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Welcome Back Dr. Morgan!

After two years teaching at Thiel College in Pennsylvania, **Dr Michael Morgan** returns to his alma mater and rejoins the Political Science faculty, where he previously taught from 2014 to 2016. He received his PhD from the University of Kentucky in 2015. His primary teaching and research interests are in the field of international relations. We're delighted to have him back at MC!

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. We're organizing to attend the National Model United Nations conference (NMUN) in the DC area in November. Please contact **Emily Vigue**, or **Bri Dietry**, or any Political Science professor, for more information.

Seven students and Dr. Tager attended the Dayton Model United Nations Conference February 2-3, 2018. Students served on the following committees:
Security Council—United Kingdom: **Cameron Cantley**
Simulation Security Council—United Kingdom: **Matthew Johnson**
Commission on the Status of Women—United Kingdom: **Rachel Ewing**; Republic of Korea: **Emily Vigue**; Albania: **Bri Dietry**; India: **Sam Welch**
UN Environmental Assembly—United Kingdom: **Alexis Kaiden**



Students at DAYMUNC 2018: L to R, Rachel Ewing, Alexis Kaiden, Bri Dietry, Emily Vigue, Matthew Johnson, Sam Welch, Cameron Cantley

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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/.

Pizza & Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free food. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact **Dr. Morgan**.

PreLaw

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. This fall brings the return of Moot Court (POLS 215/315). Please see Dr. Tager for details.

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

Cameron Cantley, **Daniel Fox**, and **Ericka Figueroa** helped research and facilitate the Castle Historic House Museum's mock trial reenactment of the Prohibition Era Cases of "Dry" Marietta. The mock trial took place on February 19, 2018 at the Washington County Court of Common Pleas.

Cameron Cantley is organizing a Mock Trial club. Please contact him if interested.

Last spring **Emily Vigue** was elected MC Student Government Association President, **Bri Dietry** was elected Vice-President, and **Katie Kitchen** was elected Treasurer. **Rachel Ewing** was chosen to be SGA Parliamentarian. After her election as President, Emily stated "I am very excited to serve as SGA president for the 2018-19 academic year, and I am especially excited to start working on different projects and initiatives that will support and encourage our growing enrollment. For SGA, this will mean focusing on supporting our student organizations and working toward a positive campus culture for all Marietta students."

Alexis Kaiden is working as the office manager in U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson's Marietta office.

Dr. Morgan has an article forthcoming in the journal *SAGE Research Methods Cases: Politics & International Relations*. It is co-authored with Dr. Yu Ouyang of Purdue University-Northwest and titled "Declarations of National Emergencies, Economic Sanctions, and the Unilateral Presidency: The Importance of Workflow in Research Projects."



Dr. Michael Morgan

Internships

Please contact any Political Science professor for information about Political Science internships. Last spring **Savannah Yoho** interned at the Marietta Municipal Court and **Kenzi McAfee** interned at the Washington County Office of the Public Defender.

On April 25, 2018, five students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honorary society: **Haley Cormack**, **Nell Cormack**, **Rachel Ewing**, **Kenzi McAfee**, and **Emily Vigue**. Also in attendance were PSA members **Paige Berschet**, **Brianna Dietry**, **Matthew Johnson**, **Jonah Mitchell**, **Sam Welch**, and **Ruolin (Sharon) Zhang**. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information about eligibility for Pi Sigma Alpha.

At graduation **Sam Welch** gave a Jewett Oration titled “Oh, You Don’t Know the Places You’ll Go.” **Matthew Johnson** won the Alumni Association Community Service Award, **Ruolin Zhang** won the Alpha Xi Delta Prize, **Paige Berschet** and **Matthew Johnson** won the Sherrill Cleland Prize in Leadership, **Paige Berschet** won the Delta Upsilon Good Citizenship Award, and **Jonah Mitchell** won the Phi Alpha Theta Key. **Matthew Johnson** received a Charles Ping Student Service Award from the Ohio Campus Compact, one of twelve such awards given to college students throughout Ohio. **Bri Dietry** received the Jack Prince Scholarship from the Business Department, **Emily Vigue** received the Outstanding Student Award in Spanish, **Rachel Ewing** received a Kremer Scholarship from the English Department, and **Sam Welch** received the Stephen Schwartz Award from the English Department.



