Department of Political Science

School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Annual Report 2011-2012
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I. Executive Summary

Faculty Commitment to a Personalized Education

Our faculty taught twelve “special topics” courses, four of which were first time offerings, supervised 33 independent study projects and ten year-long Bachelor’s Essays. Ten undergraduate students and three graduate students are working on grant funded collaborations with faculty. In addition, 22 students completed internships for academic credit in a wide array of government and nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Crisis Ministries, the Charleston County Public Defender’s Office, Trident United Way, the North Charleston Politic Department, and Senator Jim Demint’s office.

To further encourage academic excellence and student research, the Department hosted the second annual William V. Moore Student Research Conference. Conference participants included 25 students, including undergraduates in political science, communication, and women’s and gender studies, as well as a number of outstanding high school seniors. Over 60 students, faculty, and parents attended the conference luncheon. Conference sessions were filled with supportive parents, interested students, faculty and friends.

In the spring and summer of 2012 Dr. Annette Watson and a group of graduate and undergraduate research assistants began field research on a project that examines “Coastal Livelihoods and the Local Sense of Place.” Supported by a grant from SC Sea Grant Consortium, Dr. Watson will assess the local economies of Lowcountry communities facing rapid demographic changes. The research includes a collaboration with the GullahGeechee Nation in South Carolina to map ancestral lands under threat from property developers.

In June and July of 2012 Dr. Helen Delfeld led a team of undergraduate students in political science on a five week field research trip to Cambodia and Thailand. The research examines the interplay between tourists and Cambodians and the way that nonprofit organizations may perpetuate harmful human rights discourse. The student’s travel is being funded by an ASIA Network Student-Faculty Fellowship Grant and Dr. Delfeld is supported by a continuous study award made by the College’s Faculty Research and Development Committee.

Also in June and July of 2012 two students and two former students assisted Dr. Jordan Ragusa in research supported by grants from the Initiative for Public Choice and Market Process, the Dirksen Center, and the Dean of HSS Discretionary Fund, the research examines competing theories of Congressional organization.

In March, Dr. John Creed accompanied Alyssa Leibman to the South Carolina Political Science Association, where she presented her paper, "Pride of the Palmetto State: Rugged Individualism, Developing Anti-Federalism and the Federal Response.”
Student Achievement

Our students continue to distinguish themselves. The highest academic award that can be bestowed by the College of Charleston, the Bishop Robert Smith Award, went to political science major Isaiah Nelson, the fourth year in a row the award has gone to a Political Science major and the 11th time in the last 16 years that one of our majors has won the award. HSS Scholar Award winners Sara Hutchinson and Jordan Blanton reflect the intellectual curiosity and global engagement of so many of our majors. Jordan Blanton was an active participant in the Model UN, a Pi Sigma Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa member who conducted grant funded research in Huslia Alaska under the supervision of Annette Watson. Sara Hutchinson is an Honors student, a Pi Sigma Alpha member and President of the Political Science Club who studied abroad in Morocco and Senegal. Her research won the best paper award at the William V. Moore Student Research Conference held in April and she begins work for Teach for America this fall.

In addition, eight students graduated with Honors, 34 students joined the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, and 120 students qualified for the Honor Roll in the spring and 111 in the fall.

And, our commitment to students does not end at the point of graduation. In order to improve advising for those interested in attending graduate school, Professors Erin McAdams and Jordan Ragusa attended most upper division political science classes and POLS 251 and answered questions about graduate school and administered a short survey of over 125 interested students in order to tailor the support system to the student’s individual needs. Several sessions based on this data were held in the fall semester.

Engaging the College and Lowcountry Communities

Our faculty is engaged with the College and Lowcountry community in a myriad of ways. Dr. Jordan Ragusa and Dr. Kendra Stewart are regular contacts for local media, Dr. Archie Hudson serves on a wide range of service and advocacy organizations in the area, graduates of our Master of Public Administration and Master of Environmental Studies programs occupy key positions in government and nonprofit agencies throughout the area. Dr. Watson’s research is conducting unprecedented field research among often neglected or stereotyped coastal residents and communities, Dr. Keenan, Dr. Watson, and Dr. France lead students on field trips throughout the Lowcountry in ways that link global trends to local economies and ways of life. Tom Chorlton engages students directly in local electoral politics and the Moore conference offers opportunities to local high school students. Many faculty are strong contributors to on campus events and to community organizations such as the Center for Creative Retirement and the Center for Women.

Finally, the Department sponsored and co-sponsored numerous speakers, roundtables and other events, many organized around our annual theme: Cultural Change, Politics, and the Law. These included a visit from Lisa Gillinger to speak on “Gender and the Human Experience” (coordinated by Dr. Andy Felts) at our annual convocation, a talk by Dr. Larry Knopp on sexuality, identity, and public health (coordinated by Dr. Kevin Keenan), and co-sponsoring Dr. Benjamin Wittes (“The Constitution and Counter Terrorism”) and Ellen Dannin (“Boeing and the National Labor Relations Act”), coordinated by Dr. Larry Krasnoff, director of the Pre-Law Society. Our faculty sponsored
forums on third parties in American politics, the federal budget deficit, native American resistance movements, and sustainable building in the Lowcountry.

Global Reach

The department’s international field research and teaching continues to expand. Dr. Mark Long’s first year as Director of the Fall Trujillo (Spain) program was a great success. Thirteen students were immersed in the culture, geography, and politics of Spain. Academic classes were specifically designed to complement the exploration of a classic medieval city, field trips to Madrid and Andalucia, and the daily connections to host families and the town or Trujillo.

In addition to her study abroad classes in Cambodia/Thailand, Dr. Delfeld and a research team of talented undergraduate majors developed a successful grant proposal that provided funding for an extraordinary research trip. In June and July five students traveled throughout Cambodia and Thailand conducting original field research aimed at producing published manuscripts.

In addition to Spain and Southeast Asia, students accompanied Dr. Jack Parson to Morocco, Dr. Guoli Liu to Spain, and Dr. Hollis France spent June in Guyana studying food security issues. Dr. JoAnn Ewalt presented on “Transitions in Governance” at an international conference in the Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands and Dr. Kendra Stewart took part in a seminar on emerging data systems at the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik.

Innovation, Curriculum Change, and Facilitating Assessment of Student Learning

This was a year of innovation and curriculum change that included the development of learning objectives for all classes, new subfield requirements that better captured the expertise of faculty and the changing nature of politics and political study, review and revision of the required courses in political inquiry, and a joint undertaking with the Department of Philosophy that created a new academic concentration in politics, philosophy, and the law. These curricular reforms were accompanied by the first phase of significant new efforts to assess student learning. Initial work assessed knowledge of alternative research methodologies and the degree to which students demonstrated mastery of the research process across three spring classes at the freshman, sophomore, and senior level.

Faculty Scholarship, Hiring, and Development

The faculty published four books and eight peer reviewed journal articles and received four external research grants. In addition to robust conference participation and professional service, several faculty were invited to prestigious international conferences in the Netherlands and China. Grant funded research is being done by faculty members Jordan Ragusa, Annette Watson, Helen Delfeld, Guoli Liu, and Hollis France.

The department hired two outstanding new faculty. Dr. Chris Day received his PhD. from Northwestern and M.A from Johns Hopkins University (all of this after majoring in Political Science at the College of Charleston). He has extensive experience working with Doctors Without Borders, and other aid organizations, all over the world. He will teach classes in African Politics, Comparative
Politics, and International Relations. In addition, the Department is excited to welcome a new Department Chair, **Dr. H. Gibbs Knotts**. Dr. Knotts was awarded his PhD and MA from Emory University and his BA from UNC Chapel Hill. He has most recently served as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Head of the Political Science Department at Western Carolina University. We will also be joined by **Dr. John Mandeville** who teach on a one year appointment. Dr. Mandeville has a PhD from North Carolina State University and recently retired as budgeting director for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department has also taken several major steps this year to mentor new faculty and assess and improve the teaching and research performance of all faculty. The Department developed a document that articulates expectations in teaching and research and approved a Peer Observation policy that expands classroom observations by faculty and encourages sharing ideas and teaching strategies.

**II. Political Science By the Numbers**

354 political science majors (p. 22).

106 thousand dollars awarded to Annette Watson to conduct field research in coastal communities in SC. (p. 21).

100 percent increase in Geography minors (p. 21).

91 students graduated with degrees in Political Science.

34 Pi Sigma Alpha initiates (see p. 17)

33 majors studying abroad (see p. 42).

33 independent studies supervised by POLS faculty (p. 40)

13 books and journal articles published by Political Science faculty (p. 19).

22 Students completing internships (see p. 34)

11 POLS majors who have been awarded the College’s highest academic honor, the Bishop Robert Smith Award, since 1994 (p. 22).

