



University  
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# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## THE DEPARTMENT IN 2016-2017

JOHN SUTCLIFFE

The Department of Political Science is an excellent department to lead (to the extent that any collection of academics is capable of being led!). I have been department head for five years and have enjoyed almost every minute of it. I am fairly certain that there are not many department heads that can make this claim. With all due respect to my fellow professors in the department, it is the students who make this such a great department. This was reinforced for me many times this academic year as a result of events organized by students and by their great accomplishments. It is wonderful to see our students mature as individuals and academics and to watch as they go on to bigger and better things in their careers. I also continue to be staggered by the engagement our students show in the activities of the university and the wider community. This was evident on many occasions this year including the third annual high school Model United Nations conference, the Project Syria Benefit Dinner and the Young Diplomats Gala. (More on these later in the newsletter.)

We have a significant number of our undergraduate students going on to post-graduate studies this year. I am delighted that a good number of our top students will be returning to the department to

take our MA degree. A number of others are heading off to start graduate degrees at Canadian and international institutions. These include Norma Roumie (who is going to the University of Ottawa with a national SSHRC scholarship), Simranzeet Singh Vig (who is pursuing an MA at the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto), Christian Repmann (who accepted an MA place at Aarhus University, Denmark), Sebastian Lacey (who will be attending the Balsillie School of International Affairs at the University of Waterloo), Veronique Champoux (who will be beginning a joint MA and Law degree at the University of Ottawa), and Adam Zvric (who is going to London, England to take an MA at King's College). Also, Nicholas Harris and Jack Quimby have both been accepted into the dual JD (Law) program at the University of Windsor and Jayashree Sivakumar will be studying law at Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

Notably, all three of our very first Political Science French Specialization graduates have all been accepted into exciting post-graduate opportunities either to Law school and/or a Master's program.

## EVENTS

One measure of the quality of our students is that a number of them are becoming actively engaged in our faculty research projects and are co-authoring work with faculty members. While this is common in the Sciences it is still fairly unusual for an undergraduate, or even an MA student, in the Social Sciences to publish work. The fact that three of our students, and former students, did this year is testament to the quality of our students.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the success of Logan Carmichael who graduated this year with a BA(H), Political Science, Law and Politics Specialization. She graduated with distinction but even more significantly, she secured both the Board of Governors Medal (for the highest average in Political Science) and the President's Medal, which is given to a graduate based not only on her academic average but also on her commitment to the university and the wider community. Logan's commitment to charitable work alongside her academic studies are a source of pride for the department. I wish her, and indeed, all of our students the very best wishes as they continue on with their lives and careers.

## FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Our students and alumni always give us many reasons to be proud of working in the Department of Political Science. This year was no exception.

### EU Study Abroad Program

May 2017 marked the 9th year of our EU Study Abroad Program, a collaboration between the department and the Center for Global and Intercultural Studies at the University of Michigan. Accompanied by Dr. Emma Richez, the students visited various institutions including the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Council as well as non-governmental organizations such as Human Rights Watch.



### CONVOCATION – JUNE 2017



*Congratulations to our first three graduates from the Bilingual Specializations degree; now renamed Honours Political Science with French Specialization. (From left) Véronique Champoux, Jack Quimby and Lauren Robinet all graduated in 2017 with distinction.*



*John Sutcliffe, Matt Kosnick (MA), Cheryl Collier, Jamey Essex and Tina Savic (MA).*



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*Norma Roumie graduated in 2017 with a BA(H) in International Relations and Development Studies with Distinction. She will be starting an MA at the University of Ottawa in September 2017.*

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## PROJECT SYRIA BENEFIT DINNER

One of the highlights this year was the second Project Syria Benefit Dinner held in March 2017. The dinner was entirely student-organized to help bring the families of students Deaa Sham and Tamam Yasin to Windsor. The two students, also refugees, received scholarships to attend the university. They were sponsored to come here in August 2016 through the local committee of the World University Service of Canada Student Refugee Program. The Project Syria group is now in the process of raising funds to sponsor their families.

Political Science students played a major role in organizing a highly enjoyable and successful benefit dinner.

