Department of Political Science

School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Annual Report 2013-2014
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I. Executive Summary

Faculty Commitment to a Personalized Education

Our faculty taught seven “special topics” courses, supervised 14 independent study projects, and nine year-long Bachelor’s Essays. In addition, 23 students completed internships for academic credit in a wide array of government and nonprofit agencies and organizations. To further encourage academic excellence and student research, the Department hosted the fourth annual William V. Moore Student Research Conference. Conference participants included over 30 students from different majors, as well as several outstanding high school seniors. Over 80 students, faculty, and parents attended the conference luncheon. Conference sessions were filled with supportive parents, interested students, faculty and friends. We strongly supported the First year Experience teaching four Learning Communities and one First Year Seminar.

Global Reach

The Department’s research and teaching expertise in international and global affairs was apparent this year in dynamic course offerings, field research overseas and Departmental faculty conducting study abroad courses. The primary area of expertise for six of our tenure line faculty is international or comparative politics. We also have geographers in the department who study the process of globalization. We are strong supporters of the College’s study abroad efforts and continue to play a major part in the successful Trujillo program in Spain. Under the leadership of Mark Long, the program has been strengthened and a fall schedule has been created through 2016. This year students traveled with Departmental Faculty to Morocco (Dr. Parson) and to Cambodia (Dr. Delfeld).

Interdisciplinarity

The department embodies interdisciplinary, with three geography PhDs in rank, and a geography minor. The department contributes to a number of interdisciplinary programs across the College. We provide the entire core faculty for the Master of Public Administration program and make substantial contributions to the Master of Environmental Studies program. In addition, the department makes important contributions to the Latin America and Caribbean Studies, International Studies, African Studies, Asian Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, among others.
II. Political Science By the Numbers

325 Political Science majors
60 Majors with PPLW concentrations
67 Political Science minors
8 Geography minors
89 Students graduated with degrees in Political Science
38 Majors studied abroad
36 Pi Sigma Alpha initiates
14 Independent Studies supervised by POLI faculty
23 Students completed internships
9 Bachelor’s essays completed

III. A Year in Review

The Department continued its tradition of providing diverse programming that integrates curricular and extra-curricular learning and reflects our commitment to interdisciplinary learning, internationalization, the cultivation of academic excellence, and engaging students in the world beyond the classroom.

Integrating Curricular and Extra Curricular Learning

Annual Theme: Global Engagement
We hope to encourage our students this year to develop a passion for a better world, acquire the tools to understand and effectively engage in today’s global social challenges, and move beyond awareness in the classroom to action in the field.

Convocation of Majors “10 Building Blocks for Making a Difference: In Africa and in Your Own Neighborhood”

February 13, 2014 Physicians Auditorium
Presenter: John Prendergast, a human rights activist and best-selling author who has worked for peace in Africa for over 25 years. He is the co-founder of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity affiliated with the Center for American Progress.
“China’s Rise and Sino-American Relations in Transition.”

Dr. Guoli Liu made it possible for Professor REN Xiao to come to campus from China’s Fudan University to speak to students on November 18, 2013 in the Lightsey Conference Center.

“Ukraine’s Protests Authoritarianism and the Spirit of Resistance”
March 12, 2014

Dr. Max Kovalov organized this panel discussion on the Ukraine’s political crisis. Panelists included Dr. Mark Long from our department as well as Dr. Irina Gigova (Department of History) and Dr. Ryan Milner (Department of Communication).
College of Charleston Model United Nations

November 8-9, 2014

The eighth annual Model UN Conference provided an experiential learning opportunity that engages students in a dialogue about global issues and how real world leaders seek to address these issues. This year students debated the consequences of civil strife, sweatshops, and digital security and transparency. For the second year in a row, students (with faculty guidance) were authors of the resolutions and planners of the event itself.

American Politics focused events

“The Government Shutdown: Everything You Need to Know But Were Too Afraid to Ask”

October 9, 2013 in MYBK 100

Panelists: Dr. Gibbs Knotts, Dr. Jordan Ragusa, and Dr. Kendra Stewart discussed the reasoning behind the shutdown, debt limit, and where we go from here.

Dr. Hollis France invited Dr. Melissa Ifill, a professor at the University of Guyana to campus to talk about the intersection between politics, ethnicity and crime in Guyana.
“Is the Senate Broken? Filibustering and Obstruction from Strom Thurmond to Ted Cruz”
November 18, 2013 in RSS 235

Dr. Jordan Ragusa organized this panel discussion featuring two nationally known experts on the United States Congress. The panel included Robert Dove, Parliamentarian of the U.S. Senate from 1981-1987 and 1995-2001, as well as Gregory Koger, an associate professor at Miami University and author of *Filibustering: A Political History of Obstruction in the House and Senate* (University of Chicago Press, 2010).

“The South and the Midterm Elections”
April 3, 2014 in Wells Fargo Auditorium

Dr. Phil Jos organized a panel discussion featuring Dr. Kendra Stewart, Dr. Jordan Ragusa, and our William V. Moore conference keynote speaker and College alumnus, Chris Jankowski.

"Strategic Opportunities for Administrative Inclusion (and Exclusion)" Phil Jos Sabbatical Research Presentation was held on Friday, May 2 in the Riley Center Conference Room

Careers and Opportunities

Is Graduate School Right for You?

November 20, 2013 in Maybank 116
Organized by Dr. Chris Day and Dr. Jordan Ragusa
Two sessions were held to help students who were thinking about graduate school and to help students who were in the process of applying.

Interested in Interning in Washington D.C.?

