

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## HAPPENINGS

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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. DeLaat** (delaatj@marietta.edu, x4660, Thomas 303) for more information about the Washington Semester program. This spring two political science students will attend the Washington Semester program: **Megan Patsch** will participate in the Peace and Conflict Resolution program, which includes a three week field trip to Cyprus, Greece and Turkey to study the conflict in Cyprus, and **Phil Sizemore** will participate in the American Politics program.

### Pre-law

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see our pre-law advisors **Dr. Schaefer** (mes001@marietta.edu, x4801, Thomas 314) and local attorney **Ms. Lesley Kuhl** (lhk001@marietta.edu; Thomas 315). They 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.

### Pizza and Politics

In conjunction with the McDonough Leadership Program, the Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on issues of current interest with free pizza and soda for attendees. Last fall's topics included an appearance by MC alum Earl Maimon to discuss free speech controversies, and a panel of MC professors to discuss the meltdown of the U.S. financial system and its implications. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact the series coordinator, **Dr. Schaefer**.

### Moot Court Competition

**Michael Basic**, Rachel Powell, and **Ms. Kuhl** attended the Undergraduate Collegiate Moot Court Midwest Regional held at Wooster on November 21 along with 39 teams from six other colleges. Moot Court involves developing and delivering an argument on behalf of one side of a hypothetical legal dispute in a mock court setting. We are going to try to create a one-credit moot court prep course for next fall taught by co-Prelaw director **Lesley Kuhl** for students interested in participating in this competition.

### Model United Nations

The Lake Erie International Model United Nations held in Cleveland October 30-November 2, 2009 was attended by **Natalia Cura** (Jordan,



Human Rights Council),

**Emily Davis**

(Italy, Security Council II), **Vlad Grecu** (Italy, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), **Huda Hashi** (Jordan, League of Arab States), **John Jamison** (Czech Republic, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), **Leah Neal** (Italy, Security Council I), **Tian Wu** (Czech Republic, Legal Committee), **Tian Qi Xu** (China, Legal Committee), **Xiu Ye Zhao** (China, Legal Committee), and faculty advisors **Drs. Schaefer and Tager**. For the first time this past fall, a one-credit Model UN prep course was offered to help students prepare for the simulation.

L to R: Tian Qi Xu, Natalia Cura, Vlad Grecu, Huda Hashi, Xiu Ye Zhao, John Jamison, Emily Davis, Leah Neal, and Tian Wu

The MC Model UN club is open to all students interested in learning more about global issues by attending simulations where students role play diplomats from different countries. For more information, please contact **Britt Howell** (bkh001@marietta.edu), or **Dr. Tager** (tagerm@marietta.edu), or **Dr. Schaefer** (mes001@marietta.edu).

### Honors Thesis

This past fall **Tian Wu** (Teresa) successfully defended her honors thesis proposal "Democratization in Post-Communist Countries." Working under the direction of **Dr. Schaefer**, she will focus on comparing the cases of Poland and Ukraine.

### Study Abroad

The past fall **Brittany Saunier** studied in London, England. This spring **Melissa Varga** will study in Dublin, Ireland, and **Huda Hashi** will study in Fribourg, Switzerland.

## Internships

**Leah Neal** interned in the fall at the law firm of Crichton and Crichton in Parkersburg WV. After graduating early this past December, Leah will continue to work there in the spring while waiting to hear on her law school applications for next fall.

While studying abroad in London, **Britanny Saunier** interned for Bill Rammell, a Labour MP. She spent half her time at Westminster in Parliament, and the other half campaigning for him in his nearby constituency.

**Phil York** interned in the Probation Department of the Marietta Municipal Court this past fall. **Mike Morgan** will intern there this spring. Dale Willson, the Chief Probation Officer, would like to have a Marietta student, preferably in political science or pre-law, intern there every semester.

**Kevin O'Neill** interned at Rhode Island Right to Life.

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

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## News from Alums

**Sean Paulhus** (08) was elected to the Bath (Maine) City Council in November and sworn in on December 3. Four of the five Maine state legislative candidates that he helped run campaigns for last fall were elected, and Sean is currently working as a page in the Maine State Senate.



**Craig Stewart** (07) finished his first year at Capital University Law School last spring. This past summer he researched for an attorney writing a book on Ohio tort law, and this past fall he “externed” for a state representative in the Ohio legislature, researching topics for prospective legislation and reviewing old legislation, meeting with constituents and lobbyists, and doing some campaign work.

**Tyson Brown** (06) is completing his Masters program in Public Policy this year at George Mason University.

**Tan Wei** (Pepper) (05) moved back to the US this year to pursue an MBA at the College of William and Mary.

**Jo Boggess Phillips** (94) narrowly lost her race to represent the 12<sup>th</sup> district (Ripley area) in the West Virginia House of Delegates this past November. She currently teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies at Ravenswood Middle School.

## Dr. Yi, the Media, and China

**Dr. Xiaoxiong Yi** publishes a biweekly, regionally syndicated column about international affairs. Locally, *The Marietta Times* runs his column in their weekend edition. Dr. Yi directs MC’s China Program, and for information about opportunities to study, intern, or work in China, please contact him at [yix@marietta.edu](mailto:yix@marietta.edu).

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## Faculty Professional Activities

**Dr. DeLaat** was selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *Who’s Who in America*, recognizing her impressive professional accomplishments. Her article on gender discrimination will appear in 2009 in *Governing America: Major Policies and Decisions of Federal, State, and Local Government*, an encyclopedia of U.S. public policy.

**Dr. Schaefer** gave a talk in October at the First Presbyterian Church in Parkersburg on the foreign policies of the two presidential candidates. In February, along with his co-author John Poffenbarger, he will present the paper “Searching for Acceptance: The United States and Latin America” at the International Studies Association annual convention. He will also chair two other panels at the ISA meeting.

**Dr. Tager** wrote the text panels for the fall Perspectives series exhibit “America Votes: The Right of Citizenship.” He has an article forthcoming in March in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

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## Photos from the Cleveland Model UN Trip



L to R: Xiu Ye Zhao, Tian Qi Xu, Tian Wu

Far left: John Jamison, Vlad Grecu



Far left: Natalia Cura

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