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## Notable Student Activities

**Latrice Nelson** interned last spring at Washington-Morgan Community Action. Please contact any Political Science professor for information about Political Science internships.

**Bri Dietry** heads MC Votes, which aims to promote civic engagement through nonpartisan discussions and voter registration drives. Together with SGA, they held a voter registration drive on campus last fall, and with OCL/OCE, sponsored a midterm election watch party at the Gathering Place. **Emily Vigue** and **Katie Kitchen** assisted.

**Emily Vigue** participated in a fall break service trip to Pocahontas County W.V., and was part of a panel discussion about it for the *One Marietta* series.

## Political Science Capstone

In POLS 420, the Political Science Capstone, students worked on a group project examining the impact of a hypothetical public relations campaign favoring gun control on public opinion. It involved creating a pre- and post-survey to test the effects of the campaign they constructed and analyzing the resulting data. The individual capstone research projects included **Dan Fox's** on negative campaigns, **Anthony Jones'** on the impact of race on jury sentencing recommendations, **Kenzi McAfee's** on recidivism in rural areas, and **Latrice Nelson's** on fake news and media literacy. All the research projects were directed by Dr. Schaefer, with some assistance from Dr. Morgan.

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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/).

## Pizza & Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on current events with free food. The last session featured author and media personality Jeff Greenfield. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact **Dr. Morgan**.

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, former member of Congress from Pennsylvania and currently the President of Women's Campaign International, an organization dedicated to empowering women around the world, will be on campus in early April, and we're working on scheduling a Pizza and Politics session featuring her. She will also speak to several Political Science classes during her visit.

### 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 LSAT or a first year student wondering where to begin. The M.C. Curriculum Committee recently approved a new Legal Studies minor, more on that later!

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

## Model United Nations



NMUN-DC delegates (l to r)-- Jess Hill, Maddie Leers, Faith Campbell

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) in early February. Please contact **Maddie Leers** or **Faith Campbell** or **Bri Dietry**, or any Political Science professor for more information.

Fifteen students and Dr. Tager attended the National Model United Nations—DC conference held in Arlington VA. Students had the following assignments: *General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and International Security)*: **Jordan Kasende** and **Emily Vigue**—Somalia, **Bri Dietry** and **Claire Davis**—Bulgaria; *General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial)*: **Leah Seaman**—Bulgaria, **Jess Hill** and **Rachel Ewing**—Somalia; *International Organization for Migration*: **Dan Fox**—Bulgaria, **Kenzi McAfee** and **Nick Mitchell**—Bulgaria; *Food and Agriculture Organization*: **Maddie Leers** and **Tristan Bailey**—Bulgaria; *World Health Assembly*: **Raynne Parsons**—Bulgaria; *Economic and Social Council*: **Faith Campbell** and **Hayden Thatcher**—Somalia.



Delegates at NMUN-DC 2018 (l to r)-- Nick Mitchell, Faith Campbell, Jess Hill, Kenzi McAfee, Leah Seaman, Maddie Leers, Jordan Kasende, Dan Fox, Raynne Parsons, Rachel Ewing, Hayden Thatcher, Claire Davis, Tristan Bailey, Emily Vigue, Bri Dietry.



## Moot Court

This past fall ten students in POLS 215/315 Moot Court (**Cameron Cantley, Bri Dietry, Dan Fox, Katie Kitchen, Kenzi McAfee, Nick Mitchell, Katie Perkins, Chris Stephens, Max Turner, and Emily Vigue**) worked on the hypothetical case provided by the American Moot Court Association *Somerville v. Olympus State University*, which involved both the free speech rights of government employees and a 14th Amendment challenge to affirmative action. Seven students competed in an Invitational Tournament at Ohio Wesleyan University in October, and eight students competed at the Midwest Regional Tournament at the College of Wooster in November. The team of **Katie Kitchen** and **Nick Mitchell** made it into the second round, where they faced a team from the University of Chicago that ultimately won the tournament. For more information about Moot Court, please see Dr. Tager.