To help our students obtain internships in Washington, we invited College of Charleston Alumna, Ann Pryor, to discuss ways to pursue and internship on Capitol Hill. Pryor is a 1983 graduate from the College and worked on the hill as a former staffer for U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond and as a lobbyist for the American Institute of Architects. Students were given the opportunity to learn about scholarship opportunities as well as how to successfully apply, interview, and impress employers in Washington D.C. Event held on September 17, 2013 in the 9 College Way, 2nd floor conference room.

*Ann Pryor, with students interested in interning in D.C.*
What can I really do with a Law Degree?
April 16, 2014

Adjunct professor and local attorney, David Aylor organized a panel of speakers to discuss the career paths that follow earning a law degree. Panelists included: Sheriff Al Cannon, Judge Bentley Price, Professor Geiza Vargas, Attorney Robert Rosen and Richard D. Elliot, President of Maverick Southern Kitchens.

Celebrating and Encouraging Academic Excellence

The William V. Moore Student Research Conference

Friday, April 4, 2014

More than thirty students representing a few majors and several high school seniors presented their research to peers, colleagues, students, and community members as part of the fourth annual William V. Moore Student Research Conference.
Political Science Student Awards Reception

Approximately 80 students, parents, and faculty attended. Held April 14, 2014 in Alumni Hall.

Political Science Students at the HSS Graduation Reception

Saturday, May 10, 2014
Internationalization

2014 Organization of American States

The Model Organization of American States (OAS) is a simulation of the real OAS. Universities from North America, Latin America and the Caribbean send student delegations to represent the countries of the Americas. Months of preparation culminate in a meeting of the General Assembly where students spend one week at OAS headquarters. A student delegation consisting of Marisa Graham, Mathew Gay, Remy Adler, Rebecca Fox, Sebastian Oppenheim, Maggie Christiansen, Olivia Ghiz, and Rachel Taylor, was led by Professor Douglas Friedman at the March 24- March 30 session in Washington D.C. The College of Charleston delegation represented Mexico this year.

2014 National Model African Union

The annual Model African Union class (POLI 266) gives students a remarkable opportunity for engaged, high impact learning. Working in delegations of up to six, students hone research skills as they develop deep knowledge of specific African countries. They also acquire skills in parliamentary procedure. The class culminates with the participation in the Model AU meeting in Washington, D.C. Participants interact with a wide range of other students from other colleges and universities. They also visit the embassies of the African countries they are representing, and have a chance to explore the nation’s capital.

College of Charleston represented delegations from the Republic of Congo and Sudan. Brennan Baylis, Emily Davidson and Claire Scott each won a Best Delegation in Committee Award (pictured left). Claire Scott also received the Committee Leadership Award for her role on the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Committee. The advisor for the program and for the associated course was Dr. Chris Day.
IV. The Faculty

Back row from left to right: Phil Jos, Claire Curtis, John Creed, Jack Parson, Gibbs Knots, Matt Nowlin, Kevin Keenan
Middle row: Jordan Ragusa, Tom Chorlton, Guoli Liu, Chris Day
Front Row: Helen Delfeld, Hollis France, Annette Watson and LaTasha Chaffin
Not pictured: Mary Desjeans, JoAnn Ewalt, Andy Felts, Lynne Ford, David Hinton, Mark Long, Alex Sanders, Kendra Stewart and Claire Wofford.

Passing of Tom Chorlton (1946-2014)

Tom Chorlton, a dedicated teacher and highly valued colleague, passed away on January 5, 2014, after courageously battling an illness for several months.

Professor Chorlton (pictured left) taught courses on LGBT Politics, American Government, Contemporary Political Issues, the Politics of the American Revolution, and the Presidency for the Department of Political Science during the last 10 years. Professor Chorlton inspired countless students to get involved in the political system, constantly reminding his students that “Democracy is a Participatory Sport.” He is also the author of The First American Republic: 1774-1789, a book that Roll Call’s John Bicknell said “gives life to long-forgotten figures of American history who deserved to be remembered.”

Before teaching at the College of Charleston, Professor Chorlton taught history and government at the Lake Campus of Columbia College in central Missouri, including courses on the History of the American Revolution as well as Historical Research Methods. He received his B.A. in Political Science from St. Louis University in 1968. Following graduation, he served as a Peace Corp education volunteer in Rabai, Kenya. Professor Chorlton earned his M.A. degree in Governmental Administration at Webster University in 1977 while employed as a Local Government Specialist with the St. Louis Area Council of Governments.

Professor Chorlton was also heavily involved in local, state, and national politics. In 1975, he worked in Washington D.C. on the staff of Congressman Melvin Price (D-IL), Chair of the House Armed Services Committee. From 1982-87, he served as the founding Executive Director of the National Association of Gay Democratic Clubs (the forerunner of today’s National Stonewall Democrats). In 1988, he ran for an at-large for the Council of the District of Columbia.

Professor Chorlton has also traveled extensively, visiting six continents from Khartoum to Kathmandu, Easter Island to the Arctic Circle. He was self-proclaimed “the World’s largest vegetarian” and a passionate advocate of Animal Rights. He also enjoyed Spoleto Festival USA, live theater, red wine, and spending time with friends both old and new.

Professor Chorlton will be truly missed by students, faculty, staff and alumni of the College.
Adjunct Faculty

John Altick
David Aylor
Mary Desjeans
Rhett Dunaway
Davie Gillespie
Tim Keane

Staff
Erin Blevins, Administrative Coordinator
Leah Cockerham, student worker

Contributors From Other Departments

Jesse Baker (Office of Sustainability) World Regional Geography
Doug Friedman (International Studies) Model OAS
Max Kovalov (International Studies) Eastern European Politics
Namjin Lee (Department of Communication) Public Opinion in American Politics

Selected Publications

Faculty in the Department of Political Science publish in a wide-range of scholarly outlets. In addition, faculty demonstrate the ability to write for a wider-audience by publishing policy reports and op-ed pieces. A list of recent publications appears below.

