

Searching for Answers in the Unexpected



Greg Marfleet

By nature or training, social scientists are disposed to find the underlying causes for observed human behavior. This is all the more true when confronted with the unexpected.

When we learned this spring, after sophomore declarations, that Political Science/IR was tied with

Computer Science as the largest major on campus, hypotheses naturally occupied our chats around the water cooler on 4th Willis. Did it happen because students were hoping to get accepted to Professor Czobor-Lupp's popular, inaugural off-campus studies program in Romania and Eastern Europe? Was it the result of some uncertainty and staff turnover in other departments? Was it because we had hired some great junior faculty in our own department? I jokingly sent out a fake news tweet with one explanation shortly after the numbers were revealed:



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump



Big news from 4th Willis. 54 declared majors in PoliSci/IR. #1 @ Carleton. More than any Obama year. No truth CS hacked count for tie.

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As the saying goes, "many a true word is spoken in jest"—and by that I'm not implying that Computer Science actually hacked the major count (if they did it would almost certainly be to lower it, not raise it, given their workload the last few years). No, the uncomfortable truth was that we owed our unexpected popularity—at least in part—to Donald Trump.

It's hardly a stretch to say that Trump's election victory came as a surprise to many (both pros and amateurs) in the election forecasting business. And surprises generally inspire a search for answers in a way that outcomes which confirm our beliefs don't. After a small post-election slump in enrollments in the winter, virtually all of our spring course offerings were filled to capacity—or over. For students at Carleton it seems, the search for answers was underway.

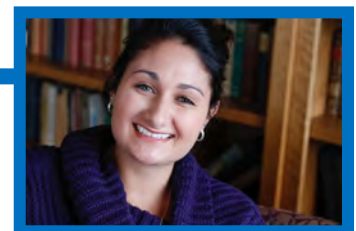
That enrollment trend has continued into the fall, likely driven by the unexpected turmoil that occurred throughout summer in the form of legislative failure (ACA), high-level firings and resignations (Sean Spicer, James Comey, Reince Priebus, Anthony Scaramucci and Steve Bannon), special investigation announcements, controversial "tweet storms" from the oval office, the transgender military ban and a politically motivated pardon.

Perhaps the most surprising development of the summer was Charlottesville. Of course the unexpected part of that ugly Saturday evening wasn't that America still harbored a significant cohort of racist extremists (although I'll admit to being astonished at the size of the group). Or, that they might feel emboldened by Trump's rhetoric of American nativism.

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Introducing Christina Farhart

The Political Science Department is pleased to welcome Christina Farhart, who will begin teaching this fall as a tenure-track assistant professor. She completed her PhD at the University of Minnesota this summer in the fields of American politics and political methodology, with a minor in political psychology. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Psychology, as well as a Master of Arts in Political Science from Colorado State University and a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Minnesota.



Prior to her graduate work at the University of Minnesota, she worked for the National Science Foundation in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences and the American Educational Research Association.

Farhart's research interests are anchored in political participation and civic engagement, utilizing theories from political science, psychology, and mass communication. Her dissertation work focuses on political disaffection and learned helplessness in contemporary political contexts related to conventional and unconventional political behavior, as well as consequential political attitudes and beliefs. Her research also includes the use of alternative methodologies to study electoral behavior and political attitudes, e.g., implicit candidate evaluations and better-informed models to explain political participation and voter turnout. Beyond her dissertation work, Farhart is working on projects related to the political and psychological explanations for conspiracy endorsement and misinformation.

During 2017-18, she will teach courses in Race and Politics in the U.S.; Misinformation, Political Rumors and Conspiracy Theories; and Subordinated Politics and Intergroup Relations, along with the introductory course in American politics.

2017 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference by Katin Liphart '17

This past spring, Carleton sent one lucky student (me!) to the Naval Academy to participate in the 2017 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference. The theme of this year's conference was "A New Era in Great Power Competition?" and the conference focused on shifting power dynamics within the international system.

Student delegates were divided into ten round tables, each of which focused on a different aspect of shifting global power and changing dynamics in the international system. Each student wrote a paper that related to their round table in preparation for the conference. Additionally, each day featured several speakers and panelists that shared their expertise in their respective fields.

I was assigned to the Russia round table, which turned out to be perhaps the most lively and interesting (but I might be biased). We were lucky in that many of the panelists focused on Russia, including Vice Admiral James Foggo III, former commander of the 6th fleet. Vice Admiral Foggo's lecture was titled "The Fourth Battle of the Atlantic," and focused on tensions between the United States and its NATO allies and Russia in the Baltic Sea. This topic was of paramount interest in our round table discussion as well, particularly given the recent anti-NATO narrative of President Trump.

Our group also discussed at length the idea of a falling Russia that is continuously relying on nationalistic, expeditionary endeavors in order to gain control. To me, the idea echoes the Soviet Union in a lot of ways—but I don't see that it will lead to a breakdown anytime soon, as the USSR operated with a dysfunctional economy for decades.

