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# Political Science Department Newsletter



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## Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Political Science Department,

I am writing this message while sitting in a hotel room in Xi'an, China, watching the international news channels to stay abreast of the various happenings around the world. Predictably, the US-China trade war has been a staple since I arrived about a week ago, receiving prominent coverage on every station I can find. The most recent debate among Democratic presidential hopefuls also received a lot of attention in the first few days of my trip, but this coverage has been entirely supplanted in the past 24 hours by breaking news out of El Paso and Dayton. Of course, the news that *isn't* being featured is also noteworthy: whenever the BBC starts its coverage of intensifying Hong Kong protests or India's clampdown on Kashmir, the screen freezes and suddenly goes black. In China, it's not easy to forget how intensively the state surveils and restricts information.

Such events challenge us as members of the political science department to make sure that the research that we do, the classes that we teach, and the skills that we want our students to build can help us all better understand (and hopefully improve) our messy, fractured, often heartbreaking world. We strive to make sure our curriculum is responsive to current issues and political debates, and I think our small department does a pretty good job of making sure our course offerings feel relevant and topical. This coming academic year, for example, we will be offering a range of new courses that help students make sense of the tricky political landscape, including offerings that tackle the relationship of news media and democratic governance, global populism, money and politics, political polarization, women and war in the Middle East, and the politics of dictatorship.

Some of these courses will be offered by new faculty who we are excited to welcome as colleagues: Summer Forester, our new Assistant Professor who specializes in Middle East politics and security; Eric Mosinger, our Robert A. Oden, Jr. Postdoctoral Fellow who is a Latin American politics specialist (and will help our coverage of Central and South America while Al Montero spends the next three years in the dean's office); and Melanie Freeze, a returning Visiting Assistant Professor who will be offering courses on a variety of topics in American politics. You can read more about our impressive new colleagues on page 3.

I should also mention that we also have a brand-new face helming the department: our new administrative assistant, Paula Teiken, who has the vital and unending job of keeping the feckless faculty on task and making sure we don't do anything boneheaded. I'm sure you will agree: this is perhaps the most important job in the entire department, and we are grateful for all that she does to keep us in order.

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Teaching is our core mission at Carleton, but we also strive to educate outside of traditional classroom settings as well. We have several exciting faculty-student research collaborations underway that engage students in of-the-moment scholarly debates and give them hands-on experience with cutting-edge approaches to data gathering and analysis. You can read about some of these ongoing research partnerships on pages 8-9.

In addition to teaching, mentoring, and research, members of the department are also constantly thinking about ways to make the learning that occurs on campus feel relevant and connected to the larger world. Bringing the world to Carleton and Carleton to the world is not always an easy task, given our small and rural setting. But in this coming academic year, we have several exciting opportunities for students to connect what they do in the classroom to the larger world outside. Beginning in the fall term, the department will be hosting a series of events focusing on electoral integrity—a key issue as we head into the contentious 2020 election cycle. We will be partnering with the League of Women Voters to ensure that our programming is not only informative but offers students practical ways to get involved in making sure that elections are fair and transparent.

When it comes to “bringing Carleton to the world,” there is no better option than a great off-campus program. In the winter term, Professor Tun Myint will be leading such an OCS program on political economy and ecology, which will take students to Thailand and Myanmar. This popular program not only introduces students to key issues of development and its social and environmental dimensions, but also immerses students into local community life via living with families, volunteering with local organizations, and taking part in village activities.

And in the spring term, Professor Kim Smith and her constitutional law students will be holding a mock constitutional convention, considering a raft of amendments proposed by students in other Carleton courses and other participating institutions. Given the agonized debates happening right now over citizen rights (the right to privacy, the right to bear arms, the right to health care, and more), this opportunity to consider, debate, and vote on amendments to the U.S. Constitution as part of a mock convention is a creative and engaging way to consider questions of foundational American values in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (read more about this unique event on page 13).

All of this adds up to a busy and exciting academic year. We are looking forward to kicking it all off in September, and telling you more about it as the year unfolds. In the meantime, do let us know how you are doing, and if you happen to be in Northfield, please stop by Willis to say hello (and yes, that final set of stairs is still punishing, but please don't let that stop you)!

*With warm wishes –  
Deborah*

## Lee Sigelman Prize

**Natalie Sainz '20** was awarded the 2018-19 Lee Sigelman Prize in Political Science for her paper “Urban-Rural Political and Demographic Polarization: An explanation for increasing policy clashes between cities and states.”

Sainz wrote the paper for POSC 318: Advanced Topics Urban Policy. Natalie is a Political Science/International Relations major from Houston, Texas.

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.



**Natalie Sainz '20**



**Summer Forester**  
Assistant Professor

## Welcome New Faculty and Staff

**Summer Forester** completed her Ph.D. in Political Science at Purdue University in December 2017. Upon graduation, Forester joined the Purdue Policy Research Institute where she worked on a Gates Foundation funded project that examines the role of women's movements and transnational feminist activism in promoting women's economic empowerment around the world. She will offer new courses for 2019-2020, including "Feminist Security Studies" and "Rebels and Risk Takers: Women and War in the Middle East." Additionally, Forester will teach "International Relations and World Politics" and "Middle East Politics."

Forester's current book project (based on her award-winning dissertation), *Security Threats and The Policy Agenda: Understanding State Action on Women's Rights in the Middle East*, explains how militarism and security issues affect the adoption of women's rights in semi-authoritarian regimes. Using both statistical analyses and primary data collected during 18 months of fieldwork as a Fulbright scholar in Jordan, her work shows how debates about women's rights are informed by the security context in which policymakers and activists work. She has presented her research at domestic and international conferences, including the European Conference on Politics and Gender held in Amsterdam in July 2019. Forester's work has appeared in *Feminist Review and Global Environmental Politics*.

