



University of Windsor

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

As with the rest of the world, it has been a strange year or more for the Department of Political Science. In March 2020 the university campus shut down and all professors and students had to make a quick transition to online teaching for the balance of the winter 2020 semester. All of our classes in the subsequent two semesters were also taught online and most of our fall 2021 semester will also be online. While I am exceptionally proud of the way faculty members and students adopted to the world of online teaching, there is absolutely no doubt that the move to online instruction was difficult for both. It was certainly a less than ideal situation for students entering the university; we now have students in their second year who have yet to set foot on campus. It has also been unfortunate for graduating students; for the third consecutive time, university convocations were online in June and our graduating students did not have the opportunity to celebrate in person with their peers, friends and faculty.

I think I speak for the whole department in saying that we look forward to being able to return to the classroom sometime soon and hope that the 2022 convocations will be in person.

In spite of the difficulties thrown up by the pandemic, there have been a number of positive developments for the department over the past two years. In 2019 we introduced a thesis stream to all of our honours programs, and we have now had two cohorts complete this option. The initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Jamey Essex, has been a great success. Students have written theses on many topics and the students who have graduated with the thesis option have an excellent record in being accepted into law schools or postgraduate programs.

There have been several notable achievements by faculty members in the past two years, including internal university achievements but also within and beyond the wider academic community. Cheryl Collier, Jamey Essex, Anna Lanoszka, Rebecca Major, Lydia Miljan, Jesse Ovadia, and John Sutcliffe all secured promotion in the last two years. Cheryl Collier was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences starting 1 July 2021, and – in her spare time – she became President of the Canadian Political Science Association. This is the latest in a long tradition of Political Science faculty members being appointed to higher university positions; something that speaks volumes about the competence of the department’s faculty. Anna Lanoszka – as noted below – was elected president of the faculty union and Lydia Miljan was appointed the acting head of the Humanities Research Group, providing two further examples. In each case, the department’s loss will be the university’s gain.

Faculty members also gained attention outside of the university. Andrew Richter, for example, has had several commentary pieces published in national newspapers. Emma Richez is a member of the Official Languages Rights Expert Panel of the Court Challenges Program of Canada. The CPP, which is funded by but independent from the Government of Canada, provides financial support for Canadians wishing to bring before the courts test cases of national significance that aim to clarify and to assert official language rights and human rights. The Expert Panel decides which cases will be funded (for more info, see <https://pcjccp.ca/>). Lydia Miljan finished her board membership with the Council of Canadian Academies, after nine years of service. She has since been appointed to the College of Physicians and Surgeons as a director and a member of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee.

And finally there was good news for the department this year when it was announced that Dr. Chile Eboe-Osuji has accepted an appointment as the Paul Martin Professor in Political Science, International Relations, and Law. (See <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/uwindsor-names-next-paul-martin-professor>). This two-year appointment commences July 1st and will see Dr. Eboe-Osuji teach one class a year for the department in each of the next two academic years. Dr. Eboe-Osuji was president of the International Criminal Court in the Hague until March 2021. Prior to serving on the International Criminal Court, he served on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He also served as the legal advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva where he led interventions in cases involving human rights questions, notably writing *amicus curiae* submissions to the European Court of Human Rights and the United States Supreme Court.



The Paul Martin professorship brings to the campus persons distinguished in international affairs and law to enrich the life of the university and the wider community by contributing fresh ideas, insights, and perspectives to these two fields. Senior Political Science students will get the chance to learn from someone who has an extraordinary experience working in the field of international human rights. The department is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Eboe-Osuji to the University of Windsor.

Dr. John Sutcliffe, Department Head.

FOCUS ON STUDENTS

The department continues to be very proud of its students' accomplishments and the past two years have been no exception. There are many examples that are worthy of inclusion in the newsletter but space dictates that only three are mentioned here.

Katrina Bahnam



The department was delighted when Katrina Bahnam was awarded the 2021 President's Medal, which is awarded to a graduating student who has made an outstanding contribution to campus activities while maintaining a superior academic record. In citing Katrina for the award, provost Patti Weir called her "a shining role model for other students who seek to balance stellar academic achievements alongside leadership, community advocacy, and a high level of dedication to those in need of support around them."

Katrina maintained high grades and conducted research work as an Outstanding Scholar on the project "Feminizing Party Difference" with Cheryl Collier and "Citizen Engagement in Municipal Decision Making" with John Sutcliffe. She worked as a teaching assistant and volunteered as a mentor for peers in political science and welcoming new students to campus. She has held the presidencies of the Mock Trial Association; the Society of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; and a student chapter supporting the United Way.

Her previous recognition includes the Best Buddies Friendship Award for her work with adults on the autism disorder spectrum at Harmony in Action; the Human Rights and Social Justice Award from the campus Office of Human Rights, Equity, and Accessibility; and awards of excellence and student of the year from the University of Windsor Students' Alliance.