We talked extensively about Russian diversionary tactics, and the possibility of Russia using a ramp-up of tensions in



The Russia round table: Katin Liphart '17 is third from left in front row.

the Balkans as a way of diverting EU and NATO attention away from its activities in the Baltic Sea.

I think the most interesting aspect of Russia that we talked about, however, was the nature of our conflict. Some, especially one midshipman, considered the conflict to be on the verge of an outright war, perhaps more volatile even than the Cold War. Some of us (including me) weren't so sure; we discussed whether cyber-attacks and espionage are on the same level as outright warfare.

Overall, it was a truly amazing experience and I learned so much! I am especially excited because I am headed to Russia next year to study at Herzen University in St. Petersburg.

I want to thank Carleton College for sending me, and especially Professors Jon Olson and Greg Marfleet for bringing NAFAC to my attention.

From the Chair, continued

Instead, the astonishing thing was that the President failed to follow the rest of the GOP leadership and distance himself from it politically. Instead he did the opposite, offering tacit support for fascism by falsely equating the two sides.

For many who have been critical of the GOP's racial politics (harkening back to Nixon's southern strategy, the battle against affirmative action, discriminatory incarceration policies, racial gerrymandering, and minority disenfranchisement) the cultivation of white nationalism was nothing new. Openly embracing this part of their electoral coalition certainly was.

Just as summer was ending and the school year was beginning around the country, President Trump announced

the end of the DACA program. This was not unexpected, since he campaigned on the idea, but the manner in which he threw it back to the already shell-shocked GOP-led Congress (just as they were looking for a victory on tax reform) with a six-month window that closes well before the mid-term elections can only leave us scratching our heads in wonder.

Experiments with children have shown that they learn more when they are surprised (since the emotional state of excitement enhances memory). I doubt that pattern disappears completely by adulthood. I expect we're going to learn a lot around here in the next few years.

Greg Marfleet, Chair

David Samuels on Voting Behavior in Brazil

David Samuels will present "Partisans, Anti-Partisans, and Nonpartisans: Voting Behavior in Brazil" at Carleton on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 4:30 pm in the Gould Library Athenaeum. He is the Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. He received his PhD from the University of California at San Diego. His research and teaching interests include Brazilian and Latin American politics, US-Latin American relations, and democratization.

Professor Samuels currently serves as co-editor of *Comparative Political Studies*. His most recent book, *Inequality and Democratization: An Elite-Competition Approach* (with Ben Ansell) (Cambridge University Press, 2014), won the American Political Science Association's Woodrow Wilson Foundation award for "best book on politics, government, or international affairs," as well as the William H. Riker best book prize from the Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association. He is also the author of *Presidents, Parties, and Prime Ministers*

(with Matthew Shugart) (Cambridge University Press, 2010), *Ambition, Federalism, and Legislative Politics in Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), and the co-editor of *Decentralization and Democracy in Latin America* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2004).

His introductory undergraduate comparative politics textbook, *Comparative Politics*, and country-casebook, *Case Studies in Comparative Politics*, are available from Pearson Higher Education.

Professor Samuels has published articles in the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, and the *British Journal of Political Science*, among others. He has received funding from the National Science Foundation (in 1996 and 1999) and the McKnight Foundation (in 2001), and was awarded Fulbright Fellowships in 2004 and 2013.



Wynia Memorial Lecture on Latin American Political Economy

Jennifer Pribble will present "Democracy and Welfare in Latin America: Recent Accomplishments and Pending Challenges" on Friday, February 23, 2018, 4:30 pm in the Gould Library Athenaeum.

Pribble is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Richmond. Her research focuses on issues of comparative political economy and her book, *Welfare and Party Politics in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), develops and tests a theory to explain why some Latin American states have been more effective than others at reforming social policy in a universalistic direction. Her new research project analyzes variation in the implementation of social welfare policies in Chile and Peru, seeking to explain why some sub-national units exhibit higher levels of administrative capacity than others.

Professor Pribble's research has been published in peer-reviewed journals, including *Latin American Research Review*, the *American Sociological Review*, *Comparative Politics*, and *Studies in Comparative International Development*. She received her PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Gerard Delanty on Cosmopolitanism

Gerard Delanty, Professor of Sociology and Social and Political Thought at the University of Sussex, will speak at Carleton on February 20, 2018. He is the editor of *European Journal of Social Theory*. An interdisciplinary sociologist, his interests include social theory and the cultural and historical analysis of social and political questions. He is especially interested in the comparative analysis of modernity in global perspective and in social change in Europe. Most of his work concerns the implications of globalization for the analysis of the social world.

He is the author of eleven books, many of which have been translated into several languages, and editor of seven. He has published over 100 papers on various issues in social and political theory, European identities, globalization, nationalism and the cultural and historical sociology of modernity. Professor Delanty has lectured extensively throughout the world and held visiting professorships at Barcelona University; Deakin University, Melbourne; Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; and York University, Toronto.

He studied sociology and philosophy at University College, Cork, Ireland, graduating with the BA in 1982, MA in 1984 and PhD in 1987.

Professor Delanty's talk will focus on cosmopolitanism and the idea of Europe. It is cosponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Humanities Center.