10 Bachelor’s essays completed (see p. 32)
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.

2011 -2012 Annual Theme: Cultural Change, Politics, and the Law

If you understand “politics” narrowly, as having to do with nations, institutions, and laws you would miss what both political scientists and geographers understand—the proper study of politics examines changes in the fundamentals of how we live and how these changes shape political institutions and are shaped by those institutions. Classes in Political Science explore the political implications of many of these fundamentals—how we secure the food we eat, who secures steady work and who does not, religious beliefs, how we raise children, where we live, and how we express our sexuality. This year we will focus on the implications of rapid cultural change for political and legal institutions.

Contemporary Challenges in Law

Constitution Day Lecture: The Constitution and Counter Terrorism

The department co-sponsored a Constitution Day lecture with the Pre-Law Society by Benjamin Wittes on September 12 at 7:15 in Physicians Auditorium. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks and to celebrate the occasion of Constitution Day, Wittes presented an informative lecture on the state of our nation’s policies concerning the War on Terror. Mr. Wittes is a former editorial writer.
for the Washington Post and the author of four books, including two on the urgency of developing a legal framework for American counterterrorism policy. An audience of approximately 135 students, faculty, and staff, attended.

Boeing and the National Labor Relations Act.

On October 28th the Department helped sponsor a Pre-Law Society lecture by Penn State University law professor Ellen Dannin. Approximately 200 students attended.

Politics Local, National, International

The Charleston Mayor’s Race

The Political Science Club sponsored campus visits by candidates David Farrow and Joseph P. Riley.
Americans Elect Roundtable on Third Parties

On January 18th Dr. Jordan Ragusa and David Gillespie arranged and took part in a discussion on prospects and challenges facing third parties in U.S. politics. Other panelists included Elliot Ackerman, CEO of *Americans Elect*, and Lee Bandy, Political Reporter for *State Newspaper*. Approximately 55 people attended, including students, faculty and community members.

Republican Presidential Primary Watch

On January 31st the Political Science Club sponsored a gathering at Mellow Mushroom to watch the results of the critically important Florida primary.

Fiscal Forum: Long Term Federal Budget Trends

On January 19, 2012, the department sponsored a presentation and discussion by Robert Bixby, the executive director of the Concord Coalition, David Walker, former US Comptroller General, and Mark Sanford, former governor of South Carolina. The panel discussed the federal government deficits and possible solutions. Approximately 85 students, faculty and several local community members attended.

Former US Comptroller General, David Walker.

Former Governor Mark Sanford after the January Forum on Federal Budget Trends.
College of Charleston Model United Nations  
Nov. 4th and 5th Carolina First Arena

The seventh 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 interdisciplinary event has grown every year, incorporating multiple faculty and classes, and student driven planning.

Organization of American States  
April 3-7

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. This year’s student delegation consisted of Emily Gooding, Christopher Hance, Danielle Levin, James McManus, Sweta Patel, Winema Sanders, Candice Thompson, Victoria Visnich, and Brieanna Windelmann.

2012 National Model African Union  
February 23-26 Howard University, Washington DC

College of Charleston students have participated in the National Model African Union for over 30 years, first under the guidance of Jack Parson, then Kea Gorden. This year’s delegation consisted of Elizabeth Bauman, Elizabeth Bemis, James Brock, Rebecca Creech, Elizabeth Figliola, Tyler Gilliam, Amber Joyner, Josh Richmond, Nina Wiersma, and Elliott Wright.

Culture and Institutional Change

Native American Politics of Resistance: Wounded Knee

On October 25th, as part of the College’s “Diversity Week,” Dr. Annette Watson led a discussion of indigenous political activism. About 20 students and faculty attended.

Geography lecture and reception

On March 19, 2012, Larry Knopp, professor of Geography at the University of Washington, delivered a lecture in queer geography that challenged heteronormative assumptions of public health authorities and the broader public. Dr. Knopp explained how government institutions, such as public health offices, are an important—but often overlooked—nexus in the communication of messages that regulate and produce bodies in certain ways. Dr. Knopp’s visit was coordinated by Dr. Kevin Keenan. Nearly 70 undergraduate students attended this lecture, and several geography minors, Political Science faculty, and other students joined Dr. Knopp for the first ever geography reception held in the Blacklock House on campus.
Convocation of Majors  Gender and the Human Experience

On Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Lisa Gilinger addressed political science majors and community visitors in a talk co-sponsored by the Political Science Club, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the Departments of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, and Philosophy, the Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Student Government Association, the Office of Institutional Diversity, the Carolina Transgender Society, the Alliance for Full Acceptance, and the Charleston School of Law Office of Diversity Initiatives. Lisa is a practicing attorney in Santa Barbara, California, a voting member of the World Professional Association of Transgender Health and Board Member for the TransYouth Family Allies. In her work for TYFA she draws on her personal experience and her legal training to help support young people and adults in understanding and transexuality and transgendering. She also visited classes in philosophy, political science, and women’s and gender studies. Her visit was coordinated by Dr. Andy Felts.

Careers and Opportunities

Graduate School Forum and Application Workshop

On November 14 Dr. Erin McAdams offered an open forum to address student questions about graduate school and on November 15 Dr. Jordan Ragusa conducted a workshop on the application process. Both forum were developed after an extensive survey of POLS majors regarding their interest in graduate school.

Celebrating and Encouraging Academic Excellence

The William V. Moore Student Research Conference
Friday, April 6, 2012

Twenty seven representing several majors and high school seniors presented their research to peers, colleagues, students, and community members as part of the second annual William V. Moore Student Research Conference.
Political Science Student Awards Reception

April 17, 2012 Alumni Hall. Approximately 75 students, parents, and faculty attended.

H. Gibbs Knotts, the next Chair of the Political Science Department, gave the keynote address at the Moore Conference.

Seniors Brooks Blanchard and Isaiah Nelson in a Moore conference session.

Right to Left: Professors Helen Delfeld, Mary Desjeans, and Kendra Stewart.

Dr. John Creed with graduating senior and office assistant Susannah Bush.
Political Science Graduation Reception

Saturday, May 12 Political Science Courtyard, 114 Wentworth Street

Dr. John Creed, Honors graduate Caroline Horres, and Dr. Phil Jos

Dr. Claire Curtis and Honors graduate Alyssa Leibman

Right to Left: Dr. Jordan Ragusa, Liz Mueller, and Dr. Andy Felts.
IV. The Faculty

Front row (l to r) Kevin Keenan, Phil Jos, Jordan Ragusa, Tom Chorlton
Second row (l to r) Kendra Stewart, Jack Parson, Erin McAdams
Third row (l to r) Annette Watson, Hollis France, Lynne Ford, Mary Desjeans, Erin Blevins
Back row (l to r) Guoli Liu, John Creed, Claire Curtis, Kea Gorden, Helen Delfeld
Not pictured: Marguerite Archie-Hudson, David Hinton, Mark Long, Andy Felts, Claire Wofford.

| Marguerite Archie-Hudson | • American Government  
|                         | • Education/Health Policy  
|                         | • State Legislatures  
| Tom Chorlton            | • American Government  
|                         | • Politics of the American Revolution  
|                         | • LGBT  
| John Creed              | • Middle East Politics  
|                         | • Comparative Politics  
|                         | • American Foreign Policy  
| Claire Curtis           | • Utopia/Dystopia  
|                         | • Liberalism  
|                         | • Politics and Literature  
|                         | • Sexual Harassment  
| Helen Delfeld           | • Human Rights Law  
|                         | • Southeast Asian Politics  
|                         | • World Politics  

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                  • Organizational Leadership |
| Jo Ann Ewalt | • Public Administration  
                     • Research Methods  
                     • Public Policy/Education Policy |
| Andy Felts  | • Bureaucratic Politics  
                     • Public Administration  
                     • American Government |
| Brian Fisher | • Global Climate Change  
                     • Sustainability  
                     • Environmental Policy  
                     • International Law |
| Lynne Ford  | • American Government  
                     • Women and Politics  
                     • Civic Engagement |
| Hollis France | • Int. Political Economy  
                      • World Politics  
                      • Comparative Gender |
| Kea Gorden  | • Politics of Africa  
                     • Global Political Theory  
                     • World Politics/Int'l Development |
| David Hinton | • Political Philosophy  
                      • American Government |
| Philip Jos  | • Public Administration  
                     • Ethics and Politics |
| Kevin Keenan | • Urban Policy and Planning  
                       • Urban and World Geography |
| Guoli Liu   | • International Diplomacy  
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**Adjunct Faculty**

David Altick        David Aylor
Bob Culver          Brian Grabbatin
Lee Gremillion      Russell Mace

**Staff**

Erin Blevins, Administrative Coordinator
Emily Nellermoe and Susannah Bush, student workers

**Contributors From Other Department**

Michael Lee (Communication)
Namjin Lee (Communication)
Malte Pehl (International Studies)
Doug Friedman (International Studies)
Jenn Wright (Psychology)

Emily Nellermoe was featured in this publication by the Pre-Law Society, she will attend the University of SC Law School this fall.
Spotlight on New Faculty

Claire Wofford joined the Department of Political Science in January 2012. Her teaching and research interests are in the field of American politics, with a particular emphasis on the U.S. legal system and the role of race, class, and gender in structuring political power. She teaches courses on American Government, the Judiciary, Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, and Gender and the Law at the undergraduate level. Claire earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from Emory University in December 2011. She also holds a J.D. from Duke University School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science from Wellesley College.

