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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

It was another busy and successful year in the life of the Political Science department.

We were delighted to welcome Prof. Rebecca Major to the department in July 2018. As noted in last year's newsletter, Rebecca moved to Windsor from Saskatchewan where she taught at the University of Saskatchewan and has been completing her PhD. Hired as part of the President's Indigenous Peoples Scholars Program, Rebecca expands and strengthens the department's expertise and teaching on Indigenous politics, public administration and Canadian politics more generally.

In other news, three professors were promoted this year. Emma Richez and Jesse Ovadia both secured promotion to the Associate Professor level as well as tenure, while Anna Lanoszka was promoted to Full Professor status. Anna joins Roy Amore, Steven Brooks, Tom Najem, and Jim Wittebols on the department's list of full professors. Congratulations to all for the well-deserved recognition.

As well as carrying out their important teaching and research activities – and you can get a sense of the extent of that research activity from the 2018-19 list of publications – several faculty members also found time to provide political commentary on radio and television, to publish newspaper articles, or to engage in other activities beyond the university. To give just three examples: Lydia Miljan appeared in several media settings this year, particularly in connection with her work on electoral reform in British Columbia. You can read one of her newspaper columns that appeared in the Vancouver Sun here. <https://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/lydia-miljan-proportional-representation-voting-systems-breed-unstable-governments>

Cheryl Collier also appeared on the news, radio and in print this year. She, along with Tracey Raney, published an article in *The Conversation* based on her research into women and politics. You can read this article here. <https://theconversation.com/another-barrier-for-women-in-politics-violence-113637> and Jim Wittebols gave an invited lecture “Creating Critical Student Researchers and Citizens” in March at Trent University, Peterborough. This lecture was part of the Distinguished Visiting Teaching Scholars program.

Perhaps the biggest news from the department this year concerned changes to the department’s administrative personnel. Patti Brimner secured a promotion and moved from being the department’s graduate secretary to a new position in university awards. We wish her well in this new role. And, after more than 40 years working at the university, Sandy Van Zetten retired. Although this is great news for Sandy, it was a difficult day for all of us in the department. Sandy started working in Political Science in 2007 and in the subsequent 12 years she positively affected everyone she worked with as well as the countless students she helped along the path to graduation. Sandy will be sorely missed; and not just because we will no longer have such easy access to her lemon squares! Sandy dealt with many important activities and events in the department’s history with great care, efficiency, and good grace. She was always a joy to work with because of the quality of her work and because she is a delightful person. Sandy was friendly with everyone – students, faculty, colleagues. It is difficult to believe that the university has had a more collegial, diligent and supportive employee. We wish Sandy well as she moves on to retirement and gets to enjoy more time on quilting, baking, antiquing, and more time with Bill and her family.



Sandy VanZetten and Patti Brimner



The department celebrating Sandy's retirement.

The one bright spot in these two administrative changes is that the department has found two capable replacements for Sandy and Patti. Jennifer Forde joins the department as graduate and undergraduate secretary and Kelley Allard returns to the department – she was our graduate secretary in a previous role – as administrative assistant to the head.

FOCUS ON STUDENTS



It was also a busy year for the department's students. The department has always been lucky to have outstanding students who are willing to volunteer time to engage in recruitment activities such as visits to high schools or to work as mentors to incoming students or to serve on the department's various administrative committees. The students have always performed these roles with great diligence and effectiveness, and this year was no exception.



Many of our students were actively involved in putting together another successful High School Model United Nations conference. This year's iteration was a little smaller than in previous years but was no less enjoyable for the participants. Jessica Paglia and her team put an excellent event together that helped introduce high school students to important issues in international affairs as well as the importance of public speaking and collaborative work.



The EU Study Abroad program had another successful visit to Belgium this year. We had 17 students, 9 from the University of Windsor and 8 from Western University. Over the years of the program's existence, we have partnered with Huron University College (2009-2010), the University of Michigan (2011-2017), and most recently with Western University (2018-2019). Altogether, about 220 university students have participated over the eleven years of the program.

In total, students spent about 40 hours in meetings and attending talks over the two weeks of the program. The group visited all the major institutions of the European Union during the stay in Belgium, as well as NATO. This year the trip included a day in Paris, focused on culture, architecture, history and gastronomy. The group also spent a day in Bruges, where they visited the College of Europe (a finishing school for future Eurocrats) and toured this medieval town's splendidly preserved medieval architecture which has earned it recognition as a UNESCO Heritage Site. Toward the end of the program the group visited Breendonk, a Nazi transit camp just north of Brussels. It is a sober and eye-opening experience for the students and one that probably makes a stronger impression on them than anything else that we do during our time in Belgium and France.

