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2017-2018 IN REVIEW

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When I came into the position of Acting Department Head in July 2017, I wasn't sure what to expect. I of course knew that the Department had a wonderful, engaged, and active student body and dedicated, hard-working, and collegial professors and staff, but I was still a bit trepidatious about taking on the Head position. What I discovered was indeed not a secret - that our faculty, staff and students are truly exceptional. Everyone worked so well together throughout the year and made my time as Acting Head a great experience! The Department is a place of vibrant energy, active scholarship and engaged learning – the year literally flew by.

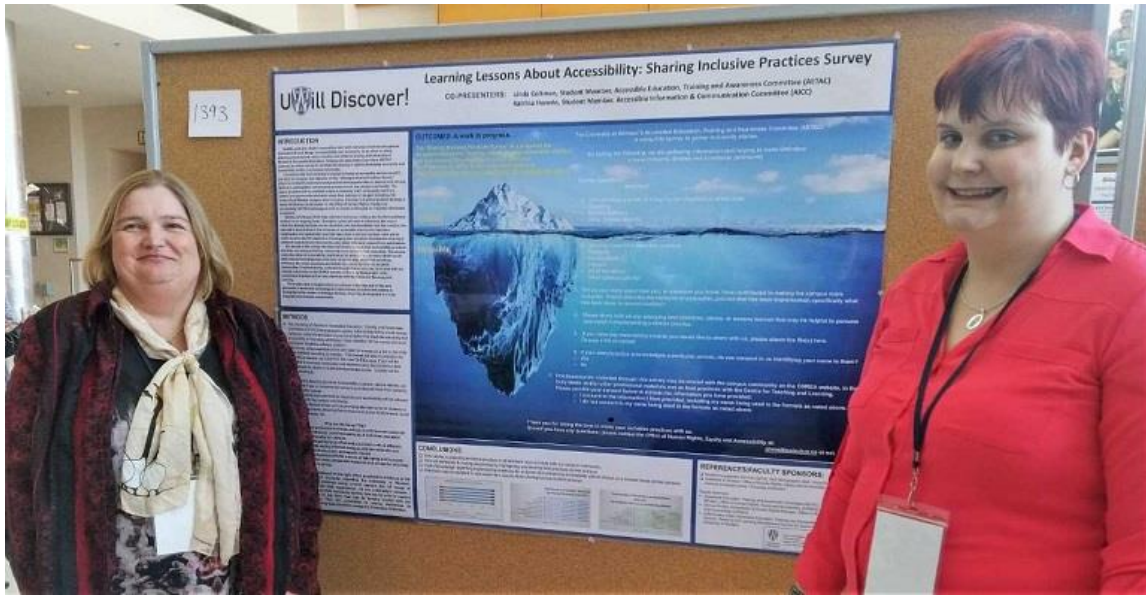


It started off with a celebration of student excellence at the FAHSS Dean's Honour Roll Reception in October. This year, twenty-two of our best and brightest students in International Relations and Development Studies, Political Science, Political Science with French Specialization and Law and Politics were honoured. I'm not sure if that was a record, but we were certainly one of the largest groups at the reception (see above) and not everyone was able to attend! Congratulations to all the students and faculty that helped them achieve this excellence!



We then celebrated our graduate student interns and their successful placements during our annual MA Internship Reception in December. Turnout was great (despite the unwelcome snow storm!) and MA intern student Jamie Kramer was the recipient of our inaugural "Best Internship Poster" prize. The prize was adjudicated by Provost and Vice-President, Academic Dr. Douglas Kneale and two of our former MA interns (both now employed

at the City of Windsor) – Kathryn Mersch and Andy Drouillard. Jamie also was hired for a full-time position shortly after graduation by the City of Windsor – congratulations Jamie! Fellow MA Internship graduate Cory Shenken was also able to secure a full-time position at Workforce Windsor Essex – congratulations to Cory and all of our MA interns!



Poli Sci undergrads Linda Coltman and Katrina Hermle presenting their poster at the UWill Discover Conference March 2018

Our students were also active citizens in the department and university communities. Our undergraduate society, USIRPS, organized a panel featuring Political Science professors and the university's Vice-Provost, Student Experience Ryan Flanagan (a Poli Sci graduate) on *Political Science Career Paths* in March. Political Science students were active participants in other societies on campus, including WINMUN, the Mock Trial Association, the Pre-Law Society and UWSA to name just a few. Notably, Jeremiah Bowers assumed the UWSA presidency continuing a long tradition which has seen a number of our recent graduates taking on the top job at the university's student association (past Poli Sci presidents include Moussa Hamadani, Ronnie Haidar, Kim Orr and Tiiffany Gooch). Also some of our undergraduates showed off their budding student research projects at the annual *UWill Discover* conference, also in March. Marissa Bumanlag won second prize in the *Understanding Borders* category for her poster on women politicians in Ontario.