Gibbs Knotts grew up in Atlanta, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in political science, competed at the 1991 NCAA Cross Country Championships, and was a member of the 1992 ACC Outdoor Track Championship team. Gibbs received his Ph.D. from Emory University and has served as MPA Director, Department Chair, Faculty Athletics Representative, and Associate Dean of the Graduate School at Western Carolina University. His teaching interests include public administration, policy, and finance, as well as American politics.

Chris Day will join the department this fall. Chris is an alumnus of the College of Charleston and earned his M.A. from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and his Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University. His teaching and research interests are in Comparative Politics, with a particular emphasis on African politics, political violence, and civil wars. A former disaster relief worker with Médecins Sans Frontières, he is also interested in humanitarian affairs. He will offer courses on African Politics, the Model African Union, Global Political Theory, Humanitarian Aid and Politics, and World Politics.

With Appreciation

The Department of Political Science would like to thank Kea Gorden, Erin McAdams, and Mary Desjeans for their commitment to students and their contributions to the department.
Faculty presented original research at dozens of conferences, provided leadership for many professional organizations and served the community in myriad ways. What follows is a small sample.

**Books**

- **Guoli Liu** (2012) *Politics and Government in China*  
  Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

**Edited Books**

- **Kendra Stewart** *The Practice of Government Public Relations*  

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**


**Book Chapters, Translations, Invited Papers, Other Publications and Recognition**


JoAnn Ewalt “Connecting Classroom to Communities through Service Learning and Community-Based Research” presented at the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO October 19-22, 2011.

Andy Felts (2011) “Bases of a Community Resilience System (CRS)” a presentation to the 97th annual meeting of the International City Managers Association, Sept 17-21, Milwaukee, WI.

Brian Fisher (2011) was named the College’s first Director of Sustainability and served as the South’s representative for ACUPCC (President’s Climate Commitment).

Kevin Keenan was named Faculty Advisor of the Year by the Student Activism and Leadership Achievement Awards selection Committee.

Guoli Liu (2011) presented at the National Chengchi University and the Center for Asian Studies at American University, Dec. 8-9.


Annette Watson was nominated for the Diversity Woman of the Year Award by the Office of Diversity.

Alex Sanders received the Commitment to Justice Award from the Center for Heirs Property, an organization that serves, supports and empowers heirs property that was either purchased or deeded to African Americans following the Civil War.
Forthcoming (Already Accepted for Publication)


Philip H. Jos “Fear and Spiritual Realism in Octavia Butler’s *Earthseed.*” *Utopian Studies* (Fall 2012).


Grants

Helen Delfeld, $32,790 AsiaNetwork Grant, $ Research and Faculty Development Award.

Hollis France, $3,216 Research and Faculty Development Award to conduct a biodiversity research in Guyana: “Sustainable Livelihoods: Cassava Income Generating Enterprises.”

Jordan Ragusa, $5,000 Award $2,000 Congressional Research Award (The Dirksen Center) and $1,000 Dean’s Discretionary Award ($1000).

Annette Watson, $106,000, federal grant administered by the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium.

Campus and Community Engagement

Marguerite Archie Hudson served on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Community Foundation and the N.E.W. Fund Committee (seeks funding for community projects in low-income rural communities). Chair of the SC Chapter of the Links, Inc., Marguerite works with Project Okurase, a collaborative effort that includes MUSC, Clemson, and a community group in Union Heights to open a pharmacy in the small village of Okurase, Ghana. She also is working with residents of Hollywood to develop the rural education corridor and is a policy advisor to the Jenesse Center, an organization providing support and advocacy for victims of domestic violence.

Claire Curtis served as Chair of the General Education Committee and served on the HSS Search Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Degree Completion, the Women and Gender Studies Executive Committee, and served in the Faculty Senate.

John Creed made presentations to the Center for Creative Retirement, Americans for Informed Democracy, the Unitarian Church, Lowcountry Senior Scholars, Campus AID, and the Honor’s College Aiken fellows. He also served on the Honors Committee and on the Honor’s Dean Search Committee.

Jo Ann Ewalt worked with Charleston County School District on “Achieve Classroom Excellence” (ACE), a grant funded educator evaluation program. She also serves as the community representative the Buist Academy School Improvement Council. She also served on the HSS Dean search committee.

Hollis France served on the African-American Studies Steering Committee, the Women and Gender Studies am Steering Committee and Latin American and Carribean Studies Steering Committee. She also served as
advisor to the Black Student Union and ONE.Org. In the fall she became the Chair of the faculty and staff Labor Day Celebration Committee.

Alex Sanders serves on the Boards of Project SEED, the Nature Conservancy, the Harry Lightsey Society, the SC Higher Education Foundation, the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Courts and media, the Lowcountry Initiative for the Literary Arts, the Death Penalty Research and Defense Center, and the SC Library.

Kendra Stewart served on the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, the Provost’s Academic Advisory Council, the Board of Trustees Finance Committee, the Provost’s task force on degree completion. She has also served as a SURF grant reviewer, a Truman Award selection panel member, a McNair Scholars presenter, a PMI applicant screener and advisor to the MPA Student Association, the ADPi sorority and SAE fraternity.

V. The Students

The number of Political Science majors doubled between 2000 and 2008 and has stabilized in recent years while the number of Geography minors doubled in the last year.

Declared Majors in Political Science 1985-2012

Geography Minors 2008-2012
College Wide Awards

Bishop Robert Smith Award

The Bishop Robert Smith Award is the highest academic honor that can be bestowed by the College of Charleston. Isaiah Nelson is the eleventh Political Science major to win the award

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Alyson and Grace Jameson Award

Jenny Bamond

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholars, 2010-2011

Jordan Blanton (pictured below) was an active participant in the Model UN, a Pi Sigma Alpha and Omirron Delta Kappa member who conducted grant funded research in Huslia, Alaska under the supervision of Annette Watson.

Sara Hutchinson (pictured below with her grandmother at the HSS Awards reception) is an Honors student, a Pi Sigma Alpha member and President of the Political Science Club who studied abroad in Morocco and Senegal. Her research won the best paper award at the William V. Moore Student Research Conference held in April and she begins work for Teach for America this fall.
Political Science Outstanding Student Awards
Outstanding Students are graduating seniors selected by the faculty on the basis of GPA and overall academic achievement.

Susannah Bush        Alyssa Leibman
Lua Parsi Eijsink    Tara Schiraldi
Caroline Horres

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.

Jordan Blanton        Sara Hutchinson
Victoria Cole         Alyssa Leibman
Lua Parsi Eijsink     Isaiah Nelson
Caroline Horres       Tara Schiraldi

Scholarships Awarded for 2012-2013

Freshman Dengate Scholarship (renewed):  Keegan Smith

Dengate Scholarships (non-renewable)

Jenny Bamond          Daniel Klaeren
Chelsea Montgomery    Sarah Sheafer
Stephanie Sickler

Harper B. Keeler Award:  Elizabeth Conwell

William V. Moore Endowed Scholarship (renewed):  Nivardo Vivar

Burnett Rhett Maybank Award: Morgan Johnson

Alexander Dick Scholarship:  Bailey Evans

Alyson and Grace Jameson Award: Jenny Bamond

Pi Sigma Alpha: 2011-2012 Initiates

The department initiated 34 students at the spring at the Student Awards and Recognition Reception held on April 17, 2012 at 4:00 pm in Alumni Hall in Randolph Hall. The Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards were announced at this reception.
Jenny Bamond
Elizabeth LeClair Bemis
Jordan M. Blanton
Gloria Marie Carroll
Micah D.F. Coffee
William M. Coffman
Benjamin J. Davis
Victoria Davis
Dylan Fernandes
Sylricka Foster
Andrew Ryan Gardner
Jason David Guerra
Erich James Hellstrom
Benjamin W. Hockett
Rebecca Hughes
Allison J. Jahries
Miriam Kavalarchik

Emily Keep
Rachel Kelley
Chelsea Legette
Cory P. Maran
Melissa Markowich
David Laurence McKnight
Sarah Beth Mentrup
Elizabeth M. Pappas
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Matthew Richard Sanford
Sukhpreet Singh
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Keegan W. Smith
Eleni Maria Valanos
John Christian Waites

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards

Analytic Essay

First Place: Michelle Bloom, “Congressional Campaign Finance.”
Independent study, Dr. McAdams

Second Place: Caroline Horres, “Proximate and Underlying Causes for Popular Mobilization in Syria.” Politics of the Middle East, Dr. Creed

Research Paper

First Place: Megan Rollins, “The Unbeatable Ticket.” Public Opinion in American Politics, Dr. McAdams

Second Place: Bennett Jones, “The Matriarch, the Man, and the Mammothrept.” Dr. Keenan

Political Science Majors elected to “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” in 2011-2012.