Ambassador Burton Levin honored at Alumni College symposium

Carleton College and the Department of Political Science lost a dear friend and colleague when Ambassador Burton Levin passed in October 2016 at age 86. He taught part-time in the Political Science Department at Carleton as the SIT Investment Visiting Professor of Asian Policy from 1994 until 2014. His courses included The Diplomat's Craft, U.S.-China Policy, the Cold War, Burma and several other topics. He often co-taught with Professor Roy Grow, and students flocked to his classes to hear accounts of his long career in the US State Department at embassies and consulates in Taipei, Jakarta, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and finally as the Ambassador to Burma from 1987-1990.

Burt Levin's memory and contributions to Carleton were recognized during Alumni Reunion 2017 with an Alumni College symposium on contemporary issues in Burmese politics and US-Burma relations. Panelists included former Ambassador to Japan and to the Philippines Michael Armacost '58; Col. John Haseman, U.S. Army-Retired, who served in Burma with Ambassador Levin; Professor Penelope Prime, clinical professor of international business at the Institute of International Business at Georgia State University and director of the Master of International Business program; and moderator Associate Professor of Political Science Tun Myint. About 200 alumni and friends attended the event in the Weitz Cinema, with a reception following.



Clockwise from top left:

- 1) Panelists Michael Armacost '58, Prof. Tun Myint, Col. John Haseman (U.S. Army-Retired), and Prof. Penelope Prime.
- 2) Mary Lewis Grow and Lily Lee Levin at reception at the Grow residence.
- 3) Audience, with Burt Levin's son Cliff Levin '87 and grandson Elliot Lee-O'Halloran at right.
- 4) Patrick '90, Alicia '88 and Quinn Lee-O'Halloran (son-in-law, daughter and granddaughter) greeting President Steven Poskanzer.
- 5) Burton Levin's granddaughter Quinn Lee-O'Halloran addressing the panel and audience.



Honors for the Class of 2017

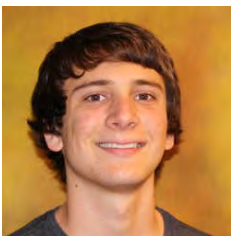
Members of the Class of 2017 were honored at the Political Science Department Senior Dinner on May 24 and at Honors Convocation on May 26, 2017.



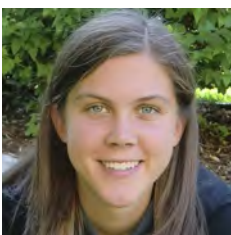
Abha Laddha was honored with the *David John Field Prize*, established in 1984 by Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Field as a memorial to their son. The prize is awarded each year to a member of the senior class whose non-athletic activities best exhibit the qualities of imagination, ingenuity, energy, verve, and zest for life which David Field, Class of 1964, exemplified while living with his fellow students at Carleton.



Isabel Storey was the recipient of the *Williams-Harris Prize in African American Studies*, awarded to a member of the senior class who has produced a distinguished integrative exercise on any aspect of the African American experience in the New World. Her paper was entitled, "The Effects of Partisanship on Police Killings of African American Youth." The prize was established on history professor Harry Williams's 50th birthday to honor his mother, his grandmother, and his great-aunt. This prize recognizes their respect for the transformative power of education, the vast richness of their life experiences, and the strength of their characters.



David Soper received the 2015-16 *Lee Sigelman Prize*, awarded for the best paper written for a Carleton political science class by a declared major before the end of the junior year (not including comps papers). His paper was entitled, "The Role of Christianity in Hobbes' Political Project." The prize is in memory of Lee Sigelman, who graduated from Carleton College in 1967 with a BA in Political Science. He had a distinguished career as a political scientist and was the editor of the discipline's flagship journal, the *American Political Science Review*, from 2001 to 2007.



Nicole Nipper was the recipient of the *Ele Hanson Award*, given annually to two senior female students who bring to sport the joy of participating and who have positively influenced others through their example, service, and leadership in the athletic or recreation program. The award also publicly honors Prof. Eleanor Hansen, chair of the women's physical education department from 1952 to 1986.

Membership in *Mortar Board* was bestowed upon the following students:

Lucas Curtis
Maximilian Esslinger
Jacob Gunderson
Michael Schneekloth

This national honor society recognizes students who have combined distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service to their colleagues and the College community.

The following seniors were inducted into *Phi Beta Kappa*:

Maximilian Esslinger
Jacob Gunderson
Ryan Schloessmann

This national honorary scholastic fraternity was founded in 1776. The Carleton chapter was established in 1913 and elects its membership from students who rank in the highest 15 percent of their graduating class and meet other prescribed criteria. (*Continued on p. 6.*)



At the Senior Dinner in Severance Great Hall. Top: Student Departmental Assistants Briannon Carlsen and Malcom Fox recognized by Department Chair Greg Marfleet. Bottom: Carlie Joseph and Jacob Frankel.

Honors for the Class of 2017, continued

Abha Laddha and **Michael Schneekloth** were inducted into *Sigma Xi*, the honor society of research scientists and engineers, founded in 1886 at Cornell University. It is an international, multidisciplinary society whose programs and activities promote the health of the scientific enterprise, reward excellence in scientific research and encourage a sense of companionship and cooperation among scientists in all fields.

