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## All Scholars Day

On All Scholars Day, three students presented their capstone research projects directed by **Dr. Schaefer: Daley Buckwell**, “Money Protecting Money”; **Chanell Cornett**, “Measuring the Influence of Civic Education on Youth Voter Turnout”; and **Ashley Jesser**, “A Policy Evaluation: Counterterrorism Through Drone Strikes.” **Ed Harvey**, **Ashley Jesser**, and **Kevin Johnston** explained the group capstone project titled “Recidivism and Marietta OH.” Besides the previously mentioned seniors, **Jessie Hamon**, **Casey Peel**, and **Charles Schwab** also participated in the group project.



Tara Clinton with Washington Monument in background



Dr. Schaefer at Pizza and Politics

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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 (WSP) and see also [www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/](http://www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/). **Tara Clinton** attended the WSP this past spring, and interned at No Labels, a non-profit organization promoting bipartisan collaboration in government. She also took an elective course on Campaign Finance, and enjoyed the small campus

## Pizza & Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free food. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact **Dr. Schaefer**.

## PreLaw

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see the MC Pre-Law advisor **Dr. Schaefer**. He can help you navigate the pre-law process whether you're a senior preparing for the LAST or a first year student wondering where to begin.

## 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.

## Model United Nations

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 Lake Erie International Model United Nations conference (LEIMUN) in early November. Please contact **Ariann Barile**, or any Political Science professor for more information.

Sixteen students and Dr. Tager attended the Dayton Model United Nations Conference February 5-6. Students served on the following committees:

Security Council—France: **Anissa Hiralall**; Venezuela: **Emily Smith**.  
Simulation Security Council—Russia: **Ariann Barile**; Malaysia: **Paul Bieniek**.  
UNESCO—China: **Alex Boggs**; Ireland: **Ed Harvey**; Spain: **Emily Brown**;  
Brazil: **Daley Buckwell**; Pakistan: **Danny Tincher**; Mexico: **Rayann Yocum**; Germany: **Savannah Yoho**; Peru: **Jade Smith**.  
COPOUS—Egypt: **Casey Peel**; Republic of Korea: **Latrice Nelson**; Turkey: **Maria Stickrath**; Netherlands: **Sam Welch**.

## Internships

Please contact any Political Science professor for information about Political Science internships. **Savannah Yoho** and **Coleman Hupp** interned at the Marietta Municipal Court this past summer.

## Notable Student Activities

**Sam Welch** studied at Cambridge University (UK) over the summer. She took courses in Legal History and Comparative Public Law of the UK and US. She called it an "incredible" experience, and enjoyed applying what she had learned in her MC political science courses to her Cambridge classes.

**Hannah Steketee** studied abroad in Barcelona Spain during the spring semester. She found it especially rewarding to experience the culture she was learning about. She also traveled in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and several other countries, and can't wait to return to Europe in the future.



"DAYMUNC 2016: in front kneeling Casey Peel; front row l. to r. Emily Smith, Maria Stickrath, Sam Welch, Savannah Yoho, Anissa Hiralall, Ariann Barile; back row l. to r. Alex Boggs, Daley Buckwell, Latrice Nelson, Jade Smith, Emily Brown, Rayann Yocum, Danny Tincher, Paul Bieniek, Ed Harvey".



Sam Welch in England

On April 20, 2016, four students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science honorary society: **Paul Bieniek**, **Alex Boggs**, **Becky Burkhart**, and **Riley Osborn**. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information about eligibility for Pi Sigma Alpha.

**Chanell Cornett** won the Alumni Association Community Service Award and joined Who's Who in America; **Maria Stickrath** won the Carl Broughton Scholarship for Leadership; **Maria Stickrath** and **Sam Welch** won the Sherrill and Diana Drake Cleland Leadership Award; **Paul Bieniek** won the William Sheppard Scholarship and the Jack Prince Scholarship; **Charles Schwab** received the Political Science Capstone Award.

## Political Science Alumni News

**Chanell Cornett** (16) is attending Howard University Law School.

**Ashley Jesser** (16) was considering different options, but last we heard she will attend West Virginia University Law School.

**Kevin Johnston** (16) is attending the Masters in Management program at George Mason University.

**Casey Peel** (16) is serving in the Peace Corps in Ukraine teaching English.

**Danie Chirdon** (15) is attending Michigan State University Law School starting this fall.

**Kurt Fire** (15) received his MPA from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, and won an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) fellowship that placed him in a job working for the Dakota County (MN) Office of Management and Budget.

**Josh Counselman** (14) delivered a paper titled

“Outside Options? The Effect of Preferential Trade Agreements on GATT/WTO Negotiations” at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago last April. He is in the University of Pittsburgh’s Political Science PhD program.