Books


Peer Reviewed Journal Articles


Curtis, C. P. What will they do tomorrow? Postapocalyptic fiction and the social contract. E-International Relations.


**Grants**


Stewart, Kendra B (Co-Investigator), Keenan, Kevin (Co-Investigator), Watson, Annette M (Principal), "Coastal Livelihoods and The Local Sense of Place: Assessing Social-Ecological Relationships and Environmental Values in the Face of Demographic Changes in Greater Mount Pleasant, Awendaw and McClellanville, South Carolina," Sponsored by SC Sea Grant, Federal governmental agency, awarded $43,772.00. (February 2012 - January 2014).

Stewart, Kendra B (Co-Investigator), Hemphill, Michael A (Co-Investigator), Thompson, Olivia M (Principal), "Farm-to-School Renewal and Expansion, 2013-2014," Private, awarded $1,000,000. (January 2013 - December 2014).


Stewart, Kendra B (Principal), "Tri-County Housing Scorecard," Non-profit/Foundation, awarded $5,500.00. (September 2013 - June 2014).

Stewart, Kendra B (Principal), "Internship for Ben Perrone," Non-profit/Foundation, awarded $6,000.00. (January 2014 - May 2014).


Watson, Annette M (Principal), Stewart, Kendra B, Keenan, Kevin, "Year 2: Coastal Livelihoods and The Local Sense of Place: Assessing Social-Ecological Relationships and Environmental Values in the Face of Demographic Changes in Greater Mount Pleasant, Awendaw and McClellanville, South
Carolina,“ Sponsored by NOAA, Federal governmental agency, awarded $31,487.00. (February 2013 - January 2014).


Community Engagement and Service

_Marguerite Archie-Hudson_ served on the College of Charleston President’s Community Advisory Committee and is also a member of the N.E.W. Fund committee for the Coastal Community Foundation. In addition, she serves on the Roper Saint Francis Hospital Board and is the Vice President of Programs for the Charleston Chapter of Links, Inc., and the Southern area Vice President for legislative affairs for Links, Inc.

_LaTasha Chaffin_ is a core member of our Master of Public Administration faculty. She is also a faculty affiliate for the urban studies program.

_John Creed_ served as chair of the College’s Honors College Committee. He was also an external member of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology T&P Committee. He gave talks to many groups on the Middle East and American Foreign Policy including the College of Charleston Creative Retirement Group, the Unitarian Church, Kiawah Island’s “Our World Series,” and other groups.

_Clare Curtis_ served on the College Hearing Committee and on the ad-hoc committee on course evaluations. She is also on the Steering Committee and the Fall 2013 Local Chair for the Society of Utopian Studies. She also served as an outside member on the Communication T&P committee and mentored a senior thesis for a student at the Academic Magnet High School.

_Chris Day_ is an integral part of the College’s African Studies program and like many of our faculty, teaches courses for the International Studies program. He has also spoken with the media about comparative and international politics.

_Helen Delfeld_ spearheads the College’s Model United Nations initiative and also serves on the Asian Studies Advisory Board and the First Year Experience Committee. She also participates on community panels and gives lectures on global political issues.

_Jo Ann Ewalt_ directs the College’s Master of Public Administration program and also served on the Committee on Graduate Education, and the Graduate Council. She is significantly engaged in her discipline, having recently been elected as the president of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. She is also a member of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Executive Council and serves as a member of the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation, the national accrediting body for Master's programs in public policy and administration. She serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. Dr. Ewalt is
also engaged in significant community outreach to the Lowcountry. She has led a year-long strategic planning process for the Greater Charleston YWCA, and students in her graduate research methods class assisted the Chief of Police and the city of Charleston with an analysis citizen concerns for the city’s Stand Up Charleston initiative.

**Andy Felts** served as an alternate for the College’s Post Tenure Review Committee.

**Brian Fisher** is the College’s Director of Sustainability where he coordinates a number of important initiatives for the College related to energy, waste and water management, outreach and awareness, research and planning, and food and agriculture.

**Hollis France** served as a Faculty Senate and is the Director of the College’s Gender Resource Center. She also chaired the Faculty and Staff Labor Day Committee and worked on the campus’s Climate Study. In the community, Dr. France shared her expertise by making presentations at the Lowcountry Senior Center and Ashley Hall.

**Kevin Keenan** serves in a number of administrative roles for the College. He continues to be the Director of the Urban and Regional Planning Certificate program and serves as Director of Urban Studies. He is also a member of the College Assessment Committee.

**Gibbs Knotts** serves as Department Chair and on the College’s Research and Development Committee and as a guest lecturer for Senior Project. He is also on the selection committee for the V.O. Key Award, given annually to the best book on southern politics by the Southern Political Science Association. He is a frequent commentator on political issues and has appeared in local, state, national, and international media outlets. He also speaks to a range of groups including Leadership Charleston, the Chamber of Commerce, and Senior Project. He also serves as a senior project advisor to an Academic Magnet student.

**Guoli Liu** remains an active member of the College community, serving on the Council on Undergraduate Research. He also serves as a board member of the Chinese Association in Greater Charleston and on the editorial board for the *Journal of Chinese Political Science* and was a book manuscript reviewer for Routledge.

**Mark Long** played an integral role in strengthening the College’s study abroad initiative in Trujillo, Spain, and also served on the College’s Faculty Grievance Committee. He also wrote a number of reviews for *The Post and Courier* for the 2014 Spoleto Festival.

**Matt Nowlin** is a core MPA faculty and serves on the admissions committees for both the MPA and MES programs. He was also a peer reviewer for *Policy Studies Journal*.