Distinction in the Senior Integrative Exercise (Comps) was awarded to the following students:

Jeffrey Capelouto for his paper, "Community Supported Agriculture in Northfield: An Examination of Social Values in the Food Market"

Luke Curtis for his paper, "A Dictator's Guide to Keeping Power: An Institutional Approach to Understanding How Autocrats Prevent Transitions to Democracy in the Face of Nonviolent Resistance"

Malcom Fox for his paper, "Buying Elections in a Post-Citizens United World: The Effect of Campaign Spending in House Elections Since 2010"

Jacob Frankel for his paper, "The Politics of No Technical Solution Problems: The Sustainability of Social Enterprise in the Context of Complex Adaptive Systems"

Michael Happ for his paper, "A Tale of Three Cities: How Perceptions and Economic Realities Align in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Detroit"

Tori Jones for her paper, "Courting Latino Voters: a Content Analysis of Microtargeting Efforts in Spanish-Speaking Political Advertisements"

Zizi Li for her paper, "The Road to an Inclusive Civil Society in China: On-Screen Representation and Institutional Design"

Alex McMurtry for his paper, "The Political Geography of Inequality: The Impact of Income Inequality on the Spatial Structures of Electoral Dominance"

Raul Noguera-McElroy for his paper, "*Dime la Verdad*: Analyzing Truth in English and Spanish Advertisements"

Alondra Rodriguez Noriega for her paper, "Power in Positive Advertising? Spanish Political Campaigns say *Si!*"

Anna Schmiel for her paper, "Herding Cats: The Process of Statebuilding and Challenging the Market in the Modern Era"

Mason Schnarr for his paper, "Can Islam be Democratized? A Comparative Study of the Compatibility Between an Islamic State and Democracy"

Kifaya Taha for her paper, "Preservation of the Moral Economy by Immigrant Communities in the Twin Cities: An

Analysis of Hmong Farmer's Markets and Oromo Lending Circles"

Suhail Thandi for his paper, "The EU and Asylum: Refugees, Race, and Regulations"

Tiffany Thet for her paper, "The Cogs in This Machine: The Politics of Teacher-Education and State Centrism in Myanmar"

Alex Tippett for his paper, "Foreign Policy Preferences as a Determinant in the ITC Decision-Making Process"

2016-17 Student Departmental Advisers **Briannon Carlsen** and **Malcom Fox** were recognized for their service. SDAs advise first-year students and others about course offerings and the major.

Departmental Curriculum Committee members **Rachael Peroutky** and **Zayn Saifullah** were recognized for their service. The DCC evaluates curriculum, advises on requirements, helps organize departmental events, and generally serves as the formal voice of students in Department affairs (e.g., hiring).



Department Bowling Night, February 8, 2017:

Back row: Prof. Jon Olson, Damali Britton '18, Dwight Alexander '18, Bolu Johnson '18. Front : Mary Baumgartner '18, Olivia Glen-Rayner '18

Social entrepreneurship, nonprofits draw Carls to personal causes

During winter break, **Walter Paul '18** (Omaha, Nebraska) began envisioning an organization that could help low-income youth cultivate communication and debate skills. He crafted a mission statement. Wrote strategic plans. Even called Omaha schools to gauge interest. What else did he need to know to get a functioning nonprofit (now called Engaging Voice) together?

Paul (pictured at right) found out when he returned to Carleton and spent a week learning from Twin Cities nonprofits as part of the Career Center's Scholars program. The annual "taste of industry"-style opportunity connects Carls with alumni experts through campus symposiums, site visits, and networking events.

The spring break trip sent 11 students to area nonprofits like College Possible (founded by **Jim McCorkell '90**), Genesys Works, Hmong American Farmers Association, Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, and TakeAction Minnesota. Another 30 learned about careers in medicine at Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota.

"It was a wonderful coincidence to end up on the Scholars program. I was working on the organization over winter break and the Career Center happened to be focusing on nonprofits," Paul says. "I learned so many techniques that are going to help me moving forward, everything from fundraising to management style to the culture and values you promote."

Passion with a Purpose

Sarah Wolfe, the Career Center's program director for parent and alumni engagement, interviewed Carleton students to find out what nonprofit paths interested them the most. The clear winners: education, food, and political engagement.

Knowing a strong alumni base already existed at Twin Cities nonprofits, Wolfe didn't need to search far to find the right fit for a weeklong program. **Megan Haddock '01**, an international research projects manager at Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, also led a one-day nonprofit management overview before the visits—which fueled better questions in the field, Wolfe says.

"There's so much energy around social entrepreneurship and this generation's ability to see a problem and tackle it. We've been adapting to that as a Career Center by finding existing support systems with alums, and hopefully it's something that students like Walter will continue to take advantage of," she says.



Speaking Up for Others

Paul's drive stems from his transformation as an introvert from Uganda to the leader of a powerhouse debate team at a private Omaha high school. The 2014 National Speech and Debate Student of the Year, he attributes his college and professional readiness to the rigorous communication training he received.

