



Political Science

Happenings

2023-2024 Political Science Faculty and Staff

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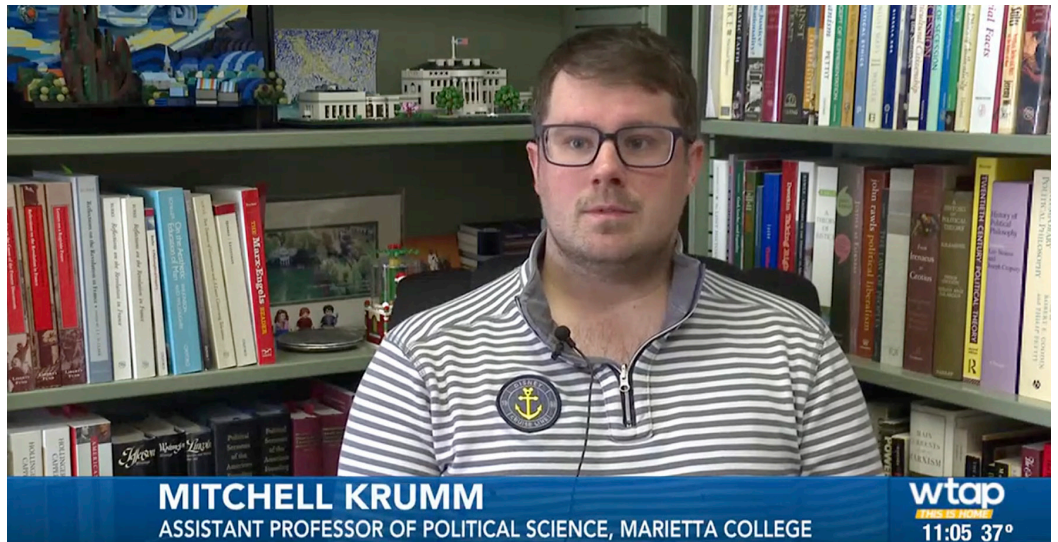
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Do you have items of interest to the Political Science community at Marietta College? Please let Dr. Mark Schaefer or Dr. Michael Morgan know. This newsletter is published twice a year, or as the news warrants.



Book Publication

Dr. Michael Morgan (far right) was recognized with three colleagues – Dr. Alex Perry (Leadership), Dr. Katy McDaniel (History) and Dr. Bev Hogue (English) – on the publication of his book “Talking Tough in US Foreign Policy” co-authored with Dr. Yu Ouyang of Purdue University-Northwest.



Providing Political Expertise

Dr. Mitchell Krumm has been featured on WTAP-TV more than once for his political expertise. In the fall, he provided insight on the results of the November 7th issues and more recently he reminded viewers of the importance of remaining invested and well-informed throughout the election process.



December Graduation

In the photo left to right: Grace Wharton '23, Aria Hawks '23, Dr. Michael Morgan, Jacob Milliron '23, and Brier Offenberger '23

Notable Student Activities

“This past summer I spent about a month in Alicante, Spain, a coastal beach town two hours south of Valencia. While I was there, I took classes about the European Union and Spanish Language, explored different cities around Spain, and even got to experience Alicante’s summer festivities called Hogueras. I met new people and experienced a culture different from my own. I had an amazing time and would never trade that for the world. So, if anyone is curious about studying abroad, do it! It’ll be an amazing time.”
 — Michaela Donnelly '24.

Madison Jennings '24 also studied abroad in the Summer of 2023. She studied at J. F. Oberlin University in Machida, Japan, a suburb of Tokyo.



Michaela Donnelly '24 (second from the bottom) in Valencia at the Torres de Serranos, the gates/tower that protected ancient Valencia. It is one of the most preserved monuments in the city.

Capstone Presentations

- Michaela Donnelly '24 – The Impact of Corruption on Economic Prosperity
- Aria Hawks '23 – How Religiosity Influences the Occurrence of Terrorism
- Madison Jennings '24 – Regime Type and Frequency of Terrorist Attacks
- Jacob Milliron '23 – How Does Regime Type Influence Violence Among Non-State Actors?
- Brier Offenberger '23 – Government Trust in the United States
- Katherine Russell '24 – How Do Government Expenditures Impact the Use of Sanctions in Foreign Policy?
- Sarah Wallenfelsz '24 – How Do Regime Characteristics Impact Foreign Direct Investment?
- Grace Wharton '23 – How Does Tertiary Education Impact the Rate of Terrorism?



Experiential Education Day

Two presenters from the Political Science department, Sydni Wilson '24 (pictured on the left) and Grace Wharton '23 (pictured on the right) participated in the Experiential Education Day on October 2. Sydni created a poster and presented about their Study Abroad trip to Spain that they thoroughly enjoyed. Sydni hopes to have the opportunity to return to Spain again in the future.

Grace presented on her experience studying abroad at the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England, over the summer. Through the experience, she was able to take two law classes: International Law and Comparative Public Law.



Jacob Milliron '23 was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science honor society.



