

**APRIL 2010 POLITICAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER
PENN STATE ERIE, THE BEHREND COLLEGE**

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1. ANNUAL OLIVE GARDEN DINNER ON APRIL 27 - RSVP BY APRIL 25

Our annual Political Science Dinner will take place at The Olive Garden on Peach Street on Tuesday, April 27, at 8 PM. Dr. Gamble, Dr. Speel, Dr. Schneider and her husband, Dr. Roecklein, and Attorney Shirey will all be in attendance. Dr. Cook and Attorney Wagner may be in attendance if they are able.

All students are invited, including political science majors, political science minors, and any friends or significant others. We use the regular menu, and each person present pays for his or her own meal (except graduating seniors). A good time is generally had by all each year.

Please RSVP your planned attendance no later than April 25, so that we have the correct number of people for our reservation.

2. SEVENTEEN POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS AND MINORS SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE NEXT MONTH

If they complete all degree requirements by next month, 11 political science majors and 6 political science minors are scheduled to graduate at the May commencement ceremony. The 11 majors include Anthony Bango, Jeffery Barber, Matthew Burkel, Chantell Davis, Francine Gibson, Zackary Goncz, Phil Heidenreich, Adam Lopez, Chris Mulinelli, Joshua Snyder, and Amber Wilks. The 6 minors include Nicolle Bittner, Christine Giuliano, Steven Grubbs, Scott Hawkins, Pat Jenks, and Marcus Yeagley.

Some of the majors have specific plans after graduation, and some are still deciding what to do or waiting to hear from graduate schools, which is normal. Many of your faculty members had no idea what they wanted to do after graduating and decided to become college professors after trying other things for a year or several years.

Several graduating political science majors have also decided they don't love lake effect snow anymore and will be heading south.

Zack Goncz plans to attend Penn State's Dickinson School of Law in University Park.

Amber Wilks will be moving to South Carolina and is considering enrollment at the South Carolina Police Academy.

Jeff Barber has been hired for a job with Abraxas, located in Marienville PA, where he will be working as a prevention education counselor to delinquent youth who have been convicted of a drug or alcohol offense.

Josh Snyder will be attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Francine Gibson has applied for jobs with several federal government agencies, where she may have an offer soon, and she hopes to receive a position somewhere with palm trees.

Chantell Davis will be seeking employment in Texas, where the economy is a bit better than Pennsylvania.

Tony Bango will be pursuing a master's of public administration degree.

Phil Heidenreich will be seeking employment in the non-profit sector.

Matt Burkel will be seeking teacher certification at Edinboro University next year and may attend law school in the future.

Adam Lopez will also be seeking teacher certification.

Chris Mulinelli wishes to pursue a career related to foreign policy and will be seeking work in Washington DC or New York City with possible plans to pursue a master's degree in international relations in the New York area.

We want to congratulate all our graduating seniors on their accomplishments in completing their degrees, and with them the best possible futures. Make us Penn State Proud.

3. NATIONAL EXPERT ON PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23

“Sanctions and Services for Serious Adolescent Offenders” will be the topic of a free public talk at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, by Edward Mulvey, Ph.D., director of the Law and Psychiatry Research Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Mulvey will speak at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 23, in the Samuel P. “Pat” Black III Conference Center (REDC 180), located on the first floor of Penn State Behrend’s Research and Economic Development Center.

Mulvey has conducted several large-scale studies of the link between mental illness and violence, the accuracy of clinical judgment regarding the propensity for violence, and how adolescents develop into serious offenders. He has published empirical findings and conceptual articles in journals of psychiatry, psychology and criminology, and worked with federal agencies and local programs on prevention and treatment approaches for violent adolescents and adults. His presentation at Penn State Behrend is sponsored by the college’s degree programs in

Psychology and Political Science, its Certificate in Crime, Psychology, and Public Policy program, the Political Science Society, and the Psychology Club.

