Department of Political Science

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Annual Report 2009-2010
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I. Executive Summary

Again this year we reached an all time high for the number of majors (408) and the number of students graduating with a major in Political Science (125). More importantly, our students continue to distinguish themselves, with an all time high of 54 students entering the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. Three students are conducting grant funded research in collaboration with Political Science faculty, 18 students completed an intensive six credit hour bachelor’s essay, and 42 students studied abroad, in Cuba, Dubai, Morocco, Cambodia, Jordan, Italy, Greece, Denmark, and Argentina. Our majors sponsored a variety of campus events and the newly formed CofC Urban Agriculture developed an organic garden in the Political Science courtyard and worked with others to install a cistern that will collect rainwater for use in the garden. Spring graduates have Peace Corps placements in Peru and Mali, a scholarship to study in Uganda, and placements at many outstanding law schools and graduate schools. Several graduates from earlier years received top awards from the Alumni Association, including Callie Shell (1993), the official Time magazine photographer for the Obama campaign, and Arlinda Locklear (1973), the first Native American woman to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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. Presentations by Mark Umbriet, founder of the Center for Restorative Justice, Jill HaLevi, co-founder of the Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston, and noted Geographer Dr. Paul Robbins helped explore our annual theme, “Political Imagination: Creative Solutions to Contemporary Dilemmas.” Tom Ricks (author of The American Military Adventure in Iraq), and Mary Desjeans (Deputy Director of Intelligence at the CIA) visited in the spring, and a wide variety of workshops and career panels explored everything from campaign consulting to law school admissions. Also in the spring, we recognized outstanding student accomplishments at our annual awards reception and awarded the first William V. Moore Scholarship.

The Department welcomed two new faculty this past fall, Dr. Kevin Keenan and Dr. Brian Fisher and celebrated the careers of two retiring faculty this spring, Dr. Jack Parson and Dr. David Mann. Lynne Ford received the College’s Distinguished Service Award and completed revisions to the third edition of her book, Women and Politics, Doug Friedman was honored for his work in Cuba, and Dr. Liu’s co-edited book Managing the China Challenge, was published. Faculty published in wide range of journals and were selected to organize and present to a variety national and international professional conferences.

Our faculty continued to make strong contributions to College wide governance and provided administrative leadership to the civic engagement initiative (Lynne Ford), the General Education Committee (Claire Curtis), the Latin American Studies and International Studies programs (Doug Friedman), the Riley Institute and the MPA program (Kendra Stewart), the Pre-Law program (David Mann), and the Urban Planning Certificate (Kevin Keenan). In 2009-2010 22% of Political Science faculty time was devoted to supporting the MES and MPA graduate programs, interdisciplinary minors, the Honors program, and the First Year Experience.

As the year drew to a close we bid farewell to Dr. Tim LaPira, who accepted an appointment at James Madison University, and began to look forward to the fall, when we will welcome Dr. Erin McAdams (Ohio State University) and Dr. Mary Desjeans (Professional in Residence—Central
Intelligence Agency), along with Kea Gorden, who has taught here for two years and accepted a tenure track position.

II. Political Science By the Numbers

408* Political Science majors (see p. 17).
125* Students graduated with degrees in Political Science.
54* Pi Sigma Alpha initiates (see p. 18)
42 Majors studying abroad (see p. 37).
28* Students completing internships (see p. 36)
27 Tomato plants in the new Urban Agriculture Garden (p. 22)
23* Students graduating with the Masters of Public Administration (see p. 41).
18* Bachelor’s essays completed (see p. 34)
6 Items in this list that represent all time highs (see astericks*)
4 Books nearing completion (Gillespie, Chorlton, Curtis, Stewart)
2+2 Two Extraordinary Careers at the College: Professor David Mann (hired 1978) and Professor Jack Parson (hired 1980) retired in spring 2010.
2 Two new faculty members, Dr. P. Brian Fisher and Dr. Kevin Keenan (see p.14)
1 Departing faculty member Timothy Lapira (best to Tim, Katie and Amelia)

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: Political Imagination: Creative Solutions to Contemporary Dilemmas
Constitution Day Presentation: "Criminals and Victims - Is Mediation Possible?"
Speaker: Jill E. M. HaLevi, Esq., co-founder of the Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston.
Thursday, September 17, 2009
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Student Affairs, Pre-Law, Crime, Law and Society and C.A.R.E. 60-70 students and faculty in attendance.

Geography lecture: "Lawn People: The Politics of Everyday Landscapes"
Speaker: Dr. Paul Robbins, University of Arizona
Thursday, November 5 Stern Center Ballroom; 3:30 pm
Sponsored by Political Science, American Studies, Master in Environmental Studies, Urban Studies. 175-200 students and faculty in attendance.

Political Science Convocation of Majors:
"Restorative Justice in the 21st Century: A Social Movement in the Global Community"
Speaker: Dr. Mark Umbreit, University of Minnesota, founder of Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Physicians Auditorium 7:00 pm
Approximately 175 students in attendance.
Engaging the Community and Exploring Ideas in a Public Forum

Tuesday, November 3
"The Ethics of Arguing: The Value of Sincerity in Legal and Political Argument"
Micah Schwartzman. University of Virginia School of Law
3:15-4:45 pm; Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Center
Sponsored by the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science.

Tuesday, November 10
"Inside Campaigns 101: Consultants Share What to Expect and How to Get Involved"
4:30 pm; Admissions Auditorium in the Robert Scott Small building.
Approximately 45 students in attendance.

Soldiers of Conscience Documentary
Thursday, January 21 at 7pm
Stern Center Rm.206

Food Inc. Documentary
Monday, January 25th at 7pm in MYBK 100
Hosted by: CofC for Urban Agriculture
Discussion Leaders: Dr. Helen Delfeld and Dr. Kea Gordon
Approximately 40 students in attendance.

Mullins McLeod, Candidate for Governor
Wednesday, January 27th from 7-8pm in Stern Center 201. Hosted by the Political Science Club. Approximately 30 in attendance.

"The American Military Adventure in Iraq"
Tom Ricks, Senior fellow, Center for a New American Security, Contributing editor, Foreign Policy, Special military correspondent, The Washington Post and author of Fiasco and The Gamble.
Thursday, February 18 7:00 pm; Physicians Auditorium
Approx. 220 students and community members attended the event.
The Changing Al-Qa'da Threat
Speaker: Mary F. Desjeans,
Deputy Director, Intelligence for
Strategic Programs. U.S. Central
Intelligence Agency
Thursday, January 28 3:30 pm;
Arnold Hall, First floor Jewish
Studies Center. Approximately 90
students and faculty attended.

LGBT Friday Film Festival, Jan. 22 – April 23
Faculty Coordinator: Tom Chorlton

The Intersection of Disciplines

“Third Parties in American Politics”
Dr. Dave Gillespie
Feb 12 3:30 Higdon Center
Dave’s current book project explores "the evolution of an American two party system that ensures the shared hegemony of the Democratic and Republican parties and yields partisan gridlock and policy paralysis."

"China’s Modernization and Political Reform"
Dr. Guoli Liu, Professor of Political Science
Friday February 20, 3:30 pm Room 214 Beatty Center
Guoli’s most recent edited volume is Managing the China Challenge: Global Perspectives (Routledge, 2009). He is currently working on a manuscript entitled "China Rises to the Challenge of Modernity: Change Amid Stability."
"A Successful Liberal Democracy in Africa, What's Up With That?"

Dr. Jack Parson, Professor of Political Science
Friday March 19 3:30 pm Levin Library, Jewish Studies Center
Dr. Jack Parson has researched the evolution of the political economy of Botswana for over 30 years and traveled and worked in a dozen other African countries.

"Seeing Modern Landscapes"
Dr. Mark Long, Associate Professor, Political Science
Friday March 26, 3:30 pm Higdon Leadership Center
Mark’s research explores identity politics and cultural landscapes of modernity. His research has appeared in Social Science Quarterly and PS: Political Science and Politics, and he has served as curator for exhibitions at the City Gallery at Waterfront Park and the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art.
“Grounding the Teaching of Globalization in a Critical Pedagogy”
Dr. Hollis France, Associate Professor, Political Science
Friday April 16, 3:30 pm Higdon Leadership Center
Hollis France earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the City University of New York. Her research and teaching focus on international political economy, comparative gender studies, and international development. Her most recent work examines pedagogies associated with study abroad, interdisciplinarity, and globalization.

Images of Conflict: Representing Africa Responsibly, A Panel Discussion
Panelists: Dr. Jack Parson, Dr. Kea Gorden, Dr. Mark Sloan
March 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Halsey Institute
Approximately 45 students attended.

Careers and Opportunities

"Is Graduate School the next step for me?"
Wednesday, October 28 4 pm; Maybank 303
Discussants: Dr. LaPira, Dr. Stewart, Matt Irwin (MPA), Erin Blevins (POLS) 8-10 in attendance.
Pre-Law event: Meet Admissions Deans from Mississippi College School of Law, University of Tennessee, Memphis, and Mercer.
Wednesday, October 28
4 pm; Maybank 207.
14 students in attendance.

Open Pre-Law Advising Session: for the first year student to graduated student, basic advice and planning.
Thursday, September 24 3:00 pm, ECTR 111.
Convener: Dr. Mann

Pre-Law event: "Navigating the Law School Admissions Process"
Speaker: USC Admissions Director Orr
Tuesday, September 29 4 pm; ECTR 101
16 students attended.

New Pre-Law Series: "What Lawyers Do"--Ken Allen of Columbia, SC specializes in alcohol licensing throughout the state
Thursday, October 1
6:00 pm; MYBK 219

U.S. State Department Information Session
Thursday, October 8 2:00- 3:00 pm, Stern Center Room 201
Sponsored by the Career Center.
30 students in attendance.

