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## Model United Nations



**Ariann Barile with her Model UN performance awards, a medal from LEIMUN (Nov. 2017) and plaque from DAYMUNC (Feb. 2017).**

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 American Model United Nations conference (AMUN) in November. Please contact **Emily Smith**, or any

Political Science professor, for more information. Seven students and Dr. Tager attended the Dayton Model United Nations Conference February 3-4, 2017. Students served on the following committees: Security Council—Bolivia: **Alex Boggs**; China: **Emily Smith**; Ethiopia: **Emily Brown** Simulation Security Council—Bolivia: **Savannah Yoho**; Ethiopia: **Danny Tincher**; United Kingdom: **Ariann Barile** Commission on Narcotic Drugs—Bolivia: **Alexis Kaiden** **Ariann Barile** received a DAYMUNC award for her performance on the Simulation Security Council, complementing the one she received last fall for her work at LEIMUN. This past spring **Jade Smith** chaired a committee at LEIMUN's high school MUN conference held in Youngstown.



**DAYMUNC 2017 delegation in Sinclair Building 12, front row L to R: Alexis Kaiden, Savannah Yoho, Ariann Barile, Emily Brown; back row L to R: Emily Smith, Alex Boggs, Mike Tager (advisor), Danny Tincher.**

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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/](http://www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/).

**Ruo Lin (Sharon) Zhang and Brianna Dietry** attended the WSP this past summer. Last spring **Nell Cormack** attended the WSP and interned at the National Zoo.

## Pizza & Politics

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

### 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 LAST or a first year student wondering where to begin.

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

## All Scholars Day

On All Scholars Day, **Ariann Barile**, **Paul Bieniek**, **Matthew Johnson**, **Hannah Steketee**, and **Maria Stickrath** presented their individual capstone research projects, and then presented the group capstone research project "The Influence of Generational Differences and Collective Experiences on Candidate Preference." Also participating in the group project were **Alex Boggs**, **Adam Fox**, **ZiYu (Zoe) Qin**, and **Savannah Yoho**. All these research projects were done in the Political Science Capstone, and directed by Dr. Schaefer.



LEIMUN 2016 delegates, front row left to right: Emily Vigue, Hannah Steketee, Maria Stickrath, Arienne Barile, Sam Welch; middle row left to right: Savannah Yoho, Briana Dietry, Emily Smith (holding Ghana placard), Kenzi McAfee, Emily Brown, Latrice Nelson; back row left to right: Tristan Bailey, Paul Bieniek, Jade Smith, Matthew Johnson, Chris Rasnake, Alex Boggs. Not pictured: Danny Tinchler.

## Faculty Activities

**Dr. Schaefer** and **Dr. Michael Morgan** (10), delivered a paper titled "The Domestic Realities of Economic Restraint" at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago last April. **Dr. Morgan** is starting his second year as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Thiel College this year. For the Great Decisions Series, Dr. Schaefer gave a talk on Nuclear Security and Dr. Tager gave one on The Future of Europe. **Dr. Schaefer** won the Student Advising Award at Founders Day last February.

## Notable Student Activities

**Matthew Johnson, Kenzi McAfee, and Emily Vigue** studied at Cambridge University (UK) over the summer. They took courses in Comparative Public Law of the US and UK, and Legal History of the UK. They traveled throughout the UK, including visits to London, Dover, Edinburgh, etc. In the background of the accompanying photo is the Cathedral in Ely, about 20 minutes from Cambridge, which dates to the late 11<sup>th</sup> century.

**Daniel Fox, Hannah Steketee, and Sam Welch** helped facilitate the reenactment of the 1849 trial of George Henderson v. David Put-

nam, in which the abolitionist Putnam of Marietta was accused of violating the Fugitive Slave Act by aiding the escape of slaves from Henderson's plantation in Williamstown. The reenactment was organized by The Castle Historic House Museum and held at the Washington County Courthouse.

Last spring **Paige Berschet** was elected MC Student Government Association President and **Matthew Johnson** was elected Vice-President. After her election as President, Paige stated "It was an extremely hard fought

and close race, and I'm proud of the other students who ran for executive board positions because we had a turnout of 400 students to vote. I'm extremely excited to be able to start working on many different initiatives based on student concerns. Some of the things I would like to work on in the coming year are dining, diversity and inclusion, student morale and pride, transparency and communication between faculty, among many other things."

Last May, **Matthew Johnson and Emily**

**Smith** participated in a leadership trip to Peru. They visited Arequipa, Puno, Cusco, and Machu Picchu, among other places.



Paige Berschet, MC  
SGA President.

