

# POLITICAL SCIENCE HAPPENINGS

Issue 1

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## Political Science Faculty and Staff, 2006-2007

**Dr. Jackie DeLaat**—Thomas 315 (ext. 4660)  
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policy, women and politics)

**Dr. Mark Schaefer**—Thomas 314 (ext. 4801)  
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relations)

**Dr. Mike Tager**—Thomas 106 (ext. 4898)  
tagerm@marietta.edu (focus on political theory,  
constitutional law, comparative politics, U.S. politics)

**Ms. Paula Lewis**—Thomas 122 (ext. 4633)  
lewisp@marietta.edu (department secretary)

The MC pre-law advisor is Leadership Professor **Dr. Dan Huck** (ext. 4646), huckd@marietta.edu  
Thomas 317, the history and political science library,  
is available for students to use for group or individual  
study. There is an internet connection in the room.

## Pizza and Politics sessions

To celebrate Constitution Day, the first Pizza and  
Politics session will be on “**The Constitution in the  
Post-September 11 World.**” Panelists include Dr.  
Jackie DeLaat, Dr. James O’Donnell, Dr. Jack  
Hillwig, and Dr. Mike Tager. Dr. Mark Schaefer will  
moderate the discussion. Please come to the  
Gathering Place at 5pm on Wednesday, September  
13 for free pizza and pop, as well as discussion.

## Sign up for Pizza and Politics on the Washington Semester

Come learn about the Washington  
Semester! Free lunch!

On Wednesday, October 4,  
**Shannon Dempster**, the  
Assistant Director of Admissions  
for the **Washington Semester**  
program at American University,  
will be here to discuss the program at noon in  
Thomas Hall 317. If you’re interested in spending a  
semester studying in Washington DC and want more  
information, please attend the session. **Please RSVP  
by Monday Oct. 2 to Ms. Paula Lewis at  
lewisp@marietta.edu or at ext. 4633 if you plan to  
attend.**



If you have any ideas for a Pizza and Politics session,  
please contact **Dr. Mark Schaefer**

## Practice LSAT

**Dr. Dan Huck**, the pre-law advisor, is sponsoring  
practice LSATs on September 9 and September 23.  
Please contact him at huckd@marietta.edu for more  
information.

## Model UN Club Organizes for Year

The MC Model United Nations club is open to all  
students interested in learning more about global  
issues by attending simulated UN sessions where  
student role play diplomats from different countries.  
The club is currently planning for this year’s  
activities. For more information, please contact  
**Sarah F. Smith** (smiths@marietta.edu) or **Dr. Mike  
Tager** (tagerm@marietta.edu) or **Dr. Mark Schaefer**  
(mes001@marietta.edu).

## Political Science Summer Travel

**Alie Ratie (07)** traveled with  
the MC choir on their very  
successful singing tour of  
China. **Rachel Long (07)**,  
**Craig Sundstrom (07)**, and  
**John Stack (08)** traveled to  
Italy, Greece, and Egypt as part  
of the Leadership program’s  
three-week Mediterranean study tour. **Tim Kemble  
(08)** spent three and a half weeks in China as part of  
grant project with Dr. Luding Tong of the Modern  
Languages Department to assess the nascent  
advertising industry in China.



## Political Science Honors Thesis

**Brandon Donelson-Sims (06)** completed a senior  
political science honors thesis last spring titled “Holy  
Spirit Peacemaking: A Case Study of the Pentecostal  
Charismatic Peace Fellowship” under the direction of  
Dr. Mike Tager. Brandon’s thesis examined a small  
religious organization trying to develop a theology of  
peace and engage in active peace-building, along  
with aiming to transform the outlook of its own  
denomination on peace and justice issues. Brandon  
was the class of 2006 valedictorian, and is currently  
pursuing a M.A. in conflict resolution at Antioch  
College.