"I'm a first-generation student," says the newly-minted alumna, who received her political science degree in June 2021. "My parents immigrated from Iraq in hopes that my brothers and I could pursue our dreams. This medal represents their sacrifices and all that they left behind for us. And it represents all of the love and support I had along the way.

"In short, I am so, so grateful for this honour."

In September, Katrina will take up her long-time dream of studying law at the University of Ottawa.

Tartil Shaheen

Tartil graduated in June 2021 with a Law and Politics with Thesis BA honours degree.

As well as maintaining an outstanding academic record – her GPA was over 90% - throughout her undergraduate degree, Tartil also engaged in many important extra-curricular activities both within and outside of the department. She volunteered in a number of capacities for the department and particularly in recruitment work. In 2020, for example, she spoke to all incoming Political Science students and put together a ‘care package’ for these students entering the university for the first time and having to navigate not only the university but the world of online learning. In addition, Tartil’s peers elected her to the role of president of the Political Science Society and in this role she helped develop links among the department’s students at a time when this was complicated by the pandemic.

It is also important to note that Tartil was selected in 2021 as one of 338 young women from across Canada to take a seat in the House of Commons for a three-day summit that promotes women’s full participation in politics. This Daughters of the Vote summit, organized by *Equal Voice Canada* allows participants to engage with every federal party leader and an array of government ministers and opposition critics. It is a prestigious event.



All in all, Tartil reflects fondly on her time as an undergraduate student. She states that she is “thankful for all the meaningful connections I’ve made, whether it be lifelong friends, or professors who allowed me the opportunity to conduct research on topics I am passionate about. One of my proudest moments was hosting the panel discussion on equity, diversity, and inclusion with Dr. Ovadia and Dr. Major.”



Tartil will be returning to the University of Windsor in September 2021 to start a Master of Arts in Political Science. Her superior academic record as well as her research potential led to her being awarded a SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship to support her MA studies. She is “thrilled to start this next chapter in my career.”

Tyler Romualdi

Tyler is an alumnus of both our undergraduate (BA 2018) and graduate programs in Political Science (MA 2020). During his BA, Tyler took advantage of our undergraduate internship course, where he gained valuable experience as a policy analyst at Access County Community Support Services. These experiences helped spark his interest in graduate studies in Political Science to conduct further research on economic, public policy, and democratic engagement issues.

While in the MA program, Tyler chose to pursue the internship stream and completed a six-month research internship at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, British Columbia. During his practicum, Tyler was able to hone his abilities as a researcher by leading innovative projects, studying various software languages, and conceptualizing methodologies for both qualitative and quantitative studies.

Tyler is now a Ph.D. candidate at Western University in the Department of Political Science, with specializations in Canadian Politics and Local Government. Tyler credits the University of Windsor, and the Department of Political Science, more specifically, for providing its students with individualized and outstanding academic, professional, and experiential learning opportunities to succeed both inside and beyond the classroom.



OUR ALUMNI

Kiran Phull



Kiran completed her MA in Political Science in Windsor in 2012. During her time at the University of Windsor, her research focused on the framing of the EU migration crisis in the wake of the 2011 Arab uprisings. This research culminated in a book chapter co-authored with Dr. John Sutcliffe on the future of Schengen and EU integration in the face of rising populism.

In 2019, she completed her PhD in International Relations as a SSHRC Doctoral Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her dissertation, titled 'Polling and the Pursuit of Arab Public Opinion', explored the colonial legacies of the global opinion polling industry and the contentious politics of extracting data from Middle Eastern societies. In 2020, she joined the Department of War Studies at King's College London as a Lecturer in International Relations, where she helps to convene the MA programs in International Conflict Studies and International Relations.

Her research focuses on the politics of global knowledge production and the rise of scientific opinion polling. She takes a critical and interdisciplinary approach to the study of public opinion, and is interested in how epistemic technologies (like polls, surveys, and big data) create and shape the conditions for governing social and political life. She also has research interests in critical pedagogy and the production of disciplinary bias in International Relations, and has published on gender bias in the IR curriculum.

Kiran credits the Department of Political Science at Windsor with opening a pathway to an academic career and providing valuable experiences like teaching and research assistantships, conference presentations, and more.

Ñusta Carranza Ko

After completing her MA in Political Science in Windsor and a doctorate at Purdue University, Nusta is now an Assistant Professor in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Baltimore. *Truth, Justice, and Reparations in Peru, Uruguay, and South Korea* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

Her research focuses on human rights and transitional justice. These interests are influenced by her previous professional experience in a non-governmental organization, the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), where she worked in the Latin American bureau as a research intern. During her stay with the organization, the first human rights trial against a democratically elected candidate finalized with the conviction of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori for 25 years, which was aided with the amicus curiae briefs and the continuing pressure from the ICTJ. This experience laid the foundation for her work on human rights, international norms, and transitional justice reflected in the book *Truth, Justice, and Reparations in Peru, Uruguay, and South Korea* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).



