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New Programs

We have added a new Legal Studies minor, which includes a core of Political Science courses and law-related electives in several disciplines. While the Political Science major and minor remain good preparation for legal careers, this more narrowly focused new minor provides some additional useful background.

Marietta also signed a 3+3 agreement with John Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. 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.

Please see **Dr. Schaefer** for more information on those programs.



Jamie Farmer in Washington DC for Summer WSP

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 visit:
www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/.

Jamie Farmer attended the WSP this past summer and interned at the Antonoplos & Associates law firm in DC.

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**.



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Pre-Law

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see the Pre-Law advisor **Dr. Schaefer**. He can help you navigate the pre-law process whether you are a senior preparing for the LSAT or a first year student wondering where to begin.

Internships

Please contact any Political Science professor for information about Political Science internships.

Last spring **Dan Fox** interned at the Marietta Municipal Court and **Anthony Jones** interned at the Washington County Prosecutor's Office.

Model United Nations



At Daymunc 2019, l to r: Logan Reynolds, Hayden Thatcher, Faith Campbell, Maddie Leers, Taylor Carr, Jessica Hill, Jordan Kasende

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 are organizing to attend the American Model United Nations conference (AMUN) in Chicago in November. Those interested need to register for or attend POLS 135. Please contact, **Maddie Leers** or **Faith Campbell**, or any Political Science professor for more information.

Seven students and Dr. Tager attended the Dayton Model United Nations Conference February 1-2, 2018. Students served on the following committees:
 Security Council—France: **Hayden Thatcher**, Cote d'Ivoire: **Logan Reynolds**
 Simulation Security Council—France: **Faith Campbell**, Cote d'Ivoire: **Jordan Kasende**
 UNICEF—Cote d'Ivoire: **Taylor Carr**, Colombia: **Jess Hill**, Egypt: **Maddie Leers**



Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky at Pizza & Politics, April 2, 2019

Notable Student Activities

Last spring **Rachel Ewing** was elected MC Student Government Association President and **Katie Kitchen** was elected Vice-President. After her election as President, Emily stated "I am especially excited to increase the presence of SGA on campus and hopefully get more students involved. For SGA, this will mean being more transparent with the student body, increasing engagement, and making sure to have student input on the decisions being made around campus. We have a great team this incoming year, both the executive board and representatives, and I am extremely excited to work with them and see what we can accomplish for the student body."



SGA President Rachel Ewing



Katie Kitchen in England for summer law courses at Cambridge University

Last spring **Patrick Elliot** was elected an SGA Junior Class Representative.

Katie Kitchen studied law at Emmanuel College of Cambridge University in the UK for five weeks this past summer as part of the University of Richmond's Jepson Cambridge Program.

All Scholars Day

On All Scholars Day, **Kenzi McAfee** presented her individual capstone research project on *Rural Recidivism*, which received the capstone award for best senior project. **Bri Dietry, Emily Vigue, Katie Kitchen, and Nick Mitchell** reprised their oral arguments from the Moot Court case *Sommerville v. Olympus State University*. All the research projects in capstone were directed by **Dr. Schaefer**, with assistance from **Dr. Morgan**.

Honors

On April 18, 2019, **Katie Kitchen** was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honorary society. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information about eligibility for Pi Sigma Alpha.

Last spring **Emily Vigue** and **Kenzi McAfee** won the Sherrill Cleland Prize in Leadership, **Nick Mitchell** received the Jack Prince Scholarship, and **Tanner Clark** received the Jules Bourmourck and Julia Staats Memorial Scholarship.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Morgan delivered two papers at the Midwest Political Science Association convention last spring in Chicago. One was “Explaining Assertive Sanction Rhetoric,” with co-author Dr. Yu Ouyang of Purdue University Northwest, for a panel on Presidential Rhetoric and Public Policy. The second paper was “Consider the Source: UN Peacekeeping Coalitions and Civilian Protection,” with co-author Dr. Daniel Morey of the University of Kentucky, for a panel on Individual Security and Post-Conflict Scenarios. **Dr. Morgan’s** article “Declarations of National Emergencies, Economic Sanctions, and the Unilateral Presidency: The Importance of Workflow in Research Projects,” co-authored with Dr. Ouyang, was recently published in *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. His article “How Presidents Utilize Their Emergency Powers,” also co-authored with Dr. Ouyang, appears in the September 2019 issue of *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Dr. Tager delivered a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association convention last spring in Chicago titled “The Courts and Voting Rights in the Trump Era” for a panel on Interbranch and Electoral Jurisprudence. He also served as a discussant on the Law and Jurisprudence: Philosophies of Interpretation panel. His article “Divided America in Elizabeth Strout’s *The Burgess Boys*” will be published in a forthcoming 2019 issue of *Critique*.

Political Science Alumni News

Bri Dietry (19) is attending the John Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University.

Dan Fox (19) is attending the University of Dayton School of Law.

Kenzi McAfee (19) is attending the University of Richmond School of Law.

Emily Vigue (19) is working at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, a regional community foundation headquartered in Nelsonville.

Ashley Jesser (16) graduated from West Virginia University College of Law last spring. She is entering the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

Sally Hauser (15) is working as the Scheduler for the Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber. She previously worked

as the Director of Fundraising and Political Affairs for Bogart Associates.

Laura (Finck) Wittel (12) is working as an analyst at Columbus State Community College focused on institutional efficiency. She previously was a grant writer for Lone Star College and before that evaluated policy for a United Way chapter in Texas. She received an MA in Political Science from the University of New Mexico.

Zach McGurk (11) is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Canisius College. He received his PhD in Economics from West Virginia University. He double majored in Political Science and Economics.

Phil York (10) is working as the Manager of Designated Campaigns for the Kennedy Center

in Washington DC. He has had a series of development positions in the non-profit sector prior to this current job. He received a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University.

Sean Paulhus (08) was elected to represent Bath in the Maine State Legislature last April. Following the resignation of the incumbent representative, he was nominated by the Bath Democratic Caucus to run for the seat in February. He won the special election over his opponent with two-thirds of the vote. He wants to focus on the issues of health care access and improving infrastructure while serving in the Legislature. He will continue to serve on the Bath City Council.

Bret Allphin (01) entered the Masters of Public Affairs pro-

gram at the University of Missouri last spring. He continues to serve as the Development Director of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

Kimberly West Murnieks (93) was appointed last January by Governor Mike DeWine to serve as the Director of Ohio’s Office of Budget and Management, where she has responsibility for planning the Governor’s budget and ensuring state government operates efficiently and effectively. As Director of OBM she is Ohio’s chief financial officer and sits in the Governor’s cabinet. She has held previous state government positions including the Chief Operating Officer of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, and the Executive Director of the Ohio Department of Education.

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

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