Audrey Harris Alyssa Leibman Thomas Smythe
Political Science Honor Roll—Spring 2011

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.

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Shelby E. August
Earlene C. Bagwell
Connor S. Bailey
Charles R. Barnes
Sean C. Bath
Kathryn M. Benson
Jordan M. Blanton
Michelle S. Bloom
Seth M. Bostrom
Nicholas A. Bowman
John L. Brisini
Adam L. Brunelle
Brittany A. Bryan
Susannah J. Bush
Sarah E. Cawood
Maranda P. Christy
Morgan E. Cleary
Leah A. Cockerham
Micah D. Coffee
William M. Coffman
Victoria S. Cole
Colin R. Coletti
Elizabeth B. Conwell
Caroline B. Dennis
Emily A. DeVoie
Amanda B. DeVore
Kathleen T. DeWitt
Rebecca S. Diaz
Bailey E. Evans
Allie G. Federle
Dylan A. Fernandes
Antonio T. Fielder
Jamie L. Fisher
Sylricka Foster
Andrew R. Gardner
Austin T. Garland
Benjamin A. Genn
Tyler K. Gilliam
Emily L. Gooding
Andrew D. Gordon
Michele C. Greco

Rachael E. Grider
Stephen A. Grybowski
Amanda-Brooke Hanlon
Ronald E. Hanna
Audrey G. Harris
Margaret J. Heavey-Frank
Susannah M. Hicks
Benjamin W. Hockett
Caroline M. Horres
Jordan A. Howard
Christopher E. Howell
Kathryn F. Humphries
John D. Jenkins
Ashley N. Jordan
Andrew L. Josey
Miriam S. Kavalarchik
Rachel A. Kelley
Daniel J. Klaeren
Lukas Koncilia
Ross S. Kressel
Martin A. Kret
Thomas P. Laffay
Nicole A. LaGrone
Joshua D. Lam
Chelsea A. Legette
Alyssa D. Leibman
Gerald B. Leverich
Jacob D. Lilley
Carolyn A. Mahoney
Tiana K. Mahoutchian
Cory P. Maran
Kylie D. Marcus
Andrew L. Meggs
Sarah B. Mentrup
Chelsea M. Montgomery
Elizabeth A. Mueller
Brian C. Mulhall
Isaiah C. Nelson
Richard A. Newcomb
Deborah H. Ong
Andrew C. Orr
Elizabeth M. Pappas
Kayla L. Parker
Anne C. Pease
Kathryn F. Penry
Jenny E. Powell
Matthew M. Priester
Isaac P. Regenbogen
Lindsay J. Sasser
Tara J. Schiraldi
Ryan E. Schmidt
John E. Schneider
Shannon M. Schofield
Brooke D. Sensenig
Stephanie L. Sickler
Paige E. Simunek
Alix M. Sirota
Charlotte J. Smith
James D. Smith
Thomas M. Smythe
Nicol E. Spann
Ashlyn C. Spilis
Boyd E. Stough
Christopher S. Sullivan
Lauren E. Swing
Allison J. Terry
Haley E. Thomas
Elizabeth K. Thompson
Allison I. Truitt
Mallen M. Urso
Eleni Valanos
Kira VonRichthofen
Anne G. Wallice
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Audrey G. Harris
Eugene G. Hay
Mason L. Hay
Erich J. Hellstrom
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. 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. This year’s club activities included sponsoring candidate forums for the city of Charleston mayoral race and hosting an alumni night where former political science majors discussed their career paths.

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). The 2011 fall session in the House of
Representatives Chamber in Columbia included eleven South Carolina Colleges. The College of Charleston delegation, comprised of Savannah Johnson, Victoria Visnich, Matthew Vaveris, Dan Mackin, Daniel Klaeren, and William Campbell, won the award for Best Large Delegation.

**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** 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.

**Current Political Science Students plans for Summer 2012 and beyond**

**Courtney Alexander** will intern for ABC News in Washington D.C. She completed a three month internship in the Dominican Republic with the nonprofit, Outreach360, during spring 2012.

**Amanda Durham** is working part time this summer at Admissions at the Charleston School of Law and as a paralegal with Charleston County Legal.

**Dylan Fernandes** will intern with Elizabeth Warren's Massachusetts Senate race this summer.

**Mason Hay** was awarded both the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and the Critical Need Language award to study Arabic for a total of $8,000 and will travel to Morocco for the fall 2012 semester to participate in the “Language, Culture, and Society Semester” program sponsored by the Institute for Study Abroad.

**Alexandra Keane** is studying abroad in India this summer on a geology trip, studying pollution in the developing world and water resources in India.

**Daniel Klaeren** will be interning with Governor Nikki Haley’s office this summer.

**Jeri Mintzer**, fellowship in planning in Washington, D.C.

**Sarah Shaefer** will be returning this summer from studying abroad in Jerusalem, Israel at the Hebrew University. During the summer she will intern at both Indiana Living Green, a monthly environmental magazine, and NUVO Newsweekly, a weekly city newspaper in Indianapolis, IN. She will be writing news and environmental articles with an emphasis on politics and justice issues. In the fall, she will return to CofC as the Editor-in Chief of CisternYard News.

**Sarah Silberstein** is interning with the Obama Fellowship program this summer.
Cameron Sorsby is participating in the Koch Internship Program at Koch Institute in Washington D.C.

Michelle Strick, has received a summer fellowship for Public Interest Design at UT Austin

Abby Tennenbaum will participate in Alternate Break trip to Ireland in May – June to work on an organic farm.

Nina Wiersma is working this summer in the Protocol Section of the US Embassy in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Beverly (Liza) Wood is doing research in Thailand this summer under the Asia Network grant and guidance of Professor Helen Delfeld and will also work as a farm apprentice through Lowcountry Local First with Jeremiah Farm.

Future Plans of 2012 Political Science Graduates

Lauren Avioli, will attend a Master’s of Urban Planning Program at University of Texas, Austin

James Brock will pursue an MBA at the College of Charleston.

Elizabeth Conn will be pursuing a Masters in Latin American and Caribbean Studies in the Fall at NYU.

Stephen Grybowski is interning this summer with Shimon Presents, a marketing and promotions company that covers bands and large scale music festivals.

Jason Guerra is working for US Airways Risk Management in Charleston, SC.

Cameron O-Banion and Sweta Patel will attend MUSC’s Master in Health Administration Program in the fall.

Christopher Hance is working for Best Chefs in America as their Digital Media Strategist.

Todd Harwood will work as an Analyst with the U.S. Department of State.

Caroline Horres will attend John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in the Fall to pursue a Masters Degree in International Economics.

Sara Hutchinson will work for Teach for America.

Alyssa Leibman will attend the University of South Carolina’s Ph.D. Program in political science starting in the fall.

Emily Nellermoe will attend law school at the University of South Carolina.
Isaiah Nelson will be working for the Obama for America campaign in Harrisonburg, VA this summer.

Elyse Nicole will be continuing her education to prepare for Nursing School.

Elizabeth Pappas will attend Law school at Tulane University Law School starting in the fall.

Megan Ryan will pursue a Master’s of Urban Planning degree at the University of Cincinnati.

Peter Vonlehe Ruegner is running to be a Representative for State House District 110.

John Schneider will attend Law School at the University of Georgia.

Brooke Sensenig will intern this summer with Congressman Roscoe Bartlett and will pursue a Business Administration (MBA) from Hood College starting in the Fall.

David Skaggs will pursue an Urban and Regional Planning Certificate from the College of Charleston.

Taylor Stephenson is volunteering for the Democratic National Convention this summer in Charlotte and will move to Southeast Asia in the fall to teach English.

Allison Terry is attending the Cleveland Marshal College of Law in the fall to pursue Health Law.

VI. The Classroom: On Campus and Off

Curriculum Reform

In 2012 the Department completed a two and half year process of revising and updating the curriculum, reviewing learning objectives for all courses and reorganizing subfield requirements in ways that better reflect our faculty and our goals for students. The effort was spearheaded by Dr. Claire Curtis, who, on behalf of the Department, submitted over 750 pages of course proposals and related documentation.