But even as he was winning tournaments, Paul often thought about peers left behind because of access or funding issues. His desire to level the playing field has only grown while at Carleton, propelling his vision for the Engaging Voice organization.

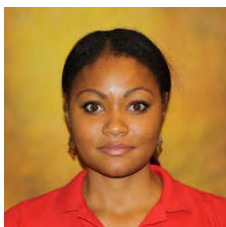
With the help of **Selam Nicola '19** and **Sebastian Tovar '18**, Paul plans to run Engaging Voice pilot programs at Northfield schools during his remaining two years on campus. He will also return to Omaha this summer to develop and implement curriculum at its three most under-resourced Catholic schools—for example, teaching lessons on hand gestures and speech writing coupled with intense debate practice.

From those efforts, he hopes to have a proven infrastructure in place for Engaging Voice's larger goal: Training low-income students in formal communication the way young people are taught to practice piano or play sports.

"So much of this idea was inspired by conversations I've had with people at Carleton," Paul says. "Many students here really believe in serving the world. I hope we can, in unison, fill the gaps that continue to impede prosperity for all members of our society."

From a Career Center article by Thomas Rozwadowski

Introducing Charisse Burden-Stelly



Charisse Burden-Stelly begins teaching at Carleton this fall as the Assistant Professor and Mellon Faculty Fellow of Africana Studies and Political Science. She completed her PhD in African Diaspora Studies at the University of California, Berkeley in May 2016.

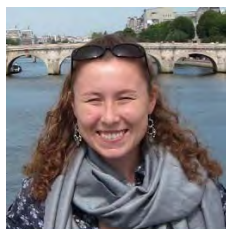
Her scholarship traverses the fields of African diaspora studies, sociology, and history, with a substantive

focus on Africana critical theory and political economy. It is engaged with the intersections of race, radicalism, and state-sanctioned surveillance, violence, and discipline.

Professor Burden-Stelly was the Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during 2016-17.

She will teach POSC 275 Black Radical Political Thought: 1919-1969 during spring 2018.

Welcome to visiting faculty



Heather Pangle will be a visiting professor at Carleton during spring, 2018. She expects to complete her PhD at Boston College prior to arrival at Carleton. Her dissertation is entitled "Tocqueville and Mill on Liberty and Empire." She graduated

from and has subsequently taught at Middlebury College. At Carleton, she will teach Political Philosophy and Modern Political Philosophy: Liberalism and Its Critics.

Pangle has presented papers at numerous conferences, including "The Pre-requisites of Liberalism and the Problems of Empire in Tocqueville's Political Thought" at the MPSA Conference in Chicago, April 2017. Her article "Rousseau and Julie von Bondeli on the Moral Sense" (co-authored with Christopher Kelly) has been accepted at *The Adam Smith Review* for Volume 11, 2018.

She is a dual citizen of the US and Canada, speaks French and German, and reads ancient Greek. She enjoys hiking, canoeing, and dancing.



Bryan Daves received his PhD in Political Science from Columbia University. He has served as clinical assistant professor of political science at Yeshiva University, visiting senior member of St. Antony's College at Oxford University, and visiting lecturer at Princeton University. He was a Fulbright Fellow in Jordan, and has received USIA fellowships to the American Institute of Maghribi

Studies and the American Center for Oriental Research. Daves' research interests include the political economy of development, north-south economic relations, new institutional economics, and politics of the Middle East and North Africa. He has published articles in several journals and edited volumes, including *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs* and *The Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*.

As a visiting professor at Carleton during fall 2017 and spring 2018, Daves will teach Israeli Politics, Political Economy of the Middle East, Game Theory: Politics and Strategy, and Methods of Political Research. He has previously taught at Carleton last year and in 2002-2003.



Jon Olson is a retired commander in the U.S. Navy. He will teach Weapons of Mass Destruction in Fall 2017.

Faculty from the political science, chemistry, physics, computer science, biology, and philosophy departments will contribute specific sections and,

along with guest lecturers, augment discussions on questions of global and national security policy.

Olson served 21 years of service as an intelligence officer and is a CIA-trained case officer. His final tour of duty included serving as the U.S. Naval Attaché in Helsinki, Finland. He is an adjunct professor at Metropolitan State University in the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. He earned a Bachelor of Science in History from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1990, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 2004.

Lee Sigelman Prize



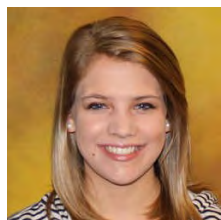
Mary Baumgartner '18 was awarded the 2016-17 Lee Sigelman Prize in Political Science for her paper "It's a 'Great Place' ... Or is it? Effects of the Growth Machine in Milwaukee." She wrote the paper for POSC 366 Urban Political Economy, taught by Professor Richard Keiser.

Mary Baumgartner is a Political Science/International Relations major from Duluth, Minnesota.

The Sigelman Prize is awarded for the best political science paper written by a major in the Political Science Department before the end of the junior year.

