



POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Have items of interest to the political science community at MC? Please let Dr. Tager know. This newsletter is published twice a year, or as the news warrants.

Moot Court

This past fall nine students in POLS 215/315 Moot Court (**Cameron Cantley, Natasha Didytch, Patrick Elliot, Jamie Farmer, Katie Kitchen, Katie McIlroy, Nick Mitchell, Chris Stephens, and Tyler Walker**) worked on the hypothetical case provided by the American Moot Court Association, *Bronner v. Olympus*. The case involved a human trafficking investigation and prosecution that raised Fourth Amendment issues resulting from warrantless searches by the police, and Sixth Amendment confrontation clause issues due to the use of hearsay testimony at the defendant's trial. Pairs of students constructed arguments based on the relevant case law. Local attorney Laura Knab of Loughry, Buell & Sipe gave students her perspective on appellate oral argument.

Eight students competed in an Invitational Tournament at Ohio Wesleyan University in October, and eight students competed at the Midwest Regional Tournament at the College of Wooster in November. The regional tournament attracted a strong field of schools including the University of Chicago, Michigan State University, Duke, University of Virginia, etc., and was won by a team from Youngstown State University. Former MC professor Kinzie Craig Hall attended with student competitors from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. For more information about Moot Court, see the AMCA website at www.amcamootcourt.org, and contact **Dr. Tager**.



Pizza & Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free pizza. The last session of the fall semester focused on the impeachment inquiry of President Trump. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact **Dr. Morgan**.

Upper left: Katy Kitchen, Nick Mitchell, Tyler Walker. Middle: Jamie Farmer, Cameron Cantly. Front: Natasha Didytch, Chris Stephens, Patrick Elliot

Model United Nations



At AMUN 2019, l to r: Katie Kitchen, Rachel Ewing, Alexander Lersch, Faith Campbell, Claire Davis, Rosie Frost, Maddie Leers, Jessica Hill, Ryan McLane, Taylor Carr, Natalie Johnson.

The Marietta College 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. We are organizing to attend the Dayton Model United Nations conference (DAYMUNC) in Dayton, Ohio, February 7-8. Please contact **Maddie Leers**, or any Political Science professor, for more information.

Eleven students and **Dr. Tager** attended the American Model United Nations (AMUN) Conference in Chicago November 23-26, 2019. Students represented New Zealand, and served on the following committees:

General Assembly Plenary: **Claire Davis** and **Jessica Hill**

General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and International Security): **Rachel Ewing** and **Katie Kitchen**

General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial): **Maddie Leers** and **Ryan McLane**

General Assembly Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural): **Rosie Frost** and **Alexander Lersch**

World Conference on Youth: **Taylor Carr** and **Natalie Johnson**

International Telecommunications Union: **Faith Campbell**

Besides discussing and negotiating world issues in their committees, the conference provided one free afternoon in Chicago, and students visited sites like Millennium Park, Navy Pier, etc. It also included a graduate school fair and a keynote address by Anne-Marie Grey, the executive director of USA for UNHCR, the US fundraising partner of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Special thanks to Chicago-area native **Maddie Leers** for being head delegate and recommending Lou Malnati's deep-dish pizza, **Faith Campbell** for driving, **Katie Evans**, an AMUN staffer who made us feel extra welcome and who, along with **Dr. Suzanne Walker**, also helped with our preparation for the conference, and to the SGA for their continued financial support.

Political Science Capstone

In POLS 420, the Political Science Capstone, students worked on a group project titled “Felon Voting Rights: The Cases of Pennsylvania and North Carolina.” It was a policy analysis of the return of voting rights and their impact on recidivism and voter turnout.

The individual original research projects included:

Tanner Clark, “Economic and Social Influences Affecting Terrorism in the U.S.”

Rachel Ewing, “Level of Democracy and Civil War Onset”

Jamie Farmer, “Analyzing the Relationship Between Food Stamp Participation and Obesity Rates”

Yves Jordan Kasende, “How Does Education Effect Regime Stability in Africa?”

Katie Kitchen, “Motivations for Immigration: Government Ideology Impacting Immigration Rates”

Nicholas Mitchell, “How Does a State’s Level of Democracy Influence a State’s Total Number of Domestic Terrorism Attacks and Their Proportion of Success?”

All the research projects were supervised by **Dr. Schaefer**, with assistance by **Dr. Morgan**.

Notable Student Activities

Last fall **Trent Anthony** served as the student worker for the 2020 Election Working Group headed by Katie Evans of the McDonough Leadership Program. The nonpartisan group’s aim is to increase awareness and stimulate participation by students in the upcoming election. For more information, please contact Katie Evans. Last summer Trent also worked in the Marietta office of U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson.