Beyond the Standard Curriculum: Special Topics Courses 2011-2012

POLS 319.1 ST: Sustainability
This course examines the interrelated environmental, economic and social problems facing humans at local, regional and global scales around the theme of sustainability. The class will use an applied experience from their own sustainability project to examine ways to generate values of sustainability, create policy to encourage sustainability, and ultimately govern it. (Fisher)
POLS 339.01 ST: Geography of Native Lands and Indian Law
This course examines the government to government relationships between Native American tribes and the U.S. Case studies of legal, political, and cultural conflicts over land will highlight the indigenous knowledge of ecological systems and the distinctive political ideas that inform Native American life and politics. (Watson)

POLS 339.02/INTL 390 ST: Politics of India and Pakistan
South Asia (and here especially India and Pakistan) offers the student of politics the opportunity to engage with the greatest promises and the gravest problems facing humanity today. The countries of the region are home to some of the most innovative businesses and a long history of multicultural coexistence, but it is also home to almost half of the world’s most impoverished people and a hotbed for religious and political extremism. This course traces major political developments in the two largest countries of South Asia, focusing mainly on the post-independence period. It will cover the legacies of colonial rule, nationalism, development issues, democratic and authoritarian regime changes as part of post-colonial politics, the dynamics of politics and social tensions, and the foreign policy of India and Pakistan towards each other and other South Asian countries. (Pehl)

POLS 359.01 ST: Environmental Law
This course introduces environmental law and regulation, with a focus on US law. Specifically, we will examine environmental problems by assessing the responses from legal institutions and the remedies available under common law. We will explore how environmental policy and law work together in regulating environmental affairs. The course will cover topics on air and water pollution, hazardous waste, protection of endangered species, land use, climate change, energy, human health and environmental justice. (Fisher)

POLS 379.01 ST: International Human Rights Law
This course introduces 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 379.02 ST: Terrorism and Counter Terrorism
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. (Desjeans)

POLS 399.02 ST: State Legislatures and Leg. Policymaking
This course introduces 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. The course
will explore state legislatures throughout the nation with particular emphasis on the legislatures of California and South Carolina. (Archie-Hudson)

**POLS 399.03 ST: Politics of the American Revolution**
This course explores the evolution of American political thought and action during the Revolutionary Era (1760-1790) and it will examine the seeds of independence as they grew over three decades. Topics include: The transatlantic debate over taxes and representation, the impact of revolutionary propaganda, the political challenges of building a confederation of sovereign colonies and arguments and rhetoric both for and against the new Constitution. (Chorlton)

**POLS 399.04 ST: Suburbia: People, Place, and Politics**
This course examines suburban culture and politics, including governance, environmental sustainability, race, gender, ethnicity, and the place of suburbia in the broader metropolitan context. (Keenan)

**POLS 319.01: ST: Advanced Sustainability**
In this course, we will explore pragmatic applications of sustainability in a local context. The course will largely revolve around group sustainability projects. For each project, we will examine all aspects of project development, including project design, implementation, testing, measuring, and analyzing the results. (Fisher)

**POLS 379.01: ST: International Relations of the Middle East**
This course is designed to help you gain an understanding of the places the Middle East has occupied in international relations and seeks to advance competing explanations for why the region has occupied those spaces and roles in world politics. It will use the insights offered by realist, liberal and constructivist theoretical traditions to examine the evolution of the region’s place in the international system, with a particular focus on the region’s 20th century international relations, the dynamics of contemporary Middle Eastern international relations that emerge with the end of the Cold War and the onset of the “Great West Asian Crisis.” We will explore the new phase of this crisis brought on by dynamics of ongoing regional political change and explore the significant challenges these events pose to the region’s place in the international system. (Creed)

**POLS 379.02: ST: Int. Development Theory and Practice**
This course seeks to critically examine the theories and practices of international development that have historically characterized efforts to address problems of poverty and global inequality. In addition, we will engage with current debates, endeavoring to recast the discourse of development and expose the factors that contribute to the maintenance and exacerbation of global poverty and inequality. (Gorden)

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POLS 399.02: ST: American Political Development
American Political Development (APD) surveys the landmark events and eras in U.S. political history. There is a particular focus on the design of political institutions—Congress, the president and the courts—and how those institutions have evolved over time. The institution is the dependent variable in this class, in other words. This is in contrast to “traditional” American politics courses where the focus is on how modern institutional arrangements affect political outcomes. There is also an emphasis in APD on landmark changes in U.S. politics and policy—from the evolving policies of slavery, reconstruction and civil rights to the evolution of modern liberalism and conservatism. Given the historical nature of APD, students are expected to keep up with a heavy reading load including many primary source documents. (Ragusa)

Fall 2011 Capstones

POLS 405.01 Politics of Illusion
There are two distinct problems having to do with “knowing things” in politics: first, information is hard to get, and takes a lot of effort to acquire; secondly, we have the illusion of knowing things, but in fact are misinformed regarding the level of certainty of our “knowledge”. Our perception of political life is dominated by three different illusions: that of understanding what we do not in fact understand (the difficulty of translating concepts from one language or context to another); that of partial or biased information being portrayed as authoritative (what is “news”, after all? What is an authority?); and that of dominant voices sounding like truth rather than partisan positions (the narrowness of most political dialogue, and the consequences of excluding voices). Overlaying all of these questions and problems are the questions, “What is knowledge itself? What do we know? What do we end up believing that we would not if a free flow of information were possible?” We will work on these themes throughout the course in both US and international contexts.(Delfeld)

POLS 405.02 Politics and Literature
The study of politics and literature “explores the way in which literature provides unique insights into the nature of political life and the study of politics” (American Political Science Association). This capstone addresses the ways scholars of politics can and do study and/or use literature to better understand political problems. We will collectively read Edward P. Jones’ The Known World (the College Reads selection for 2011-2012) and think about it as producing multiple “insights into the nature of political life and the study of politics.” Other novels and short stories will also be read collectively. Students will do their own independent research projects and be asked to participate in engagement projects surrounding The College Reads program. (Curtis)

Spring 2012 Capstones

POLS 405.01 Food
One of our most mundane practices, consuming food, is increasingly politicized; people in the US and other developed countries experience food anxiety and face ethical dilemmas on a daily basis as they feed themselves: what to eat and where - McDonalds or Whole Foods?; and from where - South Carolina shrimp or Southeast Asian, factory-farmed eggs or “organic” (whatever that means)? Our relationship to food has changed radically over recent centuries and continues to do so today. A central facet of change has been the application of scientific reasoning to the production, harvesting,
regulation, and consumption of food, what we might term technologization. This capstone seminar focuses on this technologization to explore the paradox of food anxiety at different scales, from the body to the global. (Long)

**POLS 405.02 Red State, Blue State: Polarization in American Politics**
This senior capstone course will examine the extent and sources of partisan polarization in the United States at both the elite and mass levels, with particular emphasis on the role of media in accentuating this divide. The course will also examine the empirical and normative consequences of partisan polarization in American democracy. (McAdams)

**POLS 405.03 The Politics of Transitional States**
This capstone seminar examines states in transition and the way that domestic political change influences a country’s foreign policy and role in the global system. A comparative analysis of China, Russia, and several others will help explore multiple theoretical perspectives on states, revolution, democratization, and power transition. We will also examine the implications of domestic transition on foreign relations with a focus on U.S.-China relations. In this seminar, we emphasize intensive reading and writing, independent research, and application of theories and key concepts to new problems and cases. (Liu)

**Innovative Courses and High Impact Pedagogy**

**Contributions to the First Year Experience**

**POLS103/GEOL103 Learning Community**
**Movers and Shakers: Politics on a Changing World**
3 social science/4 science credits
Helen Delfeld/Elizabeth Rhodes
The study of geology and political science may seem quite dissimilar, but both rely on scientific data accumulation and reasoning skills. By teaming up Political Science 103 (World Politics) and Geology 103 (Environmental Geology), we intend to draw attention to the parallels and dissimilarities between the physical and the social sciences – you’ll be surprised! We will investigate the process of scientific inquiry, deepen analytical reasoning skills, and improve critical thinking. In addition to the essential content of both classes, we will explore some specific intersections of politics and geology, including a culminating project which asks students to study the political effects of a particular geological effect – this might be a terrain feature or a geological disaster like an earthquake or tsunami.

**INTL100/POLS104 Learning Community**
**Discover the World: Regional Contexts and Global Issues**
4 social science or humanities
Malte Pehl/Kevin Keenan
Learn about foreign and familiar places! Learn about the world! In this community, the World Regional Geography course (POLS 104) will teach you how to write about local and global places and the linkages among them. All the while, you will also learn about local contexts, people, politics, and places. This information will provide the necessary foundation for understanding global issues, such...
as war, poverty, natural resource depletion, and capitalism. This foundation will provide the framework for the study of historical and contemporary globalization in its many dimensions that will be covered in the Introduction to International Studies course (INTL 100). Among other things, you will study trade and human development from a multidisciplinary perspective, international governance and the changing face of the nation-state, poverty and its relationship to health and hunger, as well as migration and tourism and their relationship with the environment and its degradation.

First Year Seminar
The U.S. Intelligence Community: Separating Fact from Fiction

Mary Desjeans
Through literature and movies, students will examine the role of intelligence in US national security decision-making. Working with an instructor who is a currently-serving senior Central Intelligence Agency officer, students will focus on key aspects of intelligence activities within our democratic society, such as the intelligence mission, analytic and operational activities, and executive and congressional oversight over intelligence programs. This seminar will highlight critical evaluation of the course materials and call on students to contribute their individual insights and to participate in group discussions of the ideas, concepts, and facts surrounding the proper role of intelligence in safeguarding US national security.

First Year Seminar
Living in a Global World

Hollis France
We are constantly bombarded with the refrain “We live in a global world.” But what does that really mean? As Americans we are becoming increasingly aware of the interconnectedness of our lives with other parts of the world. This is evident in the consumer goods we utilize on a daily basis, our dependence on foreign oil, or the outsourcing of jobs, which facilitate access to cheaper consumer goods and services. This course seeks to provide students with the conceptual tools and background information to understand the world around them.