**Jordan Ragusa** continues his good work with the innovative “Rule 22” blog. His posts have been featured in a range of national outlets including *The Washington Post* and *The Monkey Cage*. He also talks frequently with the media about current political issues and serves as a senior project advisor to an Academic Magnet student.

**Alex Sanders** contributes to the intellectual life of the College and larger community in many ways. He is a sought after public speaker, addressing a range of audiences including the Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the South Carolina Bar Foundation Gala, the Sandra Day O’Connor Symposium at the Charleston School of Law, and the South Carolina Environmental Law Project. He also serves on
the editorial board of the *South Carolina Trial Objections Manual* and a number of other community boards and foundations.

*Kendra Stewart* serves as Director of the Joseph P. Riley Center for Livable Communities. She also chaired the 2014 American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference. She also serves on the editorial board for *State and Local Government Review*, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, and *Public Administration Quarterly*. Like many of our faculty, Dr. Stewart is a frequent contributor to local and national media outlets providing expert commentary on a range of political and public policy issues.

*Annette Watson* serves on College committees to review internal grant proposals for undergraduate research and innovative teaching and learning. She also mentors a number of MES graduate students. Nationally, she is a member of the steering committee for the Association of American Geographer’s Qualitative Research Specialty Group. She also collaborates with local Gullah/Geechee community groups across the Lowcountry on sustainability initiatives and pro-bono grant writing.

*Claire Wofford* shares her expertise in American politics and the judicial system with media outlets and is on the Editorial Board for the *Law and Courts Newsletter*. She is also a mentor for a senior project at Academic Magnet High School.

### V. The Students

#### College-Wide Awards

Alyson and Grace Jameson Award  
Brian Barrie

Transfer Student Award  
Katelynn Salmon

#### School of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholars, 2013-2014

Alexandra Keane  
Roysean Philson

#### Political Science Outstanding Student Awards

Outstanding Students are graduating seniors selected by the faculty on the basis of GPA and overall academic achievement.

Morgan Johnson  
Colton Naval  
Caitlin Murphy  
Sarah Sheafer

#### Political Science Departmental Honors

Departmental Honors are awarded by the faculty to students in the major with a GPA of at least 3.5 in the major who have completed a minimum of 12 hours of independent work including a Bachelor’s Essay.

Morgan Johnson  
Matthew Tarpey
Scholarships Awarded for 2014-2015

Freshman Dengate Scholarship
    Nathan Gillespie

Dengate Scholarships (non-renewable)
    David Ahnen    James Andrews    Stephanie Brumit    Sarah Heckman

Harper B. Keeler Award
    Anthony Gasper

Burnett Rhett Maybank Award
    Amber Heyward

Alyson and Grace Jameson Award
    Brian Barrie

Looper Award
    Madison Boggs

Pi Sigma Alpha: 2013-2014 Initiates

The department initiated 36 students at the spring at the Student Awards and Recognition Reception held on April 15, 2014 at 4:00 pm in Alumni Hall in Randolph Hall. The Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards were announced at this reception.

Meagan Allen    James Matheson Andrews    Kendall Lodge Axt
Matthew Boatner Thomas G. Bruce Lance Kevin Cooper
Katherine A. Curley Katherine Dickey Nicholas Doria
Adam Eldin Yasmine Jaree' Gore Ashley Gresens
Mary Josephine Hannaford Eugene Gordon Hay Jacqueline Angeline Hazlett
Sarah Heckman Emily Henderson Veronica Elizabeth Ingham
Christine Ingram Jordan John Alexandra Keane
Caroline Kenny Danya Kiernan Lindsey Ann Kruger
Courtney A. Lawrence Amanda Grace Merritt Caitlin Elizabeth Murph
Colton Manolito Naval Carra Marie Pope Jenny Powell
William Price Sarah Gray Saunders Sally Claire Scott
Abigail Tennenbaum Emily Hudson Townes Jonathan Isaac Wallach
Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards

Upper Division Course Papers

First Place:
Isadora Gotts, “Iran’s Power: A Double-Edged Sword”

Second Place:
Danya Kiernan, “International Aid and Persistent Violence: The Case of Somalia”

Third Place:

Required Course Papers

First Place:
Victoria Butler, “Revolutionizing Synthetic Biology”

Second Place:

Political Science Honor Roll—Spring 2013

Students who carry a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, are named to the semester’s honor roll.

Hunter W. Adams  Paige N. Halverson  Chelsea M. Montgomery
Meagan L. Allen  Christopher B. Hammond  Ian G. Moore
Justin S. Allran  Mary J. Hannaford  Caitlin E. Murphy
James M. Andrews  Hannah G. Harris  Gabrielle M. Murphy
Katherine M. Atkins  Sean M. Hartness  Joshua S. Myers
Connor S. Bailey  Jacob S. Hartwell  Colton M. Naval
Jenny J. Bamond  Eugene G. Hay  Deborah H. Ong
Walter R. Barnett  Mason L. Hay  Robert J. Osborne
Brian E. Barrie  Sarah J. Heckman  Roysean T. Philson
Daniel L. Beasley  Erich J. Hellstrom  Philip L. Pope
John C. Berdux  Emily M. Henderson  Jenny E. Powell
Michelle S. Bloom  Benjamin W. Hockett  Matthew M. Priester
Seth M. Bostrom  Timothy D. Hodson  Kathryn M. Quinn
Paul A. Bradley  Rebecka J. Hughes  Joseph S. Quisol
Thomas G. Bruce  Austin D. Hughey  Lesley A. Ramey
Stephanie T. Brumit  Veronica E. Ingham  Eugene F. Rorie
Kaitlyn N. Bush  Christine E. Ingram  Frankie R. Sadoun
Jason S. Byers  Christopher W. Jackson  Katelynn R. Salmon
Mary Grace Carey  Kayla E. Jebaily  Nicholas R. Sanders
Bryan L. Carter  Kerry N. Johnson  Matthew R. Sanford
Peter J. Catalano  Roberto Jones  Sally C. Scott
Leah A. Cockerham  Lucas A. Kaempfer  Sarah L. Sheafer
Micah D. Coffee  Heinz F. Kaiser  Grace E. Socash
William M. Coffman  Alexandra L. Keane  Ryan T. Spraker
Olivia A. Cohen  David A. Keller  Lauren E. Strubeck
Political Science Honor Roll—Fall 2013

Students who carry a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, are named to the semester's honor roll.

