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NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

I write this in my tenth and last year as department head (I additionally spent one year as acting head prior to taking it on permanently). Almost 11 years as department head is sufficient for anybody and I am sure I am not alone in saying it is time for someone else to step into the position. Leadership change is important in almost every setting. It gives a chance for new energy and new ideas to come forward and I know that my replacement will work hard to improve the department and its degree offerings.

What I can say without any hesitation is that it has been a privilege and an absolute pleasure to serve in this role. The Department of Political Science is definitely one of the best at the University of Windsor. Its students are first-rate. Having served on university and faculty level committees in my role as department head, I am well aware that not all departments function as smoothly as Political Science. Our faculty members work in a spirit of collegiality

and with a view to providing the best possible education for our students. Disagreements within the department are unusual. When they do take place, they are never heated, personal or protracted. If evidence of this is needed, it can be found in the fact that faculty from other departments want to join Political Science. They have voted with their feet.

The faculty are extremely talented. I have commented on their many successes throughout the years of writing these newsletters and this is apparent once again in this year's edition. The newsletter provides a sample, only a sample, of faculty publications in 2022. In addition, our faculty were exceptionally busy in many other ways this year. Anna Lanoszka was re-elected by the membership to serve a second term as President of Windsor University Faculty Association (WUFA) at the Spring 2022 AGM meeting. Her current tenure runs until June 2024. Cheryl Collier continued in her role as Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Emmanuelle Richez became a Research Associate in the Centre d'analyse politique – Constitution et Fédéralisme at the Université du Québec à Montréal and provided monthly columns on Canadian politics for La Presse. Stephen Brooks resurrected the EU Study Abroad course for the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic. This is a great experience for our participating students and Steve, as always, put in a great deal of work in organizing and running the trip. Lydia Miljan and Andrew Richter made regular media contributions throughout the year.



I have enjoyed great administrative support throughout my time as department head. It was delightful to work with Sandy Van Zetten and Kelley Allard who were the Administrative Heads during my time as well as Barbara Faria, Patti Brimner, and Jennifer Forde who were the Graduate Secretaries. The department has been extremely fortunate in having excellent administrators and this looks set to continue with the hiring of Lindsay Gore and Sandy Gomes who both joined the department this year. I already know both well enough to say that they will carry on the tradition of administrators who work hard, with enthusiasm and dedication. Political Science has been extremely fortunate to have had many great administrative assistants and I know that each one of them has helped a great many students throughout the years.

More than anything, I have enjoyed working with students and seeing the success of our students as they move through the university and subsequently on to bigger and better things. Political Science, for example, has produced two President's Medal winners – Logan Carmichael and Katrina Bahnam – in the last five years. The President's Medal is awarded each year to a graduating student who has made an outstanding contribution to campus activities while maintaining a superior academic record. Our students are now represented in all manner of political, non-profit, education, and private sector positions in Windsor and its surrounding region, across Canada, and internationally. Without a doubt one of the most satisfying parts of my job has been hearing, seeing, and writing about our great many alumni successes.

It should go without saying that a university department could not exist without its students. They are central to everything we do. This is something I have tried to emphasize throughout my time as department head. The extent to which I have been able to serve students is what I will take most pride in when the time comes to sit back and think about this period of my working life.



FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Justin Grainger



Justin graduated the Bachelor of Arts – Honours Political Science program in 2020. During that degree, Justin had the opportunity to work with multiple faculty members on research projects and assisted in the delivery of courses as a Teaching Assistant. Following that, Justin was accepted into the Master of Arts in Political Science program at the University of Windsor and selected the Internship Option. His placement at the City of Windsor’s Council Services department enabled him to gain relevant work experience in municipal government.

After he completed his internship, Justin accepted a position as Legislative & Licensing Coordinator with the Town of Erin. In that role, Justin is responsible for council meeting management and issues licences for special events, marriages, and lotteries. This year, he’s also had the opportunity to assist with conducting the municipal election.