Contributions to the Honors Program

HONS 166 Honors World Politics (John Creed, Fall 2011)

HONS 382 Introduction to Human Rights (Helen Delfeld, Spring 2011)

Mock Trial

Bob Culver

The College of Charleston Mock Trial team participated in the Georgia “Capital City” Mock Trial invitational in October 2011. Twenty-three teams competed. CofC competed against Tennessee, Furman, University of Alabama and Georgia. This was the first competition for all but one member of the team. They gained valuable experience competing against some of the top performing teams in the nation. After scrimmaging with Coastal Carolina in January, the College of Charleston Mock Trial Team participated in the AMTA Regional Competition in Chapel Hill February 2-3. There were 24
teams in the regional. CofC won 4 ballots and lost 4 ballots, and placed 11th overall. The team barely missed qualification for the Super-Regional tournament (the top 8 qualify). The team’s hard work showed as they dramatically improved their performance over the warm-up tournament in Georgia. The team won 4 ballots in a tough draw; the team’s only losses came against the Duke and Vanderbilt teams that placed 1st and 2nd in the tournament. Team Captain Kaylee Klixbull was named “outstanding attorney” for her performance as defense counsel.

Geographic Information Systems Learning Community Kevin Keenan

Kevin Keenan received the grant for $1,500 for the GIS learning community that he is designing with Dr. Deb Auriffeille (Sociology and Urban Studies). The grant will support additional training in GIS to respond to student research interests as those interests develop in the class.

People, Place, and Politics Kevin Keenan

Students in Dr. Kevin Keenan’s Suburbia course made field trips to the Noisette Development to study sustainable urbanism, to Daniel Island to study errors in the application of New Urbanism Design, and to the I’on community to study exclusivity of urban spaces.

Politics in Action Tom Chorlton

During the Fall 2010 semester, two of Tom Chorlton’s American Government classes required to contribute eight hours of volunteer work to one of three candidates for Governor of South Carolina: Nikki Haley, Republican; Vincent Sheheen, Democrat; or, Morgan Reeves, Green Party. Three weeks after the election, the students were required to submit an eight page analysis of their experience.

Congressional Reform Project Jordan Ragusa

With Presidential candidates lambasting Congress, students in Jordan Ragusa’s Congress class took a more thoughtful approach. Noting that many contemporary problems in Congress are the result of previous reform efforts, Dr. Ragusa prompted his students to apply their knowledge to propose reforms that are both realistic and novel. Students developed and presented a wide range of possible reforms.

Utopia Project Claire Curtis

Students in Utopia/Dystopia formed groups of six and designed their own utopian societies, including guidelines for living together, education, housing employment, transportation, government, recreation, and interpersonal relations. There first challenge was figure out how the group itself would work together, who would be in charge, what would the consequences be for those who failed to participate fully?
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.

Dr. Annette Watson supervised an independent study on the ethno-history of the Lowcountry with Kelsey Treuil. This included visits to shell midden trials, such as this one in Francis Marion National Forest.

Dr. Annette Watson supervised the work of Liah Wallace (pictured above—second from left—facilitating a focus group session with area shrimpers), James Brad Terrell, Joshua Hoke, Nicole Machuca, and Bob Crimian on various aspects of her grant funded research: “Coastal Livelihoods and the Local Sense of Place: Assessing Social-Ecological Relationships and Environmental Values in the Face of Demographic Changes in Mount Pleasant, Awendaw, and McClellanville, South Carolina.”

Lua Eijsink Parsi, Liz Figliola, Susannah Hicks, Tara Schiraldi, and Liza Wood are a formidable undergraduate research team under the direction of Dr. Helen Delfeld. During June and July they will conduct field research in Cambodia and Thailand. Research topics include “pay per view” tours of orphanages, a comparative study of Cambodian and Thai women’s advocacy groups, the efforts of nonprofit groups to “rehabilitate” women forced into sex work, “grief tourism” of memorial sites such as Phnom Penh’s Killing Fields, and the impact of grassroots organizations on agricultural development and agrarian reform. The group, along with Director of Research and Grants Administration Susan Anderson presented a special session of the William V. Moore Student Research Conference on grant funded undergraduate research.

Tucker Strom, Peter Wiggins II, and recent graduates Audrey Harris and Liz Mueller are working under the direction of Dr. Jordan Ragusa on a project that will test competing theories of Congressional organization using an innovative dataset that records successful repeal efforts from 1877 to the present. Where other studies of this nature use indirect tests to discriminate between competing theories of Congressional organization, the repeals data for this study are used to directly compare the locations of the status quo and alternative policies. In addition to the methodological
innovations, the scope of this study allows for a unique examination of how Congressional organization has evolved over disparate eras of Congressional history.

Sarah Mentrup, senior political science major, studied abroad in both Beijing, with Dr. Liu, and in Cambodia/Thailand, with Dr. Delfeld, in June of 2012.

**Independent Studies**

In 2011-2012, 30 political science students enrolled in 33 independent studies.

**Fall 2011**

Jordan Blanton. “Model U.N.” (Helen Delfeld)
Michelle Bloom. “Congressional Campaign Finance” (Erin McAdams)
Chris Cimarelli. “20th Century Dystopian Literature” (Claire Curtis)
Alexander Crall, “U.S. and China economic and Political Relations” (Guoli Liu)
Emily Gooding. “Colonial Chile and Modern Day Education Reform.” (Felix Vasquez)
Elizabeth Figliola. “Model U.N.” (Helen Delfeld)
Amanda Kline. “The liberal media?” (Helen Delfeld)
Alyssa Leibman. “A Promise of Governation: Federalism, State Policy, and the Immigrant Student of SC.” (Marguerite Archie-Hudson)
Danielle Levin. “Model U.N.” (Helen Delfeld)
Isaiah Nelson. “Engagement Politics.” (Hollis France)
Boyd E. Stough. “Political Transitions in the Middle East.” (John Creed)
Boyd E. Stough, “Egypt’s Middle East Transition” 1 credit (John Creed)
Kelsey Treuil. “Ethnohistory and Knowledges of SC Tribes.” (Annette Watson)
Mallen Urso. “Voting for Women in South Carolina.” (Lynne Ford)

**Spring 2012**

Emily Arp, “Defining Freedom of Speech-its Applications.” (Erin McAdams)
Victoria Davis, “Human Trafficking and the US Legal System.” (Claire Wofford)
Edward Fletcher, “The Citizens United Ruling: Protecting Civil Rights or Unconstitutional?” 1 credit (Tom Chorlton)
Tyler Gilliam. “Poststructuralist Challenges to Power.” (Kea Gorden).
Stuart Harvey. “GIS-Political Science Independent Study.” (Kevin Keenan)
Caroline Horres. “GIS-Political Science Independent Study.” (Kevin Keenan)
Andrew B. Marcus. “GIS-Political Science Independent Study.” (Kevin Keenan)
Cameron McKelvey. “Wine Production in Oregon and South Carolina” (Claire Curtis)
Lua Eijsink Parsi. “Savages, Victims, Saviors, and the Status of the Intercountry Adoption in
Cambodia.” (Helen Delfeld)
Peter Reugner. “Federalism and States’ Rights.” (JoAnn Ewalt)
Stephanie Sickler. “State Legislatures and Water Policy.” (Marguerite Archie-Hudson)
Haley Thomas. “Chinese Investment in Africa.” (Dr. Hollis France)
Peter Wiggins. “Head Delegate-Washington Model OAS.” (Douglas Friedman).

Bachelor’s Essays

In 2011-2012, political science students enrolled in 10 Bachelor’s Essays.

Caroline Horres “Civil Society in Jordan.” (John Creed).
Sara Hutchinson “The Production and Consumption of Africa in Charleston, SC” (Kea Gorden)
Alyssa Leibman “South Carolina: A Legacy of Anti-Federalist Agitation.” (Lynne Ford).
Tara Schiraldi “Customary Law and Asylum” (Helen Delfeld).
Chelsea Legette “Attitudes of Female Troops toward Combat and Lifting Combat Exclusions” (Spring 2012) Lynne Ford
Elizabeth Figliola “Rebuilding Identity, Cambodian Thanatourism” (Spring 2012) Helen Delfeld
Beverly Wood “Human Rights and the Green Revolution” (Spring 2012) Helen Delfeld

Internships

Washington Honors Semester

Isaiah Nelson (Fall 2011) – Washington Honors Semester – Internship with the White House Office of Public Engagement

Mallen Urso (Spring 2012) – Washington Honors Semester – Internship with National Women’s Political Caucus; Political Planning and Action Intern.

Local 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. Claire Curtis advised students about the internship program from mid-February – April while Erin was out on leave.