Hunter W. Adams
Joseph B. Affsprung
David C. Ahnen
Meagan L. Allen
Joan C. Anderson
James M. Andrews
Kendall L. Axt
Brian E. Barrie
Parks J. Barroso
Emily M. Baseman
Daniel L. Beasley
Kathryn M. Benson
Chantelle S. Berman
Derek J. Berry
Matthew W. Boatner
Steven M. Bonjour
Thomas G. Bruce
Stephanie T. Brumit
Taylor D. Campbell
Peter J. Catalano
Emily M. Clisham
Leah A. Cockerham
Olivia A. Cohen
Lance K. Cooper
Katherine A. Curley
Emily K. Davidson
Sylricka Foster
Anthony G. Gaspar
Nathan S. Gillespie
Yasmine J. Gore
Penina E. Graubart
Christopher B. Hammond
Hannah G. Harris
Eugene G. Hay
Sarah J. Heckman
Emily M. Henderson
Amber C. Heyward
Jacob A. Hinton
Timothy D. Hodson
Austin D. Hughey
Alayna K. Johnson
Morgan M. Johnson
Danya M. Kiernan
Lindsey A. Kruger
Rebecca L. Kuhne
Hannah E. Kuzminski
Jeffrey J. Martin
Bryana Mattes
Jessica D. Mercier
Amanda G. Merritt
Stewart A. Miller
Henry B. Mullin
Matthew A. Nielson
Roysean T. Philson
Jenny E. Powell
Joseph S. Quisol
Taylor M. Rea
James K. Reeves
Brandon T. Reid
Alexandria H. Richardson
Hunter A. Rudolph
Michael C. Russo
Frankie R. Sadoun
Katelynn R. Salmon
Nicholas R. Sanders
Shea K. Savaria
Sally C. Scott
Sarah L. Sheafer
Sarah J. Silberstein
James D. Smith
Grace E. Socash
Trevor S. Stephens
Sean P. Stivaletta
Rachel E. Taylor
Abigail C. Tennenbaum
Sarah K. Terrell
Haley E. Thomas
Emily H. Townes
Courtney B. Treco
Aimee E. Turner
Mallen M. Urso
Eleni Valanos
Brandon M. Van Dyke
Madison E. Wall
Isabel L. Williams
Matthew S. Williams
Beverley E. Wood
Carly M. Wood
Mark R. Zalesiak
Future Plans and Accomplishments of 2014 Political Science Graduates

A selected list of accomplishments for our 2013-2014 graduates appears below:

**Hunter Adams** will be attending American University’s Washington College of Law. He received a $31,000 scholarship.

**Courtney Alexander** will be working as a Field Director on U.S. Rep. Bill Cassidy’s Campaign for U.S. Senate.

**Kendal Axt** will be graduating in the summer and traveling to South Africa.

**Chantelle Berman** will be attending graduate school at IDC Herzliya, Israel for a Masters in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security.

**Matthew Boatner** will be a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

**Xavier Bromell** was involved in the Alpha Phi Alpha, Tau Eta Chapter and the Political Science club. He was awarded the title of College of Charleston Greek Life President of the Year.

**Emily Clisham** will be working as a Sales Representative and Assistant Buyer for Ralph Lauren in New York City. In the Fall of 2013, Clisham has been made the political science honor roll as well as distinguished honors.

**Brian Doheny** will be attending the University of Louisville’s Brandeis School of Law in the fall.

**Kaitlin Foran** will be working as campaign manager for S.C. Rep. Jenny Horne’s 2014 re-election campaign.

**Alexander French** will attend the Master in Public Administration program at the College of Charleston starting in Fall 2014.

**Drew Gardner** interned with the Office of Sustainability, merging both his interest in sustainability and passion for video production. During the spring 2014 semester he worked as the official videographer for the Office of Sustainability, which included filming events and developing new videos. In addition to his academic work, Drew films and records local bands in the Charleston area.

**Hannah Harris** will be attending Capital University in Columbus, Ohio to obtain a Paralegal Certificate from May 2014 – December 2014.

**Sean Hartness** has accepted a teaching position at an English school in Trujillo, Spain. He studied abroad in Trujillo, Spain in Fall 2013.
Rebecca Hughes will be interning with the Center for American Progress in fall 2014. She plans to earn her J.D. with a specialization in International Human Rights Law. Rebecca was a delegate to the Model African Union and the Model Organization of American States. She was a Global Scholar and a peer facilitator with the College's First Year Experience program. Rebecca studied abroad in LaRochelle, France and participated in an alternative break trip in Haiti. She interned with the A21 campaign to stop human trafficking and the U.S. Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Austin Hughes will work in the Greenville County Library system as a Librarian.

Morgan Johnson received both an Outstanding Student Award and Departmental Honors from the Department of Political Science. Her Bachelor’s Essay was on “Bread Riots as a Challenge to Authoritarian Regimes in the Middle East” where she compares the emergence of food insecurity and bread riots in Jordan (1989 and 1996) and Egypt (1972 and 1977) with Saudi Arabia where less food insecurity has prevailed and no riots have occurred.

