

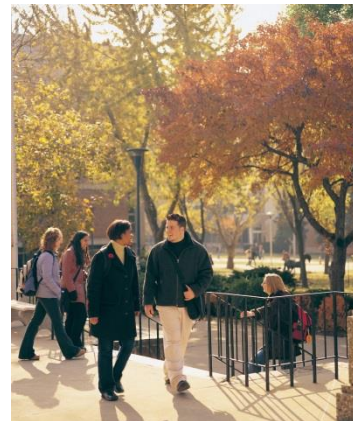


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50th Anniversary



Notes from the Head

As most of you are no doubt aware, 2013-14 is the 50th anniversary of the University of Windsor. As such, it also represents the 50th anniversary of political science being taught at the University of Windsor. It is not, as Don Briggs informed me, the 50th anniversary of the department since political science began as part of a larger economics department. (Don should know. He began teaching political science in Windsor in 1963 and has not stopped since!) In any case, we decided to take this opportunity to hold an event to celebrate this milestone and so on 18th October 2013 we held the Political Science 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Caboto Club in Windsor.

The celebration was a great success. It was attended by more than 200 alumni, current students, retired faculty, current faculty, members of the university and representatives from the wider Windsor community. Notable attendees included the University Chancellor (Ed Lumley), the President (Alan Wildeman), the Graduate Dean (Patti Weir), the Dean of FAHSS (Nancy Wright), the CAO of the City of Windsor (Helga Ridel), Percy Hatfield (MPP), and City of Windsor Councillors Drew Dilkens and Hilary Payne.

I was particularly pleased to welcome alumni from each decade of the department's existence, who had the opportunity to meet and talk with many of their former professors. The two hundred guests heard speeches from Teresa Piruzza (MPP and Ontario government minister) and Joe Comartin (MP), both of whom are graduates of the department, as well as addresses from the University Chancellor and President and a keynote address from Jonathan Tepperman (the managing editor of Foreign Affairs and contributor to the New York Times and International Herald Tribune). The event also included a special recognition of Dr Don Briggs who has worked in different capacities for the department for each one of its 50 years. The evening was very enjoyable and raised over seven thousand dollars for political science student scholarships.

While it is important to celebrate past achievements, one of the most important jobs I have as department head is to plan for the future and the continued strength of the department. Recent initiatives such as the Law and Politics BA and the MA with internship are already bearing fruit in the form of student interest. One of the next steps for the department is to move forward with programs and research that will continue to develop the department's national reputation. An important piece in this puzzle is the establishment of a PhD program. Hopefully next year's newsletter will contain information on the progress towards such a program.

John Sutcliffe

Faculty News

Aside from the 50th anniversary celebration this was also a banner year for the department in that we were able to hire two new professors who will join us in July. This is particularly notable since these are the first hires we have been able to make since 2008. The very fact that we were allowed to proceed with this hiring process at a time when university resources are scarce is an indication of the department's vitality.

After two extensive short-listing and interview processes we emerged with two very strong new colleagues. Dr Emmanuel Richez received her PhD from McGill University in Montreal having started her education career at the Universities of Ottawa and Laval. Her research focuses on the Canadian Supreme Court and she is joining the department to teach and research within the Law and Politics specialization. Dr Richez is a very promising young scholar and she spent the first part of 2014 in Australia working on a comparative research project of the Australian and Canadian legal systems.

Dr Yelena Maltseva secured her PhD at the University of Toronto and is joining the department initially on a two-year contract to teach developing politics and to help develop the department's international exchange agreements. Dr Maltseva currently has a university position in Kazakhstan and is an expert in post-Soviet politics, democratization and the politics of central Asia. She has published extensively in these fields.

Emmanuel Richez and Yelena Maltseva are joining a very strong department. Further evidence of this was provided this year as a result of awards and honours secured by existing department members. In December 2013 Cheryl Collier was awarded the Kate McCrone Teaching Award in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr Collier won this award for her general commitment to teaching and also because of her work in establishing the mentoring component in our first year Canadian politics class. In March 2014 Tom Najem won the Organization of Part-Time Students' annual Teaching Award, an award that is based on student nominations and which is open to professors from across the university.