Pre-Law event: Professor Richard Epstein, University of Chicago Law Professor:
"Takings versus Regulation: Where in Lies the Difference?"
Thursday, October 8
7:00 pm, 115 Beatty (formerly Wachovia Auditorium)

Pre-Law event: Personal Statement Workshop with Dean John Benfield, Charleston School of Law and Dr. David Mann
Thursday, October 15 4:00 pm; ECTR 101

Pre-Law event: Stetson Law School and Financial Aid Dean Laura Zuppo
Thursday, Jan 28th Maybank 103
Convener: David Mann

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Information Session:
Monday, January 25th at 4:30pm in Hawkins Lounge
POLS Student Caroline Burns shared her application experience.
Celebrating and Encouraging Academic Excellence

Political Science Student Awards Reception
Tuesday, April 20 4 pm; Alumni Hall in Randolph Hall.
Approximately 80 students, parents, and faculty attended.

Dr. Mann?

Students and parents at the Awards Reception

Dr. Delfeld recognizes Best Paper Award Winners

Andrea Desantis and Sara Hutchinson with Dr. Claire Curtis

Political Science Bachelor's Essay Research Presentations
Tuesday, April 27
Beatty Center room 214.
25-30 students and faculty participating.

Left to Right: Kelsi Ward, Danielle Ely, Kimberly Anderson, and Samantha Culp after presenting their Bachelor's Essay Research
Jack Parson arrived at the College in the fall of 1980, having already spent four years in Uganda, one in England, and five in Botswana. His ongoing research on the evolution of the politics and economy of Botswana has been supported by two Fulbright grants and he has worked in a dozen other African countries as well. He served three year terms as Coordinator of the Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies, as Chairman of the National Association of African Studies Programs, and as a member of the National Board of Directors of the African Studies Association. He served as Treasurer of the ASA. He has served as Chair of the Political Science Department, Speaker of the Faculty, and as the founding Director of International programs. In 1987 he received the College's Distinguished Research Award. In 2007 he received the College's Distinguished Service Award.
Political Science Graduation Reception  
Saturday, May 8  
Political Science Courtyard, 114 Wentworth Street

Internationalization

Model Organization of American States (POLS 366) Information sessions
Monday, October 5 and October 6  
2:00 pm; Political Science Conference Room (114 Wentworth Street, 2nd floor)  
Convenor: Dr. Doug Friedman

College of Charleston Student Model United Nations Conference 2010  
Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10
Faculty Organizers: Dr. Jack Parson African Delegations; Dr. Guoli Liu Asian Delegations; Dr. Helen Delfeld European Delegations; Dr. Kea Gorden Central & S. American Delegations

At left: Provost George Hynd welcomes participants.  
Below: The delegations gather in the Carolina First Arena
IV. The Faculty

Faculty and Courses Taught

Roster Faculty

John Creed, Associate Professor, Politics of the Middle East, American Foreign Policy, First Year Seminar: A World of Risk.

Claire Curtis, Associate Professor, Associate Chair of the Department, Politics and Political Inquiry, Sexual Harassment, Capstone Seminar: Politics of the End, First Year Seminar.

Helen Delfeld, Assistant Professor, World Politics, Human Rights Law, Capstone Seminar: Politics of Illusion, Field Internship.

Arthur Felts, Professor, American Government, MPA Capstone, MPA Financial Administration, Introduction to Public Administration.

Brian Fisher, Assistant Professor, Global Climate Change, Environmental Policy, International Law and Organization, MES Global Climate Change.

Lynne E. Ford, Professor, Politics and Political Inquiry II, American Government, First Year Seminar, Capstone: Keeping the Republic; the Politics and Policy of Civic Engagement, Women and Politics.

Hollis France, Associate Professor, World Politics, International Political Economy, Comparative Gender, Field Internship.

Douglas Friedman, Associate Professor; Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Modernization and Dependency, Organization of American States, Politics of Contemporary Brazil

Philip H. Jos, Professor, Chair of the Department, Ethics and Politics, MPA Administrative Accountability and Ethics

Kevin Keenan, Assistant Professor, World Regional Geography, Urbanization and Urban Geography, MPA Urban and Regional Government, MPA Urban Transportation.
Tim LaPira, Assistant Professor, Politics and Political Inquiry II, Congress.
Guoli Liu, Professor, World Politics, Case Studies in Foreign Policy, International Relations Theory, Chinese Politics, Politics of East Asia, HONS: World Politics
Mark Long, Associate Professor, World Regional Geography, HONS: Optical Geographies, Political Geography, Reading the Lowcountry Landscape.
David Mann, Professor; Coordinator of the Pre-law Program, Capstone Seminar: Murder, American Government, Jurisprudence.
Alex Sanders, Professor, Law and Society.
Kendra Stewart, Associate Professor, MPA Director, Interim Riley Center Director, Politics and Political Inquiry II, The Presidency, MPA Perspectives in Public Administration
Annette Watson, Assistant Professor, World Regional Geography, Environmental Geography, MES Environmental Case Studies: The Resilience of Social-Ecological Systems in the Lowcountry, MES Environmental Case Studies: Science and politics of building the Mark Clarke Extension.

Visiting Faculty

David Hinton, Politics and Political Inquiry I, HONS Western Civ.

Adjunct Faculty

Tom Chorlton, American Government, Politics of the American Revolution, LGBT Politics
Meredith Coker, Advanced Mock Trial.
Dave Gillespie, American Government, Third Parties in American Politics
Lee Gremillion, Beginning Mock Trial.
Ann Walsh, Criminal Justice

Staff

Erin Blevins, Administrative Coordinator
Caroline Burns, student worker

Contributors From Other Departments

Michael Lee (Department of Communication)
American Politics and Mass Media, Political Campaign Communication
Malte Pehl (Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs)
Jeri Cabot (Student Affairs)
American Government
Spotlight on New Faculty

Kevin Keenan earned his Ph.D in Geography from Clark University. His teaching and research interests include urban geography, urban vulnerability to terrorism, and transportation policy.

Brian Fisher earned his PhD from the University of California-Irvine and a law degree from Loyola University. His research and teaching interests include climate change, environmental justice, and international environmental law.

Selected Publications

The faculty presented original research at dozens of professional conferences, provided leadership for many professional organizations and served the community in myriad ways. What follows is merely a sample.

Books and Journals


Long, Mark. Curator, Memento mori: warnings from the American West and Antarctica – Photographs by Michelle van Parys and Stuart Klipper, City Gallery at Waterfront Park, Charleston SC, winter 2009


Other Publications/Professional Service and Recognition

Curtis, Claire. Program Chair, Society for Utopian Studies Annual Meeting, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, Wrightsville Beach, NC.

Helen Delfeld, invited participant and presenter, European Science Foundation workshop on Post Conflict Political Legitimacy,” Dec. 8-11; Recipient, $4,000 Faculty Research and Development Award.

Brian Fisher was one of only 34 scholars invited to attend the Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research in Arizona this past spring.

Keenan, Kevin. Coordinator, two sessions at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 14-18, 2010.

Lynne Ford, Convener, “Engaged Student Learning through Community-based Teaching, Service, and Research,” January 27, 4:00 pm; Chair and Discussant, “Educating for Civic Engagement,” American Political Science Association, Toronto, CN, Sept. 3–5, 2009; Research Seminar, “Engaged Student Learning and Democratic Thinking” Elon University, July 12–7, 2009; AAC&U Faculty Roles in High-Impact Practices, March 25-27, 2010 Philadelphia PA Pre-Conference workshop, "Supporting Deep Engagement of Faculty in New Approaches to Student Learning," March 25, 2010, AAC&U Faculty Roles in High-Impact Practices; Marian Irish Award Committee, SPSA, 2009; Program Chair, Women and Politics Section, SPSA, 2009; consultant, Southeastern Institute for Women for Women in Politics, a non-profit committed to strategic intervention to increase the number of women in the state legislature.

Doug Friedman, Panel Organizer and Presenter, XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11-14, 2009; Presentations to the Center for Creative Retirement and the Unitarian Church.

Alex Sanders, “Who We are Is Who We Is,” Ex Libris Society, 2009.

We contain the potential, the energy, the dreams of all who have gone before us; and if we are to discover our own unique role on earth we must look back at those dreams and try to understand why they failed and how they succeeded, so that we may dream more clearly and act more nobly in our own lives. That is our great responsibility to our history and to our future”
--Alex Sanders

Alex Sanders and Georgia Hart at the Ex Libris Society Dinner
Stewart, Kendra. National Council Member, National Association of Schools of Public Administration and Affairs, Charleston Chamber of Commerce See 2020 Committee, Board Member, Southeastern Conference of Public Administration, recipient, $1,350 Faculty Research and Development Award.

Watson, Annette. Organizer, two sessions at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 14-18.

Forthcoming (Already Accepted for Publication)

Books by Dave Gillespie and Claire Curtis
Refereed Journal Articles by Mark Long, Brian Fisher, and Guoli Liu
Book chapters by Guoli Liu and Helen Delfeld.

Honors and Accomplishments

Lynne E. Ford Distinguished Service Award

“Her record of consistently outstanding contributions results from the fact that serving her colleagues, students, and the institution is not simply an aspect of Lynne’s professional performance— it is part of who she is as a person. At every phase of her career Lynne has found new opportunities to serve, providing mature and consultative leadership.”