Fall 2011 Internship Seminar—Dr. Hollis France

Katherine Atkins, Crisis Ministries
Michel Greco, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Kathryn Humphries, Solicitor’s Office – Juvenile Arbitration Program
Hanna Koch, Office of U.S. Senator Jim Demint (Charleston Office)
Sadie Lefitz, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Internationalization and Study Away

In 2011-2012, 31 declared political science majors studied abroad in 13 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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| Susannah Hicks, Cuba                          |                                               |
| Rebecca Hughes, Cuba                          |                                               |
| Elizabeth Thompson, United Kingdom            |                                               |
| Katherine Atkins, Trujillo Spain              |                                               |
| Ross Kressel, Cuba                            |                                               |
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Study Abroad with Political Science Faculty

Our faculty covered the globe this year.

Dr. Mark Long         Trujillo Spain Fall 2011

“The absolute best part was the people. Living in a small Spanish town you form real relationships with people. From the professors and their families to the group of 13 CofC students to the Spanish families and Trujillo natives everyone was amazing.”

--a fall 2011 student studying in Trujillo

The city is absolutely magnificent, as pretty as any in Spain. Dominated by a tenth century Moorish castle, the intact walls and medieval palaces and churches mean the old quarter rivals any I’ve seen in Europe; and it blows places like Madrid and Barcelona out of the water. On that score, classes are held in an international prize winning seventeenth century convent, now restored as a "popular university". It is quite beautiful and sits, literally, in the city walls.

---Dr. Mark Long

Dr. Guoli Liu            China Summer 2012

Lilly Andorsky, Patricia Clark, Allison Crowell, Amanda Dahlstrom, Jeff Hurvitz, Mark Kadoshnikov, William Koch, Sarah Mentrup, Brett Morenstern, and Haley Weerashing joined Guoli Liu for study abroad in China. Students visited Beijing, Chongqing, Chengdu, Suzhou, and Shanghai and attended lectures on Chinese culture, business, history, and politics. They enjoyed dynamic and productive exchanges with Chinese faculty and students at Tsinghua University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, the University of International Business and Economics, Southwest Jiaotong University, and Shanghai Normal University. The director of the State of South Carolina's Asia office Mr. John Ling gave a very informative presentation on business interaction between China and South Carolina and Dr. Liu was invited to give a public talk on "New Trends in China-US Relations" at the University of International Business and Economics.
The study abroad experience in Southeast Asia has expanded from five students the first year it was offered, to nine students the summer of 2011, to 16 for 2012. Helen co-teaches courses with Dr. Jen Wright, assistant professor in the Psychology Department: course titles here.

The Geography Minor

The number of geography minors doubled in 2011-12, from 11 students to 22. Fieldwork, so essential to geography, characterized course offerings more than ever over the 2011/12 academic year. In addition to courses on suburbia and the environment, among others, GEOG219 Reading the Lowcountry Landscape course is now offered every semester. Students explored urban, environmental and military landscapes in the Charleston region with faculty. Faculty used the Lowcountry as a laboratory to explore concepts from the new urbanism to environmental justice to the rise of top-secret America post 9.11. Classes included field trips to I’On, the naval base, Hunting Island, the Citadel, and other sites and Trujillo, Spain, proved an ideal classroom to explore tensions between traditional ways-of-living and high-tech life in the twenty-first century.

On March 19, 2012, Larry Knopp, professor of Geography at the University of Washington, delivered a lecture in queer geography that challenged heteronormative assumptions of public health authorities and the broader public. This lecture contributed to the Political Science Department’s convocation theme of sexuality and identity politics. Dr. Knopp explained how government institutions, such as public health offices, are an important—but often overlooked—nexus in the communication of messages that regulate and produce bodies in certain ways. The regulation of urban bodies at the individual level is essential for creating normalized categories of gender, such as straight and queer. This regulation is localized in specific places, such as Public Health Offices, but its effect spreads through the entire city. Nearly 70 undergraduate students attended this lecture, and several geography minors, Political Science faculty, and other students joined Dr. Knopp for the first ever geography reception held in the Blacklock House on campus.
Graduate Programs

MPA Program Summary of Accomplishments 2011-12

The Master of Public Administration program at the College of Charleston is now a stand-alone accredited program. Formerly offered jointly with the University of South Carolina, the program received permission last May to provide the MPA degree autonomously. This action was supported by both institutions, and it will allow the MPA program at the College of Charleston to better focus its efforts on our unique mission and the needs of the students and communities we serve. This year we also welcomed the first cohort of 12 students enrolling in the dual MPA-Master of Environmental Studies program. In addition, enrollments in the program’s two certificate programs, the Arts Management Certificate and the Urban and Regional Planning Certificate, continue to be robust with many of these students ultimately entering the MPA program. During the 2011 – 2012 academic year, 33 students earned their MPA degree, a 65 percent increase over last year’s graduating class. The MPA Advisory Board has continued to provide leadership and guidance to the program. This past spring the Board met and assisted program faculty with student competency assessments in preparation for reaccreditation efforts that will take place in the coming year.

Accomplishment Highlights

- Two students, Kate DeWitt and Joe Geglio, presented research at a peer-reviewed regional Public Administration conference, the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration.
- Two students, Cassidy Canipe and Cara Dombroski, co-authored research which they presented at the 6th Annual College of Charleston Graduate Research Poster Session. Their work won the top research award for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Ann-Marie Quinn, a May graduate, has been awarded a $27,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary International, which will sponsor graduate studies and work with an NGO in Morocco for one year.
- Fifteen students were inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the honorary society for Public Administration. These students, most of whom graduated in May, have demonstrated exemplary academic performance in the program.
- Alumna Caitlin Patton Rosenberg recently published her book, How to Build Capacity in Your Small Nonprofit. She began this project while a student enrolled in our MPA course Nonprofit Capacity Building.
- The Community Assistance Program (CAP), which provides much needed research and administrative services to local governments, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations in the Lowcountry, worked with a number of entities this year. Among these projects were a marketing analysis and organizational assessment for the Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry, a public communications plan for the local branch of the ACLU, and local election assistance for the Kiawah Island Community Association. CAP also assisted Healing Farm Ministries with the creation, marketing, and development of its local Crooked Farms programs, and worked with the Yo Art Project in Charleston to create and implement a survey system to collect qualitative and quantitative results from their school programs. This data analysis will be critical to Yo Art’s continued grant funding.
The MPA Student Association (MPASA) continued its rich tradition of service to the Lowcountry with monthly service events during the year. Among these activities were volunteer efforts for Habitat for Humanity, Mary Ford Elementary School, Folly Beach clean-up, and fundraising for the Lowcountry Environmental Education Program.

Further enhancing the program’s mission of service to the wider community, several MPA classes worked on applied public administration projects. Dr. Phil Jos and students in PUBA 701 Capstone Seminar provided planning and analysis for the National Hazards Mitigation Association. Dr. Kendra Stewart and students in PUBA 603 Public Organizational Management, and Dr. Jo Ann Ewalt and students in PUBA 602 Public Policy, worked with Charleston County officials to research and study opportunities for consolidation and coordination of local government services.

Master of Environmental Studies

The MES Program further developed its interdisciplinary and its internationalization / globalization contributions this year. Five students participated in the Peace Corps Masters International (PCMI) option through the MES Program, and two of the students will be departing for the Philippines for their Peace Corps assignments in Coastal Resources Management. Twelve students were enrolled in the Master of Science in Environmental Studies and Master of Public Administration Dual Degree Program, with the first student scheduled to graduate from the program this summer.

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. Student Anne Cubeta Beckley (advisor: Joel Gramling) was awarded the Elsie Quarterman-Catherine Keever Award for best ecological poster at the Association of Southeastern Biologists. Seventeen MES students had their work featured at the College of Charleston’s Graduate Research Poster Session, where second-year students Michael Griffin (advisor: Timothy Callahan) and Keith Hanson (advisor: Eric McElroy) were named top presenters. Three students received Graduate Assistantships for Student Research, and six received research funding, based on the exceptional merit of their research proposals, as reviewed by experts in the field.

Ninety-three students were enrolled and/or worked on internship and thesis projects during the year. Twenty-one students started the MES Program in the fall and seven students started in the spring, with out-of-state students making up 39% of the total. Students enrolled in 17 courses in the fall and 17 courses in the spring (excluding Independent Study, Internship, and Thesis hours).

Sixteen students graduated from the MES Program this year, including three students in the summer, eight in December, and five in May. MES graduates produced an impressive variety of theses and internship reports, with MES faculty directing a total of eight theses and eight internship projects to completion. Sarah Latshaw received the MES Outstanding Graduate Student award in the fall, and Michael Griffin received the award in the spring. Brooke James received the tenth 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. MESSA continued its focus on community service, sponsoring
events such as the tenth annual MESSA 8K for H2O which raised funds for South Carolina Maritime Foundation. In addition, students participated in the Keep Charleston Beautiful ‘Green and Lean’ 5K, sponsored Adopt-A-Highway, volunteered for the SC Oyster Restoration and Enhancement Program, and took part in the SCDNR Beach Sweep.