Students competed as pairs within the Moot Court class and argued two cases. The topics of these hypothetical cases focused on competing interests related to privacy rights and freedom of religion. The tournament champions were Olivia Lemasters '26 and Tori Pacheco '26.

PRE-LAW

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see the Marietta College Pre-Law advisor Dr. Mark 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. Mark 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. During the fall semester two events were held. The first one was a celebration of Constitution Day on September 19. Students were engaged in discussing the Constitution and current political events. The second event was, "Making Sense of Current Events," in late November. We had a large turnout of 71 people. The first Pizza and Politics of the spring semester was held on February 13 and it was focused on the upcoming primary elections. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact Dr. Michael Morgan.

POLITICS IN FILM

In Mid-October our newest faculty member, Dr. Mitchell Krumm, arranged a Politics in Film night. Students gathered to watch the movie Dark Waters and had a discussion following the movie. There are plans to have future events. If you have ideas for Politics in Film events, please contact Dr. Krumm.

INTERNSHIPS

This fall, Aria Hawks '23 interned with Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services.

For more information about internships, please contact Dr. Mark Schaefer.

Political Science Alumni News

Trent Anthony '22 is an Administrative Associate at the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. He previously worked at the Bureau of Fiscal Services in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Rosie Frost '21 is a Community Student Support Specialist and Coordinator of the Tutoring Center at the Norwich campus of SUNY-Morrisville. She is pursuing a master's degree in Educational Policy and Leadership at SUNY-Albany.

Katie Kitchen '21 published an article last fall in the William & Mary Law Review titled "Solo en Inglés: Using Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act to Combat Modern Literary Tests." In the summer of 2022, she interned at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in Cape Town, South Africa. She's scheduled to graduate from the William & Mary College of Law this spring.

Katie McIlroy '21 is the Citations Editor for the University of Cincinnati Law Review. She has been working as a law clerk at the Stebelton Snider law firm in Lancaster, Ohio, since last spring, and is scheduled to graduate from the University of Cincinnati College of Law this spring.

Rachel Ewing '20 is an Instructor of Nonprofit Management at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri. She received a Master of Arts in English Language and Literature from Virginia Tech University.

Nicholas (Nick) Mitchell '20 is an attorney with N.P. Weiss Law in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He practices in several areas of civil law. He received his JD from Cleveland State University College of Law.

Makenzie (Kenzi) McAfee '19 is an attorney with the Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff Attorneys at Law in New Albany, Ohio. She specializes in civil litigation, and civil rights and employment law. She previously clerked for Judge Jayne Pemberton in Virginia's 12th Judicial Circuit. She received her JD from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Paige Berschet '18 is a Project Manager for the Hartford (Connecticut) Chamber of Commerce. She previously worked as an urban planner for the city of Hartford.

Jonah Mitchell '18 is Assistant Director of Financial Services at Perry & Associates in Marietta, Ohio. He previously was the Assistant Director of Financial Services at Marietta College.

Kevin Johnston '16 is a Senior Consultant at REI Systems in Arlington, Virginia. He works with NASA to help improve the agency's planning and project management. He received an MS in Management from George Mason University.

Jacob Wahl '15 is a Client Relationship Manager for ProLink, a firm that helps hospitals meet their staffing needs, in Columbus, Ohio.

C.J. Englert '14 is an attorney with the Barclay Damon LLP in Buffalo, New York, where he specializes in Torts and Product Liability defense. He received his JD from the University of Buffalo School of Law.

Jessica (Johnson) Langdon '14 is the Assistant Policy Director at the Ohio EPA. She previously worked as a Legislative Liaison and Outreach Coordinator at the Ohio EPA. She received an MPA from Ohio University.

Anastasia (Ault) Hill '11 is the Registrar for the Dwight Global Online School, an outgrowth of the Dwight School, a private K-12 school in New York City. She works remotely from Midland, Michigan.

Phillip Sizemore '11 is a Finance and Operations Analyst with Cahoot, an e-commerce order fulfillment network headquartered in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He received an MA in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis.

Britt (Howell) Bodager '09 is a Realtor in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Sean Paulhus '08 was appointed the Register of Probate for Sagadahoc County by the Governor of Maine last year. The Register is responsible for running the daily operations of the county's Probate Court. In taking this position, he resigned his seat in the Maine House of Representatives. He was in his third term representing the district containing Bath in Maine's state legislature.

Alex Lugosch '07 is Vice President for Strategy at Bloom Credit, a financial firm specializing in B2B services in San Francisco, California. He previously founded and led two financial services companies. He is also a serious amateur bike racer.

Craig Sundstrom '07 is the Senior Manager for Energy and Environmental Public Policy for Amazon Web Services, and is based in the Columbus, Ohio, area. In Ohio he previously worked in Government and Regulatory Affairs for Apex Clean Energy and then for RWE Renewables in the Americas, and before that held public sector positions in Washington, D.C., and Oklahoma. He received a JD from Oklahoma City University School of Law.



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