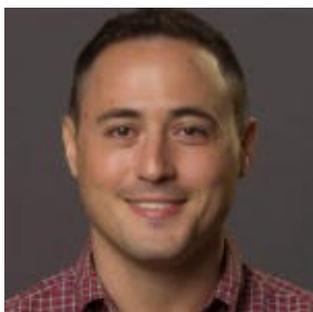
In addition to her work in Jordan, Forester conducted fieldwork for her post-doctoral project in Morocco, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania during the spring and summer of 2019. Forester interviewed parliamentarians, directors of women's rights organizations, lawyers, activists, and members of women-run cooperatives about land rights, equality in employment laws and practices, and financial inclusion. These interlocutors discussed both the opportunities for and barriers to advancing economic justice for women in their communities and around the world. Findings from Forester's fieldwork will be part of a larger book project – written in collaboration with scholars from Simon Fraser University and Purdue University – that includes analyses of feminist mobilization and economic empowerment in 127 countries from 1975 – 2015.



**Melanie Freeze**  
Visiting Asst. Professor

**Melanie Freeze** received her PhD in American Political Science from Duke University. Her research explores topics of political parties, party identification, motivated reasoning, polarization, and the quality of public opinion. Professor Freeze has published in *American Politics Research* and has recently produced a book chapter on the Independence Party of Minnesota (forthcoming in *The "Other" Parties: Minor Political Parties in Contemporary American Politics*). She is also involved in other active research projects exploring the negative side-effects of misinformation warnings, polarization's influence on third-party candidate entry, and interpersonal political conversations. During the 2019-20 academic year, she will teach the introductory U.S. politics course, political psychology, money and politics, political parties and polarization, as well as methods of political research.

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**Eric Mosinger**  
Oden Postdoctoral  
Fellow

## Welcome *continued*

**Eric Mosinger** is a student of Latin American history and contemporary politics. His research focuses on factional politics within revolutionary organizations such as Nicaragua's Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional, as well as mass protest and non-violent civil resistance to dictatorship. More broadly, his research and teaching interests include comparative politics, conflict processes, and post-conflict legacies of violence. He will teach POSC 120: Democracy and Dictatorship in winter term 2019 and POSC 221: Latin American Politics in spring 2020. He previously taught at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mosinger's work has been published in the *Journal of Peace Research* ("Brothers or Others in Arms? Civilian Constituencies and Rebel Fragmentation in Civil War") and *Security Studies* ("Balance of Loyalties: Explaining Rebel Factional Struggles in the Nicaraguan Revolution"). He has also written an article on simulating conflict processes in the classroom for *PS: Political Science and Politics*. His current research project, which he is co-authoring with Kai Thaler and two Macalester students, Diana Paz García and Charlotte Fowler, investigates the role of historical memory in sparking Nicaragua's 2018 civic rebellion. He also serves as a country expert for the Jones Day law firm in its efforts advocating for Nicaraguan political refugees seeking asylum in the United States.

Mosinger has previously been a Herbert F. York Global Security Fellow with the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and a Kugelman Fellow at the University of California, Irvine. He graduated from Wesleyan University with undergraduate degrees in history and anthropology, and completed his PhD in political science at the University of California, Irvine.

**Paula Teiken** joined the Political Science department as the administrative assistant in June 2019. Paula recently worked as a paralegal and as the Director of Family Support Services for Laura Baker Services in Northfield. Paula was also a stay-at-home parent for several years and is a 2010 graduate of the Minnesota Partners in Policymaking® program.



**Paula Teiken**  
Administrative Asst.

## Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference by Andrew Biddison '19

Thanks to the generous support of the Political Science Department, I was able to attend the 2019 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC). This year's theme, "Coming Apart: The Fate of the Rules-based Order," provided an opportunity to assess the health of the U.S. backed international order. Through roundtable discussions, guest lectures, and a simulation, delegates from universities throughout the country got together with domestic and foreign military officers to attempt to produce such an analysis.



**Andrew Biddison '19**

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## NAFAC *continued*

NAFAC's programming provided opportunities to engage with distinguished experts with experience in think tanks, government service, and the military. Out of all of the speakers, I was most excited to hear from Dr. Elizabeth Economy. Professor Kent Freeze had already introduced me to her work on China, making her discussion of the threats and opportunities posed by our largest rival more accessible and interesting.

Over the first two days of the conference, the most significant opportunities for delegates to share their thoughts were the roundtable group discussions. These groups, covering 15 subtopics related to the overall theme, were made up

of delegates from a variety of civilian and military institutions, each of whom wrote a paper on the subject, as well as two expert advisors. The topic handled by my roundtable was the role of Russian interference in degrading the world order. My group was made up of delegates hailing from a variety of American universities, as well as military representatives from the USNA, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the Romanian Naval Academy. With such diverse perspectives, as well as with expert help from Matthew Rojansky of the Kennan Institute, we were able to have fruitful discussions covering the normative, economic, and military challenges posed by a revanchist Russia.

The final day of the conference included a simulation that placed delegates at the helm of fictional states. As a small state surrounded by adversaries, albeit with a powerful offshore ally, our group got a sense of the challenges facing a state at the periphery of an alliance system. Unfortunately, due to the failure of our patron to deter aggression, we were victims of tactical nuclear strikes and occupation. Although this simulation ended with conflicts that are far more extreme than any we have seen in our own contemporary history, we were able to take away the importance of maintaining robust and credible deterrents.

Out of all of the ideas I encountered at the conference, the one that has most influenced me is the argument that the U.S. backed world order is much stronger than it appears, but is mismanaged. According to this theory, the U.S. holds a strong hand of cards vis-à-vis revanchist opponents, but is helmed by an incompetent gambler. The full extent of our greatest strength, robust networks of alliances, was on display at the conference, with delegates representing 26 American allies and partners. Hopefully, events like NAFAC will produce the next generation of leaders willing to work to maintain the liberal world order.

