

**December 2009 Political Science Newsletter**  
**Penn State Erie, The Behrend College**

**This Month's Headlines:**

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**1. Graduating Seniors**

Fifteen political science majors graduated from Penn State Behrend in May 2009, the most for any semester in Behrend history. This week, two more political science majors --Michael Moyer and Michael Dunsmore -- are scheduled to graduate, along with political science minor Audrey Achonu. We wish them the best in their futures!

**2. Dr. Irwin's Sabbatical**

Dr. Zachary Irwin will be on sabbatical in Spring 2010. During that time, he expects to visit Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Skopje (Macedonia). In Skopje he expects to interview the leaders of the country's major parties for the purpose of a short monograph about the role of party development in Macedonian democracy. In Ljubljana he hopes to gather material on the question of Slovenia's relations with the European Union for an article concerning the EU members who joined in 2004.

**3. Faculty in the News**

Dr. Robert Speel was interviewed for a local news broadcast by WICU-TV, Channel 12, on Tuesday, December 1, about President Obama's address to the nation that evening about the war in Afghanistan.

**4. Government Career Fair in April**

The Academic and Career Planning Center, in cooperation with the political science program and the Political Science Society, is organizing a government, non-profit, and creative careers fair to occur on April 8, 2010, in the Reed Building. We plan to invite many employers from the government, non-profit, and creative sectors to campus for the event. Watch next semester's newsletters for additional details.

**5. Good luck on final exams, and Happy Holidays!**