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Marietta College

Welcome Dr. Lehman!

Dr. Lehman joins us this year to teach courses in U.S. Politics. He has been teaching at Temple University.

His dissertation examines the role of local party organizations in the mobilization of Latino voters.

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.

Pizza and 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 contact the series coordinator, **Dr. Schaefer**.



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 students role play diplomats from different countries. We're organizing now to

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. **Jessica Herron** attended the Peace and Conflict Resolution program last spring, which included a three week study tour of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.

attend the American Model United Nations (AMUN) Conference in Chicago in November. For more information, please contact **Ben Reese**, or **Drs. Schaefer or Tager**.

Internships

Over the summer, **Emma Vierheller** interned at the Campus Martius and Ohio River Museums in Marietta. **Jessica Johnson** interned at the Licking County Common Pleas Court in Newark OH, **Brittany Myers** interned at the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in Clearwater, **Sally Hauser** interned at Congressman Pat Tiberi's

Washington Office and **Justin Robb** interned at Talisman Energy in Pittsburgh.

Last spring, **Duncan Hall** interned at the Probation Office of the Marietta Municipal Court, **Nathan Schafer** interned at the Marietta law firm Buell and Sipe, **Carrie Rapp** interned at the Vienna, WV Town

Hall, **Matt Hickman** interned at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, **Bryan Van Dyne** interned at the MC ARC, and **Tom Daniels** interned at the Marietta Mayor's office.

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



Plan now to participate in the American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago this November.

Student Conference Papers

Two students delivered papers at the "All Politics Is Local" undergraduate research conference last spring sponsored by Walsh University. **Laura Finck** presented "The Effects of Democratization, Economic Development, and Education on the Likelihood of Ethnic Conflict," which compared the cases of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

Ben Reese presented "Evaluating the Imitation of American-Style Justice: The Impact of Judicial System

Structure on Development," which employed quantitative analysis of 110 countries. Both papers originally were written in POLS 312 under the direction of **Dr. Mark Schaefer**.

DAYMUNC 2011

The Dayton Model United Nations Conference (DAYMUNC) held February 25-26, 2011 was attended by **Alissa Bambarger, Emily Davis, Lauren Knight, Ben Reese** and faculty advisor **Dr. Schaefer**. Marietta represented France at the simulation. **Shelby Belknap** (10),

in law school at the University of Dayton, met the group for lunch.



L to R: Alissa Bambarger, Emily Davis, Dr. Schaefer, Laura Knight, Ben Reese

Other Notable Student Activities

Emma Vierheller worked on a summer Investigative Studies project on the evolution of Tinker v. Des Moines as a precedent for student free speech rights, and **Caleb Ellis** worked on a summer Investigative Studies project on government surveillance of Lincoln Brigade veterans of the Spanish Civil War.

Kevin O'Neill attended MC in the 1980s and is currently

finishing his degree in political science. His executive search and selection firm O'Neill Consulting Group in Wakefield, RI recently opened an office in Shanghai, and last November he narrowly lost an election to the Rhode Island State Senate in the South Kingston district.

Ben Reese worked for Marietta Municipal Court Judge Janet Dyar-Welch over the

summer, and helped write grants for security equipment for the new courthouse.

Yin Yaun, who attended Marietta in 2010-2011 as an exchange student from the University of International Relations in Beijing, is attending the PhD program in political science at Columbia University this fall.

Pi Sigma Alpha initiation

On April 20, 2011, eight students joined the Psi Nu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary organization. They were **Laura Finck, Cody Frye,**

Sara Harp, Valerie Price, Ben Reese, Krissy Sutton, David Thomas, and Kyle Yoho. Initiates must be juniors and maintain high grades.

Please contact Dr. Tager for more information.



L to R; David Thomas, Kyle Yoho, Cody Frye, Laura Finck, Ben Reese, Valerie Price

Political Science Alumni News

Emily Davis (11) is attending the Masters program in International Affairs at the Patterson School at the University of Kentucky.

Matt Hickman (11) is working as a Computer Assistant at the U.S. Bureau of Public Debt in Parkersburg, WV.

Zach McGurk (11) is attending the Masters program in Economics at Youngstown State University.

Megan Patsch (11) is working as an organizer for the Direct Action and Research Training Center (DART), a network of congregation-based community organizations.

Phil Sizemore (11) is attending the Masters program in Economics at Miami of Ohio University.

Brian Van Dyne (11) is attending Capital University Law School in Columbus.

Yue Wang (Luna) (11) is attending the Masters program in Asian Studies at George Washington University.

Tianqi Xu (Sean) (11) is attending the Masters of Public Policy Program at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago.

Xiuye Zhao (Tony) (Dec. 10) is attending the Masters program at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University.

Phil York (10) worked at the non-profit organization Health for All in Texas this past summer after completing his first year of the Mas-

ters of Public Service and Administration program at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M University. He reviewed George W. Bush's memoir *Decision Points* in the Bush School publication *The Public Servant*.

Britanny Saunier (09) is entering the Masters of Public Administration program at American University with an emphasis on social and health policy.

Abbey Sullivan (09) works at the Butler County Community Action Agency in southwest Ohio where she directs the Bridges Out of Poverty program that helps poor people become self-sufficient. She is considering applying to law school.

Seen at the Jim and Mabry O'Donnell retirement gala:

Kasey Drennen (03) is the Assistant Director of Student Activities at Middlesex County College in Edison NJ, **Eric Gustafson** (97) is the Director of Institutional Advancement at Anna Maria College in Paxton MA, and **John Stack** (08) continues to work for the Department of Justice.

Tori Caracciolo (08) is attending Drexel University Law School, and clerking for the Philadelphia School District.

Scott Nyitray (08) is entering the Masters of Public Policy program at Baylor University.

Rachel Long (07) works at Panther Logistics in north-east Ohio as a freight expediter.

Alie Ratie (07) is entering the Masters of Public Administration program at George Washington University

Tyson Brown (06) works as a Survey Statistician for the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington DC. He analyzes data from the electric power industry.

Ashlyn Heider (06) graduated from Duquesne University Law School in 2009, and works as an attorney in Pittsburgh.

Lindsay Shuba (05) works in Washington DC as a Political Representative with the National Association of Realtors. She covers the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Cory Medina (04) is a Senior Political Associate at Working America in Washington DC, a community affiliate of the AFL-CIO. For the previous seven years, he ran various election campaigns.

Tim Tokarczyk (04) works as a corporate recruiter at Arcadia Solutions in Boston.

Mike Korn (04) works for Lexis-Nexis training attorneys to use their legal products, and directs occasional research projects for the company. He had previously practiced real estate law in New York City.

Jay Gerber (01) graduated from West Virginia University Law School in 2004, and works as an attorney in Parkersburg.

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.

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Faculty Professional Activities

Dr. Dan Lehman is presenting a paper co-authored with Michelle Atherton titled "Urban Agendas and State Politics: Policy-making in Pennsylvania" at the American Political Science Association convention this fall.

Dr. Mark Schaefer presented a paper at the International Studies Association convention titled "Brazil the Balancer" last spring. He was also chair and discussant for the panel "Soft Balancing." This past July he directed

a two-week seminar on Sino-U.S. relations for a group of visiting students from the University of International Relations in Beijing.

Dr. Mike Tager presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association convention titled "The Politics of Presidential Term Limit Evasion," and one at the Western Political Science Association convention titled "A Comparative Study of Apologies to Indigenous Peoples" last spring.