Coming to NAFAC was an incredibly valuable experience for me, and I believe that Carleton should maintain its support for the conference. NAFAC provided networking opportunities, new perspectives, and a chance to help reduce the dangerous ideational and social gap between military and civilian leaders of the present and future. I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to those in the department who supported my attendance at this excellent conference.



**Andrew Biddison '19** (3rd from right) with other NAFAC participants. The group is pictured in front of a yard patrol craft docked at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

## Happenings



Professor Barbara Allen atop the Minnesota Capitol with students on March 19, 2019.



Professor Richard Keiser in Japan with first-year students Jill Yanai and Onelis Cardona.



Shalin Carranza '20 with part of her toothpick and marshmallow sculpture at the spring social event: Ice Cream and the Political Science "Triathlon."



Can Can Wonderland, an arts-based public-cooperative in St. Paul, was the destination for the fall student-faculty social event.

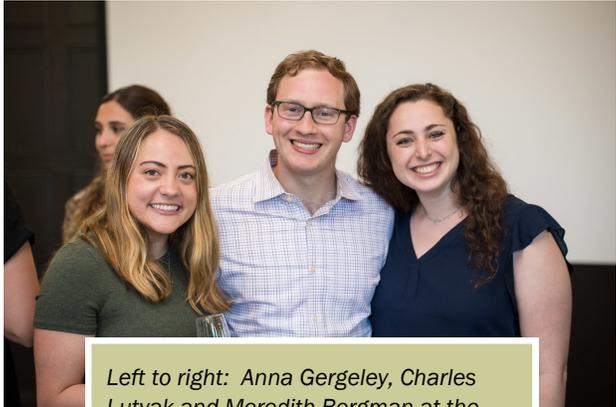


The winning team at the department's inaugural trivia contest. Team Insecurity Dilemma, clockwise from top left: Professor Greg Marfleet, Andrew Biddison '19, Charles Lutvak '19, Adam Loew '20 and Andrea Lofquist '20.

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*Team China at the spring term foreign policy negotiation simulation that included students from classes taught by Professors Kent Freeze, Greg Marfleet and Jon Olson.*

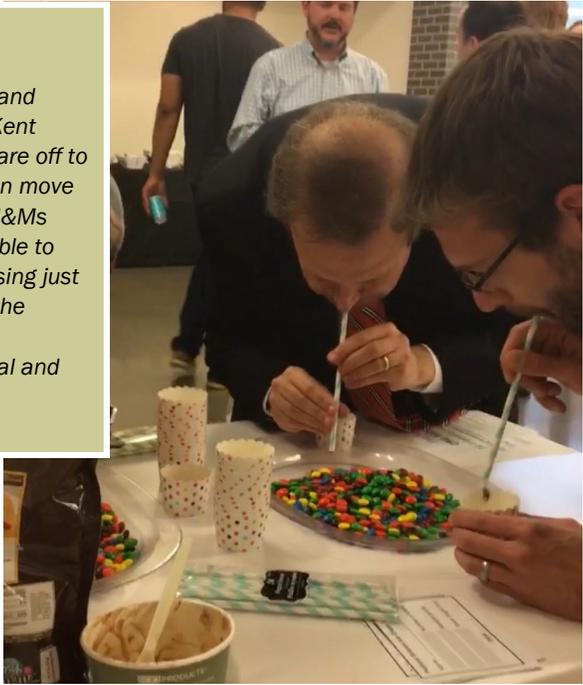


*Left to right: Anna Gergeley, Charles Lutvak and Meredith Bergman at the Senior Dinner.*



*Students observe election night with Professor Barbara Allen.*

*President Poskanzer and Professor Kent Freeze square off to see who can move the most M&Ms from the table to their cup using just a straw at the spring ice cream social and "Triathlon."*



## Summer Research Partner Awards

The following Student Research Partner awards were made possible by a generous gift from **Alison von Klemperer '82** and support from the Dean of the College:

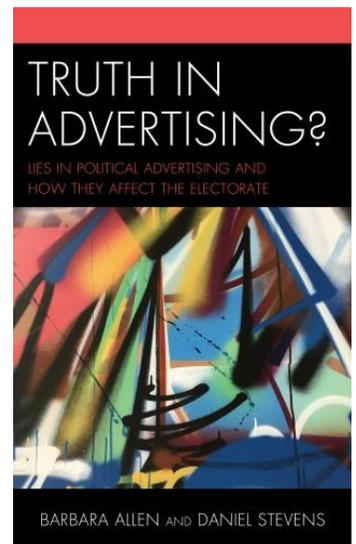
**Barbara Allen** and **Ben Perry '22** (Undeclared) and **Jack Shill '21** (Undeclared) studied how changes in ownership in news gathering services affect the local TV news coverage received by voters during the 2008, 2014 and 2016 elections, focusing on how information is framed in related to race, gender, age and experience; time given to candidates to voice positions; and time devoted to typed of ads. (See following article by Professor Allen).

**Charisse Burden-Stelly** and **Katerina Katakhalides '20** (SOAN) and **Guapo Banuelos '20** (History) researched archives for a book project, *The Radial Horizon of Black Betrayal: Antiradicalism, Antiblackness, and the U.S. Capitalist State*, which develops a political theory that explores the relationship between antiradicalism and antiblackness from 1919-1971, exploring how notions of belonging/unbelonging, citizen/subversive, and American/un-American were used to discredit activism.