Cuba Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary—Doug Friedman Honored

Doug Friedman received a medal for his ten years of work with the Instituto de Filosofía in Cuba

Kendra Stewart Graduate Faculty of the Year
ExCEL (Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership) Award
V. The Students

The number of Political Science majors doubled between 2000 and 2008 and has stabilized in recent years. Just prior to commencement 2008 there were 396 majors in political science and just prior to the 2010 ceremony there were 408 majors (see chart below).

Declared Majors in Political Science 1985-2010

Awards and Recognition

Political Science Departmental Honors
Departmental Honors are awarded by the faculty to students 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.

Caroline K. Burns  Samantha Culp  Annie Sarah Dupre
Hartland James Moede  Helen M. Rosko  Kelsi A. Ward
Lily A. Winter  Ryan Bishop Yarrow

Political Science Outstanding Student Awards
Graduating seniors selected by the faculty on the basis of GPA and overall academic achievement.

Kimberly Susan Anderson  Maxine Bier  Caroline Kinloch Burns
Eric M. Campbell  John L. Coffey  Samantha M. Culp
Ann-Marie Quinn  Daniel James Ritter  Kelsi A. Ward
Lily A. Winter

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholars, 2009-2010
Jordan Blanton received a SURF grant to work on a project (“Deciding When “Enough” is “Enough” to Sustain Alaska Chinook Salmon as a Global Resource.” with Dr. Annette Watson. Jordan and Dr. Watson are currently in a remote Alaskan fishing village.

Caroline Burns was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. She plans to work towards a Masters in Human Rights while completing an intensive service project.

Carter Foxgrover received a MAYS grant in support of research he conducted under the supervision of Dr. Tim LaPira. Carter presented his research at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting in Chicago. He received a $250 grant and Departmental funds to support his trip.

Ryan Yarrow, earned the “Best Representative” award at the South Carolina Student Legislature session in Columbia, SC.

Nicol Spann was selected for an Institute for Humane Studies seminar at Bryn Mawr College in July.

Austin Garland, Maggie Lyons, Kathleen Marie Sullivan, and Kelsi Ward were elected to “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” in 2009-2010.

Sanaz Arjomand received a SURF grant to work on a project (“Blogs and Political Participation in Green Revolution Iran”) with Dr. Kea Gorden. She was also named EXCEL (Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership) Student of the Year.

The department initiated 54 students at this spring at the Student Awards and Recognition Reception held on April 20, 2010 at 4:00p in Alumni Hall in Randolph Hall. The Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards were announced at this reception, new Pi Sigma members and award winners are listed below.

Kristine Mary Abruzzino
Pious Pavitar Ahuja
Kimberly Anderson
Sanaz Arjomand
C. Phillip Barger
Amanda Brooke Birkenhauer
Chris A. Bland

Jordan A. Howard
Valerie C. Hudgins
Abigail Kammeraad-Campbell
Gerald B. Leverich III
Maggie Kathleen Lyons
Kylie Debora Meli Marcus
Heather McEntire

Sean Bath, Adam Brunelle, and ExCEL Student of the Year, Sanaz Arjomand
Eric Winslow Bolton  
John L. Brisini Jr.  
Adam L Brunelle  
Terence Charles Byrne III  
Eric Matthew Campbell  
Emery M. Alexander Chisholm  
Morgan Cleary  
Colin Robert Coletti  
Elizabeth C. Connors  
Samantha Marie Culp  
Brittany A. Dunne  
Danielle Elizabeth Ely  
Joseph Daniel Fleming  
Brenda J. Flores  
Paige K. Gamble  
Samantha I. Gillis  
Sarah Kathyrn Gritton  
Michelle Palmer Haines  
Rachel M. Hardy  
Erin Deanna Hickey  

Brian Christopher Mulhall  
Andrew C. Orr  
Lauren Elizabeth Patterson  
Kathryn F. Penry  
Liza Hadley Rauch  
Tory E. Rebhun  
Benjamin D. Robertson  
Helen M. Rosko  
Casey Alena Scherer  
Phoebe Andrea Schiff  
Shannon Marie Schofield  
Tyler Showers  
Kaitlyn Rebecca Swicegood  
Lauren Elisabeth Swing  
Gregory A. Thomas  
Kira vonRichthofen  
Chelsea Leigh West  
Anne Gilbert Wallice  
Robert B. Williams  
Mallory A. Wilson

**Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards**

**Upper Division Course Papers:**

**First Place** Amanda Birkenhauer, “It’s a Bird, No It’s the Boeing 787 Dreamliner: But Is It Really North Charleston’s Superhero?”

**Second Place** Lauren Avioli, “Community over Consumerism: The Effects of Sustainable Development on Urban Values”

**Scholarships Awarded for 2010-2011**

**Dengate Scholars**

Shelby Elizabeth August  
Isaiah C. Nelson  

Sean C. Bath  
Ashlyn Christine Spilis  

Sara Eichelberger Hutchinson

**Harper B. Keeler Award**

Lua Janet Eijsink

**William V. Moore Endowed Scholarship**

Nivardo Vivar

**Burnett Rhett Maybank Award**

Andrea Leah DeSantis

**Alexander Dick Scholarship**

Joseph Fleming (Political Science and History major)
**Alyson and Grace Jameson Award**  
Natalie Ann Hallmark

**Political Science Honor Roll—Fall 2009**  
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.

**Fall 2009**

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A Student Focused Community

The Political Science Club

The Department supports a number of student clubs and organizations. Most directly, the Political Science Club, operates as a multi-partisan student organization dedicated to advancing dialogue and
action related to politics. Professors Kendra Stewart and Kea Gorden served as advisors for the group this year. Isaiah Nelson served as President of the club. The club regularly sponsors debates, lectures, service projects, and social activities. The Club also co-sponsors events with the department, in particular the Convocation of Majors, and advises the faculty on areas of student interest. Organization funds, allocated by SGA, are used to cover the cost of food associated with events, film rental, speaker fees, and travel.

**The South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL)**

Continuing its tradition of civic engagement in public affairs, the College of Charleston delegation to the South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL) was once again one of the strongest in the state and a leader in setting the agenda in the statewide mock legislative session.

**Americans for Informed Democracy (AID)** promotes an interconnected world through awareness, advocacy and action.

**The International Affairs Club** is dedicated to educating students about the world and encouraging engagement in international affairs. Dr. Hollis France serves as the organization’s faculty advisor. Activities include invited lectures, films/discussions, and events designed to raise awareness of global issues.

**Urban Agriculture**

CofC for Urban Agriculture is an on-campus organization for the promotion and implementation of urban agriculture initiatives throughout the Charleston community with the goal of furthering social and environmental justice and sustainability. The organization seeks to provide fresh, organic, local produce to the community. Dr. Helen Delfeld is the faculty advisor.

*At left: Dan Ritter and Adrian Barry (designers, builders, and gardeners) in the Courtyard Garden
At right: The Courtyard is home to the College's most impressive rainwater harvesting initiative.*

**Current Political Science Students plans for Summer 2010 and beyond**

Sanaz Arjomand will be working on a project supported by a SURF grant with Dr. Gorden this summer. The title of the project is “Blogs and Political Participation in Green Revolution Iran.”
Charlie Bausman plans to be commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in December 2010, the day of graduation.

Amber Leigh Benjamin is studying abroad in Costa Rica this summer.

Jordan Blanton is working on a project supported by a SURF grant with Dr. Watson this summer. He is conducting research in Alaska for his paper “Adaption is Politically “Fishy” - Deciding When “Enough” is “Enough” to Sustain Alaska Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawtshal) as a Global Resource.”

Colin Coletti is working on Rob Portman’s campaign for Senate in Ohio this summer. He will be working out of Cincinnati.

TJ Fielder will participate in the McNair program at the College of Charleston.

Jazmin Garcia is interning over the summer with Senator Graham in Washington D.C.

Shalissa Garrett will attend the Ron E. McNair program at USC Columbia this summer. The program is 6 weeks and she will be working with a member of the faculty there on a research project. She plans to conduct her research on the governments of certain countries maybe India and Pakistan and whether they have a democracy or if it will be a viable form of government for them. She will have to present her project in Atlanta in June.

Brittany Graham will participate in the McNair program at the College of Charleston.

Stephen Grybowski took part in the College of Charleston study abroad program to Trujillo, Spain during Maymester.

Zachary Hanson received a critical language scholarship for the U.S. State Department to study Russian in Russia for 10 weeks this summer.

Audrey Harris worked as a poll manager for the primary elections in Dorchester County.

Danielle Hollin is interning with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Maryland this summer. Interned with the Cooper for SC campaign (Lt. Governor) this term.

Caroline Horres received a Boren scholarship to study Arabic in Jordan this summer and during Fall 2010.

Jordan Howard is interning in Atlanta this summer with the Sierra Club and a Media firm that does public relations for Political campaigns.

Shannon Ives will work as a personal assistant within the executive office for the DCM at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya this summer.

Amanda Kline will be working at a law firm this summer.

Andrew Meggs is interning in Germany for Earthlink.ev (non profit in Germany)
Elizabeth O’Brien plans to go to Prague in Spring 2011 to study political science.

Phoebe Schiff is interning with Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen this summer.

Nicol Spann is participating in a Tradition of Liberty seminar at Bryn Mawr in July. The Institute of Human Studies Seminar run through George Mason University awarded him a scholarship to cover costs of attending and materials. He will also travel throughout Russia during the summer.

Benedict Jaques Schickel will take a year off from school to volunteer in South Africa.

Adam Taylor was selected by Senator Jim DeMint to represent him as an intern for Santee Cooper over the summer.

Mallory Wilson is studying abroad in Rome at John Cabot University for the summer.

Future Plans of 2010 Political Science Graduates

Kim Anderson will pursue a Masters Degree at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University.

