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Pizza & Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on issues of current interest with free pizza and soda for attendees. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please con-

tact the series coordinator, Dr. Schaefer. Special thanks to **Taylor Myers** for introducing **Drs. Craig and Schaefer** at their security v. liberty debate this past fall in his Uncle Sam costume—"Piotastic"!

Moot Court

Six students in **Dr. Craig's** Political Science 394 Moot Court course, **Josh Counselman, Zach Eddy, CJ Englert, Jessica Johnson, Bryan Murray, and Andrea Neutzling**, attended the American Collegiate Moot Court Associations Midwest Regional Tournament November 23-24 at the College of Wooster. They competed there against teams from eleven Midwestern colleges and universities. As part of the course designed to prepare them for the tournament, they read Supreme Court precedents, learned about legal rules, and practiced their application during oral presentations and writing assignments. They presented their arguments to local judges and attorneys at a mini competition in October that included students from Youngstown State University and Notre Dame College. In early

November they traveled to the courthouse in Charleston WV and presented their arguments before attorneys from the firm of Shuman, McCuskey & Slicer. All their preparation and hard work paid off because at the Midwest Regional Tournament, the team of **CJ Englert and Jessica Johnson** qualified for this year's National Championship Tournament, held January 17-18 at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona. They will attend nationals with **Dr. Craig**. Congratulations and good luck! Anyone interested in participating in Moot Court next fall should preregister this spring for either POLS 215 or POLS 315.

(See photos of the Moot Court Events on the back page.)

Pre-Law

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see the new MC Pre-Law advisor **Dr. Craig**. She 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.

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/spex/washingtonsemester/.

Model United Nations



Model United Nations group in Washington DC

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 Dayton Model United Nations conference (DAYMUNC) January 31-February 1, 2014. Please contact **Michael Fahy**, or one of the co-faculty advisors, Drs. **Schaefer** and **Tager**, for more information.

Sixteen students and Drs. Schaefer and Tager attend-

ed the National Model United Nations- DC conference October 24-October 27. Students served on the following committees: General Assembly 1st Committee—Ecuador: **Kurt Fire** and **Taylor Myers**; Jordan: **Josh Counselman** and **Bryan Murray**. General Assembly 2nd Committee—Ecuador: **Anissa Hiralall** and **Gene Neill**; Jordan: **Sean Kuhn**. International Conference on Population & Development—Ecuador: **Michael Fahy** and **Joey Casavecchia**; Jordan: **Aliza Nehls** and **Whitley**

Trusler. Food & Agriculture Organization Council—Ecuador: **Ariann Barile** and **Alex Boggs**; Jordan: **Chanell Cornett**. United Nations Environmental Program—Ecuador: **Ed Harvey** and **Casey Peel**. The conference's opening ceremony took place at the U.S. Capitol, and students toured the building that same day. The students representing Ecuador collectively received a "Distinguished Delegation" award from the NMUN organizers.

Internships

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

Last summer **Lilien Gil-Nicolas** interned with U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid, in his Las Vegas office, which handles federal programs as they affect constituents. She writes: "My summer internship started promptly on my arrival to Nevada in May. I started with small office work



and handling constituent calls (which come at a very high rate). After getting more comfortable with my position I teamed up with

the immigration and clean energy case workers. Immigration required a lot of time and dedication, but most importantly you had to try really hard to not get attached to the people and the cases because there was only so much we could do for them.... We helped people from all over - calling in and checking on the status of their paperwork at their respective embassies, making sure they had the correct information and paperwork. Working with the energy caseworker was a completely different experience. We were co-hosting the 6th annual national Clean Energy Summit, so my summer consisted of planning this huge event that many people would attend, such as: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz,

Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell, John Podesta, Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, of course Harry Reid, and many more! This event was so rewarding because besides learning how to put on such a large event, I also learned so much about the Clean Energy Project and got to hear some awesome people speak! This internship has been by far the most rewarding experience of my young adult life and I am so excited for all the opportunities it is going to bring me."

Also last summer **Jason Hoskins** interned in Washington DC for the American Principles Project and their Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles. He writes that "the focus of this internship was meeting with members of the House

Dr. Yi's Newspaper Column

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

Internships cont.

[of Representatives] to help craft legislation regarding a new immigration reform bill. I was given the responsibility to contact offices to schedule meetings with members and I was also given the opportunity to meet these members as well. Throughout the course of the summer I also had the chance to accompany my boss to events at CNN's Washington studio as well as meet and listen to

Senator Rand Paul speak. The opportunity to be up close and involved with the political process this summer came from my involvement in The Washington Center's summer internship program. Through their partnership with Marietta College, I was given the opportunity to meet, communicate and brainstorm ideas with some of the most influential people in Washington regarding immigration reform."