L to R, Kenzie McAfee,  
Matthew Johnson, Emily  
Vigue at Ely Cathedral

## Internships

Please contact any Political Science professor for information about Political Science internships. This past summer **Alexis Kaiden** interned at Marietta Main Street and at U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson's Marietta office, **Tara Clinton** interned at the Peoples Bank Theater in Marietta, **Latrice Nelson** interned at the Summit County Prosecutors Office in Akron, and **Sarina Singh** interned in the Young Leaders Program at the Center for Data Analysis at the Heritage Foundation in Washington DC, which is considered one of the leading conservative "think tanks" in the

U.S. Through the Washington Semester Program, this past summer **Brianna Dietry** interned at Carmen and Muss, a Washington DC law firm, where she attended Congressional hearings and did research on behalf of the firm's clients, and **Ruo Lin (Sharon) Zhang** interned at the Sabin Vaccine Institute, where she supported policy and resource development activities. Last spring **Paul Bieniek** interned at the Marietta Municipal Court, and **Hannah Steketee** and **Sam Welch** interned at the Washington County Public Defenders Office.



Sarina Singh with other Heritage Foundation summer interns at the U.S. capitol.



Ruo Lin (Sharon) Zhang with NY Congresswoman Nita Lowey at a DC reception.



Alex Kaiden at the Farmers Market in downtown Marietta during her summer internship for Marietta Main Street.



Brianna Dietry at SCOTUS for her summer internship in DC

## Political Science Alumni News

**Ariann Barile** (17) received a fellowship to work temporarily for a U.S. Representative in Washington DC, and is also on the Leadership Team of Ohio Lt. Governor Mary Taylor's campaign for Governor of Ohio.

**Paul Bieniek** (17) is working in AmeriCorps Vista for the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation focusing on the Workforce Housing Initiative to expand stable housing opportunities for workers in the Red Lodge area in south-central Montana.

**Adam Fox** (Dec. 16) is attending the University of Florida Law School.

**ZiYu (Zoe) Qin** (17) is attending the Masters program in International Affairs at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University.

**Hannah Steketee** (17) is attending the West Virginia University Law School.

**Maria Stickrath** (17) is attending the College of William and Mary Law School.

**Daley Buckwell** (16) is working for the Girl

Scouts of the Green and White Mountains in New Hampshire.

**Jessie Hamon** (16) is a behavior technician at Step By Step Academy in Ohio, where she works with autistic children who also have behavioral problems.

**Kevin Johnston** (16) received an MS in Management from George Mason University this past spring. He is working as a Junior Associate at Arc Aspicio, an information technology and management consulting company located in Washington DC that focuses on homeland security and intelligence.

**Michael Fahy** (15) received an MA in Security Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service this past spring. He is working at the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in the International Affairs and Trade section in Washington DC. The GAO is the federal agency that audits government spending programs to reduce waste and fraud. His first project is to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of Department of Defense programs to

train Iraqi security forces. This likely will include travel to Iraq.

**Zach Eddy** (14) received his JD from Michigan State University Law School and took a job with the law firm of Bricker & Eckler in Columbus Ohio.

**Lilien Gil-Nicolas** (14) is a researcher for the SEIU 32BJ (Service Employees International Union) in Miami Florida.

**Jessica Herron** (13) is the Southeast Regional Membership Services Director at Parent Booster USA, where she is responsible for keeping almost 500 clients throughout 12 different states compliant with state and federal regulations for booster clubs and other non-profit parent/teacher organizations.

**Nicole Holstein** (12) is a research technician in a lab at Virginia Commonwealth University examining ecosystem responses to salinity intrusion into wetlands. She double-majored in Environmental Studies.

**Tian (Teresa) Wu** (10) recently became a product manager for a personal health start-up in San Francisco. She had

been working for Baidu-USA before that.

**Bret Allphin** (01) was appointed by the Marietta City Council to the advisory Property Maintenance Code Committee, which was asked to make recommendations on how the city should address blighted and nuisance properties. He is the Development Director of the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and will be teaching a course on cultural geography at Washington State Community College this spring. He addressed the first year students at matriculation for the MC Alumni Association.

## Student Honors

On April 25, 2017, eight students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honorary society: **Paige Berschet, Brianna Dietry, Matthew Johnson, Jonah Mitchell, Emily Smith, Whitley Trusler, Sam Welch, and Ruo Lin (Sharon) Zhang**. Also in attendance were previously inducted members **Paul Bieniek** and **Alex Boggs**, along with **Emily Vigue**, who took the group picture. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information about eligibility for Pi Sigma Alpha.

**Maria Stickrath** won the Sherrill Cleland Prize in Leadership, the William Heacock Memorial Prize, the Political Science Capstone Award, and the Asa Shinn McCoy Award. **Matthew Johnson** and **Emily Vigue** won the Jack Prince Scholarship, and **Matthew Johnson** won the Henry Benedict Schwartz Scholarship.



Pi Sigma Alpha members, front row L to R: Emily Smith, Sam Welch, Ruo Lin (Sharon) Zhang, Paul Bieniek; back row L to R: Jonah Mitchell, Matthew Johnson, Paige Berschet, Brianna Dietry, Alex Boggs, Whitley Trusler

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