## Research Updates by Faculty

It's said that all politics is local, but is all local news truly local? Following US Election 2016, it was revealed that Sinclair Broadcast Group, a powerful telecommunications company and owner of many local television stations, was strongly encouraging their local stations to run conservative Sinclair produced news stories alongside stations' regular localized content. These practices sparked a public scandal, which in turn inspired a group of students, working with Dr. Barbara Allen and British political scientist Dr. Daniel Stevens, to conduct a multidimensional study analyzing how local news networks cover presidential elections. The project is a continuation of Allen and Stevens' previous work on local Minnesota TV news coverage of the US general elections from 2000 through 2008, a part of their "Carleton College Election Study," which also includes analyses of political advertising. By looking at pre-election news coverage from 2008 and 2016 for six networks in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin, we study and ask questions about how specific news topics are covered by stations, the depths to which these topics are analyzed, and the framing and tone present in pre-election broadcasts. Two of these stations were purchased by Sinclair Broadcast Group between the two election cycles, and we are tracking these stations in particular to examine if the change in ownership affected the tone or content of their news stories. We focus extra attention on ad watch segments of broadcasts, in which the claims and facts present in political advertisements are analyzed by on air personalities, to augment Allen and Stevens' findings in their recently published book, *Truth in Advertising? Lies in Political Advertising and How They Affect the Public*.

Our project is divided up into two teams, one comprised of political science oriented students who analyze news broadcasts, and another focused on technology driven data management, both of which are led by Dr. Allen, Dr. Stevens, and Carleton data management specialist, Paula Lackie. Max Lane '19, Sophie Husseman '22, Ben Perry '22, Jack Schill '21, Amber Zhang '20, Moses Jehng '22, Chait Sayani '21, and Drew Garcia '22 are on the political science team, while Nobu Masaki '20, Tresa Xavier '20, Yuta Baba '20, and Chiraag Gohel '20 are devoted to data management and machine coded content analysis.



Barbara Allen

## Research Updates *continued*

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Last academic year, I worked with several students on an ongoing project that focuses on the construction and negotiation of Scottish identity and nation-ness. Nationalism has come to signify quite exclusionary forms of identity in large swaths of the world, as self-identified nationalists in the US, Britain, France, India, and elsewhere make restrictive, often ethno-religious claims about who should belong as part of the national community and who (Hispanics, immigrants, Muslims, etc.) should be excluded. Scotland is an interesting counterpoint to this trend, with a strongly civic and inclusive discourse of “who gets to be Scottish.” Yet, like most nationalist projects, Scotland’s civic nationalism is contested by those who see Scottishness as rooted in culture or ethnic origins. This project investigates one site where multiple ideas of what it means to belong to the Scottish nation are constructed: the Scottish Register of Tartans. It explores the ways that the tartan is used to signal (and challenge) the boundaries of Scottishness by different constituencies.

The project has involved several students: Nick Caputo ‘19, Chris Lee ‘20, Ishmael Maxwell ‘21, and Zoe Pharo ‘21. The students have worked on collecting literature, doing a content analysis of Scottish National Party manifestos, and conducting and transcribing interviews with individuals who have submitted tartan patterns to the Registry.

In addition to the tartan project, I am also working with Julia Kenney ‘20 on a project looking at how social movement communities police members online to ensure that movement messages and frames are promoted and alternative views or interpretations that are at odds with prescribed or dominant frames are minimized. This research will focus on two radical communities: white nationalists and animal liberation activists. Throughout the 2019-20 academic year, we will code messages and discussion threads used by these communities to uncover patterns of social regulation; after compiling this original dataset, we will conduct a statistical analysis to see how communities regulate alternative movement discourse in online platforms, and whether these strategies are similar in movements of the far-right. and far-left.

Devashree Gupta

Over the last year, Emanuel Williams ‘20, Steve Bai ‘19, and Calle Erich ‘20 have all worked with Professor Farhart on projects related to the causes and consequences of misinformation and conspiracy belief. Emanuel worked on a project tied to misinformation and the development of authoritarian populism in the contemporary political environment. Emanuel and Steve worked to help create a codebook to code open-ended responses on a large public opinion survey about perceptions and interpretations of the "Deep State." Calle continues to work on investigations tied to the sharing of misinformation and conspiracy theories online, particularly in the context of social media environment.

Christina Farhart

*Nick Caputo  
and Greg  
Amusu at the  
2019 Senior  
Dinner.*



*Left to Right: Anna Fierek,  
Sylvie Hauser and Justine Szafran  
at the 2019 Senior Dinner.*



## Honors for the Class of 2019

Members of the Class of 2019 were honored at the Political Science Department Senior Dinner on May 29 and at Honors Convocation on May 31, 2019.



**Charles Lutvak** received **The James S. Berglund Social Science Prize** established in 1962 by friends and classmates of James S. Berglund '61. The prize is awarded annually for the best essay or research paper written in the social sciences.



**Mara Blumenstein** received **The Scott Tyler Bergner Prize** established in 1978 is awarded each year to a member of the senior class who has an outstanding academic record and who has demonstrated excellence of thought and character. The prize will be used to further the pursuit of excellence.

**Mara Blumenstein** also received **The Williams-Harris Prize in African American Studies**, which 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. The prize is 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.



**Jen Chan** received **The Stimson Prize** founded in 1873 by Carleton Trustee Rev. Henry Stimson to encourage public speech. It is awarded to the student who contributes most to the quality of debate or public speaking at the College.

**Andres Parra** received **The Davis Projects for Peace** award, a \$10,000 prize for projects that promote peace anywhere in the world, including the U.S. 100 projects were selected for this prize through a competition on 85 college campuses.



**Oliver Wolyniec** received **The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program** scholarship. CLS is a program of the U.S. Department of State that offers fully-funded overseas language and cultural immersion programs for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides study opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning. The critical languages supported currently include Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.



**Sylvie Zhong** received a fellowship from **The James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship Program of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**.

This program is designed to provide a substantive work experience for students who have a serious career interest in international affairs. Each year, Carnegie holds a rigorous national competition to select approximately 8-10 graduating seniors to serve as research assistants. They are matched with senior associates, including academics, former government officials, lawyers and journalists from around the world to work on a variety of international affairs issues in Washington, DC.