## YOUNG DIPLOMATS GALA

At the beginning of 2017 the Model United Nations club organized the first in what is hoped will become an annual Young Diplomats Gala. Well over 100 students as well as almost all the Political Science faculty attended an evening of dinner, dancing and awards. It was a great evening and the faculty were particularly proud to accept awards voted on by the students. Both Dr. Najem and Dr. Richter, however, expressed disappointment at not winning in the 'Best Hair' category; an award that was collected by Dr. Brooks.



## FOCUS ON FACULTY

Political Science faculty members had another busy year both collectively and as individual teachers and researchers.

We are delighted to welcome Jesse Ovadia to the department. Joining us from Newcastle, England, Dr. Ovadia's research concerns policies that promote state-led development such as local content policies in oil and gas as well as the politics that surrounds their implementation. Local content encourages local participation in and benefit from resource extraction. He is interested in the promise and pitfalls of these policies in terms of national governance, local participation, community development, industrial growth and domestic and international relations. More broadly, this topic extends to encompass a range of political and economic questions around development and underdevelopment, economic diversification, employment and unemployment, and best practices/lessons learned in the implementation and continued monitoring of local content.



Dr. Jesse Ovadia, Assistant Professor  
PhD York

Other highlights included Lydia Miljan completing the first year of Reading Liberty, 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. By creating a space for active discussion with other intellectually engaged individuals Reading Liberty gives students a chance to achieve unusual depth and perspective on the classical liberal tradition that could not be achieved through solitary study.

Funded by generous contributions from the Lotte and John Hecht Foundation, and the Institute for Liberal Studies, Reading Liberty will continue in the 2017-18 term. In the fall semester, the group will read Deidre McCloskey's *The Bourgeois Dignity* and will host the author in October where she will be giving guest lectures and public talks on a range of topics from economic history to gender.

As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, the department's faculty are building a reputation for working with their students and helping those students advance their own career as academics. This is something of which the department is particularly proud. Alongside various conference presentations and ongoing research projects, there were three publications this year involving students and former students. The first involved Giovanna Roma (BA) who is currently working for Global Affairs Canada. The second is Sarah Cipkar (BA, MA) who is the Downtown Community Coordinator for the Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative. And the third is Logan Carmichael who graduated this year with her BA in Law and Politics.<sup>1</sup>



Cheryl Collier and Jonathan Malloy at the 2017 book launch for *The Politics of Ontario*.

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<sup>1</sup> Tom Najem and **Giovanna Roma**, "The Jerusalem Old City Initiative and the transfer process" in Tom Najem et al. (eds.) *Track Two Diplomacy and Jerusalem: The Jerusalem Old City Initiative* (Routledge, 2017)

Tom Najem, Walter Soderlund, Don Briggs and **Sarah Cipkar**, "Was R2P a viable option for Syria? Opinion content in the Globe and Mail and the National Post, 2011-2013" *International Journal* 71 (3) (2016): 433-449.

Essex, Jamey and **Carmichael, Logan**, "Restructuring Development Expertise and Labour in the CIDA-DFAIT Merger," *The Canadian Geographer* (2017).

## SELECTED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

AMORE, Roy (2016). *Religion and Politics in the World's Hot Spots*. NY: Sloan Publishing.

BROOKS, Stephen and Wohlforth, William (2016). *America Abroad: The United States' Global Role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

COLLIER, Cheryl and Malloy, Jonathan eds (2017). *The Politics of Ontario*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

ESSEX, Jamey and CARMICHAEL, Logan (2017). "Restructuring Development Expertise and Labour in the CIDA-DFAIT Merger," *The Canadian Geographer*.

LANOSZKA, Anna (2017). "Multinationals, International Arbitration, and the World Trade System: Confronting the Inconvenient Issues at the WTO," *International Journal of Business and Economic Development*.

MILJAN, Lydia (2017). "What is the Problem that Electoral Reform will Solve?" in Andrew Potter and Daniel Weinstock (eds). *Should We Change How We Vote?* Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

NAJEM, Tom, Molloy, Michael, Bell, Michael and Bell, John eds. (2017). *Track Two Diplomacy and Jerusalem: The Jerusalem Old City Initiative*. London: Routledge.

RICHEZ, Emma (2017). "The Possibilities and Limits of Provincial Constitution-Making Power: The Case of Quebec," in Emmet MacFarlane (ed). *Constitutional Amendment in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Political Science professors are active researchers and produce an impressive number of publications each year. This is just a sample of these publications.