Free food and refreshments will be available at this event.

4. STUDENT GROUP NEWS

The Political Science Society and College Democrats have chosen new officers for next year. College Republicans has chosen a new president and treasurer and is looking for three other officers.

The new Political Science Society officers are:

President - Adam Fracassi

Vice President - Cody Brown

Treasurer - Amber Heeter

Secretary - Jeff Ballew

The new College Democrats officers are:

President - Samantha Wilcox

Vice President - Samantha Prenatt

Treasurer - Dele Osibodu

Secretary - Amanda Stetz

The new College Republicans officers include:

President - Sal Messina

Treasurer - Pat Eller

The PSS sponsors candidate forums on campus and academic and career-oriented programs for political science students. Next year, they hope to set up debates between political candidates in this year's election.

College Democrats and College Republicans get involved in voter registration efforts, bringing candidates to campus, volunteering for local political campaigns, and sponsoring debates between themselves. They hope to be involved in all of these activities next semester. In 2008, College Democrats brought Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and Ted Kennedy to campus, while College Republicans brought Sarah Palin to campus. Students who are involved with these groups usually get VIP treatment when candidates and leading politicians come to campus, by meeting them personally, helping with preparations, and getting the best seats.

To get involved with any of these groups next year, contact their presidents:

Adam Fracassi, Political Science Society - als5589@psu.edu

Sam Wilcox, College Democrats - skw5062@psu.edu

Sal Messina, College Republicans - sum209@psu.edu

College Republicans needs three more officers for next year - 2 vice presidents and a secretary. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Sal Messina or Dr. Speel by return email.

5. FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Dr. John King Gamble, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and International Law, and **Daniel P. Hido**, Schreyer Scholar, The Behrend College, The Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA (with the research assistance of **Zackary A. Goncz**) have had an article titled "Empirical Approaches to International Law: The International Laws of War as Reflected in 500 Years of Multilateral Treaty-Making," accepted for publication in *The Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution*. The journal is published annually and covers a single theme in each issue. Past themes have included developments in Japanese law, Chinese law, new patterns of transnational investment, European security issues, the international conservation and management of North Pacific fisheries, the impact of e-commerce on the law of nations, and comparative dispute resolution.

Dr. Christopher Cook, Assistant Professor of Political Science, has had his article, "The Power of International Institutions: An Examination of U.S. Policy towards East Timor and Kosovo in 1999" accepted in the *Journal of Politics and Law*.

Dr. Robert Speel, Associate Professor of Political Science, attended a ceremony at University Park on April 12, where he received Penn State's Undergraduate Program Leadership Award for 2010 from Penn State President Graham Spanier. The annual award recognizes one Penn State faculty member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in service to an undergraduate degree program. Dr. Speel was also interviewed for three recent articles in the *Erie Times-News* about a tea party protest in Erie, the first hundred days of Erie County Executive Barry Grossman's administration, and voter interest in the upcoming Pennsylvania primary election.

Dr. Zachary Irwin, Associate Professor of Political Science, continues on sabbatical this semester and is planning a trip soon to the country of Macedonia to continue his research and to speak to government and political officials there.

Chrissy Giuliano has had her honors thesis, titled "Categorizing Multilateral Treaties by Subject," approved by the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University. Chrissy will be graduating next month with a major in accounting and a minor in political science.

6. STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN G-8 AND G-20 SUMMITS IN TORONTO IN JUNE - EXPENSES PAID

This is an amazing opportunity for political science students who are interested in international relations. Read on.

MY SUMMIT 2010:

**CALL FOR U.S. UNIVERSITY YOUTH DELEGATES
APPLICATION DUE DATE: May 14, 2010**

MY SUMMIT 2010 is the official international youth summit to be held alongside the G8 Summit and the G20 Summit. The Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen

Harper, recently invited his G8 and G20 country leaders to send youth delegations to MY SUMMIT 2010 to be hosted by the Canadian Government.