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## Honors *Continued*

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

**Mara Blumenstein**  
**Calypso Leonard**  
**Charles Lutvak**  
**Alex Serrurier**  
**Kirsten Walters**  
**Oliver Wolyniec**  
**Sylvie Zhong**

The Carleton chapter of Phi Beta Kappa national honorary scholastic fraternity was established in 1913 and elects its membership from students who rank in the highest fifteen percent of their graduating class and meet other prescribed criteria.

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

**Jen Chan** for a paper entitled “Kymlicka’s Aporia: Arguing for a Culturally Adaptive Model of Multicultural Liberalism”

**Maya Collier** for a paper entitled “Is Felon Disenfranchisement a Tenable Punishment? Examining Disenfranchisement Policies According to Crime-Centered Theories of Punishment”

**Arielle Hugel** for a paper entitled “Testing Motivated Reasoning: The Re-Election of Corrupt Politicians”

**Charles Lutvak** for a paper entitled “‘Devils With a Cause:’ How Rural and White Working Class Resentment Made Trump President”

**Jordan Sybesma** for a paper entitled “#Activism: Content Analysis of Social Movement Tweets” (*completed 2018*)

**Daniel Tamez** for a paper entitled “Is the Melting Pot Too Spicy? Public Opinion on What Shapes Immigration Attitudes and Policy in America”

**Adam Throne** for a paper entitled “Beyond the Water’s Edge: Understanding the Impact of Public Pressure upon

the Composition of United States Foreign Policy Decisions”

**Edmund Wackerman** for a paper entitled “Harnessing Vigilantism: Comparative Case Studies of Vigilante Legalization in Mexico and Tanzania”

**Kirsten Walters** for a paper entitled “Write in Duggan for Mayor, but not on City Walls: Responses to Graffiti and Street Art in Detroit and Philadelphia”

**Sylvie Zhong** for a paper entitled “Diversionary Theory of War: Levels of Domestic Conflict and External Use of Force”

*2018-19 Student Departmental Advisers* **Grant Ackerman** and **Kirsten Walters** were recognized for their service. SDAs advise first-year students and others about course offerings and the major.

*Departmental Curriculum Committee* members **Jen Chan** and **Rohan Mukherjee** 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).

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*Professor Marfleet with students at 2019 Senior Dinner*

## Honors *Continued*



**Miles Bennet Allen '21** was awarded a *Phi Beta Kappa First Year Prize*. This prize is awarded to the first year student holding the highest ranking for the year in scholarship among the members of their respective class.



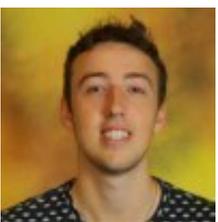
**Andrew Farias '21** was awarded a *Mellon Graduate School Exploration Fellowship*. The MGSEF is awarded to sophomores intending to pursue graduate study.



**Barbara Winter De Melo Lemos '21** was awarded a *David Maitland—Robert Will Prize*. This prize is awarded to students who are completing their sophomore year and have shown the greatest capacity for transforming their community through service.



**Catherine Johnson '20**, took the top honor in the 2019 Nick Adams Short Story Contest sponsored by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest. The award, named for the protagonist of many Hemingway stories, celebrates the creativity and talent of student writers at the 14 ACM colleges.



**Sean Patrick MacDonell '20**, was awarded a Dale a *Dale and Elizabeth Hanson Fellowship in Ethics*. Hanson Fellows partner closely with faculty members, and are expected to produce an academic paper, public presentation, or other product based on their research at the conclusion of the fellowship.



**Ishmael Ali Maxwell '21** was awarded a *Boren Scholars* from the *Professor Roy F. Grow Fellowship Fund*. The fund supports student fellowship and research opportunities in Asia.



**Sogra Aurora Nassri '20** was awarded a *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship*. The fellowship provides mentoring and research opportunities for students committed to increasing the diversity of the American professoriate by pursuing doctorates in the humanities, select social sciences, and sciences, and eventually a career in higher education.



**Asha Penprase '21** was awarded a *Fellowship for Student Scientific Research*. Carleton Summer Science Fellows have the opportunity to work in a research lab either at Carleton or at another institution for at least two summers with a stipend



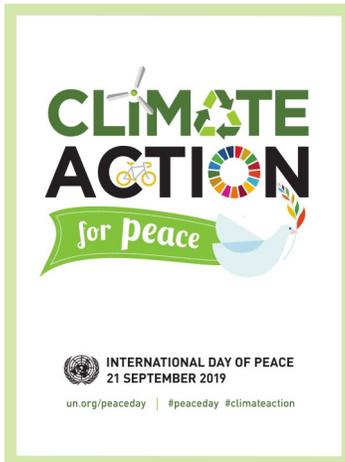
**Jennifer Leigh Portis '20** was awarded a *Harriet Sheridan Endowed Prize*. The purpose of the prize is to recognize qualities that are important in defining a Carleton education—in this instance, writing ability.



**Hannah Elizabeth Rittman '20** was awarded a *Larson International Fellowship*. The fellowship fund enables students with leadership promise to have a significant international summer experience.



**Qianzhi Shao '20** was awarded an *Independent Research Fellowship* from the *Professor Roy F. Grow Fellowship Fund*. The fund supports student fellowship and research opportunities in Asia.



## International Day of Peace

The Northfield Human Rights Commission and the Department of Political Science will host a celebration to mark the United Nations International Day of Peace, which is celebrated around the world every September 21. This year's Peace Day, "Climate Action for Peace," draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in Room 236 of the Weitz Center for Creativity**. It will begin with a reception and a formal commemoration of the United Nations International Day of Peace. A variety of musical and other performances will follow to observe the theme.

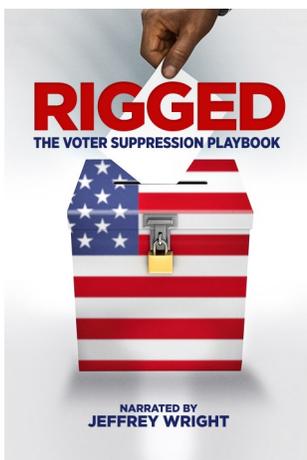
The event is supported by the Harold Stassen United Nations Lectureship Fund of Carleton College.