This year's program was again led by Dr. Emmanuelle Richez. She was a marvelous on-site director, shepherding the students to the meetings and activities and dealing with the many challenges that arise daily in managing a large group of students, many of whom have never been abroad.



Once again, the quality of our students graduating from the department is evident in their success in securing places in law school, graduate schools and places of employment. It is, of course impossible to list them all here, but the following provides just a small indication of this success. Monica Muscadere, Patrick Clark, Mario Nabbout and Sara Mickovic will all be heading to law school this fall. Pelle Berends, Mary Flagbe, Eric Hubberstey and Nik Prsa have all been accepted into the department's MA program. Francesk Perpalaj will be starting a Master's of Legal and Political Thought at Queen's University in September. Mark McWhinney is heading to Laurier this fall to start a Master of Applied Politics.

Another sign of our students' success came through the LEAD Medallion Scholars. This program recognizes students who have excelled within and beyond the classroom. Twelve of the department's students earned a medallion this year by demonstrating Leadership, Engagement, Application and Discovery during their time at the University of Windsor.



Francesk Perpalaj and Mark McWhinney were two of the department's 12 students who received LEAD medallions in 2019.

This year's MA internship class also had a successful year with seven students completing their internship placements and successfully writing and defended their internship papers. The students spent six months working at placements in Windsor and Essex County that included the International Joint Commission, the Town of Tecumseh and the City of Windsor.

Jesse Market received the best poster award at the 2018 Graduate Internship Reception. As part of his M.A. with internship option, Jesse interned at the Town of Tecumseh in the Corporate Services Department. His poster and internship paper focused on how Canadian municipalities have been preparing for the legalisation of cannabis in their workplaces. He suggests that for the City Windsor to be ready, it should learn from municipalities that have been through it like the municipality of Salem, Oregon, and the County of Essex. Specifically, the City of Windsor should consider fitness for duty policies, which ensure employees come to work able to perform their duties safely and effectively. The municipal government should also adopt accommodation policies for employees that may be dealing with a disability or suffer a condition that would require alternate workplace arrangements.



From left to right: Graduate student recipient of the best poster award Jesse Market, former graduate student and winner of the 2017 best poster award Jamie Kramer, and Interim President of the University of Windsor Dr. Douglas Kneale. It is worthy of mention that Jamie Kramer was hired by the City of Windsor following the successful completion of her MA internship there in 2017.

FOCUS ON FACULTY



Political Science faculty spent a productive year engaged in teaching, research, delivering conference papers and other invited lectures, applying for grants, and publishing their research. Sometimes this involved working with academics at other Canadian universities and around the world. To give just two examples, this year Elena Malteva was invited to join a team of experts on post-Soviet social policy organized and funded by the University of Bremen, Germany. Cheryl Collier engaged in several national and international collaborations. One of these was a SSHRC-funded conference that she helped organize entitled “Bringing Together Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Sectors: Implications for Research, Policy and Practice”, which was held at the University of Windsor in June.

Another important part of a faculty member’s job involves mentoring students to become academics in their own right. There were several examples this year. Current MA student Joshua Bowman accompanied Jamey Essex to the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Washington, DC, in April 2019, where they presented a paper titled "Far from home, close to work: Geographies of rotationality in the foreign service." They are currently working to develop it for publication. Jamey Essex also published with two other former students – Lauren Stokes and Ilkin Yusibov – this year while Lydia Miljan and John Sutcliffe continued the department’s tradition of working and publishing with students. They both worked with former BA and MA student Geoffrey Alchin on different projects.

There were also examples this year of faculty members demonstrating the link between the study of political science and its application in the real world. Lydia Miljan, for example, made an impact on the electoral reform debate in British Columbia. Emma Richez, Rebecca Major together with undergraduate student Tejas Pandya submitted a brief to the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada on Bill C-91, An Act Respecting Indigenous Languages. You can read their submission here.

www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/CHPC/Brief/BR10365995/br-external/RichezEmmanuelle-e.pdf

Walter C. (Jake) Soderlund

Jake Soderlund was, and indeed remains, a central figure in the department. Jake began working at the University of Windsor in 1968 and over the course of the next 34 years taught thousands of students while playing central roles in the running of the department, all while establishing a research record that secured national and international recognition. Although Jake formally retired in 2002, his research productivity continues to this day (including a recently presented paper at the June 2019 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver.) Jake writes about his career below but is too modest to talk about his positive influence on generations of students as well as on his many colleagues in the university. Jake was and is inspirational in terms of his commitment to scholarship, to students, and to the University of Windsor and the Department of Political Science.



