

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Happenings

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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.

## 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. Model UN conferences will likely be virtual this year. Please contact **Maddie Leers**, or any Political Science professor, for more information.



Daymunc 2020 delegation, l to r: Morgan Scott, John Gantner, Alexander Lersch, Pat Elliott, Nick Mitchell, Elizabeth Vigue, Claire Davis

Seven students and Dr. Morgan attended the Dayton Model United Nations Conference February 7-8, 2020. Students served on the following committees:

Security Council—

South Africa: Alexander Lersch

Dominican Republic: Elizabeth Vigue

Peace Building Commission—

India: Claire Davis

Pakistan: Nick Mitchell

General Assembly Committee on Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues—

South Africa: John Gantner

India: Pat Elliott;

Netherlands: Morgan Scott

## Notable Student Activities

Last spring **Katie Kitchen** was elected MC Student Government Association President and **Taylor Williamson** was elected Vice-President, and **Alexander Lersch** was selected Parliamentarian. After her election as President, Katie stated that she aimed to make the SGA “a more visible and accessible channel between students and administration.” **Joe Tucker, Trent Anthony, Claire Davis, Tyler Walker, Natalie Johnson,** and **Elizabeth Vigue** were elected SGA Class Representatives for 2020.

**Katie Kitchen** completed a summer Investigative Studies research project titled “Emotional Rhetoric and Presidential Approval” that examined the way emotional language in news articles, which are presented as objective, impacts US presidential approval ratings. She used both content and statistical analysis on articles mainly from the New York Times from 2001-2018. The project was supervised by **Dr. Morgan**.



Katie Kitchen, SGA President

## Honors

Last spring **Cameron Cantley, Patrick Elliott, Bryce Gandee, Reagan Haas, Christian Hopp, Kathryn McIlroy, Nicholas Mitchell, Chandler Rabatin,** and **Christopher Stephens** were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honorary society. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information about eligibility for Pi Sigma Alpha.

**Patrick Elliott** received the Jack Prince Scholarship.

**Rachel Ewing** received the Capstone Award for her research paper titled “Level of Democracy and Civil War Onset.” She also received the Sherrill Cleland Prize in Leadership, the Lone Congdon Hammond Memorial Prize, the William Bay Irvine Medal, the Merrill Reeves Patterson Medal, and was named a Pioneer Scholar.

## Internships

Last spring **Tanner Clark** interned at the Noble County (OH) Commission, and **Nick Mitchell** interned at the Marietta law firm Buell & Sipe with attorney Laura Knab. This past summer **Christian Hopp** interned with Mission Met, which aids small non-profit organizations with strategic planning and leadership development, **Maddie Leers** interned with the Borgen Project, an organization working to reduce global poverty, **Katie McIlroy** interned at Meyer Wilson, a Columbus firm specializing in class action and mass tort lawsuits, and **Tyler Walker** interned at the Warhola Law Office in Cambridge Ohio, his second summer internship with the firm.

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

## Pizza & Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free food. Our last session (before instruction went on-line) focused on the Super Tuesday primary election results, and the 2020 election. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact **Dr. Morgan**.

## Faculty Activities

**Dr. Morgan** co-authored a book chapter entitled, “Donald Trump and the Border Wall: Policy Continuity with a National Emergency Twist” that will be part of the 6th edition of “Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy” published by Rowman and Littlefield. Dr. Yu Ouyang (Purdue University-Northwest) is the co-author.

**Dr. Tager** wrote a paper “Voting Rights and the Interaction of Courts, Elected Branches and the Public: A Case Study of Felon Disenfranchisement in Florida” for the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago last April, which was cancelled due to the pandemic.

## 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 are a senior preparing for the LSAT or a first year student wondering where to begin.

## 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/).

**Faith Campbell** attended the WSP this past spring and interned at RepresentWomen, a research-based advocacy group trying to increase women’s presence in elected and appointed government offices.

# Political Science Alumni News

**Rachel Ewing** (20) is attending the PhD program in English at Virginia Tech University. She double majored in English.

**Jamie Farmer** (20) is working as a tax clerk for the WV State Auditor's Office in Charleston.

**Nick Mitchell** (20) is attending the John Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University.

**Jonah Mitchell** (18) is now working as an Admissions Counselor for Marietta College.

**Hannah Steketee** (17) graduated from West Virginia University of Law and is clerking for a judge in Alaska. Last year she served as WVU's Law Review Research Editor, and was named by National Juris as a runner-up Law School Student of the Year for her range of accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom.

**Danie Chirdon** (15) was featured in the Career Center's Alumni Speaker Series this past spring. She is an attorney at the

Chicago law firm of Reed Smith, and graduated from Michigan State University College of Law.

**Michael Fahy** (15) is attending the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He had been working as an intelligence analyst for the Ohio Department of Public Safety in Columbus.

**Lauren Knight** (13) defeated the incumbent Prosecuting Attorney of Harrison County OH in the Republican primary election this past spring, and will run against an Independent candidate in the November general election for the office (the Democrats have not nominated a candidate). She previously served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Harrison County.

**Ben Reese** (13) recently took a position at the Cleveland law firm Flannery Georgalis. He had previously been an associate at a large Washington DC law firm. He graduated from the University of Michigan College of Law.

**Nicole (Holstein) Keller** (12) is finishing her

Masters in Biology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her research focuses on the resiliency of barrier islands and how climate change affects them. She stays active in WV politics, recently doing data analysis for Stephen Smith's gubernatorial campaign. She double majored in Environmental Studies.

**Phil York** (10) recently took a position as a Development Manager at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) in Washington DC. The NCRC is nonprofit organization that works to preserve fair housing law, as well ensure equal access to capital and fair lending practices. He previously worked as the Manager of Designated Campaigns at the Kennedy Center in DC.

**Mickey Hart** (08) was featured in the Career Center's Alumni Speaker Series this past spring. He works as a Talent Acquisition Manager in Cleveland.

**Sean Paulhus** (08) won re-nomination by Maine Democrats to represent Bath in the Maine State

Legislature. He will run in the November general election seeking his second term in the Legislature. He continues to serve on the Bath City Council.

**Ashlyn Heider** (06) was featured in the Career Center's Alumni Speaker Series this past spring. She works at Key Bank in Cleveland as a Regulatory Intelligence Analyst. She graduated from Duquesne University Law School.

**Melissa (Jones) Thompson** (05) stopped in Marietta this summer when in the area for a local wedding. She is Director of Regulatory Policy at Columbia Gas of Ohio in Columbus. She graduated from Capital University Law School.

**Sarah (Clapp) Work** (04) is running for a South Carolina State Senate seat this fall. She was nominated this past spring by the Alliance Party, a centrist third party. She previously ran for South Carolina State Treasurer and the South Carolina Assembly. She is a CPA, and double-majored in Accounting.