Currently, Justin is completing his internship paper on digitization in public administration during the COVID-19 pandemic. Justin’s experiences through the Department of Political Science allowed him to quickly secure rewarding employment and he hopes future political science graduates will look closely at opportunities in local government when charting their career paths.



Polina Volkova (International Relations) with John Sutcliffe and Cheryl Collier at the 2022 Dean's Honour Roll celebration.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

Lydia Miljan

Lydia Miljan is a Full Professor whose studies focus on Canadian public policy. She has been on the faculty at the University of Windsor since 2001. She served as the Assistant Provost for Inter-Faculty Programs for two years. She was Director of the Humanities Research Group and is currently the Graduate Chair in the Department of Political Science. Previously she was the Director of the Institute's Alberta Policy Research Centre and the National Media Archive. She is also a Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute.

Dr. Miljan completed her Ph.D. at the University of Calgary. Her research interests include political communication; public policy; and the electoral process. She has organized conferences and workshops with diverse topics ranging from Canadian public policy to zombie studies. She is a highly sought-after media commentator having been interviewed on local and national television, radio, and newspapers.

In addition to peer-reviewed papers, she has published four books: *Counting Votes: Essays on Electoral Reform*; *Public Policy in Canada*, and is a co-author of *Hidden Agendas: How Journalists Influence the News*, and *Cross-Media Ownership and Democratic Practice in Canada*. *Hidden Agendas* was short-listed for the Donner Prize for the best book in public policy 2003/04.



Roy Amore

After completing his doctoral studies at Columbia University, Roy Amore taught World Religions in the Department of Religious Studies until transferring to the Political Science department in 1997. The specialization in Asian studies made a good fit because the department had lost its four Asian specialists to retirement. He soon increased the enrolment in the Asian Government and Politics course from its previous low of 3 students up to over 60. He introduced new courses on world religions and their impact on current political parties, issues and policies. Another of his new courses, Religious Fundamentalism and Politics led to one of his books, titled *Religion and Politics in the World's Hot Spots*.



After a chance meeting with a professor who ran Eastern Michigan University's Travel Abroad program, he became one of the professors who taught while travelling with students in EMU's program. This allowed several of our students to study in the program without paying out of state tuition rates.

'Dr A', as students call him, is the author or editor of 11 books. His three world religions textbooks published by Oxford are used by dozens of universities in Canada and especially the USA. Each year over 20,000 students get their introduction to world religions through his books.

Most recently he co-authored the *Historical Dictionary of Lebanon* with colleague Tom Najem, and edited *Religion and Politics: New Development Worldwide*. He is currently co-editing the *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Economic Ethics* with a Providence College professor.

He and his wife Michelle Morrison have greatly enjoyed travelling to most of the countries in Asia and Europe, and some in the Middle East. He is an avid golfer, with 4 holes-in-one to his credit. His daughter is Director General of Communications at Natural Resources Canada, his son edits commercials from the LA area, and his eldest granddaughter is about to finish a Ph.D. in neuroscience at Duke.

FOCUS ON ALUMNI

Alyssa Haskell BA, 2022

Alyssa graduated in June 2022 with a BA Honours in International Relations with Thesis and Great Distinction and a Minor in Women and Gender Studies. Upon graduation, she was awarded a Gold LEAD Medallion and the LEAD Going the Extra Mile (GEM) award for her involvement on campus. Alyssa volunteered as a Peer REACH advisor, Recruitment Ambassador, and Political Science Peer Mentor through her undergrad.

In addition to holding an excellent academic record and receiving numerous scholarships, Alyssa engaged in major research projects in the Department. She completed her Undergraduate Thesis paper in 2020, in which she explored using youth cultural exchange trips to make Study Abroad more accessible to equity-deserving groups. Alyssa worked as a Research Assistant with Dr. Jamey Essex, in which they conducted a gender-based historical analysis to explore the role of Foreign Service Wives in the 20th century. Many of Alyssa's research projects combine international relations with equity, diversity, and inclusion.