Curricular changes took effect this year, decreasing the total number of required credit hours to 37 (from 41), and changing the core courses by adding one hour to EVSS 646 Core Seminar and by adding a new core course: EVSS 632 Social Science Methods (3 hours).

Overseeing the MES program leadership, 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).

Dr. Annette Watson served as an advisor/committee member on the following student research projects:

Jessica Rowland, “The Influence of Amenity Migration on Land-Use Planning in Jackson County, North Carolina: A Political Ecology Approach” (Committee Member; graduated May 2011).


Megan Eichorn, “How Do People Perceive Scientific Information? A Study of the Communication of Science Using The Local Food Movement in the Lowcountry” (Advisor; expected May 2012 graduation)

Liah Baker, “Developing Participatory GIS Methods for Lowcountry Environmental Planning” (Advisor; expected May 2012 graduation)

Austen Attaway, “A Commodity Chain Analysis of Sustainable Seafood: The Role of Chefs as Buyers and Sellers in the Seafood Commodity Chain in Charleston, South Carolina” (Advisor; expected graduation Dec 2012).

Shannon Howard, “Understanding Conservation: An analysis of one exhibit’s ability to modify how visitors understand conservation” (Committee Member; expected graduation Dec 2012).

Additional graduate student advisees (beginning Fall 2011): Brad Terrell; Nicole Machuca; Amanda Szwarc. Additional graduate student committee member (beginning Fall 2011): Laura Mudge
VII. The Alumni

Political Science Alumni Update Spring 2012

Mary Abraham (2006) Summer Extern at Charleston Magistrate’s court, Student at Charleston School of Law, expected graduation 2013.

Laura Addis (2005), Marketing, Design and Website Development, Independent Designer and Consultant.

Pious Ahuja (2010) will be attending American University this fall and pursuing a Master's Degree in International Affairs.


Kristin Barcak (2007), Special Assistant to the Director of Finance, Bureau of Water and Wastewater in the city of Baltimore.

J. Rhodes Bailey (2003), Associate at Grier, Cox & Cranshaw, LLC, previously a criminal defense attorney at Richland county Public Defender’s office, JD from the University of South Carolina.

Lawson Ballard (2010), played rugby in Sydney, Australia for the University of new South Wales, and now works for Morgan Keegan in Greenville, SC.

Henry Bates (CofC exchange student 2010-11) completed his final dissertation at the University of Nottingham entitled "Oversight Overlooked: An Investigation of Congress's Inability to Effectively Oversee America's Intelligence Community" (Mary DesJeans and John Creed both acknowledged in the work for their guidance and advice on the project).

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

Adam Brunelle (2011) is pursuing a Masters in Environmental Studies at the College of Charleston.

Marcy Buckner (2003), Director of State Affairs, National Association of Health Underwriters; former Manager, State Affairs, American Occupational Therapy Association; former Legislative Research Analyst, MultiState Associates, Inc. Graduated in May 2007 from New England School of Law.

Caroline Burns (2010) is beginning a two year Peace Corps placement in Swaziland this August
Debbie Carrothers (1994), Southeast Regional Manager for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, GA.

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

Stefanie Christensen (2008), Graduate Research Assistant at Auburn University, pursuing a Master of Science, previously worked in the media department at Politico.com in D.C.

Morgan Cleary (2011) is attending Law School at the University of South Carolina.

Carly Clement (2011) is teaching high school math in the mississippi delta as part of Teach for America.

Josh Cockrell (2007), Campaign Coordinator at St. Vincent’s HealthCare Foundation

David Collins (1982), Attorney with Buist Moore Smythe McGee P.A. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011 edition.

Alissa Collins (2007) served as director of the Cinderella Project in Charleston, providing free prom dresses for area students.

Colleen Condon (1992), Charleston County Council member; 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.


Jessica Crowson (1997), named as a “2011 Woman of Influence by Greater Columbia Business Monthly.” 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.

Andrea DeSantis (2011) is working for Americorp Vista working at the Honors College at the College of Charleston on Literacy Outreach.

Amanda DeVore (2011) is attending law school at the University of South Carolina.

Jared Esselman (2009), graduated from Harvard Kennedy School of Government with a Masters in Public Policy in May 2011.


Joe Ferrara, Ph.D. (1982), Chief of Staff for Georgetown Public Policy Institute as of July 1, 2012; Formerly the Associate Dean at Georgetown Public Policy Institute at Georgetown University

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

Charles T. Ferillo (1972), Interim Director, Strategic and Presidential Communications, University of South Carolina; Part-time Director, Initiative for South Carolina’s Future. President of Ferillo & Associations, a public relations and advertising firm in Columbia, SC. Recipient of the 2010 College of Charleston Distinguished Alumni Award.

TJ Fielder (2011) is teaching in the Mississippi Delta for two years as part of Teach for America.

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

Paige Gamble (2011) is attending law school at the University of South Carolina.

Kenny Gardner (2008), Business Litigation Associate, Nexxen Pruet. graduated from Charleston School of Law Spring 2011.

Will Glascock (2004), Director, Government Relations 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).

Alicia Scherini Hall (2004), Associate in the Advocacy Department, focusing on general commercial litigation at the Jackson, Mississippi office of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. Graduated from Mississippi College School of Law 2010.

Morgan Harrell (2003), is a project manager for readySC. Her service area includes Trident Technical College and Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College.

Rich Harrill (1991) has been named acting director of the University of South Carolina’s School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management. PhD from Clemson University in 2000.
Marianne Heis (2006) is the administrative director at Palmetto Initiative in Charleston and is a graduate student in the College of Charleston’s MPA program.

Courtney Hereford (2009) recently completed a two-year Peace Corps posting in El Salvador and is currently working for the Catholic Church's Director of Programs for the resettlement of immigrants and refugees in the West Virginia area.

Jordan Howard (2011) executive Assistant at American Bridge 21st Century in DC; formerly an intern at Political Development Group, LLC.

Tammie Hoy (1996), Community Development Manager, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in Charlotte, NC. She is responsible for community economic development outreach and education for North and South Carolina on behalf of the Community Affairs Office. Formerly the Executive Director, Lowcountry Housing Trust in Charleston, SC.

Lynn Hyder (1995) is a Staff Chaplain with Ochsner health System in New Orleans, LA. She previously served as chaplain to the New Orleans Police Department and the Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office.


Alexandra Keenan (2011) is serving in Benin, West Africa as an English and Health Instructor in the Peace Corps.

Tyler Kirby (2011) is attending UNC Central School of Law, Durham.

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


Stephanie Mathis (2006) is an associate producer with WBTW news 13, a CBS-affiliated television station in Myrtle Beach, SC. She earned her master’s from Florida State University in 2007.

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.
Jeri Mintzer (2011) Joined Smart Growth America as their Government Affairs Associate in December 2011 after a six month fellowship.

Gray McDowell (2005) is pursuing a Masters in Professional Studies in Human Resources and Employment Relations at Penn State University.

Hart Moede (2010) is studying at the London School of Economics, pursuing a Diploma in Accounting and Finance.

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


Bill Mullen (1973), is a training consultant for Dale Carnegie Training of SC LLC.

Billie Jean Murray (2000) holds a tenure-track position at Villanova University. Position is focused on Rhetoric and social Justice. Billie earned a PhD in Communication from the UNC – Chapel Hill in 2010.

Victoria Nagel (2009) will be starting an MPA degree at George Mason University in the fall 2012.

Richard Newcomb (2011) is an Masters in Public Administration student at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Annie Pease (2011) is in the Peace Corp teaching English.


Ann-Marie Quinn (2010) completed her Masters in Public Administration at the College of Charleston. She received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. She will study at the Universite Mohammed V in Morocco under the sponsorship of the North Charleston Breakfast Rotary.

Mitchell Ray (1993) Agent-In-Charge of the Charleston County Probation and Parole Offices, supervising 30 employees who are responsible for monitoring over 3,000 criminal offenders in Charleston County.

Jacking Flemons Richardson (2006) Associate, Willson Jones Carter Baxley, P.A.

Michael E. Roberts (1973) Executive Vice President, Reliance Trust Company

Lee Rogers (2008) pursuing a PhD in political science at UCLA.

Abby (Edwards) Saunders (1994) Associate Dean of Students at the Charleston School of Law; UNC Chapel Hill, 1999.


Carmen Scott (1996), helps lead Motley Rice’s Medical practice group, managing personal injury and economic recovery cases on behalf of victims of medical negligence, harmful prescription drugs or misconduct.

Emily Snyder (2009) completed Emory law school and intends to practice law in Illinois.

Nicol Spann (2011) is pursuing a PhD in International Relations at Florida International University.

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.


Steven Wallice (2011) completed a Masters Degree in Social Science from the Citadel (May 2012).

Kelsi Ward (2010) Kelsi will complete her Peace Corp service in August 2012. She has spent the last two years working in health promotion, educational advancement, and community development in rural Peru.

Mallory Wilson (2011) interning with Paschal Promotions in Charlotte, NC.

Flo Vinson (1982), Practices law in Florence, SC with Folkens Law Firm and is the immediate Past President of the SC State Bar.