## Constitutional Law Seminar

Does the U.S. Constitution need updating for the twenty-first century? This spring, students in Professor Kim Smith's constitutional law seminar will explore that question by staging a mock constitutional convention. Proposed amendments to the U.S. will be developed by students in other courses at Carleton and St. Olaf. They'll be receiving proposals from a range of courses, including the St. Olaf constitutional law course and political science, religion, history and Spanish courses at Carleton College.

The students in the seminar will serve as the program committee for a convention to be held at the end of the course. They'll review and select proposals to be debated, decide on the format of the debates, and recruit speakers and the audience. Each proposal will be voted on, resulting in a set of recommended proposals that we'll share with the Carleton and St. Olaf communities.



## Rigged: The Film

**Tim Smith** will screen his movie *Rigged: The Film* at the Weitz Center Cinema on October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. A discussion will follow. This event is open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Development Office.

This event will kick off a year-long set of events focusing on electoral integrity, sponsored by the Political Science department. Future programming will include panel discussions of electoral integrity issues in Minnesota, training opportunities in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, research presentations and more.

## Faculty Activities



**Barbara Allen** attended the International Association for the Study of the Commons, Lima, Peru and the Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop 6, a meeting of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis (where Allen is a Senior Research Fellow) which occurs every five years in Bloomington, Indiana, to screen *Actual World Possible Future: The Lives and Work of Elinor and Vincent Ostrom*, a film Allen directed.

Allen also co-authored *Truth in Advertising? Verbal, Visual, and Oral Lies in Political Advertising and How They Affect the Electorate*. Lexington Books, 2019 with Daniel Stevens, University of Exeter.



**Laurence Cooper** returned to teaching from a leave of four terms. The whole of last year was dedicated to a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to support work on a book-length study of Jean-Jacques Rousseau's crowning work, *The Reveries of the Solitary Walker*.



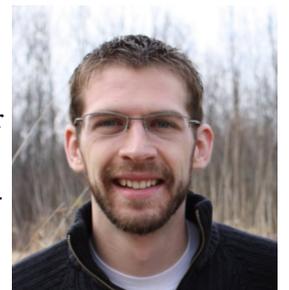
**Mihaela Czobor-Lupp** attended three conferences: The Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association at Georgetown University, the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in San

Diego, and the Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges, in October, 2018, where she presented two papers: "The Memory of the Ottoman Empire in Orhan Pamuk's Novels" and the Idea of Europe and "From Pariah's Isolation to Resistance: The Case of Mihail Sebastian."

**Christina Farhart** recently returned from sunny Lisbon, Portugal, where she presented her co-authored work on the causes and consequences of conspiracy belief. Over the last year, Farhart also presented single and co-authored work at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association and the American Political Science Association. She gave an invited talk for the Political Science Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign covering my co-authored work on misinformation and conspiracy belief. She also participated in St. Olaf's Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference as a discussant on "Analyzing American Elections: Minnesota's 2nd District and Beyond." While she regularly teaches her Misinformation, Political Rumors, and Conspiracy Theories course, activities created with Joanne Miller (University of Delaware) were highlighted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.



**Kent Freeze** presented a paper titled "Migration and Political Attitude Change in Contemporary China" at the 2018 Association for Chinese Political Studies conference held in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He also presented a related paper coauthored with student Sylvie Zhong titled "Migration and Attitudes toward Economic Inequality in China" at the 2019 Midwest conference in Chicago.



## Faculty Activities *continued*



**Devashree Gupta** attended two conferences last year: the International Studies Association annual meeting, where she served as discussant on a panel about Northern Ireland politics on the eve of Brexit, and the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, where she delivered a paper on the construction of Scottish identity. She gave a talk on social movements and internet activism during Carleton Reunion, and taught in the Summer Writing Program for high school students for the fifth year. She was also promoted and is a full Professor starting September 1st.



**Richard Keiser** traveled to Japan in June 2019 to participate in the Technos Education Week program as Carleton's faculty representative. First-year students Jill Yanai and Onelis Cardona were the student representatives. While there, he conducted research on both Japanese "manshon" development (condominium gentrification) and tourism strategies in Tokyo, Kyoto, Kobe and Hiroshima.



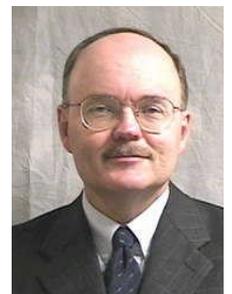
**Tun Myint** was invited to give a talk at a panel on Fire and Ice: The Shifting Narrative of Climate Change at the University of California at Irvine, February 8 and 9. Myint gave a talk titled, "Governing Manmade Climate Change with Manmade Climate Science" during a panel discussion on "Go-Go Industrialization and Climate Change," attended by an international panel of scientists, writers, academics and communicators on February 9. Professor Myint also gave an invited talk titled "Citizen Science and Democracy," at the Minnesota International Relations Colloquium at the Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota on April 29.



**Al Montero** recently co-authored an introduction to the co-edited special issue, "State Transformation and Participatory Politics in Latin America," for the journal, *Latin American Politics and Society* (61:2 Summer 2019). He also just completed his eighth and final year directing the Summer Quantitative Reasoning Institute. Professor Montero will be Associate Dean and Director of Advising for the next three years.



**Jon Olson** (F. R. Bigelow Teacher-in-Residence 2018-19) launched *Rules of Engagement* through St. Martin's Press on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It's the third novel he co-authored with David Bruns. Jon and David are at work on completing the manuscript for their fourth novel, as well as getting started on books five and six.



**Steven Schier** coauthored the 15th edition of *Presidential Elections* which is available now at [www.rowman.com](http://www.rowman.com).