Courtney Barnes hopes to be working at a local news station.

Caroline Burns was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. She plans to work towards a Masters in Human Rights while completing an intensive service project.

Jessica Bursack hopes to begin work as either a producer or a political correspondent.

TC Byrne will begin training to become a Navy Seal.

Eric Campbell plans to attend law school at the University of South Carolina.

Gordy Casasco will be working for the U.S. Senate as a Legislature Assistant.

Alessandra Castillo will be moving to Chile to take a job as the Director of International Affairs and Coordinator of the Alumni Association for the Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria at their Santiago, Chile campus.

Lauren Cemate plans to attend law school at one of the following schools: DePaul Law School in Chicago, UNC, or Wake Forest Law School.

Rose Christ will be the Communication and Research Assistant for Claudin Wagner Law Offices in New York City. This firm specializes in lobbying to New York City government on behalf of a wide variety of private companies/organizations.

Loraine Cook will serve as a clinical intern at the College of Charleston.
**Samantha Culp** plans to attend law school at either University of Florida or Tulane.

**Kami Daws** will attend law school at Charleston School of Law.

**Holly Dowse** will work in Sydney Australia at the roads and traffic authority. She will be in their graduate program as a policy officer.

**Alex Eaton** will be working as a valet at Planter’s Inn for a year while saving to travel

**Tim English** will attend Santa Clara Law School in California.

**Josh Fein** will be working as an associate for First Community Bank.

**Emily Floore** will intern with the SC Maritime Foundation working with Title 1 students to keep them in school by making education fun. The program is 2 months long and she will be acting as a Big Sister to the students and an intern for the instructors.

**Brenda Flores** will be an instructor for the Army in Atlanta, GA.

**Michael Gesme** will be entering the MPA program at the College of Charleston.

**Emily Gooch** will be attending graduate school for English at Middlebury College.

**Michelle Haines** received a scholarship and plans to attend Florida Coastal School of Law.

**Emily Hall** will be working as a computer programmer at BenefitFocus.

**Julia Hendricks** plans to attend law school at the University of South Carolina.

**Erin Hickey** will be working for BenefitFocus in Government relations.

**Abby Kammeraad-Campbell** hopes to one day pursue acting while she spends time ghost writing in Charleston

**Nick Lillo** will join the Peace Corp. His assignment is in the Ukraine.

**Annie Madren** will teach english in France.

**Hart Moede** will work for the NGO, Ehomemakers in Malaysia for a year.

**Katie Moske** (pols minor) will work for Teach for America.

**Alexa Moyer** (POLS minor) will be attending graduate school at the College of Charleston, pursuing a Masters Degree in English.

**Rachel Nierstedt** would like to write a book in New York City

**John Noel** will be attending graduate school in Illinois for International Business
Ann-Marie Quinn will be a full-time student in College of Charleston’s MPA program.

Liza Rauch will be international program coordinator for Operation Smile in Norfolk, VA.

Breanne Riggs has been offered positions as both an executive assistant and a legal assistant. She has not yet decided which to accept.

April Rose Ritchey will be the assistant director of Grassroots Campaigns in New York City.

Benjamin Robertson will work for the NEFA Foundation. He has long-term plans to enter the military.

Emily Robinson plans to attend law school, hopefully at UNC.

Rory Rodbell will be teaching English in China.

Helen Rosko will join the Peace Corp on July 1st. She will be living in a rural village, about 1-2 days travel from Bamako, Mali, serving as a Water Extension/Sanitation Agent—doing well construction during the dry season and teaching environmental regulations of clean water during the rainy season.

Nicholas Shalosky will be attending the Charleston School of Law.

Alex Schwartz would like to teach English in either Spain or South America.

Molly Spence will be the coordinator for Student Giving at the College of Charleston.

Kaitlyn Swicegood will attend Charleston School of Law.

Ashley Tillman plans to attend law school at the University of South Carolina.

James Wilson Tucker will attend the New England School of Law in Boston.

Kelsi Ward will be joining the Peace Corps as a Youth Development Facilitator in Peru.

Charles W. Weber will be studying abroad in England at the London School of Economics.

Will Weisman plans to travel through Peru, Nicaragua, and Australia.

Michelle Willies will be working on her art portfolio.

Lily Winter has joined the Elizabeth Moffly for South Carolina State Superintendent campaign as a staffer through at least the primary.

Allen Wright will be a Teach for America Corps Member in Charlotte.

Ava-Martine Young will have an Americorp VISTA position. Her assignment is pending.
VI. The Classroom: On Campus and Off

Beyond the Standard Curriculum: Special Topics Courses 2009-2010

Our majors found a dynamic curriculum that blended long established courses that continue to be refined and fresh perspectives on politics. The spirit of innovation is clear from the kinds of special topics courses that were developed this year.

POLS 339.001 ST: Chinese Politics
This course examines contemporary Chinese politics with emphasis on the era of reform and opening since 1978. China’s politics has been focusing on achieving modernity. In addition to having the most rapidly growing economy, China is experiencing profound sociopolitical changes. We shall examine whether the Chinese can build a dynamic market economy in an increasingly globalized world economy, create social harmony in a society with growing tensions, and maintain political stability while avoiding stagnation and decay. (Liu)

POLS 339.002 ST: Modern Jewish Politics
Beginning in the 19th century, Jews faced an unprecedented crisis in identity. The Jewish self-governing “autonomous community,” which had defined the Jews’ role in European society for centuries, was under siege by forces that could no longer tolerate this “state within a state.” Above all, the question of Jewish nationhood grew to dominate “post-emancipation” Jewish politics. Were the Jews a nation or a religious community? What sort of politics should they pursue? Where should they seek to win equal rights and in what language? This course will explore the variety of Jewish political ideologies (liberalism, Zionism, Diaspora nationalism, socialism, political Orthodoxy) that have influenced modern Jewish politics in Europe, the United States, and Israel. (Shanes, Religious Studies)

POLS 359.090 Legal Conflict and Mediation
This course includes an overview of conflict evaluation, conflict management and resolution approaches with an emphasis on mediation and negotiation. Among other issues the course will cover non-litigation methods of dispute settlement, the ethics of mediation and negotiation, demonstration and role playing of the mediation process, participation in the Community Juvenile Arbitration Program, and other experiential learning opportunities. (Carr)

POLS 379.080 International Human Rights Law
This course is an introduction to both human rights law and its underlying theory. Human rights law is distinguished from more traditional international law by its interconnected idealism and lack of specificity and enforceability. First we will establish what exactly is covered by human rights law, and then we will move on to the participation of different countries and organizations. We will further examine the theoretical implications of human rights law, including explorations of inherent contradictions in the law and methods of enforcement and resistance. (Delfeld)

POLS 399.001 State Legislatures and Legislative Policymaking
This course is designed to introduce students interested in public policy to the methods and processes by which state legislatures achieve public policy objectives. The focus is on how
policy is enacted at the state level and the issues, strategies, politics and influences that shape these public decisions (Archie-Hudson)

**POL 339.001 ST: Politics of India and Pakistan**

South Asia is a world region of growing importance which offers the student of politics the opportunity to engage with the greatest promises and the graviest problems facing humanity today. This course traces major political developments in India and Pakistan, drawing on a range of analytical perspectives and focusing mainly on the post-independence period. It will cover colonial rule, nationalism and the formation of the two nation-states, democratic and authoritarian transitions in post-colonial politics, the dynamics of politics and social tensions, political mobilization along the lines of religion, ethnicity, and gender and its varying results. The foreign relations of India and Pakistan with each other and with other important actors influencing the region, including inter- and intra-state conflict, will be another focus in this course. We will also examine the determinants and the impact of socio-economic change and various policies. (Pehl)

**POL 359.001 ST: Global Political Theory**

This course offers an exploration of the multiple perspectives of political thought that exist in the world outside of the Western Canon. We will explore perspectives from around the globe, including African and Buddhist political philosophy to post-colonial feminisms, to consider political theorizations of freedom, equality, justice, security and political organization. The course will encourage students to examine how a knowledge of global perspectives allows political analysts a richer and more complex understanding of politics. (Gorden)

**POL 399.001 ST: Third Parties in American Politics**

We will explore a little-known but fascinating domain beyond the major parties: the world of Know Nothings and Populists, Progressives and Dixiecrats, Libertarians and Greens, Prohibitionists and Communists and others. Understanding their mutual interest in maintaining duopoly, the Democrats and Republicans have united in stacking the deck against such outside challengers. And yet, third parties were the first to nominate women, African Americans, and gays for the presidency. They were the first parties to push for transparency in government, the abolition of slavery, women’s suffrage, national health insurance, social security, ending the cold war. Whatever one’s definition of “there” is, third parties have almost always arrived there years before the major parties. The course will proceed seminar style. You will be expected to be a regular participant in our shared discussion of assigned readings, and to choose and complete an appropriate research project. (Gillespie)

**POL 399.002 LGBT Politics**

This course will focus on the evolution of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender politics from the founding of the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis in the 1950s, the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, the inclusion of Lesbian & Gay Rights in the 1980 Democratic Platform through present day developments in local, state, national and international politics. Special emphasis will be placed on the Military's "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy; the impact of AIDS on the LGBT community; Gay Marriage and Family issues; and LGBT Elected Officials from Capitol Hill to City Hall. (Chorlton)
Innovative Courses and High Impact Pedagogy

Mock Trial Advanced Team
Submitted by Meredith Coker

The College of Charleston Mock Trial Class/Team was active for its seventh year. The Advanced Team competed at Middle Tennessee State University’s (“MTSU”) Mid-South Invitational Tournament, Georgia Tech’s Ramblin’ Wreck Invitational Tournament, and the Southeast Regional Tournament held at UNC - Chapel Hill. Plans for next year’s classes are underway with at least three (3) returning members, including those named co-captain for 2010-11, from the Advanced Team; arrangements are in progress for recruiting both from and outside of the Beginning Mock Trial Class currently being taught by Lee Gremillion.