Alexandra (Lexa) Keane worked as an intern for the Office of Sustainability on social and environmental issues and as their fair labor practices and garden program intern. She was selected as an HSS Scholar. In October of 2013, she presented at a national conference on sustainability and higher education. She was nominated for the Office of Institutional Advancement’s an EXCEL in Diversity in Service award in Spring 2014. She received the Alexandria Dengate award in 2014 from the political science department and is a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. Keane plans to continue to continue her ethnographic research and community development, specifically in the sustainable agriculture industry or with indigenous communities.

Danya Kiernan has a fellowship for Summer 2014 with community water solutions in Ghana. Next year she will be part of a teacher’s assistant program in Grenoble, France teaching elementary school students.

Lindsey Kruger will be teaching English in Thailand for a year through the TEFL program. Upon completion, Lindsey plans on applying to law school.

Ian Moore will be serving in the Peace Corps starting in January 2015 teaching English and water irrigation in Ecuador.

Caitlin Murphy will be attending Tufts University on a scholarship for the MA program in Art and Museum Studies.

Colton Naval will be traveling to Southeast Asia to assist the CofC study abroad program in Cambodia and Vietnam. Having focused his Bachelor’s Essay on community based ecotourism in rural Cambodia, Naval plans on continuing with his research while abroad. Naval is a member of the Political Science Honors Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, and received the Outstanding Student Award in Spring 2014. He is also a current applicant for the Rotary Ambassadorial Global Grant and plans to attend a master’s program focusing on sustainable development/sustainable economies.

Brandon Nicholas will work as a staff manager for Ross in Charlotte, NC. Brandon hopes to go to law school or graduate school in the next three years.
Roysean Philson was selected as an HSS Scholar. During the summer of 2013, he was awarded a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation summer internship in D.C. for the Hon. James E. Clyburn of South Carolina’s 4th Congressional district. He studied abroad in Trujillo, Spain during Fall 2013 and during the Spring 2014 semester he interned with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of South Carolina. He is currently interviewing with the Peace Corp and hopes to pursue a career in diplomacy and foreign affairs.

Jenny Powell will be working in Portland, ME in community outreach and environmental NGO work. She hopes to study and work with International Development and Sustainable Tourism in the future.

Sarah Sheafer will be volunteering for 10 months with the Tikkun Olam (“repairing the world”) program. There, she will be teaching Arab women English and working in community centers with children. She will also be visiting and volunteering with organizations that promote coexistence and peace in the region. Upon completion, Sarah will be attending graduate school to study Peace and Conflict Resolution and Prevention.

Sarah Silberstein (political science) will be teaching English in Italy to high school students and living with a host family.

Shana Sue Smith will be attending graduate school at Wilmington University for Elementary Education. Smith hopes to be an Elementary School principal.

Matthew Tarpey will be attending the Ph.D. program at the University of Pittsburgh with full funding. There he will study American politics and research methodology. During his undergraduate career, Matt co-authored a paper with Professor Jordan Ragusa on the geographies of economic voting. In the spring of 2013, Matt presented this paper at the South Carolina Political Science Association’s annual meeting. Matt also wrote a Bachelor’s Essay on the topic of state level variation in income inequality. He earned Departmental Honors from the Department of Political Science.

Emily Townes will be the Center Coordinator for Speedflex in Dallas, TX and hopes to attend graduate school or law school in Fall 2015.

Nina Wiersma will be attending the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Austria. She was also a finalist for a Fulbright Diplomatic Academy Student Grant.

VI. The Classroom: On Campus and Off

Beyond the Standard Curriculum: Special Topics Courses 2013-2014

POLS 319.01: ST: Advanced Sustainability (Fisher) In this course, we will explore pragmatic applications of sustainability in an organizational context. The course will revolve around group sustainability projects and their role in developing organizational change as a mechanism for societal sustainability. Past projects have been on bike share, urban garden(s), sustainability literacy, food/dining survey, water harvesting, sustainability in orientation, green building certification, Fair Trade, waste audit(s), and Greek Life. Students
will create and implement each project, as well as examine ways to improve sustainability and embed it within our community.

POLI 359.1/INTL 390.1 ST: Eastern European Politics (Kovalov)
This course examines the developments of contemporary politics in East-Central European countries. These states have undergone a dramatic transformation since World War II - politically, economically, and socially. In order to understand these developments, this course looks at how East-Central European states came under the dominance of the Soviet Union, how the rebellious societies contested and resisted the communist regimes, and finally, how those regimes collapsed in the late 1980s. The course also examines the recent transformations, such as integration with the western world and the “color revolutions” of the early 21st century. The goal of the course is to introduce students to major themes of totalitarianism, democratic transitions and their challenges, path dependence and importance of historical legacies in analyzing post-communist regimes.

POLI 379.1 ST: Terrorism and Counter Terrorism (Desjeans)
The course investigates the nature and impact of international terrorism challenges to Western democracies, including the United States, United Kingdom, Israel, and Russia, and the counter-terrorism policies such states adapt to contain or eliminate the threat. Besides current terrorist groups, including Al Qaeda, its affiliates in North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, and Hezbollah, the course will examine instances of previous international terrorist threats, how states have countered them, and their demise or reorientation.

POLI 339.01 ST: The US Intelligence Community and US National Security (Desjeans)
This course will examine the component agencies of the US Intelligence Community, identifying their missions and roles in securing US national security goals. The course will also examine the legal bases for Intelligence Community activities and the Community’s relations with the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

POLI 379.01 ST: Model United Nations (Delfeld)
Model United Nations has been a well-regarded way of experientially exploring this central institution. This course will provide students with an opportunity to organize and chair the College of Charleston Model UN, which draws 200 students each year. Secondly, students will represent a country and travel to Atlanta to participate in the regional Model UN. Enrollment is through the department, limited to 10 students and with permission of instructor.

