

POLITICAL SCIENCE HAPPENINGS

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Political Science Faculty and Staff, 2007-2008

Dr. Jacqueline DeLaat—Thomas 303 (ext. 4660) delaatj@marietta.edu (focus on US. Politics, public policy, women and politics). Please note Dr. DeLaat has moved her office.

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Dr. Mike Tager—Thomas 106 (ext. 4898) tagerm@marietta.edu (focus on political theory, constitutional law, comparative politics).

Dr. Xiaoxiong Yi—Thomas 105 (ext. 4921) yix@marietta.edu (full-time Director of East Asian Initiatives for MC).

Ms. Paula Lewis—Thomas 122 (ext 4633) lewisp@marietta.edu (administrative assistant).

New Pre-Law Advisors

Dr. Schaefer and **Ms. Leslie Kuhl** will be the new pre-law advisors this year. Ms. Kuhl is a local attorney, and will have an office in Thomas 316. Please look for an electronic message announcing arrangements for LSAT preparation this fall.

New Hampshire J-Term Plans in Flux: Stay Tuned

Florida moved its presidential primary to January 29, causing South Carolina Republicans to move theirs to January 19. New Hampshire must have its primary at least seven days prior to others, so now the NH date is uncertain. Republican party rules ask all states to set their dates by September 4, so the new calendar should emerge soon. If you are interested in election work during January, for a course or internship, please be sure Dr. DeLaat has you on her “interest” list. She will keep students informed about plans for J-Term.

Dr. Schaefer Leads Summer Institute

Dr. Schaefer directed a two week seminar in July for twenty-five students and two professors from the University of International Relations in Beijing China. Students listened to presentations from Dr. Schaefer and other professors, and worked on projects dealing with an aspect of Sino-U.S. relations.

Dr. DeLaat Attends APSA Convention

Dr. DeLaat will attend the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago over Labor Day weekend. She serves on the Executive Council of the Midwest Political Science Association, which will meet during the APSA convention.

Model UN Club Organizes for Year

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. The club is currently planning for this year’s activities. For more information, please contact **John Stack** (jms003@marietta.edu), or **Dr. Schaefer** (mes@marietta.edu) or **Dr. Tager** (tagerm@marietta.edu).

New Course for Spring

In the Spring of 2008, **Dr. Schaefer** will teach an experimental course, Political Science 394, on Middle Eastern Politics. With enough student interest, we will add this as a regular catalog course to our political science offerings.

Dr. Yi’s Newspaper Column

Dr. Xiaoxiong Yi publishes a biweekly, regionally syndicated column about international affairs. Locally, *The Marietta Times* runs his column in their weekend edition.

Pi Sigma Alpha initiation

On May 1, 2007, ten students were initiated into the Psi Nu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary organization. There were **Tori Caracciolo, Erin Carlin, Katy Lantz, Leanne McCullough, Scott Nyitray, Alie Ratie, John Stack, Craig Stewart, Nathan Tewanger, and Lauren Thompson**. Initiates must have junior status, and a certain g.p.a. overall and in their political science classes. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information.



(L to R) Erin Carlin, Leanne McCullough, Nathan Tewanger, John Stack, Victoria Caracciolo, Alexandra Ratie, Kathryn Lantz, Scott Nyitray, Craig Stewart, Laruen Thompson



(L to R) Katy Lantz, Scott Nyitray, Dr. DeLaat



Craig Stewart and Lauren Thompson



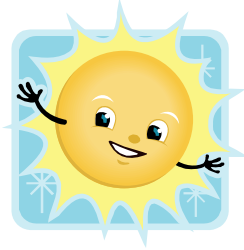
(L to R) Erin Carlin, Tori Caracciolo, Nathan Tewanger, Leanne McCullough



(L to R) Leanne McCullough, John Stack, Alie Ratie

Summer Internships

Eric Braniff interned with the Superintendent of Schools of Wood County WV.



Joanna Ferrell interned with attorneys representing Wilderness Trails Ranch in Durango, CO, and dealt with regulations dude ranches must follow to keep staff and animals safe.

Tim Kemble interned with Ohio's Department of Treasury in their Youngstown office, and learned how Department policies affect many different groups.

Kainani Lovette interned at Silverman, Tokarsky & Foreman, a law firm in Johnstown, PA, where she researched case law, drafted legal documents, and went to court and meetings with member attorneys.

Jakob Loukas interned for Maine's Governor John Baldacci in Augusta ME in the Constituent Services Department. Besides handling inquiries from citizens, he researched policy implementation on wind energy and fisheries.

Leanne McCullough interned for Congressman Paul Gilmore in his Washington DC office, where she gave tours, wrote press releases, and did research for the Legislative Assistants. She helped write Gilmore's constituent response for the Farm Bill, and the introduction for someone testifying at a committee hearing.

Nikki Veigel interned at the Canton OH Prosecutor's Office, where she helped with intakes and addressing citizen concerns, and attended pre-trial hearings, arraignments, and a jury trial. She also wrote an opening statement used by an Assistant Prosecutor in a case.

Please contact any political science professor for information about, or supervision of, your for-credit internships.

Political Science Alumni News

Rachel Long (07) works for Peter Hart Research Associates (polling firm) while she applies for other jobs and ponders her options for graduate school.



Alie Ratie (07) starts the Masters of Public Administration program at the Ohio State University this fall.

Sarah Smith (07) starts the Masters program in Political Campaigns at the University of Florida this fall.

Craig Stewart (07) starts Law School at Capital University this fall.

Craig Sundstrom (07) starts Law School at Oklahoma City College this fall.

Kristen Bird (Dec. 06) works at Booz, Allen, Hamilton in Philadelphia doing environmental consulting.

Kayt Sepic (06) works at PBS in Washington DC as a Program Associate screening and analyzing programs, and writing reports on them.

Meghan Auker (06) is now working as the Democratic field organizer for several Virginia House of Delegates races in the Virginia Beach area.

Becca Gehring (05) continues her stint in the Peace Corps in Imilchil, Morocco through May of 2008. She is studying for the GRE in October and narrowing her options for graduate school.

Melissa Jones Thompson (05) returns to Ohio to attend law school at Ohio Northern University after working two years in New York City as a legal assistant at Shearman & Sterling.

Lindsay Shuba (05) is the Regional Political Manager for the Associated Builders and Contractors, covering Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan. She continues to work out of Columbus, OH. She managed the 2006 congressional campaign of Republican Joy Padgett.

Patrick Dutton (02) received a Masters in Security and Intelligence Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, and since 2004 has worked as an analyst for the Department of Defense. He is currently an Iraq specialist, and has traveled to Baghdad and other places.

Eric Stern (97) recently took a position in the Career Development Office of Boalt Hall (The University of California at Berkeley Law School). He earned his JD from Northeastern University Law School in 2002.

Eric Gustafson (97) is Director of the Annual Fund at Muskingum College. He has also earned separate Masters degrees in Political Science and Criminal Justice.

Have items of interest to the political science community at MC? Let Dr. Tager (tagerm@marietta.edu) know... This publication is published erratically as the news warrants....