During his distinguished career as a political scientist, Lee Sigelman (Carleton Class of '67) was renowned for his scholarship, leadership and wit. He was the editor of the discipline's flagship journal, the *American Political Science Review*, 2001-2007. Funding for the Lee Sigelman Prize comes from generous gifts to the Carleton College Political Science Department from Professor Sigelman's family and many fellow alumni.

Majors honored



Mary Kate Hall '18 was awarded *Honors in Independent Study* for her essay "Boundaries in Suburbia: from Gated Communities to Gated Identities." The paper contributes insights about the negotiation of identity for new immigrants in American suburbia.



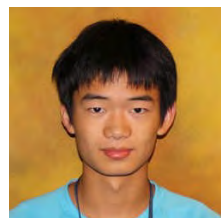
Moliang Jiang '18 received an *Independent Research Fellowship*, which she will use to explore the construction of collective memory in Holocaust memorials and museums in France, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, China, and the United States. She hopes

to investigate the way these different countries have memorialized representations of Jewish and national identities.



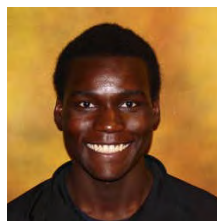
Urmila Kutikkad '18 received the *Class of 1963 Fellowship*. She will explore Siberian political resistance and cultural preservation in Buryatia through poetry. She will work closely with poet Bair Dugarov to translate his poetry into English in a way that retains his voice and cultural identity. Ultimately, she

hopes to introduce indigenous voices into traditional Russian discourse.



Jialin Liang '18 was the recipient of the *Dale and Elizabeth Hanson Fellowship in Ethics*. Through research Liang aims to understand Alexis de Tocqueville's complex views on the relation between democracy and human nature through

an interpretive inquiry into two of his major works, *Democracy in America* and *Old Regime and the Revolution*. Liang plans to produce a paper that can shared with the Carleton community through an oral presentation.



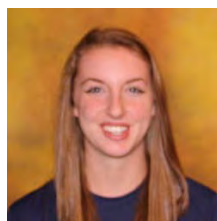
Walter Paul '18 was awarded the *Class of 1966 Diversity of Achievement Award*. Paul served as CSA Senator/Office of Intercultural and International Life (OIIL) Liaison in 2015-16, and CSA President in 2016-17. This year he started Engaging Voices, a nonprofit program for training

low-income students in formal communication. (See article on p. 7.)



Avery Coombe

Avery Coombe '19 and Elyse Wanzenried '19, received the *Four Friends Fellowship* with Kate Hoeting '19 and Geoffrey Mo '19. The students will explore the complex relationship between national parks and Native peoples through a road trip across the American West. They plan to interview park rangers and tribal historians, compare tourism industries at each site, and ultimately to create a documentary of their research.



Elyse Wanzenried

The Fellowship is awarded annually to that group of two or more Carleton students proposing the most compelling experience/project.

Faculty activities



Barbara Allen was recently appointed by the Board of Trustees to an endowed chair. She is now the James Woodward Strong Professor of Political Science and the Liberal Arts.



Laurence Cooper published an article, "The New Spirituality, or The Democratization of Divinity and Vice Versa (Has the New Age Come of Age?)," in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Fall 2016 (Vol. 45: 4).

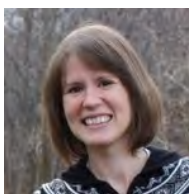
He presented a paper, "A Philosopher By Any Other Name? Rousseau's Reveries," at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in April. Prof. Cooper taught Platonic Political Philosophy to international students both online and in Beijing.



Kent Freeze represented the College at the 100th anniversary of the building of the first Western-style hospital in Fenyang, China, in September 2016.

He presented a paper "Migration and Attitude Change in Contemporary China" at the

Association of Chinese Political Studies annual conference in Monterey, CA. in October 2016.



Melanie Freeze published an article, co-written with J.M. Montgomery (2016), "Static Stability and Evolving Constraint: Preference Stability and Ideological Structure in the Mass Public." *American Politics Research*, 44(3), 415-447. The article was awarded the Hahn-

Sigelman prize for the best article published in

American Politics Research, 2016. She also presented working papers: "Pulled from the Sidelines: Ego-Involvement, Emotions, and Candidate Support," at the 2016 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 1-2; and "Pulled from the Sidelines: Political Attacks and the Logic of Support," at the 2017 BYU Scholars Second Annual Workshop, Provo, UT, May 11-12.



Mihaela Czobor-Lupp published "Herder on the Emancipatory Power of Religion and Religious Education," in *The Review of Politics*, Volume 79, Number 2, Spring 2017.

She presented a paper, "Care for the World and Care for the Self: An Argument from

Arendt and Foucault," at the Annual Conference of the Association for Political Theory at Ohio State University in October 2016. She also presented "How to Transform Political Impotence into Political Strength: Hannah Arendt and Mihail Sebastian on the Political Necessity of an Ethos of Vigilance" at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, in Vancouver, April 2017.

