aide for Pennsylvania State Representative Valerie Gaydos, Republican from District 44.

Christian Hopp '20 took a position as an Equity Trader at Cardinal Financial Solutions.

Emily Vigue '19 was at Marietta College last spring on a grant funders panel at the Nonprofits Lead conference. She is the Director of Outreach for the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

Paul Bieniek '17 is a Community Development Specialist for the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments, an organization serving 20 municipalities east of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County.

Hannah Steketee '17 was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in Palmer in the Third Judicial Circuit of Alaska. She received her J.D. from West Virginia University.

Michael Fahy '15 received his J.D. from The Ohio State University last spring. He is clerking this year for Judge Pierre Bergeron of Ohio's First District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has also secured a clerkship for next year with Federal Judge Edmund Sargus at the U.S. District Court in Columbus, Ohio. His article "Administrative Prison Terms and the Cycle of Carceral Legislating" appeared in The Ohio State Law Journal and received an award.

Kurt Fire '15 is an Information Systems Analyst at Columbus Public Health. He previously received an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

Jessica (Johnson) Langdon '14 is the Legislative Liaison and Community Outreach Coordinator for the Ohio EPA. She previously received an MPA from the Ohio State University.

Bryan Murray '14 is the Director for Health & Safety at the national office of Alpha Tau Omega in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Nicole (Holstein) Keller '12 is a Resilience Planner with PlanRVA, the planning agency for the Richmond, Virginia region. She works across the environment, transportation, and emergency management fields to make recommendations to help communities address climate change. At MC she double majored in Environmental Studies, and received an M.S. in Biology (Ecology) from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Whitney Miller '12 is a partner in the Andrew Parker law firm in Medina, Ohio, where she focuses on criminal and juvenile law. She received her J.D. from the University of Dayton.

Jakob Loukas '09 is the Senior Escalations Manager in Amazon's Global Immigration Program, where he monitors and analyzes immigration escalations worldwide. He previously worked at the U.S. Department of State in several

different positions and as a Foreign Service Officer. He received a master's degree in Foreign Policy from American University.

Sotiria Anagnostou '08 is head of ESG Programs at STORE Capital, a large REIT in Scottsdale, Arizona. She works on decarbonizing buildings in the company's portfolio of properties. She has worked in the sustainability field for a number of companies previously. She received a Ph.D. in Environmental Social Science from Arizona State University.

Scott Nyitray '07 is a partner with the law firm Burnett Turner in Austin, Texas. He practices family law. He received his J.D. from Baylor University.

Tyson Brown '06 is an economist at the U.S. Energy Information Administration, an agency that collects, analyzes, and disseminates information about the energy sector. He had previously worked there prior to holding various positions at Pacific Gas & Electric. He received an MPP from George Mason University.

Patrick Dutton '02 recently became a Financial Crimes Strategic Intelligence Director at Wells Fargo in NYC. He previously was a Regional Head of Intelligence and Analytics for HSBC. Before there he worked at the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Treasury, and on the National Security Council with a focus on financial crime and transnational organized crime. He received a master's degree in National Security Policy from the University of Pittsburgh.

Melissa Trusken '02 is Senior Manager of Merchandise Systems at Designer Brands in Columbus, Ohio.

Virginia (Jinny) Amundson '00 co-owns and runs Old Fox Books in Annapolis, Maryland.

Amy (Jantz) Templeman '00 co-authored an article last year in The Hill titled "Child Abuse Rates Dropped During Covid—The Reasons Point to Economics." She remains Director of Within Our Reach, an anti-child abuse initiative, at Social Current, an NGO in Washington, D.C.



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