A report of each tournament follows:

The MTSU Mock Trial Invitational

The Middle Tennessee State University (“MTSU”) Mock Trial Invitational was held November 13-14, 2009. Sixty-four (64) teams competed. Each team tried four trials and were judged by two judges. The College of Charleston competed against MTSU; Truman State; Emory University; and North Alabama. The College of Charleston team ended the Tournament with 3 wins. As the defense, Breanne Riggs and Rachel Oberg each were recognized by 3/4 judging ballots as outstanding attorneys; Eric Campbell was recognized as an outstanding witness on 4/4 judging ballots. As prosecution, Eric Campbell was recognized on 4/4 judging ballots as an outstanding attorney, with Courteney Barnes recognized on 3/4 ballots. This was the first Tournament for all but two of the Members of the Team (our Team Captains, Courteney Barnes and Eric Campbell, were returning Members from last year’s team, although this year was their first as attorneys).

The Georgia Tech Invitational Tournament

The Georgia Tech Mock Trial Invitational was held January 23-24, 2010. Twenty-four (24) teams competed under a challenge format, wherein the teams could challenge another team against whom they wanted to compete. In preparation for Regional Tournament, CofC’s strategy was to challenge the best available teams. Each team tried four trials and were judged by two judges. The College of Charleston competed against South Carolina; Georgia Tech; Furman; and Vanderbilt. (2 of these teams have made it to Nationals this year, the other two are awaiting their regional). The College of Charleston team ended the Tournament with 1.5 wins, despite 4 of the Members trying out new roles for the first time at this tournament.

The Regional Tournament

The Southeast Regional Tournament was held February 5-6, 2010. Twenty-four (24) teams competed. Each team tried four trials and were judged by two or three judges. The College of Charleston Team competed against: Washington and Lee University; UNC; Wake Forest; and Campbell University. The Team finished the Tournament with 3.5 wins. Rachel Oberg was named All-Region Attorney, an award given to 10 of the 144 attorneys competing. The team ended up in 12th place overall.
Conclusion

This year the mock trial teams had the opportunity to interact and compete against a variety of other colleges in significant academic challenges. They had the opportunity to experience the work of trial attorneys first hand, understand the judicial system, develop critical thinking skills, and enhance their communication skills. Furthermore, each student grew as an individual, as a knowledgeable citizen, and as a community leader. The College can be proud of what the Department has done with the Mock Trial Program this year, and the Department can be justifiably proud of our students. Looking forward to 2010, the underclassmen have expressed interest in returning to the team next year, and next year’s team captains participated during Regionals in Captains’ Meeting and other procedural requirements to prepare them for next year. Over the next few weeks, the Captains and other returning members intent to meet to discuss their role in recruitment and preparation for next year, while the Beginning Class is preparing to start scrimmages, which should generate some good candidates with interest in the Advanced Team as well.

Contributions to the First Year Experience

Lynne Ford First Year Seminar: Keeping the Republic: A New Civic Engagement

A record number of young people under the age of thirty voted in the 2008 presidential election, but now what? How can you translate voice into action? This seminar focuses on civic engagement. What are the issues you most care about and how can you get involved to make a difference? Learn how to develop and articulate positions on pressing public issues, advocate for your positions, and work effectively with others to make change happen.

John Creed First Year Seminar: A World of Risk

Risk permeates contemporary political discussions, whether the topic is terrorism, financial crises, or climate change. Risk is also explicitly injected into our political discourse for financial gain. This course will examine the concept of risk in political processes and how anticipating it can alter politics in ennobling and destructive ways.

Marguerite Archie- Hudson: Learning Community (with Alison Piepmeier Dept. of English/Women’s Studies) Sex, Politics, and American Culture

WGST 200 and POLS 101. Explores the intersection between gender and American politics and plays careful attention to the role that politics, political institutions, and the policy process plays in constructing gender in America.

Helen Delfeld Learning Community (with Simon Lewis—Department of English): Writing and Thinking Politics.

POLS 103 and a 100 level English class. Dealing with an increasingly complex world requires analytic sophistication of both individuals and society at large. The skills of critical writing and thinking join political analysis in these two classes.
Claire Curtis First Year Seminar:  *Starting Over: Post-Apocalyptic Novels and the Social Contract*

Imagine if a nuclear bomb destroyed life as we know it. How might survivors regroup and rebuild human society? This class will use novels about the end of the world to think about the social contract – the mechanism whereby we bring a system of government into being.

**Kea Gorden: Learning Community (with Simon Lewis—Department of English) World Politics: Explorations through South African Literatures.**

POL 103 and a 100-level English class. We will explore literature and composition through multiple genres of South African works. With South Africa as a case study, we will explore global political concerns over economics, political organization, race, class, and gender.

**HONS 392 Optical Geographies  Mark Long**

I designed and taught this course in close collaboration with Mark Sloan, director of the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art. The exploration of the geographies that result from changing optical technologies over the modern period was interdisciplinary in every aspect. The course ranged from Galileo Galilei’s telescope to molecular imaging, exploring the impact that such technologies have for the way we understand the world and our place in it. The course was organized around five visitors/field trips, including landscape photographers, geologists, and cell biology.

**MES Negotiating Climate Change  Brian Fisher**

The class was based on a negotiation of a post-Kyoto climate agreement. In addition to mastering the complexities of the science and policy of climate change, students chose several countries strategically important to future of climate policy. Each group conducted research on their country and developed a web page with links to three major presentations on their country and their approach to the negotiations. The class also had weekly chat sessions online to continue the negotiations. We then had a Mock UN Climate Conference where we finalized the negotiation. I drew up the agreement (which can be found on the class website at: astepback.com/GCC2). Students then had to analyze the agreement both from the perspective of their country (it strengths and weaknesses) and from a global perspective (how effective this agreement would be in addressing GCC).

**Political Inquiry, Habitat for Humanity, Community Based Research  Lynne Ford**

In the spring 2010, I taught POLS 251 as a community-based research course in collaboration with the Charleston affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat was interested in identifying factors that predict successful homeownership. They gathered data through a national demonstration project in the fall, but our collaboration allowed them to identify additional areas for exploration. Together we conceptualized the research question for the entire class related to indicators of homeowner success. The students were grouped into five groups of six students each and each group focused on a different area (home maintenance and equity awareness; children's success; personal stability, health and safety; civic and community involvement; and employment and employability). In addition to the research, students also participated in a Habitat Build on Nassau Street. Those that could not participate in the build spent a day working in Habitat’s ReStore.
Eileen Callahan gave a presentation on the IRB and Human Subjects research. All of the students completed the CITI training and certification and we submitted our research design for expedited review since we were unsure how we might ultimately use the data we collected.

The students read literature about homeownership and predictors of successful homeownership, created an annotated bibliography and developed a comprehensive survey that served as an interview protocol. There are 55 Charleston Habitat families in all. Each group was assigned 11 families and called to arrange an interview time. The students had three weeks to complete the interviews and were able to complete 34 interviews.

The student research produced a number of interesting insights on Habitat homeownership. For example, they concluded that Habitat builds houses but not neighborhoods. Because this is an urban affiliate and housing is very costly in Charleston, their strategy is based on infill. In other words, they buy lots where they can find them and build a house. This too often results in a family being added to a neighborhood with serious issues. Although the homeowners were very satisfied with their house, they were far less satisfied with their neighborhood.

The Lowcountry as Learning Laboratory

Kevin Keenan

Reading the Lowcountry Landscape

Mark Long

Learning more about our current home place and understanding how our sense of place works are central to GEOG219 Reading the Lowcountry Landscape. The cultural landscapes of Charleston and the Lowcountry formed the backbone of Geography 219, figuratively as we studied how cultural geography works, and literally as we encountered those landscapes on various fieldtrips. Students were excited to explore new and everyday parts of the city on foot, and to chart suburbanization in West Ashley and new urbanism in Mount Pleasant. The roles of the military in the local economy and the recycling of buildings was assessed at the library on Sullivan's Island and at the naval base in North Charleston. Students showcased their geographic literacy by leading virtual fieldtrips at the end of the semester.

The Carter Library, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Kendra Stewart

Students in The Presidency participated in a one day research adventure to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum in Atlanta. The purpose of the trip was to find primary sources for a research paper related to the Carter Presidency. The students provided their research topics to the
librarians and archivists at the Carter library who then helped in their search. “I was fortunate enough to make the trip. It was interesting to be able to see first-hand the documents that floated through an administration. It gave me insight to the inner workings of the White House,” said one student who participated in the trip to the Carter library.

**First Year Seminar: A World of Risk**

**John Creed**

Students engaged in a number of active learning ventures, including: calculating their carbon footprints; evaluating their tolerances for risk in different aspects of their lives; and working in groups to assemble fifty piece floor puzzles that illustrated elements of the 2007-2009 financial crisis while listening to an episode of “This American Life” that detailed the progression of the crisis in the US and explained the role arcane financial instruments like credit default swaps, collateralized debt obligations and securitization.

**Foreign Policy Simulation**

**John Creed**

In a two week simulation exercise students formulated a policy response to a complex scenario involving missing cargo ships, back channel information indicating a potential eruption of armed conflict with the potential to ignite Middle East tensions. The policy response included submitting the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty to the Senate for ratification, shifting rhetorical approaches toward the region to emphasize a more neutral American stand, altering the mechanisms by which American aid is dispersed to Israel and rejecting both a military approach to the crisis as well as the imposition of further sanctions against Iran.