He is also completing a coauthored book with Todd Eberly entitled *How Trump Happened*, also for Rowman and Littlefield, which will appear in December.

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## Alumni Updates

1969

**Jeff Bergner**, Visiting Professor, Batten School of Public Policy, University of Virginia: His latest book *The Vanishing Congress: Reflections on Politics In Washington* compares the Congress of today with what the Founders envisioned. Jeff spoke at Harvard University on April 5, 2019, the video is available on C-SPAN.org.



1978

**Valarie Ifill**: Lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts and teaches Second Grade SEI (Sheltered English Immersion) at the Cambridge Public Schools, Graham and Parks Alternative School.

1979

**Leanne Hogie**: In the spring of 2017 I decided it was finally time to get off the sidelines and run for office. After a well run campaign by my spouse, that included one email and one Facebook posting, I was one of 4 new people elected to Hood River's country transportation district. One small step - and probably the last one - but it has been fun so far.

1987

**Emily Wallace-Jackson**: I just started a new job as the Executive Director of Seven Dreams Education Foundation, a non-profit that funds innovative programming in the Robbinsdale Area Schools. I also continue to volunteer as a pro bono lawyer with the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, representing DACA and U.S. citizenship clients.

My husband, David Wallace-Jackson (also a political science major, '87), and I have three children. Our oldest, Andrew, just graduated from Carleton and our youngest, Grace, will be a freshman this fall. We're excited that two of our children are continuing the family tradition (and glad that our son Daniel is charting his own course).

1989

**Kimberlee Bell**: I just completed a year embedded with Coalition Forces in northeastern Syria, providing oversight and management of the U.S. assistance programs, including the provision of humanitarian and stabilization programs supporting more than four million vulnerable Syrians.

1994

**Vishant Shah**, City of Memphis Fire Services Analytics Lead: It's an election year here in Memphis. We also celebrated our bicentennial. I really enjoy working for the Fire Department and living in the South is awesome.

1996

**Jeanne Briggs**: After 18 years as a direct hire with USAID, including 12 years in the foreign service and tours in Sudan, Uganda, Cote d'Ivoire, and Burma, I decided it was time for a change - I left the foreign service and transitioned to consulting. I'll continue to work for USAID in the field of crisis, stabilization, and governance (getting ready to head out to Goma, DRC for a month), but hopefully have time to pursue some new professional and personal interests as well. I got married last year, and my husband and I have returned to the Washington DC area, where we are planning to stay for awhile.

2000

**Brent Cusher**: Since 2011 I've worked as a professor in the Department of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University, in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. But since 2017, I've been responsible for a CNU summer study abroad trip on cross-cultural leadership based in Maastricht, the Netherlands. I had my eyes opened to the beauty and charm of the city of Maastricht by the legendary Professor Norm Vig on his Carleton in Maastricht program in the spring of 1999--and now I have the opportunity to be there again each summer! If you were on that trip with me, please be in touch: [brent.cusher@cnu.edu](mailto:brent.cusher@cnu.edu). It would be terrific to catch up!

## Alumni Updates *continued*

### 2003

**Joel Schlosser:** I received tenure from Bryn Mawr College in February 2019. My second book, *Herodotus in the Anthropocene*, will be published by University of Chicago Press in early 2020. Most important and momentous, my wife Sarah Trent and I welcomed our first son to the world. Alden Jai Trent was born on New Year's Eve 2018. He is a ceaseless source of delight.

### 2007

**Leah Greenberg '08 and Ezra Levin '07** are among the 100 Most Influential People of 2019, according to Time magazine. The congressional staffers-turned-community organizers made the list for their work on *Indivisible*, a hyperlocal community organizing movement.



**Liz Skree:** In January I started a new job with Greater Twin Cities United Way in Minneapolis. After 11 years with Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., it's both exciting and fulfilling to be back home in the Twin Cities working for a local, community-based nonprofit organization.

### 2009



**Chai Lee:** was appointed to the Met Council by Governor Tim Walz in March, 2019. Lee represents District 13, which encompasses the eastern third of St. Paul. Chai Lee is a Program Coordinator for Nexus Community Partners. There he helps recruit, interview and select people for the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute. Lee also serves on the District 1

Community Council in Saint Paul and the Gold Line BRT Community and Business Advisory Committee.

### 2017

**Malcom Fox:** I just finished managing a state house campaign in Virginia.

**Thet-Htar Thet:** I am about to start my new job in Yangon Myanmar as a Junior Consultant for the UNESCO Project Office - working on the Strengthening Pre-Service Teacher Education (STEM) Project to re-vamp and reframe the teacher-education curriculum.

## Create an Alumni Profile

Remember what it was like when you were a student at Carleton, trying to sort through the often overwhelming career options? Alumni have a perspective that students and recent graduates do not, and you can open doors to opportunities to help them as they make the transition to their life after Carleton. Create an Alumni Profile!

An alumni profile is an online profile for the Carleton community which indicates to current students and recent graduates that you're eager to talk about your career path, share advice, and provide insights on how you got from *here* to *there*.

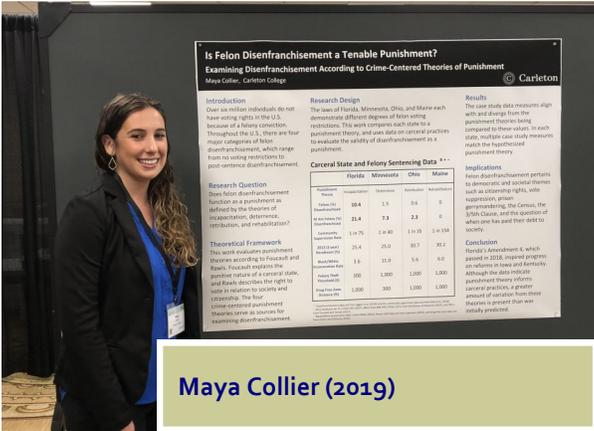
Students are able to explore career options by reading alumni profiles and some may even reach out to gain advice on how to prepare and apply for internships or entry-level positions in your field.