## Second Edition of Dr. DeLaat’s Book Upcoming

Over the summer, **Dr. Jackie DeLaat** finished  
revisions and additions for a second edition of her  
popular casebook Gender in the Workplace. Sage  
Publications has scheduled a January 16, 2007  
release date for the new edition. Congratulations, Dr.  
DeLaat!

## Legislative Simulation

**Dr. Jackie DeLaat** received an “engaged teaching” grant in support of her course Legislative Process, POLS 212. An active simulation of major congressional activities has been added to the course, which will be offered in the Spring of 2007.

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## Dr. Yi’s Newspaper Column

**Dr. Xiaoxiong Yi**, the director of East Asia Initiatives at M.C., and a political scientist by training, publishes a regionally syndicated column about international affairs that appears every other week. Locally, The Marietta Times runs his column in their weekend edition.



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## Political Science Summer Internships

**Kristen Bird (Dec. 06)** interned at PennEnvironment, a non-profit environmental lobbying and research organization in Philadelphia, where she wrote letters to the editor, did research, organized a press conference, and did mailings.

**Chris Engler (08)** interned in U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy’s district office in Pittsburgh PA.

**Rachel Long (07)** interned with Judge Teresa Sarmina, a Court of Common Pleas judge in the homicide division in Philadelphia. Rachel did legal research, constructed a data base of past jurors, and sat in on several of the cases the judge presided over.

**Matt Kundmueller (07)** interned in the Office of the Mayor of Marietta, specifically in the Community Planning Department, where he worked on a grant application to bring the *Main Street USA* program to Marietta, among other projects.

**Sean Paulhus (08)** interned at the Maine Governor’s Office in Augusta ME, where he worked in the Division of Boards and Appointments (ask Sean to show you his picture with Bill Clinton taken at a Maine political fund-raiser).

**Alie Ratie (07)** interned at U.S. Congressman Tim Ryan’s Warren OH district office, where she helped with constituent casework and got to write some press releases.

**Sarah Smith (07)** interned with the West Virginia Republican Party at their headquarters in Charleston WV, where she worked on fund-raising, organizing the executive party committee summer meeting, doing research on voter identification and targeting, as well as meeting with Republican state elected officials and candidates.

Please contact any political science professor for information about, or supervision of, your for-credit internships.

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## Political Science Alumni News

**Meghan Auker (06)** completed a training program with Campaign Corps in Washington DC, and is now working on a voter registration project directed at college students in Minnesota.

**Kate Gemmill (06)** is working as a manager for the Blue-Green Corp. in Harrisburg PA

**Becca Gehring (05)** is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Imilchil, Morocco. She is rapidly learning Berber, the local language, and integrating herself into the community. She plans to develop some ecotourism projects to promote environmentally sustainable development in the region, which contains a large park with two mountain lakes, and also do environmental education programs for local students.

She has developed a taste for Berber coffee, and hopes to learn more about Berber culture and its customs.

To send Becca mail,

please check with Dr. DeLaat for her address.



**Ben Boettcher (05)** starts the Masters of Public Administration program at Ohio State University this fall.

**Cory Medina (04)** is field director for Patricia Madrid’s congressional campaign. Madrid is the two term Attorney General of New Mexico who is running in NM’s First U.S. House district. Cory is enjoying his encounter with the landscapes and cultures of the southwest.

**Jay Gerber (01)** graduated from West Virginia University Law School in 2004, and is an attorney in the law office of Bruce M. White.

**Tracy Gribble Morrison (96)** completed an MBA from Franklin University in 2003, and is a Program Manager at Nationwide Financial.

**Greg Wilksa (94)** is now with Booz Allen Hamilton, a global consulting firm in Washington DC, where he does research and analysis.

**Brian Rothenberg (89)** is now the spokesperson for the Ohio Democratic Party and frequently quoted in press coverage of this year’s elections in Ohio.

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**Have items of interest to the political science community at MC? Let Dr. Tager (x4898) know...This publication is published erratically as the news warrants....**