Capstone Projects

In the 2014 Political Science Capstone (POLS 420) directed by **Dr. Schaefer**, students undertook a group research project titled "Laughterhouse-Five or, The Comedians Crusade: A Study of the Effects of Satirical Media on Self-Reported Political Ideology." The Capstone students examined whether the media people use changes their political views by conducting an experiment with other college students, who were exposed to different kinds of media, including those using satirical humor, and asked questions about their ideologies before and after their media exposures. Capstone students tried to detect what

kinds of media have the greatest effect on personal ideology.

Individual research projects included "Immigration and Foreign Policy: How Immigrants Affect Foreign Policy To Favor Their Home Country" by **Jason Hoskins**; "Fight the Power: Do Small States Balance in the Same Manner as Large States?" by **Bryan Murray**; "The Impact of Gentrification on Voter Turnout and Partisanship" by **Sally Hauser**; "The Influence of Issue Networks on US Foreign Policy Change" by **Lilien Gil-Nicolas**; "The Influence of the Military Industrial

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Political Science Alumni News

Lauren Knight (13) returned to campus in October to help judge the mini-Moot Court competition organized by **Dr. Craig**. Lauren is in her first year of law school at the University of Akron.

Laura Finck (12) plans to finish her Masters in Political Science this spring at the University of New Mexico. She was a teaching assistant in an introductory comparative politics course this past fall, and (mostly) enjoyed the experience.

Emma Vierheller (12) continues to teach Math in Milwaukee as part of Teach for America, and is in the Masters of Education program at Marquette University (she double-majored in Math).

Recently she took several of her students to hear **Mary Beth Tinker** speak, whose court case was the subject of a summer investigative studies project she did at MC.

Phil York (10) is now the grants and contract manager at Waco TX Habitat for Humanity, the same role he had at the Bryan office. So far he's helped about 35 families go through the home loan process to close on their homes with a total of about \$600,000 in total fundraising from private and government grants and loans to pay for new home construction.

Tim Kemble (09) is planning on enrolling at Youngstown State University to obtain a teaching cer-

tificate.

Sotiria Anagnostou (08) won an award as the top Teaching Assistant in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University. She is currently writing her dissertation on international climate change adaptation policies for her PhD in Environmental Social Sciences, which involved three weeks of field work in Nepal.

Sean Paulhus (08) works as the Aide for the Secretary of the Maine Senate and has served five years on the Bath City Council.

Sarah Smith (07) is now an Assistant Public Defender for Raleigh Coun-

ty in Beckley West Virginia. She had been practicing law independently previously. **Craig Sundstrom** (07) is now the Director of Stakeholder Engagement with the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment in Oklahoma City. He formerly worked with the National Governors Association

Meghan Auker (06) recently moved to Melbourne Australia (with her Australian husband) and is hoping to find work in the non-profit sector there.

Kasey Drennen (03) received an MA in Organizational Leadership from Rider University in December 2013. He continues to be the Assistant Director for Student Activities and

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Have items of interest to the political science community at MC? Please let Dr. Tager (tagerm@marietta.edu, x4898, Thomas Hall 106) know. This newsletter is published occasionally as the news warrants....



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College Center at Middlesex County College in Edison NJ.

Jessica (Lane) Mudrick (03) works as a Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtor in south-eastern Pennsylvania.

Megan Sargent (03) is the National Sales Manager for Magnum Magnetics, and based now in Nashville TN.

Terese Herhold (02) is the Policy Director for the Ohio Senate Minority Caucus. In her spare time, she skates

for the Ohio Roller Girls, Columbus' Roller Derby team.

Elizabeth Loring Thompson (93) has been working in Washington DC since graduating, in federal acquisitions for the past seven years, and in non-profits before that. She received a Masters from George Mason University in 2007. She is happy to meet or talk with MC students who may be considering careers in Washington. Please see **Dr. Schaefer** for her contact information.

Capstone Projects Cont.

Complex" by **C.J. Englert**; "Breaking States: The Effect of Foreign Intervention on Political Stability" by **Joshua Counselman**; "Polarization of the American Public" by **Andrew Gorman**; "Gender in Judicial Decision Making" by **Jessica Johnson**; "Socioeconomic Status: The Underlying Effects on Jury Trial Verdicts" by **Zach Eddy**; "Wars are a Thing of the Past, But Military

Intervention Will Live On: What Factors Influence a State's Decision to Get Involved?" by **Eric Miranda**.

Moot Court Events

MC Hosts Moot Court Scrimmage in October 2013



MC's Competitors at the Moot Court Scrimmage: Jessica Johnson, CJ Englert, Zach Eddy, Josh Counselman, and Bryan Murray.



Students and area judges and attorneys have lunch and discuss advocacy and the legal profession

American Collegiate Moot Court Associations Midwest Regional Tournament



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