**A Service Based Cross Class Learning Community**

**Lynne Ford**

In the fall 2009 I taught a First Year Seminar and a Senior Capstone. The capstone was oriented around the politics and policy of civic engagement while the first year seminar was oriented toward what it takes to create, join, and maintain communities. Both were titled “Keeping the Republic” and the ways in which they overlapped were designed to reflect “engaged pedagogies.” The courses included a student designed “Introduction to the Charleston Community” tour for the first-year students. There were five elements of the introduction and tour: Living in Charleston on a Budget (a walking tour based on the coupon books being distributed on campus at the time) Hipster Ballerina Tour (music and arts focus); Living Cheap and Healthy at the Farmer’s Market; Live the City from a Bike; and a Scavenger Hunt (history, neighborhoods and culture focus). Each tour started from the steps of McConnell Dorm where the first year students were all living and the dates and times varied to accommodate everyone’s schedules. Both the first year and the capstone students wrote structured reaction/reflection papers based on their experiences.

To facilitate a cross-class learning community I assigned shared reading and organized book discussion groups made up of both first year and senior students. The groups met at a Kudu Coffee and I provided a coffee/snack budget for each. Following the book club discussion, the students wrote a structured reflection/reaction essay about the experience and the content of their group’s discussion.

Finally, both groups of students collaborated on two community engagement opportunities. The first was at Mary Ford Elementary (an at-risk school where 98 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced meals and only 2% of students score as “advanced” on ELA and Math statewide testing--16.2% and 4.2% meet the standard of “proficient” in ELA and Math respectively). The school is located in the heart of a “food desert” and very few employers or other businesses are located in the neighborhood. The second was a Community Development Corporation known as Metanoia, located in the same neighborhood as Mary Ford elementary school. Metanoia’s goal is to “invest in neighborhood assets to build leaders, establish quality housing, and generate economic
Students were worked with two after-school youth leadership programs and participated in a number of housing renovation projects underway within the community.

**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 2009-2010, political science students enrolled in 18 independent studies.

**Fall 2009**

John Charin, “Fitting Turkey into the European Union” (Mark Long)
Emery Chisholm, “Health Care Debate in America” (Kendra Stewart)
Annie DuPre, “State Department FSI Internship” (Jack Parson)
Danielle Ely, “F.D.I. in Southern Africa” (Helen Delfeld)
Emily Floore, “Analyzing the Effectiveness of Environmental Education” (Claire Curtis)
Natalie Hallmark, “Situated Charleston, South Carolina within the African Diaspora” (Kea Gorden)
Erin Hickey, “Healthcare Reform—Providing Access for All Americans” (Marguerite Archie-Hudson)
Benjamin D. Robertson, “Digital Empires” (Claire Curtis)
Helen Rosko, “Confronting Poverty” (Claire Curtis)
Kelsi Ward, “Immigration and Education: Attitudes, Policies, and Consequences in South Carolina” (Hollis France)

**Spring 2010**

Kimberly Anderson, “Embassies: Tools of Foreign Policy?” (Lynne Ford)
Sanaz Arjomand, “Poverty/ Conflict Lit Review” (Kea Gorden)
Jessica Bursack, “Nuclear Proliferation and The Middle East” (Phil Jos)
Amy Carringtin, “Intersectionality: Race and Gender in Politics” (Lynne Ford)
Keri Hunigan, “Human Rights Orgs and Structures” (Helen Delfeld)
Nicole Nichols, “Gender and Education: A Comparative Study” (Phil Jos)
Ashley Resh, “The Politics of Environmental Science” (Annette Watson)
Breanne Riggs, “The Right to Water: A Case Study of South Africa” (Kea Gorden)

**Bachelor’s Essays**

In 2009-2010, political science students enrolled in 18 Bachelor’s Essays.

**Kimberly Anderson**

“Where Was Congress?”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Lynne Ford
Maxine Bier *(completed December 2009)*
“Intergroup Reconciliation and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: An In-Depth Case Study”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. John Creed and Dr. Helen Delfeld

Caroline Burns
“Rape in War: A Gendered Theory”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Claire Curtis and Dr. Kea Gorden

Davis Casamassa
“Civil Society in the United States: A Case Study of Charleston Habitat for Humanity”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Tim LaPira and Dr. Kendra Stewart

Samantha Culp
“Can India’s Poor Afford Water Pricing?: The Political Economy of Water Management in India”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Annette Watson and Dr. Kea Gorden

Annie DuPre
“The ANC and the “non-ANC: South Africa’s Democracy 16 Years after Apartheid”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Kea Gorden and Dr. Jack Parson

Danielle Ely
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Annette Watson

Maggie Farrington
“Competing Cultures: Finding a Way for Nonprofits and Local Government to Work Together”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Kendra Stewart

Carter Foxgrover
“Temporal Dynamics of Interest Group Activity, 1998-2007”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Tim LaPira

Maggie Lyons
“Human Trafficking in Southeastern U.S.”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Jack Parson

Hartland J. Moede
“Gentrification: An Exit From Poverty?”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Kendra Stewart

Daniel James Ritter
“Social Capital and Worker Cooperatives: Explanations as to the Absence of Worker-Owned and Managed Firms in the Developed World”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Hollis France

Benjamin D. Robertson
“The United States in Panama”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Phil Jos
Helen Rosko
“Asserting the Truth of Poverty: The Meaning of Work in Appalachia”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

Casey A. Scherer
“Impact of Economic Liberalization on Political Liberalization: A Case Study of Egypt”
Faculty Supervisor: Claire Curtis

Kelsi Ward
“Immigration Policy in Southeast”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Phil Jos

Lily Winter
“The Myth of the Clash of Civilizations: Social Constructions of Political Islam and Iran”
Faculty Supervisor: Helen Delfeld

Ryan Yarrow
“A Comparative Study of Population Policies and Effects of Population Control in China and India”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Guoli Lui

Student 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.

Local Internships: In the spring 2007, the department began a new field internship seminar course to accompany local credit-bearing internship experiences. Students meet once a week, maintain reflection journals, engage in professional development workshops, and complete a research design or research paper linking their internship experience to their academic preparation in political science.
Fall 2009 Internship Seminar--Dr. Helen Delfeld

Derek Banov, U.S. Senator Jim DeMint (Charleston office)
T.C. Byrne, Mount Pleasant Municipal Court, Judge David Michel
David Casamassa, Charleston Area Habitat for Humanity
Alessandra Castillo, Charleston Waterkeepers
Lauren Cemate, Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families
Charles Diaz, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Andrew Holthaus, SC Department of Juvenile Justice
Josh Langdon, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Hartland Moede, Charleston Local Development Corporation
Kathryn Penry, Politics Online
Kaitlyn Swicegood, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Rachel Van Dolah, Lowcountry Local First
Lily Winter, South Carolina New Democrats

Spring 2010 Internship Seminar—Dr. Hollis France

David Casamassa, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Tiffany Cox, Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families
Annie DuPre, Charleston Area Habitat for Humanity
Sam Gillis, American Red Cross
Michelle Haines, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Bretticca Moody, Sheheen for Governor Campaign
April Rose Ritchey, Keep Charleston Beautiful
Benjamin Robertson, NEFA Foundation
Emily Robinson, U.S. Senator Jim DeMint (Charleston office)
Helen Rosko, Trident United Way
Phoebe Schiff, Politics Online
Tessa Taylor, YWCA of Greater Charleston

Honors Washington DC Internships
Anne Wallice, House representative Bob Inglis (4th district SC)
Robert Williams, Human Rights Campaign

Internationalization and Study Away

In 2009-2010, 42 declared political science majors studied abroad in more than 16 different countries. The department strongly encourages study abroad participation through advising and with panels of returning students discussing their experiences with prospective study abroad candidates.

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Cuba
Rebecca Diaz  
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Kathryn Penry  
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Christopher Grau  
Argentina
Lauren Atwell  
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Brian Mulhall  
United Kingdom
Kevin Cobb  
Mexico

Summer 2010:

Charles Weber  
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Sean Bath  
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Antonio Fielder  
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Rebecca Walker  
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Joseph Ward  
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Colin Coletti  
Multidestination Europe
Lauren Davis  
Italy
Caroline Horres  
Jordan
Alexandra Keenan  
Jordan
Dani Levin  
Semester at Sea - Multidestination

Model OAS (Submitted by Dr. Douglas Friedman)

The delegation represented Trinidad and Tobago quite successfully with all sponsored resolutions being approved. This was the 26th year that the college has participated in the Washington Model OAS - the longest continuous participation in the Model of any university student participants. The delegation included:

Amanda Birkenhauer (Head Delegate) POLS/LACS
Nicole London - ECON
Elizabeth Con - POLS
Adam McConnaughhay - POLS/LACS/HIST
Tom Laffay - POLS/LACS
National Model African Union
(Submitted by Dr. Jack Parson)

The participation of Political Science majors in the 2010 National Model African Union celebrated thirty years of participation in the model by the Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston. Ben Thrasher, Sara Hutchinson, Annie Pease, Isabel Wallisch and Robert Hayes represented the Republic of Botswana while Tyler Huff, Annie Madren, Rachel Hardy, Tory Rebhun and Nicol Spann represented Mauritius. Each student represented his/her country on one of five committees during the four-day event sponsored by Howard University and held at the Conference Center of Gaullidet University in Washington, D.C., and as country delegations participated in the culminating Assembly of Heads of State and Government. Forty-two delegations from thirty-one universities participated in the simulation of a meeting of the African Union. While the delegations from Botswana and Mauritius distinguished themselves and were a credit to the Department of Political Science, Nicol Spann was awarded the "Best Delegate in Committee Award" for his role facilitating the work of the Technical Committee on Economic Matters. The faculty adviser for the program, and for the associated course, POLS 366: Applied International Diplomacy, was Dr. Jack Parson.