The G8 section of MY SUMMIT 2010 will be held in Muskoka, Ontario from June 23 – 25. Youth delegates will discuss, debate, and negotiate the same themes that will be considered by Leaders at the G8. The debates will culminate in the development of a Communiqué which will be presented to Leaders at the G8 Summit.

The G20 portion of MY SUMMIT 2010 will be held in Toronto, Ontario from June 25 – 27. Youth delegates from all G20 countries are invited to participate. Youth delegates will be on-site at the G20 Summit to observe elements of the Summit in process and will have the opportunity to engage in discussions on economic themes.

The Government of Canada will assume the costs of accommodation, food and in-country transportation for all youth delegates for the duration of MY SUMMIT 2010. U.S. student delegates will be responsible for their incidental expenses during MY SUMMIT 2010. Delegates should plan to arrive the morning of June 23 and to return home the afternoon of June 28. Round trip economy class transportation from the delegate's home/university city to Pearson International Airport in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will be provided by the U.S. Embassy-Ottawa.

U.S. Student Delegate Selection Criteria:

- U.S. Citizenship;
- Currently attending a recognized university in one of the G8/G20 countries;
- Between the ages of 18 and 24 years old;
- Demonstrate an active interest in global issues; and
- Demonstrate strong presentation and communication skills.

Proposed U.S. Student Delegate must:

- Submit a resume that includes your academic experience, community service and public speaking experience.
- Submit a cover letter (500-word maximum) in which you:
 - o delineate how you meet the selection criteria listed above;
 - o explain why you should be selected as a delegate; and
 - o answer the question: "What is the relevance in the 21st Century for the G8 and the G20?"
- Submit a one-page reference letter from a professor or administrator at your university who will:
 - o verify your attendance at the university; and
 - o provide a recommendation of your suitability as a student delegate for the MY SUMMIT 2010.

Email your completed application packet by MAY 14, 2010 to: mona@globalvision.ca

For further information on MY SUMMIT 2010, please go to:

www.g8.gc.ca and www.g20.gc.ca

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7. COURSES TO CONSIDER

Do you like tea parties, or want to return to the gold standard, or seek a dictatorship of the proletariat, or like to hug trees? Do you think that President Obama is a fascist, a socialist, a communist, a radical liberal, a conservative, all of the above, or none of the above? **PL SC 007 - Contemporary Political Ideologies (GS)** might be the course for you in Fall 2010. The course involves critical analysis of contemporary political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, anarchism, fascism, feminism, and environmentalism.

Or, if you want to learn more about what may be the world's next superpower, you can take **HIST 486 - 20th Century China (IL, Other Cultures)**. The course will discuss China from the Republican Revolution of 1911 to the present, nationalism, cultural change, and development of communism.

8. INTERNSHIPS WITH CAMPAIGNS AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

Dan Onorato, Allegheny County Executive and candidate for Pennsylvania Governor in next month's primary election, and Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper are seeking volunteers for their campaigns. For more details contact College Democrats President Samantha Wilcox at skw5062@psu.edu.

In addition, Senator Bob Casey's office in Erie, Congresswoman Dahlkemper's district offices, Congresswoman Dahlkemper's reelection campaign headquarters, and Dan Onorato's campaign office for governor (if he wins the primary election) are all seeking and accepting summer and fall interns.

For information about any of these, contact Dr. Speel by return email. While no Republican candidates have yet contacted us about internships, some of their campaigns will also likely have internships available - contact Dr. Speel for advice on those.

Internships offer valuable political and government service experience and are highly recommended to all political science majors. There is also the potential for academic credit - to get information about academic credit for internships, go to our website and read the internship policies at:

http://behrend.psu.edu/academic/hss/degrees/polsc/Student_Internships.htm

9. GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES

We wish you all good luck with your final exams and final papers, and hope that you enjoy your

upcoming summer. We look forward to seeing many of you again in late August.