Not to be outdone by our students, Political Science faculty were extremely productive and successful in 2017/2018. Dr. Ovadia and Dr. Collier were both able to secure separate SSHRC research grant funding – Dr. Ovadia a SSHRC Connection Grant and Dr. Collier a three-year SSHRC Insight Grant. Dr. Brooks, Dr. Miljan, Dr. Lanoszka, and Dr. Najem all had books published this year (see more in "Faculty News" below). And Dr. Ovadia, Dr. Richez, and Dr. Miljan organized conferences and arranged for a number of exciting speakers to visit our Department. Finally, we are pleased to announce the addition of a new faculty member – Rebecca Major – who comes to us as a result of the very successful President's Indigenous People's Scholars Program. More on Rebecca who joined us on July 1, in "Focus on Faculty" later in the newsletter. Welcome Rebecca!



Dr. Ovadia welcomes scholars to the SSHRC-funded one-day conference Mobilizing Canadian Knowledge on Natural Resource-Based Development in Africa at U-Windsor, September 8, 2017.

'GRAD' TIDINGS

We have a significant number of our undergraduate students going on to post-graduate studies this year. As in other years, many of our top students will be returning to the department to take our own MA degree in the fall of 2018. A number of others are heading off to start graduate degrees at Canadian and international institutions. These include Paisley Bartlam (who will be beginning an MA in Canadian Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa), Austin Mejia (who also will be attending Carleton in the Normal Patterson School of International Affairs on scholarship), Chris Armero (who will be attending the University of Ottawa for his MA in Political Science), Logan Carmichael (who began an MA at the University of Auckland, New Zealand earlier in the year), and Prakash Pandya (who started an internship at the beginning of the summer with Innovate Me, Youth Challenge International, funded by USAID).

Additionally, we have a number of our graduates starting careers in law at law schools across the province including James Dunn (who was accepted into the prestigious University of Toronto Law School), Alec Hoy (who will study law at Western University) and Moussa Hamadani (who will study law closer to home at Windsor's Faculty of Law).



Logan Carmichael studying now in New Zealand

Former BA and current MA student, Raven Mann, an alum of the EU Study Abroad program, completed a two-month internship with Payoke in the spring of 2018. Payoke is one of Europe's leading anti-human trafficking NGOs. A visit to Payoke is always a part of our EU program. Raven's internship marks the second consecutive year that Payoke has accepted one of our students for an internship. Marianne Brooks interned with them in 2017. We hope to continue placing interns at Payoke and with some of the other NGOs that the EU Study Abroad students visit in Brussels.

Also former BA alumni Alexander Lanoszka and Jack MacLennan have both secured tenure-track faculty positions. Alex is now an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the University of Waterloo. Jack is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Park University in Parkville, Missouri. Congratulations to both of our former students!

FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Our students and alumni continue to impress with their accomplishments in and beyond the Department of Political Science. Here are but a few more examples of what made us proud over the past year.

EU Study Abroad Program – HAPPY 10th Birthday!!

Our EU Study Abroad Program celebrated its tenth anniversary this year. Since its first cohort in 2009, over 200 students, including approximately 75 from the University of Windsor, have participated in the program which studies and visits various institutions including the European



Parliament, the European Commission, the European Council as well as non-governmental organizations such as Human Rights Watch. After several years of a very successful partnership with the University of Michigan, we now partner with Western University. Congratulations to Dr. Brooks who continues to spearhead this successful program and to Dr. Richez who again led the students on their trip to Europe this year!



WINMUN – Another successful High School Conference!



Model UN Conference participants 2018

For the fourth straight year, a team of undergraduates from Political Science and a few other departments on campus ran the extremely successful mock model United Nations high school competition. The UWinMUN team, led by International Relations and Development Studies undergraduate (and USIRPS Prime Minister) Sarah Hage Hassan, hosted approximately 60 students from area high schools in grades 9-12. The conference ran from April 30 to May 1 and included participants from Assumption, Catholic Central, Massey, St. Josephs, Tecumseh Vista and Villanova secondary schools. It was a huge success and many budding diplomats got their first taste of international politics over the two-day conference!