Pi Sigma Alpha members, L to R: Jonah Mitchell, Kenzi McAfee, Sam Welch, Matthew Johnson, Ruolin (Sharon) Zhang, Emily Vigue, Rachel Ewing, Bri Dietry, Paige Berschet.

All Scholars Day

On All Scholars Day, **Sarina Singh**, **Emily Vigue**, **Sam Welch**, and **Ruolin (Sharon) Zhang** presented their individual capstone research projects, and then students presented the group capstone research project analyzing the opioid epidemic titled “Needles in the Haystack: Urban Biases in Federal Drug Policy.” Also participating in the group project were **Paige Berschet**, **Tara Clinton**, **Bri Dietry**, **Alexis Kaiden**, **Jonah Mitchell**, and **Emily Smith**. All the individual research projects, as well as the group research project, were directed by **Dr. Schaefer**.

Matthew Johnson (18) is attending the Masters program in Bioethics at Ohio State University.

Jonah Mitchell (18) is attending law school at Ohio Northern University.

Tara Clinton (Dec. 17) works as an Experience and Production Associate at *Politico* Magazine in the Washington DC area. She plans events for the conferences *Politico* co-sponsors with a variety of clients

Casey Peel (16) is attending law school at the University of Arizona. She previously served in the Peace Corps in Ukraine.

Michael Fahy (15) is working as an intelligence analyst with the Ohio Department of Public Safety in Columbus. He previously received an MA in Security Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and worked for the GAO in Washington DC.

Sean Kuhn (15) is attending the Masters program in Applied Economics at Ohio State University. He double majored in Economics, and continues working as an analyst for The Limited in Columbus.

Jessica Johnson (14) is working as an Administration Assistant at the Ohio EPA in Columbus. She formerly worked on Governor John Kasich's staff.

Abby Klicker (13) is the new M.C. Women's Crew Coach. She previously coached at Bucknell University.

Valerie Price (13) recently joined the Charleston WV office of the Jackson Kelly law firm. Her practice focuses on trusts, estates, and related litigation. She received her JD from Ohio State University.

Emily (Davis) Carpenter (11) is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, a non-profit organization in Louisville that offers alternative fuels resources to providers and consumers of alternative fuels and vehicles. She previously received an MA in Diplomacy and International Commerce from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School.

Zach McGurk (11) is an Assistant Professor of Economics at MC. He previously received his PhD in Economics from West Virginia University. He double majored in Economics.

Jakob Loukas (09) was the featured alumni speaker at the opening ceremony of the EXCEL workshop recently. He entered the U.S. Foreign Service in 2016, and served as a consular official in Barbados, Albania, and Poland before taking his current position in Washington DC assessing programs and policies in

U.S. embassies worldwide. Prior to entering the Foreign Service, he worked in the U.S. State Department. He received an MA in U.S. Foreign Policy from American University in 2011.

Sean Paulhus (08) is working as an Administrative Assistant to the State Auditor of Maine, and is serving in his third term on the Bath (ME) City Council, where he is currently focused on municipal transportation and parking issues.

Rachel (Long) Funk (07) is working as a Quality Assurance Analyst and Software Developer for Pickands Mather, a logistics firm in the Cleveland area. After graduating she initially pursued a legal career, then switched to logistics, and after attending a coding boot camp, has entered the information technology field.

Craig Sundstrom (07) is the Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager for Ohio and the Midwest for Apex Clean Energy. He also serves on the Hartville (OH) Town Council. He previously worked as Oklahoma's Deputy Secretary of Energy, and received his JD from Oklahoma City University Law School.

Kayt (Sepic) Jonsson (06) has been working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as their multimedia

production specialist (video, photography, web graphics, etc.) for the last seven years. She previously received an MFA in Film and Electronic Media from American University.

Sarah (Clapp) Work (04) is running for State Treasurer of South Carolina on the American Party ticket, a new centrist third party. Her campaign website is at www.workforsc.org. She ran for a S.C. State Assembly seat in 2016. Sarah double majored in Accounting, received a Masters in Taxation from Capital Law School, and works as a CPA in the Charlotte area.

Dominick Wycoff (96) is President of a Tire and Wheels firm in the Akron area.

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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.