Professor Czobor-Lupp organized (with co-chair Jeffrey Church, University of Houston) the program for the 2017 Association for Political Theory Annual Conference planned for October 12-15 at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. She led the Faculty Research Seminar on "Forms of Care: Self, Other, and Cosmopolis" for the Carleton College Humanities Center.



Devashree Gupta authored a new book, *Protest Politics Today*, Polity Press (expected October 2017). Amazon notes that "In democracies as well as autocracies, rich countries as well as poor, citizens turn repeatedly to protest as a way of addressing a range of perceived social ills.

In this engaging and accessible book, Devashree Gupta offers a thorough introduction to the study of social movements in these diverse settings, examining their structures and operations to identify the ways in which political and social contexts shape how movements behave and what impacts they have. "

Prof. Gupta gave a talk on trends in protest at an alumni adventures weekend in Monterey, California in February, and another talk on the topic at an alumni event in the Twin Cities in April. Prof. Gupta was appointed to the editorial board for the *American Sociological Review*, where she will be helping review manuscripts about social movements.



Richard Keiser was interviewed on French radio (Radio Orient) prior to the Presidential election by Melannie Wurm, '18. He discussed foreign policy and immigration policy differences between the two major party candidates. He also

focused on the likely impact of the

candidacy of Bernie Sanders on Hillary Clinton's electoral chances. He predicted that in closely contested states, like Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nevada, defections of Bernie supporters (to Green or Libertarian candidates or to non-voting) would be a problem for the Clinton election.

Professor Keiser was also interviewed by WalletHub.com [about the engagement of African Americans in politics.](#)

He was part of a group of Carleton faculty and staff who discussed options that the Trump administration faced for repealing and replacing Obamacare, in an article that appeared in *The Carleton Voice*.

In his capacity as Career Center liaison, Professor Keiser organized a session with Career Center staff Rachel Leatham to discuss internship search strategies and career planning with majors in May 2017.

Faculty activities, continued

Alfred Montero received a Global Engagement Initiative Grant to develop a new seminar on corruption, clientelism, and political machines during the summer of 2017. He presented his talk on the Brazilian corruption scandal and the impeachment of Dilma Rousseff at Carleton ("Empire of Dirt: Corruption Crises and Democracy in Brazil") on April 24, 2017.

As the new senior editor of the refereed journal, *Latin American Politics and Society*, Prof. Montero negotiated and completed a deal to have Cambridge University Press distribute the journal. The new contract emerged only after a bidding process involving the current and other distributors during the fall of 2016. Prof. Montero attended the Latin American Studies Association meetings in Lima, Peru in April and May, 2017 and presented on a panel of journal editors on the first day.



Tun Myint presented his paper, "Rationality Beyond One Life," at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016, in Philadelphia. He was invited to give an inaugural lecture for the 2016 Tocqueville Lecture Series at the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. His lecture, "Citizen Science in a Democracy: A Case of Thai Baan Research," was delivered September 9.

Alumni updates**1954**

Joanne Tharin, Holland, MI. Retired from teaching history and government. My children are giving me an 85th birthday party. We are also planning to downsize and sell our house that we have lived in the past 50 years.

1958

George Wells, Vice Chairman, Ash Grove Cement Company, Portland, OR. Just celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary. Have regular visits with our three sons and their families with visits to Boston and Cupertino. Do stay in touch with Carleton friends.

Ray Looze (Little), retired, San Mateo, CA.

1960

Fred Whiting, Rapid City, SD. Retired/international business/state legislator. Son David (State Department Foreign Service Officer) is taking up post as Political Counsellor to US Embassy Manila.

1963

John C. Cook, Attorney, retired, Grass Valley, CA. I retired from my San Francisco labor law practice in 2007 and have been enjoying living in the foothills where gold was discovered in 1848. My wife, Martha, and I enjoy traveling

Myint, a founding editorial member of the *Independent Journal of Myanmar Scholarship* (IJMS) and the editorial team published the first issue of IJMS on the issue of poverty in Myanmar.

Myint organized a workshop at the Pansodan Gallery Art Space in Yangon, December 2016 for Burma/Myanmar scholars and authors to engage in writing about Public Memory (not history) of Myanmar for the second issue of the *Independent Journal of Burmese Scholarship*. At the workshop, he also presented his paper "The Last Enclosure and Market Colonialism: Land Reform Issues in Myanmar."



Steven Schier has authored a new book with Todd Eberly, *The Trump Presidency: Outsider in the Oval Office*, Rowman & Littlefield (expected October 15, 2017). Amazon notes that "Donald Trump's stunning and surprising election to the US presidency has convulsed the political,

academic, and journalistic worlds....

His presidency will provide many surprises and striking events needing quick and sound analysis. Based on the election campaign, transition and the pivotal start to the new administration, this book will briefly but comprehensively introduce students to all major aspects of the initial Trump presidency. "A book signing event is being planned for Oct. 26, 6:00-7:00 pm. See department website for specifics.



and swimming and boating on our little lake, and visiting our grandchildren in Berkeley and Stony Brook, NY. Just to show those terrorists, we will visit Paris and London in September. My Government & Intl Rel's education has recently proven helpful in recognizing just how uninformed on the subject is our President.