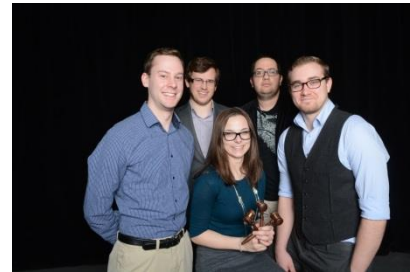
Dr Lydia Miljan's research in the field of public policy was recognized by her being named to the Board of Governors of the Council of Canadian Academies for a three-year term. Dr Miljan and Dr Collier also continued to be regular contributors to local and national media throughout 2013-14 helping to spread the reputation of the Department and the University of Windsor in that capacity.



Student Accomplishments

As always, we are exceptionally proud of our students and their successes at the university and beyond. This year had many notable accomplishments and I can only mention a few here.

For the past several years, our students have organized and sent multiple teams to compete in the annual Carleton University Model NATO held in Ottawa. One of two teams that went this year won top honours. The team, representing Germany in a simulation of a potential diplomatic and security crisis faced by NATO, claimed the Dr. Lee Award for best overall delegation and four awards for best committee work at the conference. The winning team consisted of Adam Bednarick, Clement Burgess-Hulme, Paige Gouin, Kyle Sousa, and Jacob DeJong, while a second University of Windsor team (Jacob Godfrey, Justin Tubaro, Abigail Roelens, Brad Moroun, and Shane Chappus, all first-year students) represented Hungary in the simulation. Paige Gouin told the *Windsor Star* that “I think we represented our university and our city well. You don’t have to live in Ottawa to have great political science programs and I think they were surprised by that.”



The department also took the first steps this year to establish a debate club. The Political Science Debate Club held its inaugural event in April. Two teams of two students debated topical questions on the future of the United Nations and the importance of party discipline in the Canadian House of Commons. The judges (Professors Collier and Sutcliffe) were very impressed with the quality of the debates and the participants’ preparation and delivery. A second event will be held once the next full academic session starts again and the intention is to work to develop a debating team that will participate in debate competitions across the province and beyond.

The year also saw a number of students succeed in provincial and national scholarship competitions. To name only a few, Meagan Hugall, Chad Curtis and Paige Gouin all secured SSHRC Masters’ scholarships. Meagan will take her scholarship to Western in September 2014. Chad Curtis is moving to Dalhousie University in Halifax to start his MA degree and Paige Gouin will be taking her MA at Carleton University in Ottawa. As this demonstrates our students are more than capable of competing with the best students from across Canada. In other academic news, Alex Lanoszka, BA 2008, defended his PhD dissertation at Princeton University and secured a prestigious post-doctoral fellowship at MIT in Boston.



Outside of the academic sphere, our students continue to demonstrate success in securing employment. For example, Kiran Phull secured a position as a research analyst with Critical Mass in Toronto. In 2013, Tanya Antoniw was appointed the Executive Director of Workforce WindsorEssex and is responsible for the leadership of the organization and working with many community partners to ensure that the workforce has the skills and training necessary to fill the jobs that local employers are offering. Katherine Mersch translated her MA internship position into a permanent position with the City of Windsor.

Cristina Plesoianu, an alumna of the EU Study Abroad Program in 2009, was hired by the Emerging Security Challenges Division of NATO in Brussels. She graduated with a degree in International Relations in 2010. Erik Stenlund, who completed his MA in 2013, went onto complete a Canadian government internship in Turkey with the help of a departmental scholarship. He now has a job with the Canadian government in Ottawa working on disarmament and non-proliferation issues. As always, we are very proud of all our graduates' accomplishments and love to hear of their progress.



Stay in Touch

Stay in touch with the department and with other alumni. You can find out more about current developments in the department at our web-site (www.uwindsor.ca/polsci). The department also maintains a Facebook page *Windsor Political Science and IR Students and Alumni* where you can keep in touch with other alumni.

Please also consider donating to one of the various department scholarships or the department's trust fund. Even small donations can make a big difference to students and remember that you receive a charitable tax receipt for all donations of \$10 or more. If you do donate to the department through the general university website (<https://my.uwindsor.ca/web/uw/donations#>), please remember to specify that you would like the money to be targeted to a specific Political Science scholarship or to the department.

If you are already a contributor to the department, please accept my thanks on behalf of the scholarship recipients.

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