POLI 399.01 ST: Sustainability and Security (Fisher)
This course will examine human and ecological systems through a security lens. The premise is that if sustained well-being and prosperity of human and ecological systems is the goal of sustainability, then providing security is paramount consideration along that path. Using frames of collective, national and human security, we will explore the intersections of systems that support and contribute to quality of life. Specifically, we will look at human systems (food, health, transportation, energy, product life cycle, social etc.) and how they intersect with ecological systems creating security issues at all scales.

POLI 399.02 ST: Politics and Technology (Felts, completed by Fisher)
Technology presents us with more and more complex questions. For example, the Obama administration is under scrutiny for the use of unmanned drones leading to important questions about due process. In addition, technological advances make it easier to monitor our lives raising serious questions about privacy rights, so important to our democratic society. Some European nations have taken a strong stance on protecting their citizen's privacy from such Internet giants as Google and Facebook. On more personal levels, some are saying that new ways to participate will give us more democracy both here and abroad.
Science fiction films pose questions that may be closer to reality than we might think. For example, the classic Bladerunner addresses the issue of android (robot) self-awareness or ‘singularity’—if they reach this state would they be granted rights we have mostly extended only to ourselves? Focusing on a range of literature/media this course will broadly explore the political implications of technology in our society by taking a critical perspective on what we typically see as positive advancements as we utilize.

Guests in the Political Science classroom and Field trips

- POLI 305 Urbanization and Urban Geography (Kevin Keenan) Dr. Keenan organized field trips for these students to visit I'on Village in Mount Pleasant and the Noistette Development in North Charleston. He also had several guest speakers: Jim Wood, Director of Planning and Development at City of North Myrtle Beach, Kelly Cousino, Senior Planner at Town of Mount Pleasant and Christiane Farrell, Town of Mount Pleasant Director of Planning and Development.

Guest speaker, U.S. Congressman Mark Sanford with Dr. LaTasha Chaffin's POLI 101 class on March 10, 2014.

Guest speakers, Christian Farrell, Director of Planning for the Town of Mount Pleasant, and Kelly Cousino, Senior Planner, delivered a presentation to Dr. Keenan's Urbanization and Urban Geography class on April 10, 2014. The presentation focused on what it is like to be a planner in practice, including topics such as community outreach and engagement, politics, and leadership.
• POLI 405 Maymester Capstone (Hollis France). Students in this class went to John’s Island to learn more about migrant workers and to Meggett to visit Swimming Rockfish farm.

Innovative Courses and High Impact Pedagogy

Contributions to the First Year Experience and Honors

Contributions to First Year Experience
Fall 2013

FYSM 156
The US in a Globalizing World
Guoli Liu

POLI 102/HIST 116 Learning Community
Understanding Violence
Chris Day/Tim Carmichael

POLI 103/GEOL 103 Learning Community
Movers and Shakers:
Helen Delfeld/Cynthia Hall

Spring 2014

POLI 150/ENGL 190 Learning Community
Engaging Charleston
Claire Curtis/Joe Kelly

Contributions to the Honors Program

HONS 165 Honors American Government (Lynne Ford, Fall 2013)

HONS 382 Honors Special Topics: Systems Literacy (Brian Fisher, Fall 2013)

HONS 166 Honors World Politics (John Creed, Spring 2014)

Contributions to the REACH Program

Faculty participating in the REACH Program included Marguerite Archie-Hudson and Claire Curtis

Distance education or hybrid course offerings

Kevin Keenan taught our department’s first online course, POLI 401 (Internship) during the summer of 2013.
Senior Capstone Seminars

Dr. Creed, Felts, Liu, Curtis, Stewart, France

All graduates must complete one of our senior Capstone Seminars and this year’s topics included: “Complex Diplomacy,” “Equality,” Political and Social Acceleration,” Fear and (Hope),” “Food Insecurity, Farm Policy, and Community Action,” and “No Passport Required: Connecting the Local to the Global.”

**Personalized Education and Student Faculty Collaboration**

The opportunity to develop one’s own research, and to work one on one with faculty is essential to the mission of the College and the Department.

**Independent Studies**

In 2013-2014, political science students enrolled in 14 independent studies.

**Fall 2013**

Mary Elizabeth Huggins “Contemporary Social Issues and Fundamental Principles of American Law” (Alexander M. Sanders)

Roberto Jones “Model United Nations” (Helen Delfeld)

Alexandra Keane “Post-Colonial Indigenous Community Development” (Annette Watson)

Matthew Tarpey “Analysis of Economic Voting” (Jordan Ragusa)

Abigail Tenenbaum “Food Policy Abroad” (Kendra Stewart)

Elizabeth Works “Sexual Assault on South Carolina College Campuses” (Gibbs Knotts)

Emily Henderson “Politics of International Corporate Law” (John Creed)

**Spring 2014**

Katherine Curley “IR Theory and Spy Novels” (Claire Curtis)

Jonathan Wallach “The Catholic Church in World Politics” (John Creed)

Leah Cockerham “Humanitarian Dependency in the Gaza Strip” (John Creed)

Joseph Lonergan “Middle East-Based Terror” (John Creed)

Sarah Shearer “Artistic Political Dissent in the Middle East” (John Creed)

Courtney Treco “Untangling the Power of Gender in Caribbean Politics” (Hollis France)

Joshua Myers “Insurgent Violence and Proxy Warfare” (Christopher Day)

**Bachelor’s Essays**

In 2013–2014, political science students enrolled in 9 Bachelor’s Essays.