John Ganter led a successful effort to reactivate Marietta College’s chapter of College Democrats. For more information about meetings and activities, please contact John. For information about MC College Republicans, please contact **Reagan Haas**.

Last fall **Rosie Frost** and **Alexander Lersch** were elected Freshman Class Representatives to the Student Government Association.

Pre-Law

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see the MC 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.

Marietta recently signed another 3+3 agreement with the University of Toledo College of Law. Especially for students who know they want to attend law school from the outset, this arrangement allows those with qualifying GPAs and LSAT scores to complete their undergraduate and law degrees in six years instead of the traditional seven. This means students must complete all their MC general education and major requirements in three years. If interested, please consult with **Dr. Schaefer**.

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/.

Faith Campbell is attending the WSP this semester in the Global Politics/International Peace and Security seminar section.

Internships

Please contact any Political Science professor for information about Political Science internships. Students can do them locally during the fall and spring semesters, or further away during the summer. Last fall **Jamie Farmer** interned at the Washington County Public Defenders Office here in Marietta.

Political Science Alumni News

Ed Harvey (16) is in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois-Chicago. His academic concentration is in Urban Governance and Management, and he plans to pursue policy analysis positions in the Chicago area.

Danielle (Dani) Chirdon (15) is an associate at the law firm of Reed Smith in Chicago. She focuses on transactional work, including lending and corporate restructuring. As part of the first cohort of legal tech associates at her firm, she also works with the firm's Knowledge Management and Practice Innovation teams. She graduated from Michigan State University College of Law last spring.

Nathan Schafer (12) is a Continuous Improvement Analyst at National Grid, an energy company that delivers electricity and natural gas in the northeast. He received an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University in 2018.

Anastasia (Ault) Hill (11) is the Associate Register of International Programs

at Northwood University in Midland Michigan.

Abbey Sullivan (09) is the Director of Student Ministry at the Crossroads Church in Cincinnati.

Eric Braniff (08) is a Senior Business Analyst with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of West Virginia. He received an MBA from Ohio University in 2017.

Leah Neal (08) is a solution architect with Workkiva, an Iowa software firm that helps companies create and file financial and compliance reports to the SEC and other federal and state regulatory agencies. Along with fellow MC alum Laura Gilbert, she started and runs the Foreshadow Foundation, a charitable organization that provides free books to elementary school students in Morgan County Ohio. For more about her foundation, see the Times Gazette article "Passing on a Passion" by Tim Colliver from April 12, 2019.

Allyson McFerren Mard (05) handles student accounts and in-house legal work at the Canterbury School in Connecticut. She received her JD from Ohio

Northern University College of Law.

Lindsay Shuba Donnelly (05) is Vice President of the Political Division of the Lukens Company, a marketing and advertising firm headquartered in Arlington VA that does work for non-profits, faith-based missions, Republican candidates and causes, and other clients. She has previously worked as a lobbyist and political director.

Cory Medina (04) became the Director of Political Outreach and Engagement for the Communications Workers of America last fall, and is based in the Washington DC area. He had been the Deputy Political Director for Working America, the political organizing arm of the AFL-CIO.

James (Jimmy) Klepek (02) is an International Trade Specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Within the Department's Foreign Agricultural Service, which seeks to increase U.S. agricultural exports among other things, he covers the countries of Colombia, Venezuela, and Chile. He received a

PhD from the University of Arizona in Geography and Regional Development in 2011, where his doctoral research (and subsequent publications) focused on the politics of agricultural biotechnology regulation in Guatemala. He formerly taught at Rollins College in Florida for several years. He double-majored in Spanish at MC.

Amy (Jantz) Templeman (00) published an op-ed essay in The Hill on December 30, 2019 titled "A Preventative Approach to Reducing Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities." She is the Director of Impact, Safety and Resilience—Within Our Reach at the Alliance for Strong Families, a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington DC. She recently took a year's leave from the Alliance to live with her family in Guangzhou China, where she worked as a Cultural Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Department of State.

Eric Gustafson (97) is the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at Framingham State University in Massachusetts.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Morgan delivered two conference papers last semester. One was co-authored with Dr. Yu Ouyang (Purdue University Northwest) and titled "Sanction Activity and Sanction Rhetoric." It was presented at the 2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. last August. The second paper was co-authored with Dr. Daniel Morey (University of Kentucky) and titled "Peacekeeping Coalitions: Learning to Fight Together." It was presented at the 2019 International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference in St. Louis last November.