Carranza Ko's research expands across the regions of East Asia (South Korea) and South America (Peru and Brazil), where she has conducted fieldwork and held visiting research positions (Institute of Democracy and Human Rights-

PUCP), including survey research, elite interviews, and archival research. Most recently, Carranza Ko completed research on the violations of indigenous peoples' rights in Peru, making the case for genocide, and discussing the structural foundations of their status as a vulnerable population.

Currently, she is working on genocide work on coercive sterilizations using GIS data and connecting memory-building initiatives with truth-commission work in Peru (on indigenous identity and truth-commission and memory work).

Émilie Weidl

Émilie graduated with her BA in Law and Politics, with thesis, in 2020. During her undergraduate degree she worked with Emma Richez. This included attending a conference on the legacy of Pierre Elliott Trudeau at Université de Montréal, where they presented a retrospective on Pierre Trudeau's official bilingualism. The paper titled "Unité canadienne et justice linguistique : Rétrospective sur le bilinguisme officiel à la Trudeau" is in the *Supreme Court Law Review* and in an edited volume published by Nexis Lexis Canada titled *Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Intellectual, Political and Constitutional Legacy*.

Émilie was accepted into McGill Law and will complete a dual degree there: a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL). She received the Scott-Rappaport Family Entrance Scholarship, estimated at \$5,000.



Von Palmer



Von Palmer (MA, 1990) has been appointed to the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board. After graduation from our MA program, Von was the first Windsor student to be selected for the Ontario Legislative Internship Program. He then joined TRREB in 1992 as a public policy researcher and, over the years, has worked his way into senior management roles. He has held several leadership roles in government relations, industry relations, commercial affairs and media relations, with his most recent position as chief communications and government affairs/chief privacy officer.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

Anna Lanoszka



Anna Lanoszka joined the Political Science Department in 2002 shortly after the completion of her PhD at Dalhousie University. She was promoted to Full Professor in 2019.

Anna's research and scholarly activities centre on the complex relationship between international trade and economic development. She has always been interested in how developing countries position themselves within the shifting realities of international economic relations. Her first book – *The World Trade Organization: Changing Dynamics in the Global Political Economy* – Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2009 – took a macro approach and scrutinized the WTO with its most prominent trade agreements in the context of economic development.

The second book – *International Development: Socio-Economic Theories, Legacies, and Strategies* London: Routledge, 2018 – took a micro-level approach. It explored the human-centered approach to development in view of the fact that individual agency is influenced by a number of factors embedded in the political, social, cultural, and economic norms, domestic institutions, and existing power structures of international economy.

Anna has just completed her third book: *Corporate Governance and Economic Development: Identifying Critical Institutional Reforms* to be published by Routledge in 2022. The book examines the pivotal role played by the regulatory corporate governance frameworks in the economies of major trading nations. Corporations are the most influential economic actors today and thus institutionalized rules and processes that determine how corporations are formed, governed, and made accountable, shape countries' long term developmental prospects.

In recent years Anna has taken on several roles with the faculty association (WUFA) including serving in the capacity of Vice-President Grievance role. In 2020 Anna was elected President of WUFA and now strives to support different aspects of faculty work at the University, including the negotiations over a new collective agreement in 2021.

Stephen Brooks



Stephen Brooks joined the faculty of the Department of Political Science in 1985, which makes him the longest serving member of the current faculty. Indeed, his connection to the department goes back further as Stephen is also a two-time alumnus of the department, having completed his BA (1978) and MA (1980) in the department.

During his 36 years at the university, Stephen has taught thousands of students at all different levels. He is also – indirectly – known to many more students outside of Windsor as his best-selling textbooks – especially those on Canadian politics and US politics – are used at universities across Canada and the United States.

Stephen Brooks was instrumental in launching our Political Science – French Specialization BA degree. In this degree program, students take French language courses and three Political Science classes taught in French. They also spend either a semester or a year at French-speaking universities either in Canada or overseas.

One of Stephen’s biggest pedagogical achievements has been his initiative and drive in putting together and expanding the EU Study Abroad program. This was launched in 2008 and has provided a high-impact, experiential learning experience to the participating students long before these experiential learning was emphasized by the provincial government and university.

The EU Study Abroad program is a two-week intensive program where the participating students spend two weeks based in Leuven, Belgium and spend approximately 40 hours in meetings with of European Union officials and officials from other European-based institutions, including NATO and the International Court of Justice. In addition to the formal interviews, the students visit historic sites in Paris, Bruges, and Brussels. In 2019, for example, the students visited Breendonk, a Nazi transit camp just north of Brussels.