Hunter Adams “Implementation of Supreme Court Decisions in State Legislatures” (Claire Wofford)

John Berdux “Dynamics of Strategic and Economic Relations” (Guoli Liu)

Brian Doheny “Energy and Security in Asia-Pacific” (Guoli Liu)

Morgan Johnson “Food Insecurity and Autocratic Regime Survival” (John Creed)

Colton Naval “Tourism, Development, and Human Rights in Cambodia” (Helen Delfeld)

Jenny Powell “Conservation in the Southern Cone” (John Creed)

Peter Catalano “Politics of U.S. – China Trade” (Guoli Liu) (completed, December 2013)
Katherine Curley  “Social Identity of Southern Women” (Gibbs Knotts) (to be completed Fall 2014)
Abigail Tennenbaum “Farm Workers: The Hidden Piece in the Food Puzzle” (Helen Delfeld) (to be completed Fall 2014)

Student and Faculty Research collaboration

Political Science Senior, Lexa Keane received a MAYS grant and worked with Dr. Watson, building upon their independent study together on “Community Development.” Lexa and Dr. Watson conducted fieldwork in McClellanville, Awendaw, Mount Pleasant and North Charleston. Together they interviewed Gullah/Geechee people as part of their work in understanding the political context of Gullah/Geechee Heritage Corridor.

Political Science Students participate in Conferences

In March 2014, two political science majors, David Ahnen and Katherine Curley presented papers at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. David Ahnen presented a paper on “The Prospects for Hispanic Mobilization in the South.” Katherine Curley presented a paper on “Southern Women, Social Identity, and Political Involvement in the South”. Dr. Gibbs Knotts served as their advisor and provided them with support by attending their presentations.


Internships

Erin Blevins serves as Internship Coordinator, developing and maintaining internship opportunities, advising students, and supporting the work of the faculty member teaching the internship seminar.

Summer 2013 Online Internship Seminar – Dr. Kevin Keenan

Michael Bisnett, Dorchester County EMS
Conor Datt, Epic Records
Catherine Hughes, American Red Cross
William Price, Price Green
Chelsea Scholl, North Charleston Planning and Zoning Department
Courtney Treco, Harry B. Sands, Lobosky & Company

Fall 2013 Internship Seminar--Dr. Hollis France

Katherine Benson, Public Defender’s Office
Morgan Johnson, Public Defender’s Office
Nina Wiersma, Habitat for Humanity
Fallon Wyrick, Solicitor’s Office – Juvenile Arbitration Program
Spring 2014 Internship Seminar—Dr. Claire Curtis

John Berdux, Public Defender’s Office
Logan Fithcett, U.S. Representative Mark Sanford’s Office
Hannah Harris, Lowcountry Foodbank
Gordon Hay, Solicitor’s Office – Juvenile Arbitration Program
Lindsey Kruger, Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services
Ian MacBeth, Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families
Roy Philson, ACLU
Samantha Rodriguez, SC Community Loan Fund
Chandler Rowh, Public Defender’s Office
Michael Tito, Senator Lindsey Graham’s Office
Rebekah Trice, Habitat for Humanity
Isabel Williams, Safe Zone, Multicultural Center at the College of Charleston
Rebecca Stanley, Charleston City Paper

Internationalization and Study Away

In 2013-2014, 38 declared political science majors studied abroad in 13 different countries. The department strongly encourages study abroad participation through advising and in classes.

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Spring 2014

Ryan Adams, Austria
Kaley Cournoyer, Cuba
Nathan Gillespie, UK (Spring Break)
Christopher Jackson, United Kingdom
Jordon John, United Kingdom (Spring Break)
Jessica Mercier, several countries
Ian Moore, Cuba
Shea Savaria, Cuba
Study Abroad: Morocco  Dr. Jack Parson (Professor Emeritus) and Dr. Abdellatif Attafi

This is the 10th year this study abroad program has run during the summer. From May 14 - June 6, nine students explored the history, politics, culture, languages and geography of this unique African Country. Students spent time in Tangier, its surrounding cities and landmarks (such as the Medina Asilah and the Mediterranean and Atlantic coastal environments). They also toured important sites and cities where students discovered the historical impact of each site.

Study Abroad: Cambodia  Helen Delfeld and Dr. Jennifer Wright

The fourth annual student-learning trip to Cambodia was a tremendous success. Because there was such strong interest from students in this study abroad program, two study abroad trips were offered this summer, one from May 16- June 10th and another from June 14- July 9th. Eleven students participated in each of the trips. The program took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and provided students with the opportunity to explore and experience first-hand Cambodia. The program explored how histories of violence become incorporated into people’s individual and collective cultural narratives and how the underlying political, social, and psychological forces have shaped (and continue to shape) these cultures as they grapple with the barriers to healthy functioning and well-being associated with poor living conditions. The program also explored the various levels at which these cultures make better lives for themselves and their children through individual and community efforts, governmental programs, and foreign influence in particular to the UN and NGO’s.

The Geography Minor

Eight political science majors were declared geography minors over this academic year. The core geography skill-building course, Reading the Lowcountry Landscape (GEOG219) was offered in both Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 and taught by Tim Keane, Planning, Preservation, & Sustainability Director for the City of Charleston. Thirty-eight students immersed themselves in fieldwork, exploring the cultural geographies of Charleston and environs. Geography faculty taught the following minor courses: Urbanization and Urban Geography, Geography and Politics of the European Union, Geography of Native Lands/Indian Law, Political Geography, and Word Regional Geography. Other political science courses that were offered that counted toward the minor included: Politics of Africa, Politics of the Middle East, and
APPENDIX I

BUDGET SUMMARY

2014 Political Science Expenditures

- Research and conference support: 41%
- Office supplies: 30%
- Phone/Copier: 15%
- Personnel: 11%
- Events/student awards and travel: 3%