Eliu (Austin) Mejia graduated in 2018 with a double major BA(H) in Political Science and Economics with Distinction. He was the recipient of the Board of Governors Medal for Political Science. He will be starting an MA at Carleton University in September 2018 and was awarded a prestigious Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council MA Scholarship to conduct his MA Research.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

Political Science faculty members had another great year teaching, researching and enriching the department, university, and the Windsor-Essex community and beyond.

We are pleased to welcome Rebecca Major to the department. Rebecca is a wife, mother, student, teacher, and Métis citizen. She is Métis on her mother's side, and non-status Mi'kmaq on her father's side. Rebecca was born and raised in Saskatoon and is near completion of her PhD in Public Policy on Indigenous governance from the University of Saskatchewan's Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy and Administration. Rebecca has a Masters in Indigenous Studies on Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement, and a double honours undergraduate degree in History and Indigenous Studies.



Rebecca Major, University of Saskatchewan

Rebecca worked for two years as a policy analyst at the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, for one year in environment, and a second year in intergovernmental affairs. She also spent one summer as manager of Intergovernmental Affairs. Rebecca was the Area Representative for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, May 2017 until March 2018. Previously, she sat as a local president in Saskatoon. Her research and teaching draws on her expertise in Indigenous governance.

Rebecca taught at NORTEP/NORPAC in La Ronge, Saskatchewan for 6 years. Most recently, Rebecca taught for the Political Studies department at the University of Saskatchewan. In the fall of 2018, Rebecca will be teaching Public Administration and Indigenous Politics courses in our department and will be working to complete her PhD by the end of the year. We welcome Rebecca to Windsor and look forward to her research and teaching contributions as she begins her tenure-track appointment with us.



Dr. Miljan on Election Night, CBC Toronto, April 2018

Other highlights included Dr. Miljan hosting another successful year of Reading Liberty (funded by grants from the Lotte and John Hecht Foundation and the Institute for Liberal Studies) - a reading group that gives students the opportunity to explore a set of readings on the intellectual underpinnings of a free society without the stress of grades or assignments. Dr. Miljan also found time (as did Dr. Collier) to provide media commentary on the recent Ontario provincial election. Dr. Miljan was invited to co-host the election results live

on CBC Radio One from Toronto, with Jill Dempsey. Dr. Collier also was on radio to discuss live results at Windsor's AM800.

Dr. Collier's recently published book *The Politics of Ontario* (co-edited with Jon Malloy from Carleton University, 2017) was honoured as a medalist for the Ontario Legislative Speakers award in April. In December 2017, the book was also recognized by *The Hill Times* as one of the top 100 books of the year. Additionally, former Windsor Political Science BA student Sean Micallef's book *Frontier City: Toronto on the Verge of Greatness*, was also honoured as an Ontario Legislative Speakers Award medalist. Sean dedicated the book to former mentor and beloved UWindsor Political Science professor, Dr. Martha Lee.



Dr. Collier and Dr. Malloy at the Ontario Legislative Speaker's award ceremony, Queen's Park, April 2018

And in other more important faculty news, Dr. Essex and his partner Janina, welcomed the newest member of their family (and budding political geographer) to the world this year. Finley Dawson Rosonke Essex was born on December 15th. He is super cute and growing fast. Congratulations to the growing Essex family!

SELECTED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

BROOKS, Stephen (2018) ed. *Promoting Canadian Studies Abroad: Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy*, Palgrave Macmillan.

COLLIER, Cheryl, Alexandra Dobrowolsky, Fiona Macdonald, Tracey Raney and Pascal Dufour (2017) "Finding Feminism(s) in Canadian Political Science Scholarship: Diversity and Resistance in an Era of Global Uncertainty", Special Issue *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. (Dr. Collier co-edited this issue of the journal.)

LANOSZKA, Anna (2018) *International Development – Sociol-Economic Theories, Legacies and Strategies*, Routledge.

MALTSEVA, Elena (2017) "Cracks in the System: What the Shanaozen Incident Says about Regims Performance in Kazakhstan," in J. Heathershaw and E. Schatz eds. *Paradox of Power: The Logics of State Weakness in Eurasia*. University of Pittsburgh Press.

MILJAN, Lydia (2018) *Public Policy in Canada – 7th edition*, Oxford University Press.