By creating an alumni profile, you are not obligated to develop long-term mentoring relationships with students who may contact you; nor are you expected to hire a student for a job or internship. Your advice and wisdom is all that we seek.

To learn more about creating an alumni profile, visit [go.carleton.edu/beaguide](http://go.carleton.edu/beaguide). Questions? Contact Sarah Wolfe in the Career Center at [swolfe@carleton.edu](mailto:swolfe@carleton.edu).

# Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Several Carleton students had the opportunity to present their original research at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago in April 2019.



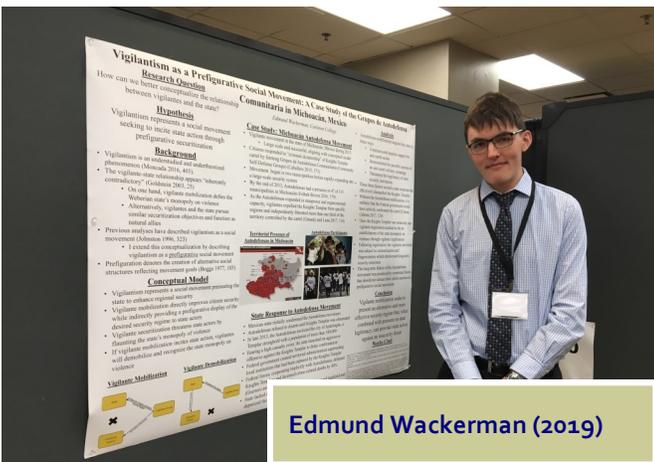
Maya Collier (2019)



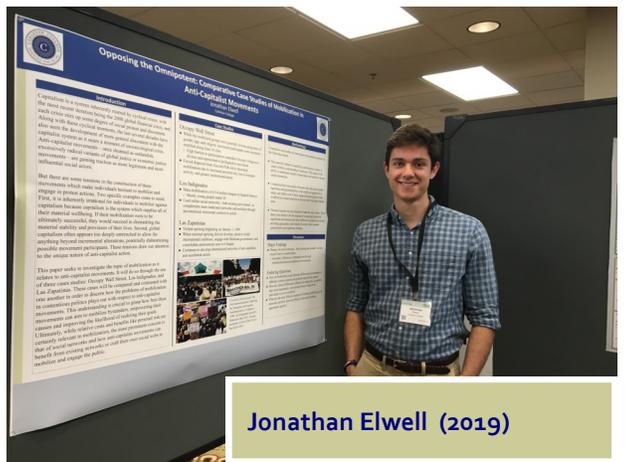
Ishmael Maxwell (2021) and Ella Barzel (Religion, 2021)



Olwenn Fruchart (2019)



Edmund Wackerman (2019)



Jonathan Elwell (2019)

## Honoring Tricia Peterson by Professor Larry Cooper

Political scientists need to be comfortable with change. In the past twenty years in the United States alone we've lived through three presidential transitions, two wars, a Great Recession, and what must surely be ten millions tweets from the Oval Office. And that's to say nothing of innumerable in-house transitions at Carleton itself—technological, curricular, administrative, and personnel. The latter includes the hiring of most current faculty as well as sabbaticals, leave replacements, and course releases too numerous to count—all of this under a series of seven Department Chairs, not counting Acting Chairs. But the Department has weathered all this flux as smoothly as it has because of the signal exception to this endless flux. Since 1998 the Political Science Department has had the immense good fortune of living under the gentle administration of one—and only one—administrator, Tricia Peterson.

Until now.

In June, Tricia retired after serving for 21 years with the Department of Political Science. Her official title was “Administrative Assistant.” But every Carleton faculty member knows that the job is more one of administering than of assisting. And every Carleton Political Science faculty member knows how lucky we've been to have Tricia with us. There isn't one of us who hasn't been the constant beneficiary of her unfailing kindness and competence, particularly when we've been confronted with a new or unexpected challenge—when we were new arrivals, for example, or when we took on a new responsibility (directing an OCS program or an academic concentration or a new office or committee), or when we found ourselves outsmarted by some new technology or administrative requirement. And Department Chairs can attest to the innumerable occasions on which Tricia helped us steer clear of tumult by foreseeing in advance what needed to be done. The ancient Greek metaphor of the “ship of state” isn't a bad way of thinking about this. Passengers who walk the deck in comfort and even crewmen performing their respective tasks aren't in a position to see how one person's devotion and skilled work has kept the ship calmly on course. But if we didn't always see what Tricia did, we did see, and *feel*, the warmth and graciousness with which she did it. And we know that these qualities have made for a pleasant voyage amid not-always-calm seas.

In June the Department's faculty and their spouses and friends convened for a festive dinner in Tricia's honor. Chair Dev Gupta spoke eloquently for the faculty in expressing our gratitude, admiration, affection, and the warmest of warm wishes. She also spoke for (literally) hundreds of students and alumni who conveyed their own heartfelt thanks and warm wishes. As a token of its deep appreciation the Department presented Tricia, a sewing hobbyist, with a bundle of sewing-goods, including a multi-tiered, monogrammed sewing box, hand-crafted in Poland. This token of appreciation for work already done is also a token of our hope regarding creative and satisfying work *to come*, only this time, work for herself.

Rumor has it that Tricia had been contemplating retirement for a few years before finally deciding on the time. Her timing can be seen as a compliment to those of us who remain. The government grants citizens the right to drink alcohol only upon their turning twenty-one, on the apparent presumption being that twenty-one signifies judgment and maturity. It would seem that Tricia has made a similar judgment. After twenty-one years of gentle supervision, she seems to have deemed us mature enough to make it without her oversight. For that too we thank her.



Tricia Peterson



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