1965

Jeremy Byman, Greensboro, NC. I retired in 2005 after teaching political science (mostly) and film history (a little) at two colleges and three universities. After retiring from teaching I wrote several books, mostly YA but one scholarly. I'm now enjoying retirement.

1967

Burdett Loomis, Professor of Political Science, University of KS (till 7/31/17). After teaching American politics at the University of Kansas for 38 years, I'm sort of retiring—still writing and running DC/Topeka intern programs for a bit. Had a great time at 50th Reunion at Carleton this June. Especially enjoyed the panel honoring Burt Levin, as well as the four-Carleton-president event.

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1970

Joe Nathan, Director, Center for School Change, St. Paul. www.centerforschoolchange.org Writing a twice/month column on learning/education issues for a group of suburban and rural Minnesota newspapers, directing Center for School Change, helped convince Minnesota legislators in 2017 to strengthen laws that help high school students earn college credit; trying to cut back a bit after major heart attack July 4, 2015. Trying to help promote justice & opportunity—still "a child of the '60's."

1979

Jeffrey Paulsen, Assistant United States Attorney, Minneapolis. I was one of the prosecutors in the trial of Officer Jeronimo Yanez for shooting motorist Philando Castile to death during a traffic stop. Although the not guilty verdict was disappointing to say the least, it was a case that needed to be brought.

1996

Julia Bloch, Director, Creative Writing Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. After graduating from Carleton, I worked in publishing, earned an MFA and then a PhD, and became a full-time academic and poet. I've published two books, recently won a Pew Fellowship in the Arts, and continue to think about politics now from a creative angle, particularly the ways in which close attention to language reveals the deeper power structures that govern our lives.

Jeanne Briggs. After three years back home in Washington DC, I headed out in May for my next overseas tour with USAID. I am living in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma) for the next four years serving as the Director of Democracy Governance and Humanitarian Assistance for USAID. It's an exciting time to be in Myanmar and my first tour in Asia, so I'm looking forward to exploring the country and the region.

2001

Megan (Clymer) Haddock, Seattle, WA. I moved out to Seattle almost a year ago to follow a terrific new job for my husband, Scott Haddock '00. I've been juggling several consulting gigs and keeping my old projects afloat from afar for now. My favorite project right now is working with the United Nations Volunteers program to mentor researchers in 4 countries who are gathering qualitative data on the contribution of volunteerism to community resilience. Very fun to realize the similarities that exist in the human spirit in radically different countries. And especially nice to be hearing about the ways people around the world help each other at such a difficult political time for us here in the US. When I am not working I am hanging out with our two boys (4 and 2), playing on the beach or in the woods, and camping in this beautiful part of the country.

2006

Morgan Weiland, Palo Alto, CA. JD/PhD candidate, Stanford University; Junior Affiliate Scholar, Stanford Law School Center for Internet & Society. In May, the Stanford Law Review published my article about the theory and

threat of speech expansionism, "[Expanding the Periphery and Threatening the Core: The Ascendant Libertarian Speech Tradition.](#)"

Katherine "Kate" Knutson, Associate Director of Leadership Giving, Macalester College, St. Paul. I started a new job at Macalester College in September, 2016. As the associate director of leadership giving, I meet with Macalester alumni around the country and ask them to give back to their alma mater at a leadership level. Macalester has many positive qualities but nothing can beat the Carleton Poli Sci department!

2008

Leahruth Jemilo, Founder, GIRLSPEAK™. It is with great excitement that I officially announce the founding of GIRLSPEAK, a public speaking program for girls. Its objective is to help girls find and effectively use their voices to become confident in any environment...from the classroom to the boardroom...and beyond. www.wearegirlspeak.com

I piloted the program in NYC with AOL's summer interns in 2016 and since then we've worked with a few schools and organizations. In July I moved to Chicago, where GIRLSPEAK will be presented for the first time at a CPS school.

David Schraub, Berkeley, CA. Jill Rodde '09 and I just got engaged! Look forward to a double-Carl, double-Poli Sci wedding coming sometime in 2018.

2010

Carmen Ross, Staff Attorney, Children's Law Center, Lexington, KY. After three and a half years with the Kentucky Public Defender's Office, I decided it was time to move on and I accepted a position with the Children's Law Center of Kentucky, a non-profit providing legal services to children. I've been living in Lexington for four years now with my boyfriend, Arit, and our two cats, Jack and Lou Lou. I may be living in the South but I'll always be a Northern girl. Winter is coming.

Jane Sturges. Erin '13 and I have become first-time homeowners! We closed at the end of May and are loving our new house, learning about maintenance, yard work, and gardening. We still live in South Minneapolis, about a block from the light rail, and both work downtown. Both of us have been promoted in the past year, still with KPMG for me, and Hennepin County for her. September will be our 3rd anniversary. I'm still singing in Calliope, a local women's choir, Erin's working on her MPA at Hamline, and we just recently went on vacation to Spain. Now moving to Sevilla has probably been added to our pie-in-the-sky life plan.

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