Alyssa is proud to have called the Political Science Department her home for the last 5 years. She held many leadership roles in the Department, including as an AAUC undergraduate representative, an open house and student recruitment leader, and a Political Science Help Center mentor. These experiences, along with her time as a Senior Mentor in the FAHSS Mentorship and Learning program, contributed to her passion for helping new students transition to university.

“My time in the Political Science Department was an amazing experience. The classes, professors, support programs, and extracurriculars helped me to develop my academic, professional, and leadership skills. The department gave me all the support I needed to excel in my degree, and I met so many amazing friends and mentors along the way.”

Alyssa currently works as an Evaluation Officer for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, where she conducts critical research and evaluation on Canada's immigration programs.

In Fall 2022, Alyssa began studying at the Balsillie School of International Affairs to complete a Master of Arts in Global Governance. She was awarded a SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship and the President's Graduate Scholarship to support her research. She has also been selected as a Fellowship Candidate for Global Affairs Canada's research and policy analysis program.

Joyce Zuk

Joyce Zuk is the Executive Director of Family Services Windsor-Essex (FSWE). She has worked in human service for the past 27 years and has served in senior roles in elected office and in not-for-profit management.

Throughout her career she has advocated for individuals and families who are excluded from participating fully in their communities because of demographic markers such as their gender, physical ability, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation.

At FSWE, she has led the agency through a significant period of growth to foster the health and wellbeing of the people they support. Under her tenure, FSWE became the largest provider of counselling services in Essex County (delivering over 13,000 sessions in 2021) and has become a key stakeholder in responding to our community's housing insecurity crisis.



In 2022, FSWE built new housing units for at-risk youth, has received \$1.2 million in federal funds to advance research for affordable housing solutions, and actively supports people experiencing housing insecurity throughout Windsor and now Leamington.

Joyce has also contributed her leadership at other local not-for-profit agencies. She has previously served as the executive director at the Welcome Centre, Windsor's only homeless shelter for women, and Citizen Advocacy, a community agency supporting people with disabilities and seniors.

As a political science graduate, Joyce has always been a keen observer of where power and politics intersect, and how to leverage both to help people marginalized by systemic discrimination and oppression.

In 2000, she ran a successful campaign to serve on Windsor City Council and was subsequently re-elected in 2003. During her terms on Council Joyce served on various committees whose work impacted the lives of thousands of residents.

She served as Chairperson of Transit Windsor, the Huron Lodge Committee of Management, the Accessibility Advisory Committee, and the Housing Advisory Committee. She was also a member of the Essex Region Conservation Authority, Enwin Powerlines, the Windsor-Essex Housing Corporation, The Essex Solid Waste Authority, the Windsor Police Services Board, and the Planning Advisory Committee.

Joyce is a graduate of Carleton University in Ottawa and holds a Master's degree from the University of Windsor. She is also a sessional lecturer in the Political Science Department at the University of Windsor and the Legal and Social Justice Studies program at St. Clair College.

Edward Dawson

BA, MA 2005

Ed Dawson is a proud graduate from the Department of Political Science. He completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees both at the University of Windsor, focusing on the study of local government and graduated in June 2005. During his graduate work, Ed served within the student government through the Graduate Student Society (GSS) first as a department representative, followed by the election as President. As President, Ed proudly represented the Graduate Student body through responsibilities which included the Board of Governors, Senate, and many committees both locally and at a national level.

Upon graduating, Ed worked for TD Bank Financial Group in a variety of roles, including management and as a licensed investment advisor. Following a 12-year career in finance, Ed shifted gears and joined Sylectus, a Transportation Management Software company that was created in Windsor by two local entrepreneurs and was sold to tech giant Qualcomm. He spent 4 years in a variety of roles that allowed him to gain an in-depth knowledge of the transportation and logistics sector, specifically through the software and technology side. With his passion for local government and supporting the Windsor-Essex region, Ed joined WindsorEssex Economic Development (now Invest WindsorEssex) as a Business Attraction Specialist. During his short time in this role, Ed helped to attract a variety of new companies to the region and supported investment growth and job creation on many levels.