College of Charleston Model United Nations
(Professors John Creed, Hollis France, Guoli Liu, Helen Delfeld, Jack Parson, and Kea Gordon)

More than 200 students from all majors are registered to represent 56 countries in the fifth annual College of Charleston Model United Nations Conference held on April 9 and 10 at the Carolina First Arena. The purpose of the conference is to provide an “experiential learning” opportunity that will engage students in a dialogue about global issues and how real world leaders conduct international diplomacy. “The simulation allowed the class lessons to be put into action,” says Isaiah Nelson, president of the Political Science Club. “It is a very valuable and fun experience that can be really helpful in furthering students’ understanding of how different states voice their views on critical issues.”

Faculty members Jack Parson, Hollis France, Helen Delfeld, and Guoli Liu at the Model UN session in Carolina First Arena.

Cuba Semester (February 18- May 3)

This was the 10th anniversary of the program. Participating students included 5 political science majors and 3 LACS minors: Andrew Yoder, Connor Drake, Rebecca Shea Diaz, Wesley Newbury, Kathryn Penry, and Emily DeVoe.
The students stayed at the MonteHabana hotel in Miramar, Havana. The main excursion was to the central part of the Island. They visited Santa Clara, Trinidad, Playa Giron (the Bay of Pigs). They also traveled to the west visiting Pinar del Rio and the UN Biosphere reserve at Las Terrazas.

Participants in the 10th Semester in Cuba Program

Study Abroad in Morocco

From May 13 to June 4, Dr. Jack Parson co-led the seventh annual study abroad program in the Kingdom of Morocco. Over a twenty-three day period ten students were immersed through experience in the history and contemporary character of this unique Moslem country in North Africa. As the Southernmost European country, Westernmost Islamic country and Northernmost African country, an experience in Morocco exposes students to a variety of historical and current factors. After a week in Tangier taking local field trips and having class, an eight day trip around the country takes students through the diversity of natural environments and to the main historical and contemporary sites related to the history and contemporary pattern of political, cultural and economic life. The places visited included Fez, Marrakech, the Sahara Desert, Casablanca and Rabat. In 2010 the program added a day in Essauorira on the Atlantic Coast and a day-trip to Tarifa Spain from Tangier to explore the Moorish past of Spanish history and language. Through these means students were able to develop an appreciation of contemporary issues in Morocco and comparatively in other parts of the continent of Africa.

Students take a break in Chefchoen, Morocco
The Geography Minor

Eleven political science majors were declared geography minors over this academic year, with six students graduating in spring 2010. Geography faculty taught the following minor courses: World Regional Geography, Urbanization and Urban Geography, Reading the Lowcountry Landscape and Political Geography. Other political science courses that were offered that counted toward the minor included: Politics of East Asia, Politics of Africa, and Politics of the Middle East. Geography faculty supervised two of the department’s bachelor’s essay projects and one independent study. Paul Robbins, Professor of Geography from the University of Arizona presented this year’s Geography lecture on campus on November 5, entitled "Lawn People: The Politics of Everyday Landscapes." Nearly 200 students attended this informative and entertaining presentation based on his book, Lawn People: How Grasses, Weeds and Chemicals Make Us Who We Are (2007).

Graduate Programs

MPA Program Summary of Accomplishments

The Master of Public Administration program at the College of Charleston is offered jointly with the University of South Carolina. This year the program has undergone a full program assessment and evaluation leading to a number of curricular changes. One of the most important of these changes was the creation of a dual degree with the Master’s of Environmental Studies. We had one of the largest incoming classes this year and initiated a record number of students into our professional honor society. The Community Assistance Program (CAP), which operates under the MPA program, is a community outreach effort utilizing MPA students to provide no-cost or low-cost technical assistance and support services to local nonprofit organizations. And finally, we had a second group of students entering the Urban Planning Certificate program and our new certificate director has successfully completed his first year.

Summary of Accomplishments

● Conducted survey of current students to evaluate program
● The program graduated 23 students this year – one of the largest in the program’s history
● Eighteen students were inducted into our national honor society – Pi Alpha Alpha
● The MPA Advisory Board was reestablished and conducted its first meeting with 17 members agreeing to serve
● The Community Assistance Program provided much needed services to the following organizations:
  o The Spoleto Festival
  o Low Country Local First
  o The Town of Kiawah
  o Metanoia
  o North Charleston Police Department

Urban Planning Certificate Accomplishments:

● A marketing plan has been developed in consultation with the Graduate School marketing staff and recruitment goals have been articulated
● Photo shoot has occurred with certificate program student; these photos will be used in visual marketing efforts
● Three year course plan for the certificate program has been set by certificate director in consultation with MPA director
2009-2010 MPA Student Association Events:

Professional Development:

- Leadership Luncheon (Nov. 5th, 2009)
  - The Higdon Leadership Center and the MPASA joined together for a luncheon, and a discussion of leadership characteristics.

- Panel Discussion (March 23, 2010)
  - The MPASA organized a panel of leading professionals in the nonprofit/public sector to discuss how we, as students, can market ourselves to employers.

- Blackbaud Raiser’s Edge Training (March 29, 2010)
  - Through the help of MPA alums currently working at Blackbaud, the MPASA was able to obtain an afternoon “crash course” on the company’s Raiser’s Edge software from an actual Blackbaud Trainer.

Service Projects:

- Pet Helpers
  - MPA students helped the organization by making toys and beds for the animals.

- East Cooper Community Outreach
  - An MPA alum working at E.C.C.O. helped organize an opportunity for our students to assist the organization with re-stocking its free store with clothes for the winter months.

- Charleston Animal Society

- Habitat for Humanity Build
  - A group of MPA students helped construct a house for a family on John’s Island

MES Program Summary of Accomplishments

The MES Program shows strength and vitality after a year full of accomplishments and of change, including the appointment of a new program director, Timothy J. Callahan, upon the retirement of A. Kem Fronabarger at the end of the fall semester.

MES students received thirteen travel funding awards this year, both from the MES Program and from Graduate Research and Presentation Grants provided by the Graduate School Office, to attend conferences and to make research trips. Eight students had their work featured at the College of Charleston’s Graduate Research Poster Session, where second-year student Katherine Luciano (supervising faculty: M. Scott Harris, Geology) won a Graduate Research Poster Award. Other student accomplishments include a NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship awarded to second-year student Kate Skaggs (supervising faculty: Annette Watson, Political Science).

Ninety-seven students were enrolled and/or worked on internship and thesis projects during the year. Twenty-three students started the MES Program in the fall and seven students started in the spring, with out-of-state students making up 30% of the total. Students enrolled in 20 courses in the fall and 18 courses in the spring (excluding Independent Study, Internship, and Thesis hours).

Twenty-seven students graduated from the MES Program this year, including five students in the summer, four in December, and eighteen in May. MES graduates produced an impressive variety of theses and internship reports, with MES faculty directing a total of seventeen internship projects and ten theses to completion. Nicholas Daily and Tyler Lawson received the MES Outstanding Graduate Student award in the fall, and Gretchen Coll and C. Guinn Garrett received the award
in the spring. C. Guinn Garrett also received the ninth annual Dana Beach Outstanding Service Award.

The MES Program and the MES Student Association organized a number of activities throughout the year. Students, faculty, and alumni were brought together for the annual Oyster Roast in December and a Spring Fling in April. Student/Faculty Mixers were held as well in September and in April. MESSA continued its focus on community service, sponsoring events such as the eighth annual MESSA 8K for H2O which raised a record $5,720 for Lowcountry Environmental Education Programs (LEEP). In addition, the students participated in the Charleston Earth Day Festival at Park Circle and the Keep Charleston Beautiful ‘Green and Lean’ 5K. MESSA also sponsored Adopt-A-Highway, volunteered for the SC Oyster Restoration and Enhancement Program, and took part in the SCDNR Beach Sweep, among other activities.

Twenty-five faculty and internship and thesis advisors participated in the spring Full Faculty Meeting, focusing on programmatic and curricular improvement. A new merit-based model for Graduate Assistantships proposed by Callahan was reviewed and met with full faculty approval. Overseeing the program, the MES Steering Committee consisted of Mitchell Colgan (Geology), Jon Hakkila (Physics), Jaap Hillenius (Biology), Phil Jos (Political Science), Robert Mignone (Mathematics), and Timothy J. Callahan (Director, MES Program).

VII. The Alumni Awards and Honors

Dr. Bill Moore was the recipient (posthumously) of the 2009 Alumni Award of Honor. It is presented to those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Association or to the College. Accepting the award are members of the Moore family.

Callie Shell (1993) was named 2009 Alumna of the Year Award by the College of Charleston Alumni Association for her memorable photojournalism as the official Time magazine photographer for the Obama campaign. President P. George Benson presents
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Marvell Adams (2000), Administrator for the Highlands Living Center, Pittsford, NY and Director of Performance Improvement, University of Rochester Medical Center; MS in Public Health, UNC-Chapel Hill; licensed hospital administrator.

Laura Addis (2005), works in Marketing and Design for Caribbean Restaurant Concepts, Inc.; volunteer web designer for the Sustainability Institute.

Iana Arsova (2007), a civil litigation paralegal in Mount Pleasant, SC.