Particularly noteworthy among this year's publications was the first volume emerging out of the Jerusalem Old City Initiative that was housed in the Department and led by Tom Najem. This research initiative has attracted international attention.

It is also important to highlight the publications involving collaborations between our students and professors.



## FOCUS ON ALUMNI

**Andrew Drouillard (BA, MA)** was recently hired as the Corporate Initiatives Analyst and the Acting Executive Initiatives Coordinator in the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) Office at the City of Windsor. In his current capacity, Andrew is responsible for the implementation of the City's Enterprise Risk Management program, monitoring compliance with the Project Management Methodology Policy, and providing support for CAO initiatives. Andrew is also currently serving as a reviewer for the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario's (AMCTO) new Accredited Municipal Professional (AMP) designation.



## Sally Bennett Olczak, M.A., B.A. (Hons.)

Sally has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County (ASWE) for the past fourteen years, supervising 45 people and spearheading several major initiatives such as the Monument of Memories in Jackson Park, Windsor and a major purchase of a larger facility and the subsequent move of the entire ASWE operation in 2008 to the former St. Anne's Church in Walkerville in order to expand services to clients and families in the area. She was actively part of the Capital Campaign Cabinet that fundraised \$1.1 million to pay for the property in full through donations from the community of Windsor and Essex County.



She worked as an administrator at The Corporation of the City of Windsor for ten years, including eight years' service onsite at Huron Lodge Home for Seniors which sparked her commitment to caring for the elderly in the community.

Concurrent with her full-time position, Sally studied towards a Ph.D. in Political Science specializing in public policy and public administration at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (as yet incomplete). She taught as a Sessional Professor for the Political Science Department at the University of Windsor for many years. In 2010-2011 she served as the Interim Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Oxford County in Woodstock, Ontario.

In the community, from 2006 until 2013 Sally sat on the Windsor Regional Hospital Board of Directors where she chaired the Family Mental Health and Addictions Committee and served as Board Secretary. For many years she sat on the Community Advisory Council for Leadership Windsor-Essex. Sally has a lifelong interest in community service and development and has volunteered in various capacities and served on several Boards of Directors over the past 30 years.

Sally is a Windsor, Ontario native and relaxes at her historic family farmhouse in Charing Cross, Ontario, population 400, of which she is the fifth-generation owner the farm being in the family since 1845. In the summer, she can be spotted driving her prized '64 Chevy Nova. She loves to travel, and has been to China and Greece and has lived and worked in Windsor's sister city, Fujisawa, Japan. She is married to Thomas Olczak of Rochester Hills, Michigan who is a pharmacist by profession, now semi-retired. In the autumn of 2015 Thomas and Sally adopted a healthy sibling trio from Bulgaria - Charles, age 12, Winston, age 10, and Elizabeth, age 8, are three new rays of sunshine that brighten their days.

## LOGAN CARMICHAEL BA(H), POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW AND POLITICS



Logan Carmichael collected the 2017 President's Medal session of Convocation. The award recognizes a graduand who has made significant contributions to campus and community activities while maintaining a superior academic record.

Carmichael coupled classroom success — culminating in this year's Board of Governors medal for top standing among graduates of political science — with achievement across a number of fields.

A middle-distance runner for the Lancer track program, she was named an academic all-Canadian in 2014 and 2015. She has worked with the Annual Giving Program phonathon throughout her UWindsor career, and mentored several first-year students through the Connecting4Success program.

Her philanthropic activities include planning benefit dinners to sponsor refugee families through Project Syria, and founding the charity Knit One, Purl One, Give One, which donates knitted goods to the needy.

"Over two years, we have donated well over 100 pieces — mittens, hats, and scarves," Carmichael says. "I am so excited that we have people committed to taking it over for next year."

An additional project that she describes as "a work in progress" is Another Mile Sneakers, which seeks to pass on gently-used athletic footwear to aspiring athletes in needy countries.

Still, she describes her experience with Dr. Jamey Essex as the best of her time at UWindsor. An academic appointment as an Outstanding Scholar grew into a term as a research assistant on a project exploring the 2013 creation of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada.

Seeing the [resulting paper published in \*the Canadian Geographer\*](#) was "very exciting," says Carmichael, and nurtured her enthusiasm for Canada's foreign service.

## 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.

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