“Reflections on a Career”

It all began in the spring of 1968 when I was a PhD student in Political Science at the University of Michigan. Professor Frank Grace told me that Walter White, Head of the Department of Political Science at the University of Windsor and former PhD student at Michigan, was looking for someone to teach Latin American Politics and that he had recommended me. A week or so later I drove across the Ambassador Bridge to Canada, met members of the Department, had lunch at the Dominion House and was offered a job -- all in one day. That's how Walter did things back in the day. e

Reflecting on my 50-plus-year association with the University of Windsor, I don't think things could have worked out much better -- great colleagues (who became friends), an interesting and diverse group of students, the opportunity to develop new courses (one of the most interesting, a post-retirement course on International Human Rights, with Don Briggs), some rewarding honours along the way (a University Professorship in 1994 and a Career Achievement Award from FASS in 2001), the freedom to pursue research on whatever interested me (up to my retirement resulting in seven books and an additional six since), and a retirement package that for the past seventeen years has allowed me to do pretty much what I want.

I was Department Head twice, just before and just after the five-year experiment in restructuring. As it turned out, the combined Department of History, Philosophy and Political Science, (irreverently referred to by students as “Hi-Phi-PoliSci”) was one of few success stories in what was generally regarded as a disaster. Following my retirement in 2002, I was asked to start up the University of Windsor's Centre for Social Justice and following that, Assumption

University's Center for Religion and Culture. Unfortunately, for different reasons, neither is with us today -- one of my very few disappointments. Not only Momma Bears are protective of their cubs.

My research interests have tended to focus on two areas – Mass Media (a subject that caught my interest after coming to Windsor) and International Intervention (the topic that I worked on for my PhD dissertation). During my teaching years I pursued research mainly focused on Canadian mass media, working with, among others, Walt Romanow, Stu Surlin, Stan Cunningham and Kai Hildebrandt (in Communication Studies) and Ron Wagenberg, Martha Lee, John Sutcliffe and Lydia Miljan (in Political Science). Following retirement, I combined my interest in mass media with my earlier interest in international intervention and began a series of research projects looking at the impact of media on decisions to intervene in crisis situations, mainly occurring in the ex-colonial world. On these projects I worked with Don Briggs (four books), Abdel Salam Sidahmed and Tom Najem (one of my former students whom I had the good fortune to hire as my successor as Department Head). At present, Tom, Tanja Collet and I are putting the final touches on a book dealing with UN interventions in Libya, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali and the Central African Republic – it promises to be a real page turner.

Retirement hasn't been all about academic work. I became reacquainted with my guitar (which I first started playing when I was about ten), and in 2012 I wrote my first song about the War of 1812 as it might have been seen by old Highway 18, running between Sandwich and Amherstberg. This was followed by a song about the runaway train wreck in Lac Mégantic and another – a Florida love story taking place along route A-1-A. For the past ten years, my dear wife Nanci and I have spent several months yearly in Asheville, NC, where, in addition to hiking, I have been taking guitar lessons. My latest teacher told me that I was better at writing songs than I was at playing the guitar. I asked him – “What about my singing?” He laughed. A lovely lady in Asheville, who for many years hosted a ukulele circle in her restaurant, had a sign in the window – “DON'T POSTPONE JOY” – this I saw this as very good advice and have taken it to heart.

OUR ALUMNI

We always love hearing about what our graduates get up to after they leave the university. It is with pride that we see the wonderful careers that our students enjoy and we are delighted to share news about some of these careers in these newsletters and on our website. Here are the stories of three of our recent graduates.

Justin Crewson (MA – 2014)

My name is Justin Crewson, and I enrolled in the University of Windsor's graduate political science program in September 2012. I was drawn specifically to UWindsor by its unique joint-graduate degree offering and coop program, which I felt was unique in terms of instilling the skills necessary for professional success in students.

I ended up completing the dual M.A./M.P.P. program offered in coordination with the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The M.A. portion helped me hone my foundational reading, writing, analytical and methodological skillset. While the M.P.P. portion taught me many of the qualitative and quantitative skills used by public policy professionals.

Following graduation I was hired by the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association (CanGEO) in Calgary as a Policy Advisor. It turns out they needed someone to work with their highly technically skilled engineers and geophysicists to develop policy positions decipherable by decisionmakers and to undertake advocacy work. UWindsor education... check!

After building a solid professional base in Calgary, I then moved to Ottawa to work for the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA). I served as a Policy Advisor, and then Manager for CEA's Government Relations team, and have now progressed to the role of Director for Transmission & Distribution Policy at CEA, where I manage a team of colleagues that work with senior executives from Canada's largest (and smallest) electric utilities, to develop and advocate for various electricity sector policy priorities, and also help to assist in the development of industry best practices.

