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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. Tager** for more information about the Washington Semester program. Last fall **Xiu Ye Zhao** participated in the Foreign Policy program and interned with PIRG. This semester **Phil York** is at AU attending the American Politics program.



Internships

Nick Erland is currently finishing an internship at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services and **Joy Fitzgibbon** is finishing an internship at U.S. Congressman Charlie Wilson's Marietta Office. **Angela Hackenburg** is interning with the Probation Office of the Marietta Municipal Court this semester. Please contact any political science professor for information about, or supervision of, your for-credit internships.

Women in Leadership Conference

Melissa Varga is helping to organize a Women in Leadership Conference to be held on April 3, in McDonough Auditorium. Any student or faculty member interested in participating in or presenting a poster or paper at this conference should please contact Melissa at mav002@marietta.edu.

Pizza and Politics



The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on issues of current interest with free pizza and soda for attendees. The debate on health care policy featuring **Jack Brossart** and **Phil Sizemore** was a highlight from the fall semester. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact the series coordinator, **Dr. Schaefer**.



Pre-law

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see our pre-law advisor **Dr. Schaefer**. He 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.

Honors Thesis

Tian Wu successfully defended her honors thesis "Democratization in Post-Communist Countries: Lessons from the Experiences of Poland and Ukraine" last semester. Her thesis tried to explain why Poland has made a more successful transition to democracy than Ukraine. The thesis was directed by **Dr. Schaefer**.

Moot Court Competition

The Midwest Regional Tournament of the national undergraduate Moot Court competition was held at the



College of Wooster on November 20, 2009. The Marietta delegation that attended included **Michael Basic**, **Carrie Rapp**, **Kristen Sutton**, **Sarah Waitz**, **Constance Whalen**, **Phillip York**, and faculty coach **Leslie Kuhl**. The hypothetical case at issue was *State of Olympus v. William DeNolf*, and involved 4th Amendment search and seizure issues and 8th Amendment cruel and unusual punishment issues. The tournament was the culminating experience of a one-credit Moot Court prep course taught by **Ms. Kuhl**, an attorney with the Marietta firm of Fields & Dehmlow.

Model United Nations

The Lake Erie International Model United Nations (LEIMUN) conference was held October 29-November 1, 2009



in Cleveland. It was attended by **Emily Davis** (Vietnam- Security Council I), **Jaime Kelley** (Turkey- Organization of the Islamic Conference), **Alissa Bambarger** (Japan- Commission on the Status of Women), **Donald Keefe** (Turkey- World Health Organization), **Ben Reese** (Uganda- Security Council II), and co-faculty advisor **Dr. Tager**. For his skilled representation of Uganda, Ben won an “excellent” award from the conference organizers—congratulations!

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. For more information, please contact **Emily Davis** (end001@marietta.edu), or **Drs. Schaefer** or **Tager**.

Political Science Alumni News

Jordan Herrick (06) recently passed the bar exam and is working at the law firm of Bailey & Wyant in Charleston WV.



Sarah (Clapp) Work (04) completed a Masters of Taxation at Capital Law School and currently works as an accountant with the firm of Farris, Cooke and Associates in South Carolina.

Dawn (Story) Rauch (03) is the Director of Planning and Development at Washington Morgan Community Action. The office is on Putnam Street in Marietta a couple of blocks from the college.

Bret Allphin (01) was promoted to GIS Manager at the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development Agency (located in Reno). He regularly makes presentations to the business capstone students, and will be helping Dr. Young in his new Professional Historians course this semester by providing Google Earth maps to situate students’ local history research projects.

Margie (Schulte) Karl (99) is an attorney in Cleveland in the firm of Karl and Smith.

Dr. Schaefer conference presentation

Dr. Schaefer is presenting a paper with his co-author John Poffenbarger at the International Studies Association meeting in New Orleans in February. The paper is titled “Soft Balancing: Intentions Matter.”

Dr. Yi’s Newspaper Column



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

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