When Windsor-Essex was designated a Regional Technology Development Site as part of the Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN), Ed internally pivoted to become the region's first Mobility Analyst. As a self-proclaimed car aficionado, the movement of people and goods have always been areas of great interest to him. Today, Ed is the Senior Manager of Automobility and Innovation at Invest WindsorEssex. He leads a dynamic team supporting the newly established Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN) program which includes providing access to Canada's largest publicly accessible VR CAVE that was designed for the testing of C/AV technologies. Having accurate simulation testing capabilities and high-fidelity test tracks supports companies and academics pursuing automobility technologies that will shape the future of what the next generation of infrastructure and vehicles will look like, especially as they relate to crossing international borders.

Ed is proud of how his degrees and experiences at the University of Windsor prepared him for his career and allowed him to have the capability to lead change and hone his skills to become a highly proficient relationship manager and leader today.



OTHER ALUMNI NEWS

Carmen Salloum (MA) started a PhD program at Western in September 2022. She was also awarded the Equity and Diversity Social Science Doctoral Fellowship at Western.

Stephanie Plante (BA) won a seat on Ottawa City Council in October 2022.

Logan Carmichael (BA) is now pursuing a PhD at the University of Tartu, in Estonia, and is a Junior Research Fellow in e-Governance.

Pamphilious Faanu (MA) started a PhD in Political Science at McMaster in September 2022.

Muhammad Awawdeh (MA) got a job as a Policy Officer at Employment and Social Development Canada, working in Cabinet Affairs.

Doran Anzolin is working for the Regional Municipality of Niagara as their Corporate Policy Advisor.

We are proud of our graduates many accomplishments and are always delighted to be updated on their many achievements.

SELECTED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Brooks, Stephen and Donald E. Abelson, eds. (2022). *Transatlantic Relations: Challenge and Resilience*. London: Routledge.

Callaghan, Geoff (2022). "Dissent and Legitimacy." *Moral Philosophy and Politics*

Essex, Jamey and Joshua Bowman* (2022) "From the Green Zone to Havana Syndrome: Making geographic sense of rotationality and hardship in diplomacy." *Diplomatica*, 4 (1): 74-99.

Feldman, Gregory (2022). "Sovereignty as New Beginnings: Action beyond the liberal subject, among undercover police investigators in Europe, for example." *Anthropological Theory* 22(3): 317-337.

Lanoszka, Anna (2022). *Corporate Governance and Economic Development: Identifying Critical Institutional Reforms*. London: Routledge.

Maltseva, Elena (2021). Muddling through the Pandemic: Making Sense of Russia's Confusing Response to Covid-19," *Ревија за социјална политика/Journal of Social Policy*, 14(17) pp. 77-97.

Miljan, Lydia and Romualdi, Tyler* (2022). "Comparing Trudeau and Harper Canadian federal appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions." *Canadian Public Administration* 65(1).

Ovadia, Jesse (2021). "Local Content, Angolanização, and Sustainable Development in Angola" in Damilola S. Olawuyi (ed.) *Local Content and Sustainable Development in Global Energy Markets*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 156-166.

Andrews, N., J. A. Grant, and **Jesse S. Ovadia** (eds) (2022) *Natural Resource-Based Development in Africa: Panacea or Pandora's Box?* Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Chouinard, Stéphanie and **Emmanuelle Richez** (2021). "The Tension Between Freedom of Expression and Language Rights in Canada: The Ford and Devine Legacy after Thirty Years." 2021. *Freedom of Expression in Canada*, edited by Emmett MacFarlane. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Sutcliffe, John B. and Sarah Cipkar* (2022). "The role of neighbourhood groups in municipal governance: A case study of abandoned buildings in Windsor." *Canadian Journal of Urban Research* 31(1): 1-18.

*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.

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- 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.

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