So, while I am now helping to craft energy policy in Ottawa, it all started with a UWindsor education!



Lauren Stokes (MA – 2016)

After moving to Windsor from St. John's, Newfoundland in 2015, Lauren Stokes entered the MA program in Political Science at the University of Windsor. During her time in the program, she completed a six-month internship with the International Joint Commission and assisted Dr. Jamey Essex with research for his SSHRC grant which focused on analyzing the merger of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the Canadian International Development Agency. After completing her MA in 2016, Lauren began working as a research assistant for Dr. William Anderson at the Cross-Border Institute (CBI). At CBI, Lauren assists with research on topics including cross-border trade and financial transactions.

In September 2018, Lauren began law school at the University of Windsor, while continuing her position at CBI on a part time basis. During the summer of 2019, Lauren is working with a law firm in Toronto, Spark LLP, on a social justice fellowship project focusing on identifying legal remedies for victims who have had their intimate images shared without consent. While in law school, Lauren is a senior editor for the Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues, a volunteer for Pro Bono Students Canada and co-chair for the Windsor AskLaw Committee.



Anne Mullen (BA(H) Political Science 2004)

Growing-up in Windsor and watching her Mother complete a Master of English Degree from the University of Windsor, Anne was impressed by the campus, faculty and staff and always knew she wanted to study at the University. She enrolled in 2000 and graduated in 2004, with a B.A. Honours in Political Science, followed by a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Western Ontario, in 2005.

Prior to graduating from the Master's program, Anne accepted a position with the City of Woodstock, serving as Deputy City Clerk. In this role, she completed a multitude of administrative functions for the Municipality, with daily tasks ranging from supporting City Council and Committees, to drafting by-laws and detailed reports, to overseeing the Lottery licencing program, to performing marriage solemnizations. When asked about this role, Anne says "the training received from the University of Windsor positioned me for success, as strong communication skills, the ability to work collaboratively and analytical reasoning were key elements of the position. Having completed the Civics courses through UWindsor also supported me with being well-versed on municipal matters."



In 2011 Anne moved back to Windsor to be closer to family and accepted a position with the University of Windsor as the Accessibility and Human Rights Manager in the Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility. In this role she managed the Accessibility portfolio for all students, faculty, staff and visitors and completed complaint-based human rights investigations. While serving in this position she established the annual Accessibility Awareness Day and secured funding for door actuators across campus, making the University experience more accessible to all.

With the creation of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), a Canadian Federal Crown Corporation responsible for overseeing the procurement, design, construction and operations of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project, in 2016, Anne joined the Executive Leadership team at WDBA as the Corporate Secretary/Chief of Staff. In this role, she serves as the governance expert for the Corporation, supporting the Board of Directors and the International Authority (the Board created by the Government of Canada, which has members from both Michigan and Canada). As Chief of Staff, she provides strategic advice to the CEO, directs the Risk Management portfolio, the Internal Audit function and the Government Relations portfolio. In speaking about this role Anne says "being a student of Political Science and serving in a role that involves six levels of government (three in Canada, three in the US) is a dream come true!"

Anne shares that this summary would be remiss without mentioning a very special Professor at UWindsor who was integral in providing guidance and support, leading to her career success. That Professor is Dr. Brown-John. "In the early 2000s, while attending his classes, Dr. Brown-John demonstrated his support, by taking the time to provide me with mentorship and coaching moments. He encouraged me to explore opportunities to work in government (in particular local government) and any time I showed self-doubt, he quickly corrected me by affirming that I had the smarts, commitment and drive to succeed in any endeavor. It is the passion and care of Dr. Brown-John, and Professors like him, that make the Political Science Department at the University of Windsor an amazing place for any student to learn, grow and succeed."

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* Former MA students in Political Science.

** During the summer of 2015 Yash Rajeshwar came to the department from India on an internship sponsored by MITACS. She worked as a research assistant to Dr. Amore. Her work was so impressive that he suggested they work together on an article on Indian politics in the future. Four years later their article was published in time for the 2019 elections in India.

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- Robert Krause Entrance Scholarship in Political Science
- Trevor Price Entrance Scholarship in International Relations
- Zbigniew Fallenbuchl Memorial International Relationships Scholarship
- Akira Kubota Scholarship in Political Science
- Ralph Nelson Scholarship in Political Science
- Richard Price Scholarship in Political Science
- Barbara Faria Graduate Award
- Martha Lee Scholarship in Political Science
- Political Science Departmental Scholarships



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