Competitors at the AMCA Midwest Regional Moot Court Tournament (l to r)-- Nick Mitchell, Katie Kitchen, Bri Dietry, Dan Fox, Emily Vigue, Chris Stephens, Max Turner, Cameron Cantley.



Second round competitors at the Midwest Tournament-- Nick Mitchell and Katie Kitchen.

## Recent Alums Participate in Panel Discussion



Ben Reese (left) and Eric Miranda (right) on panel discussion of recent MC alums

## Political Science Alumni News

**Paige Berschet** (18) is in an AmeriCorps VISTA position in Hartford Connecticut working with the organization Cities of Service on their Love Your Block project, a neighborhood revitalization program.

**Sarina Singh** (18) is working at Mylan Pharmaceuticals in Morgantown WV, and applying for graduate programs in statistics. She double majored in Math.

**Sam Welch** (18) is working as a hiring assistant at L Brands (The Limited) in Columbus, doing free-lance writing and editing, and trying her hand at stand-up comedy.

**Ruolin (Sharon) Zhang** (18) is working at Crossroads Campaigns, a political consulting firm in Washington DC.

**Paul Bieniek** (17) is in a Compass AmeriCorps position in Pittsburgh working with the organization Literacy Pittsburgh.

**Danielle Chirdon** (15) is in her last year of Law School at Michigan State University, and is a legal intern at Spartan Innovations, a business incubator for startups using technology developed at MSU.

**Eric Miranda** (15) works for the Trump Administration as a Special Assistant in

the Office of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. Before that he worked in the DC office of Congressman Tom Price, and also received a Masters in Public Policy from George Washington University. He participated in a campus panel discussion of recent MC alums this past fall.

**Josh Counselman** (14) is teaching as an Adjunct Professor at Thiel College (PA) this year while he finishes his Political Science PhD at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Ben Reese** (14) organized a panel of recent alums to speak to students about their career paths this past fall. After clerking for two federal judges the past two years, he has now joined the Washington DC law firm Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. He received his JD from the University of Michigan Law School. He spoke to Dr. Tager's moot court class last semester.

**Jason Hoskins** (13) is a staff attorney for the Ohio Legislative Service Commission in Columbus. He received his JD from Capital Law School in 2017.

**Kim (Hughes) Branscome** (13) is an Appeals Analyst for Gateway Health in the Pittsburgh area.

**Caleb Ellis** (13) is an Assistant Attorney General in the West Virginia AG's Office in Charleston. He received his JD from Indiana University School of Law.

**Britanny Saunier** (09) is the Director of Development at the Partnership for Food Safety Education. She received a Masters in Public Administration with a concentration in health policy from American University in 2013.

**Whitney Miller** (08) is an attorney specializing in juvenile law. She received her JD from University of Dayton Law School in 2012.

**Tyson Brown** (06) is Principal Day Ahead Market Analyst at Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Before working at PG&E, he worked at the U.S. Department of Energy. He received a Masters of Public Policy at George Mason University after graduating MC.

**Ben Boettcher** (06) is the Deputy Director of Budget, Development, Planning and Administration for the state of Delaware. Prior to that he worked in the Ohio Office of Management and Budget. He received a Masters of Public Administration at Ohio State University after

graduating MC. He double majored in Economics.

**Patrick Dutton** (02) is the Regional Head of Intelligence and Analytics at HSBC Bank. He previously worked in both the U.S. Treasury Department and Department of Defense. He received a Masters in National Security Policy at the University of Pittsburgh after graduating MC.

**Terese Herhold** (02) is the Director of Policy, Budget and Finance for the Minority Caucus (Democrats) in the Ohio Senate in Columbus.

**Bret Allphin** (01) is the Development Director of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council, and was profiled in the past fall's *Marietta Magazine*. He taught a class on regional economic development in Dr. Tager's First Year Seminar on Appalachia this past fall. Last year he won the Linsley Community Partner Organization Award at Founders Day.

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