Over 200 students have participated in the program since its launch and the program has also drawn participants from the University of Michigan and Western University. A large number of these participants have commented on the significant impact it has made on their lives. Logan Carmichael, who graduated in 2017, states that “the impact

of the EU Study Abroad Program on my life has been immeasurable. It opened up a thirst to learn about the world that has taken me across Europe, Asia and more recently, to New Zealand to complete my Master's degree."

The EU Study Abroad program has had a positive and lasting impact on the lives of many of the students who have participated. It is a central feature of the department's pedagogical offerings.



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*These authors are all former students of our department. This continues our long, and proud, practice of engaging our students in research projects and publishing the results with them.

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 consider 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
- Stephen & Vicki Adams Entrance Scholarship
- 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.

Bruce Burton

May 31, 1933 - November 26, 2019



The department was saddened by the passing of Bruce Burton in 2019. Bruce was a central member of the Department of Political Science from 1966 until his retirement in 1998. In these 32 years in the department, Bruce taught thousands of students at the undergraduate and graduate level. Of particular note was his work in establishing the International Relations BA program, which remains a central part of the department's degree offerings. Bruce continued to be an active member of the university community, serving as thesis advisor to graduate students, long after his formal retirement. He was a kind, considerate, dedicated professor who was much loved by his students and colleagues.

Full Obituary

Passed away surrounded by his family at the age of 86. Beloved husband to Ferdinanda Van Gennip, with whom he celebrated 24 years of marriage. Loving father of Peter (Deanna Radford) of Montreal, QC and Elizabeth of Montreal, QC. Predeceased by his first wife, Anne Elizabeth Wyatt, his parents, Mary White and William Burton and his sister-in-law, Waltera Van Gennip. He is survived by his cousins in Ireland, Jim Kiely (Be), Bill White (Josie) and Mary French (Bill) and his brother-in-law in England, John Wyatt (Yvonne), as well as his sisters-in-law Mary Ann McKenzie (Charlie) of Stouffville, ON and Lamberta Baker (Larry) of Barrie, ON. Bruce wishes to thank the Crowell, Briggs and Nelson families, all of whom were especially important in welcoming Bruce and Anne and their children to Windsor upon their arrival in 1966. These ties remained over the years, and Bruce felt immense gratitude for their warm friendship and hospitality. Bruce was born in the district of World's End, Chelsea, London in 1933. He grew up in the Kew area of London until age six, when he was evacuated to Berwick-Upon-Tweed to live with his Aunt Ada and Uncle Bob as World War II began. After the war, Bruce was educated mainly by the Salesian Fathers at boarding schools at Chertsey and Battersea. At the age of 17 he went up to Oxford University, where he read History, graduating in 1954. While there, he was very active in the Oxford Union. A talented debater, he and fellow student Jonathan Boswell travelled to India to represent the Union, spending four months debating at various universities. He also spent a summer as a reporter with the Huddersfield Daily Examiner. In

1957 Bruce obtained an MA in Social Science from the Institute of Social Science (ISS) in The Hague, followed by a teaching stint for the American University of Maryland at the U.S. Embassy in London. From 1961 to 1964, Bruce helped establish the International Relations Program at ISS and taught there from 1964 to 1966. These five years were foundational for Bruce's career as a political scientist. On one of his visits back to London, Bruce met Anne Wyatt, who was working as an assistant to a BBC producer. He returned often to visit her and she came often to The Hague to visit him. They married in 1964, settling in The Hague. In 1966, Bruce, with Anne and one-year old Peter, migrated to Windsor, Ontario, where he took a position as a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Windsor. Once again, he was charged with establishing an International Relations program. During his tenure at the University, his work took him on research trips to China, Vietnam and Burma. Bruce retired from the University of Windsor in 1998 but continued to be an active member of the university community, serving as thesis advisor to graduate students. Throughout his career and in retirement, Bruce also served as consultant on Asian politics to provincial and federal leaders. In 1993, he met Ferdinanda at Holy Cross Centre for Ecology and Spirituality. They married in 1995. Bruce and Ferdinanda were both passionate about environmental and social justice issues and facilitated workshops on these topics. Spending time on the Ganatchio Trail, at the Ojibway Nature Centre or in Point Pelee National Park was one of their favourite activities, especially as Bruce had been an avid birder since childhood. As well, they shared a love of Europe, where they enjoyed visiting each other's relatives and friends, in Ireland, Scotland, England, France and the Netherlands. Bruce was a devout Roman Catholic throughout his life and believed strongly in the importance of ecumenism, interfaith dialogue and ecological engagement. A kind and gentle man, Bruce was a wonderful son, husband, father, friend and colleague. His life was a blessing and he will be greatly missed.