MILJAN, Lydia and **Geoffrey Alchin*** (2018) "Designing a Referendum Question for British Columbia" and "Proportional Representation in Practice: An International comparison of Ballots and Voting Rules" – *The Consequences for Electoral Reform in British Columbia*, Fraser Institute paper series. (Dr. Miljan is also coauthor of two other papers in this series.)

NAJEM, Tom, Walter C. Soderlund and E. Donald Briggs (2017) *Syria, Press Framing, and the Responsibility to Protect*, Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

OVADIA, Jesse Salah (2018) "Civil Society and Petroleum Management in Angola" in Indra Overland (ed.) *Public Brainpower: Civil Society and Natural Resource Management*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

OVADIA, Jesse Salah and JT.Nem Singh (2018) Introduction to Developmental States Beyond East Asia Special Issue. *Third World Quarterly* (Dr.Ovadia co-edited this issue of the journal.)

SUTCLIFFE, John B. and **Sarah Cipkar*** (2017) Citizen Participation in the Public Transportation Policy Process. *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*.

* Note that Geoffrey Alchin and Sarah Cipkar are recently-graduated MA students. Dr. Miljan and Dr. Sutcliffe have continued the tradition of mentoring our students and offering them important co-authoring opportunities.

FOCUS ON ALUMNI

Meagan Auer née Hugall received her BA(H) in Political Science from the University of Windsor in 2014 and a Master of Arts in Political Science, Migration and Ethnic Relations from the University of Western Ontario in 2015. Following this she worked as a community coordinator for the *Our West End Neighbourhood Renewal* program for one year before beginning a PhD in Political Science at the University of Alberta. Her research examines, through a feminist framework, how the news media represents terrorists and violent extremists.



T.J. Auer received his BA(H) in Political Science in 2013 and a Master of Urban Planning from Wayne State University 2015. While he was completing his MUP he worked for the Ford City Neighbourhood Renewal Program as a Community Planner. In 2016 he accepted a position as the Community and Social Planning Coordinator with the City of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Meagan and T.J.'s stories demonstrate that a Political Science degree from the University of Windsor provides an excellent foundation for success in the worlds of government and academia. They also show that the department can help in finding love. Meagan and T.J. were married in Windsor in 2016 and are currently enjoying life together in Alberta.





Erik Stenlund received his MA in Political Science in 2013. He is now a Senior Trade Policy Analyst in the Trade Negotiations and Agreements Directorate at the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. He is currently working on the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) team, as one of the analysts supporting Canada's Chief Agriculture Negotiator. His main duties include developing Canadian negotiating positions, travelling to NAFTA rounds with the agriculture negotiating team, and interacting with Canadian agricultural stakeholders.

Please do stay in touch with the department. We love to hear how our former students are getting on. Let us know also if you want to feature in a future newsletter and/or on the department's website.

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First year Master's degree students Alanna Foulon and Kamaldeep Mann both receive the A.R. & E.G. Ferris Award valued at \$1000 and the Stephen & Vicki Adams Scholarship in Graduate Studies valued at \$500. The Department of Political science congratulates them for their scholarly achievements!

DONATING TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

If you have already donated or are donating to one of the many Political Science scholarships aimed at helping students, we extend a big thank you. If you are not, we ask you to considering making a gift to the department. All the money we receive goes to support students through one of our many scholarships. These scholarships include but are not limited to the following:

Joan Boase Entrance Award in Political Science

E. D. Briggs Entrance Award in International Relations

Terence Keenleyside Entrance Scholarship in International Relations

Robert Krause Entrance Scholarship in Political Science

Trevor Price Entrance Scholarship in International Relations

Bruce Burton International Relations Scholarship

Zbigniew Fallenbuchl Memorial International Relationships Scholarship
Akira Kubota Scholarship
in Political Science

Ralph Nelson Scholarship in Political Science

Richard Price Scholarship in Political Science

Martha Lee Scholarship in Political Science

Political Science Departmental Scholarships

We also use the Political Science Trust Fund to support a range of student-oriented activities, including the trip to the annual Model NATO conference in Ottawa and bursaries to help students attend the EU Study Abroad Program.

Please remember that all gifts over \$10 are eligible to receive a tax receipt and even small gifts when combined can make a big difference to students. Thank you for your support.



Federal Industry Minister Stephen Del Duca visited our students in March, 2018 – hosted by Dr. Richez