**CJ Englert** (14) is attending the University of Buffalo Law School starting this fall.

**Jessie Johnson** (14) is a Legislative Assistant in Governor Kasich’s administration. She was back in Marietta for the Governor’s State of the State address, and she was featured at a lunchtime Pizza and Politics session, along with her colleague, Jason Whalen, the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs.

**Ben Reese** (13) graduated from the University of Michigan Law School this past spring, and will be clerking this year for Chief Judge Ed Carnes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit in Montgomery (AL). He was featured at a lunchtime Pizza

and Pre-Law session in October, and also taught a class in Dr. Tager’s American Constitution course.

**Tom Daniels** (12) was back in Marietta this past summer to play Petruccio in *The Taming of the Shrew* in the Shakespeare by the River production in Muskingum Park. He is an actor in New York City (he double majored in Theater).

**Sara Harp** (12) recently became the Assistant Director for Pre-Health and STEM Professions at Denison University (OH). She was an Academic Advisor at the University of Tennessee previously.

**Laura (Finck) Wittel** (12) recently became a grant writer for Lone Star College in Houston TX. She had been doing policy evaluation for Montgomery County (TX) United Way.

**Emma Vierheller** (12) is a High School Math teacher in Milwaukee (she double majored in Math).

**Matt Hickman** (11) recently became a Prosecuting Attorney for Harrison County in Clarksburg WV. He graduated from West Virginia University Law School in 2015.

**Justin Robb** (11) is a Midstream Land Reclamation Agent at Rice Energy. He also is currently pursuing a Masters in Journalism and Mass Communication with a Public Relations concentration at Kent State University.

**Michael Morgan** (10) starts as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Thiel College (PA) this fall, after teaching two years as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Marietta.

**Phil York** (10) recently became the Development Director of Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County MD after holding a similar position in Waco TX.

## Political Science Alumni News Cont.

**Leanne McCullough** (09) is the Hero Miles Program Administrator of the Fisher House Foundation in the DC area. The Hero Miles program uses donated frequent flier miles to bring family members to visit injured military service men and women.

**Ashlyn Heider** (06) is an Associate Attorney with the firm of Shapiro, Van Ess, Phillips & Barragante in Cincinnati.

**Anastasia (Ault) Hill** (06) is Director of Academic Operations at Brown Mackie College in North Canton OH.

Seen briefly at Governor Kasich's State of the State Address in Marietta, **Terese Herhold** (02) is

the Minority (Democratic) Policy Director in the Ohio State Senate.

**Lauren Knight** (13) helped low income clients with family law matters at the Portage County Domestic Relations Court in her final semester at the University of Akron School of Law, including arguing their cases in the Court. She received her JD this past spring.

**Sotiria Anagnostou** (08) is working for Experiential Sustainability Ethics Training, an Arizona consulting firm that does research and develops models and games for private firms. She has been developing cost of

treatment models, and analyzing the relationships between clinical severity, quality of life, and treatment effectiveness for pharmaceutical companies. She received her PhD in Environmental Social Sciences from Arizona State University in 2015. She double majored in Environmental Science at MC.

**Amy (Jantz) Templeman** (00) directs the Within Our Reach office at the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities in Washington DC. The office promotes the work of the federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. Amy previously

served as executive director of that federal Commission, which was created by the Protect Our Kids law passed by Congress in 2012. The Commission consisted of twelve members, half appointed by the President and half appointed by Congress, and was tasked with making recommendations for how to best prevent child abuse and neglect fatalities. She oversaw the development of the Commission's report to the President and Congress, which was issued in 2016. Amy was on campus to speak to the first year leadership students in the excel program.

## Faculty Activities

**Dr. Schaefer, Dr. Morgan,** and Dr. John Poffenbarger submitted a paper titled "When Alliance Restraints Fail: The Domestic Turmoil Connection" for the International Studies Association meeting in Atlanta last March.

**Dr. Schaefer,** along with **Ms. Paula Lewis,** directed the annual Summer Seminar on International Politics for a group of 20 stu-

dents and two faculty members from the University of International Relations of Beijing July 24-August 5, 2016. The UIR students attended classes, did group research projects on how Sino-U.S. cooperation might address certain policy problems, and participated in various social activities. **Dr. Tager** as-

**Dr. Tager** delivered a paper titled "Presidential Power and the Roberts Court" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago last April.

**Drs. Morgan, Schaefer** and **Tager** appeared on WTAP's *Live at Five* to give election analysis throughout the spring semester. For the Great Decisions Series, **Dr.**

**Schaefer** gave a talk on ISIS, and **Dr. Tager** gave a talk on the UN.

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