Greetings from Charleston!

The Political Science Department is excited to share some highlights from our fall semester.

- Two political science alumni, **Johnnie Baxley '92** and **Heidi VanDerveer '86**, received awards from the CofC Alumni Association at the 2018 Alumni Awards Banquet in November.
- A new exhibit, *Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South*, co-curated by Mark Sloan, director and chief curator of the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, and Mark Long, professor of political science, debuted simultaneously at the Halsey Institute and City Gallery at Waterpark Park. The exhibit is a must see when you visit Charleston and runs through March 2, 2019.
- Several of our faculty were featured in news articles or published on the **2018 Midterms**.

The **John Creed Award** extends opportunities for juniors and seniors who excel in the classroom and display a deep intellectual curiosity with an increasing passion for learning beyond CofC. This award supports internships, study abroad, research, and conference presentations and workshops. Please consider making a donation in honor of Dr. Creed, one of the department's most treasured professors.

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**Alumni Spotlight with Michael-Devereaux Louis Bertin**

While some students start their freshman year with a clear plan for their future, some find a passion during their time in college that shapes the whole trajectory of their life plans. For political science alum, **Michael-Devereaux Louis Bertin '16**, a Health Policy class taught by Dr. Archie-Hudson in the fall semester of his senior was the moment that began his journey to becoming executive director of the South Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (SCHRC).  

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Alumni Spotlight with Sara Hutchinson

In the heat of a Mississippi July, you'll find College of Charleston political science alumna, Sara Hutchinson '12, surrounded by a group of kind, supportive and brave young women learning to express their experiences through the medium of poetry. These women are participants in the annual Girls Write the World (GWTW) Summer Program, of which Hutchinson is director. The program focuses on literature as a vehicle for empowerment, expression and healing, and recognizes the work as both a political and therapeutic tool. Read more >>

Student Spotlight with Joel Milliken

While most college seniors were studying for the GRE, refining law school applications, or on the hunt for a post-grad job, political science major Joel Milliken '19 spent much of his fall semester on the campaign trail seeking election for Charleston County Council. A James Island native, Milliken entered the race in his home district to address what he sees as the district’s most important issues: development and the environment. Read more >>
Faculty Spotlight with Dr. Shyam Sriram

Visiting professor Dr. Shyam Sriram made the transition from Santa Barbara, California to Charleston this summer in order to join the political science department for the 2018-19 academic year. Currently he is teaching Contemporary Political Issues and American Government; this spring, in addition to American Government, he will be teaching Religion in American Politics, and Immigration and International Relations as a special topics course. Dr. Sriram has been especially excited to bring his unique perspective as a second-generation Asian American to his students at CofC; a perspective, he feels may be new to many and “has already paid dividends in the classroom.” Read more >>

Making Visible the Gendered Dynamics of Immigration Event

As immigration policy concerns were heightened this past summer, Dr. Hollis France, political science professor and the director of the Gender and Sexuality Equity Center (GSEC), began to wonder: How did we as a country even get to this point?

Dr. France was inspired to organize a panel with three of her colleagues about the history of immigration policy in America and, more specifically, its relationship with gender. She invited three panelists to speak: Mr. Mohammed Iqbal Degia, Professor Briana McGinnis, and Professor Julia McReynolds-Perez. Read more >>
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