J. Rhodes Bailey (2003), Assistant Public Defender at Richland county Public Defender’s office, JD from the University of South Carolina.

Kristin Barcak (2007), Policy Coordinator for the Bureau of Water and Wastewater in the city of Baltimore.

Brian Beckley (1998), Director of Programs and College Counseling, i know i can in Ohio.

Kenneth Berger (2004), Associate Attorney with Lourie Law Firm in Columbia, SC.

Erin (Kenneally) Blevins (1994), Administrative Coordinator, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston.

Wesley Boling (2007), attending law school at the University of Virginia; graduated in May 2009 with an M.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Casey Brazell (2007), Living in Boston, MA and working towards his Masters Degree and PhD from Harvard University in American Civilization/American History.


Joneice Caldwell (2008), Attending Charleston School of Law.
Debbie Carrothers (1994), Southeast Regional Manager for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce out of Atlanta, GA.

Lydia Carey (2006), Executive Director of the Center for Global Justice in San Miguel, Mexico.

Olga Chajewski (2003), Pathology resident at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Graduated from MUSC College of Medicine in 2007.

John Chandler (2008), attending the Charleston School of Law.

John Connor Cleveland (2007), working for Senator Lindsey Graham in D.C as a Legislative correspondent.


Colleen Condon (1992), Charleston County Councilmember; Attorney, Condon Law Firm, LLC.

Melissa Corradetti (1998), Cryptanalyst for the FBI, working on drug records analysis.

Bryan Cordell (2003), Executive Director, Sustainability Institute, North Charleston.

Kimberly Cozart (2006), Graduated from the London School of Economics.


Jessica Crowson (1997), Associate Attorney at Pennington Law Firm in Columbia, SC practicing wireless telecommunications law. Graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law (2000); member of the state bar of Florida and of South Carolina; former Law Clerk to Chief Judge Kaye Hearn, South Carolina Court of Appeals; former Assistant State Attorney, Fourth Circuit, Florida.

Brendan Davis (2002), Political Affairs Manager for the ambulatory Surgery Center Association.


James Dossett (2003), Division Safety and training coordinator for Bartlett Tree Experts.

Dan Driscoll (2007), attending Clemson University's Masters in Real Estate Development program. This two year program combines MBA, finance, law, architecture, and planning.

Nakashia Dunner (2007), graduated with an MA in Latin American Studies from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs in 2010 (she received a Rangel Foreign Service fellowship seeking to promote more minorities in the foreign service and an Elliott School Fellowship). She will be taking a diplomatic post somewhere South America.

Stephanie (Leonard) Eames (1995), Special Counsel with Nexsen Pruet’s Banking & Finance Group in Charleston, SC. Member of the team responsible for procuring incentives for the Boeing
Company. She has been appointed to the S.C. Venture Capital Authority board of directors by S.C. Senate President Pro Tem Glenn McConnell.

Ana Emelianoff (2007), Annexation coordinator/Planner for the City of Charleston.

Jessica Emerson (2008), attending the University of Amsterdam's graduate program.

Charles (Trey) Eppes (2005), attending the Faqua School of Business at Duke University.

Avery Eslocker (2007), attending the graduate program for Early Childhood Education at Columbia University in NYC.


Joe Ferrara, Ph.D. (1982), Associate Dean at Georgetown University

Phillip Ferderigos (1996), Attorney in Charleston for Barnwell Whaley Patterson and Helms.


Charles T. Ferillo (1972), recipient of the 2010 College of Charleston Distinguished Alumni Award. President of Ferillo & Associates, a public relations and advertising firm in Columbia, SC.


Robin Franco (2003), Attorney at Balch & Bingham, LLP in Birmingham Alabama.

Pamela Froese (2008), attending law school at Catholic University of America. She is also a make-up artist and has started her own company called Adore Artistry.

Kenny Gardner (2008), attending Charleston School of Law. Kenny was selected a Nexsen Pruett Diversity Fellow. The award is sponsored by the Nexsen Pruet law firm and seeks to enhance educational opportunities for minority law students and to increase the awareness of minority law students of opportunities in private practice in the Carolinas. Students are selected based on the strength of their undergraduate work, law school work and an essay in which they set forth their interest in practicing law in the Carolinas.

Heidi Garvin (1994) works at Ashley River Baptist Childcare center.

Will Glascock (2004), Congressional Liaison for the Association for Public Television Stations; Masters in Political Management from GWU; formerly with Rep. Ken Lucas as Legislative Assistant; previously Clooney for Congress - GOTV Assistant; and Representative Ben Chandler - Legislative Assistant (Ag Committee work).

Nicholas C. Glover (2005), Senior Associate at Reputation Institute, a reputation consulting firm.

Beverly Grainger, (2008), Resident Director, St. Augustine’s College.

Alicia Scherini Hall (2004), graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law and is working as a litigation associate in Jackson, Mississippi office of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz.

Morgan Harrell (2003), currently with the SC Department of Commerce in the Global Business Development Division as a Project Manager working with industrial recruitment and retention for the state. Previously worked with Governor Sanford's campaign from January 2005 through the 2006 November election.

Sarah Harvey (2008), Project Assistant, AMIDEAST (Beirut).

Courtney Hereford, (2009) has recently been selected for a Peace Corps placement as an environmental educator in San Vicente, El Salvador (she leaves July 20, 2010). She has been volunteering for Lowcountry Earth Force (as well as other organizations in the Low Country, like Big Brothers, Big Sisters) since she graduated and was a key organizer of their recent youth environmental summit (May 20, 2010).

Terence Hoffman (2004), joined the Wigger Law Firm in North Charleston as an attorney. Received his law degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

Sarah (Whitney) Holt-Whittaker (2005), pursuing a Masters in Teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Tammie Hoy (1996), Executive Director, Lowcountry Housing Trust.

Nathan Hutt-Tiwald (2006), Field Manager for Green Earth Institute.


Kaitlin Kent (2007), Deputy U.S. Marshall in DC.


Angela Kouters (2000), Chief of Staff, Representative Glenn Nye (D – VA, second district).

Briana Kurtz (2008), Regional Advisor for OSAC on Africa.

Catherine LaFond (1993), Attorney at LaFond and LaFond, LLC in Charleston, SC.


Melissa Kiracofe Low (2008), Director of Industry Resources and Legislative Services for the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). Elected VP of the board of directors of the national Alliance for Accessible Golf.

Jonathan Marcantel (1999), Assistant Dean for Assessment & Assistant Professor of Law at Lincoln Memorial University’s Duncan School of Law in Knoxville, TN.


Anne McPhee (2002), Associate with Snyder & Snyder, PA in Florida. J.D. from Law School at Nova Southeastern University in Florida and LL.M. in Estate Planning at the University of Miami.

Patrice Meredith (2009), Attending University of Baltimore Law school.


Karen Moldovan (2001), Advocacy Coordinator for the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault in Denver. She had been in the Peace Corp in Tonga until June 2009.

Jenny Moser (2007), Graduated from Charleston School of Law in December 2009.

Charles Murchison (2009), will attend Yale School of Public Health in September 2010.

Billie Jean Murray (2000), in Fall 2010 will begin a tenure-track position at Villanova University. Position is focused on Rhetoric and social Justice. Billie earned a PhD in Communication from the University of NC – Chapel Hill in May 2010.


Mary Neal Lempesis (2003), working as an Assistant Solicitor of the 14th Judicial Circuit in Beaufort, SC. J.D. from Charleston School of Law in 2008.

John Orak (2003), completed Masters in International Affairs at American University; Program Officer with AMIDEAST in Lebanon.

Margaret Pilarski (2007), Assistant Editor, Skirt Magazine in Charleston, SC.

Phil Paradise (2008), attending the Charleston School of Law.

F. Elliotte Quinn (2008), attending Emory School of Law in Atlanta.
Brady Quirk-Garvin (2008), Palmetto Project, political consulting.

Dr. Lynne Ford and Brady Quirk-Garvin.

Brian Revercomb (2007), attending Charleston School of Law, will graduate in Spring 2011.

Josephine Rex (2008), Americorp position with VISTA program at Mary Ford Elementary School. Worked with Dr. Ford’s Fall 2009 capstone class on a clothing drive and community garden.

Kathryn (Kaylee) Rogers (2008), Will attend UCLA starting in Fall 2010 to pursue a PhD in political science.

David Rosansky (2009), interning with Abusua, a Human Rights Organization, in Ghana.


Justin I. Rummage (2007), earned MPA from the College of Charleston in December 2009.

M. Abby (Edwards) Saunders (1994), Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Director of Externship program at the Charleston School of Law; UNC Chapel Hill, 1999.

Alicia Scherini (2004), attending Mississippi College School of Law; member of the Mississippi College Law Review.


Sam Spence, Online Media Director for The South Carolina New Democrats.

Kristen Thompson (2009), She has a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and is studying at the University of Cape Town in South Africa in their Political Studies Graduate Program. As part of the scholarship, she is working with the local Rotary clubs to implement service projects.

Kate Tiller (2007), Graduated from the MPA program at the College of Charleston in May 2010. Academic Advisor for Student Athletes for the College of Charleston.

Helen Van Wagoner (2007), earned MA in the International Politics program from the London School of Economics. She is currently working for the U.S. Foreign Service.

Flo Vinson (1982), Serves as President of the SC State Bar.

Sarah Zeigler (2002), Director, Sottile Theatre, College of Charleston

APPENDIX I

BUDGET SUMMARY

2010 Political Science Expenditures

- Research and conference support: 18%
- Office supplies: 11%
- Phone/Copier: 16%
- Personnel: 23%
- Events/student awards and travel: 32%