Greetings from the Department of Political Science!

We’ve wrapped up another academic year here at CofC, and we’re feeling nostalgic about seeing our seniors cross the cistern again. It's a bittersweet moment to be sure, but you know what helps to mitigate those feelings?

When alumni stay connected.

We're blessed that so many of you do, and that you choose to support and sponsor our programs; not only through donations, but with your time and talents as well.

Our goal for this newsletter is twofold:
1) to highlight some of the many ways your generous support impacts the department and our students, and
2) to share alumni and faculty updates

Enjoy!

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The MENTORSHIP PROGRAM is alive and well, thanks to the extraordinary commitment of our alumni. Forty undergraduate juniors and seniors were matched with mentors in the 2021-22 academic year.

This program is a success because of all of you! We cannot thank you enough for supporting our students! Recruitment for mentoring in 2022-23 will begin in July. Look for details in your inbox!

In addition to sharing your talents one on one, you also share your journeys with us, and inspire others towards their dreams. Here are a couple of blogs we wrote this year - perhaps you’ll recognize an old friend or hear some great advice that will spark a new journey for you!

An activist behind the lens: Tom Laffay, ’11

Tom Laffay ’11, double-majored in political science and Latin American and Caribbean studies, in addition to receiving a minor in Spanish while he attended CofC.

His career was heavily influenced by his experiences abroad (Cuba 2009), a summer working on a farm in North Carolina, and his membership in the Portuguese Club. The totality of these experiences awakened the storyteller in Tom, and he now works as a visual journalist in Bogota, Colombia.

So, how did Tom get from Charleston, SC to Bogota, Colombia? To continue reading, click here or go to https://blogs.cofc.edu/polisci/2022/01/10/an-activist-behind-the-lens-tom-laffay-11/.

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At the start of our virtual interview, Trevor Jones (’16) gives me a brief tour of one special wall in his suburban Maryland apartment. “Here’s me with Speaker Nancy Pelosi at the congressional baseball game,” Jones beams as he points to the photograph.

“And this one’s with Mr. Dellums, the former mayor of Oakland and the first African-American to chair the Armed Services Committee in Congress.” Immediately I get a sense of the pride he feels about his connections to these icons on his wall and in being asked to do this interview. He’s a humble man with a giving heart: “Growing up, everything for me has always been rooted in service. I’m always looking for ways to make things better.”

To continue reading, click here or go to: https://blogs.cofc.edu/polisci/2022/05/31/the-philosophies-of-trevor-jones-16/
Lea will be interning at the United Nations University in Maastricht, the Netherlands. "I will be a research intern for their Migration Group and be directly working on a project commissioned by the UN's International Organization for Migration. This is an absolute dream internship of mine, and I'm hoping it will lead to a MA program there or even career opportunities. I will gain fieldwork and research experience as well as mentorships with some of the foremost scholars in the field. I will learn a lot about what I want to do after undergrad, where my strengths lie, and what topics I'm most interested in. I'll also get the chance to immerse myself in a new culture, learn a new language, and live in a new city-- all while doing work I'm really passionate about."
Katie will be interning on Joe Cunningham’s campaign for Governor this summer. “I will be working in the Charleston office 3 days a week. I am super excited … this will also be great experience, as I am interested on working on campaigns in the future. The public relations side of politics is super interesting to me and I’m excited to hone my communication skills this summer. This opportunity will also allow me to learn more about South Carolinian politics, which is lacking as I grew up in Virginia! I am so excited to be able to serve my community and new home in this way and gain relevant experience as well.”

Since the internship is unpaid, Katie applied for the John Creed Award in order to supplement her income to afford transportation costs and living expenses.
Sponsored or Co-sponsored Events 2021-22

**Convocation of Majors**

The Department of Political Science invites you to our annual convocation. Our guest speaker, Congressman James E. Clyburn, will be here to discuss **THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING RIGHTS**.

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Wells Fargo Auditorium, School of Business (Bigg) and live streaming on YouTube!

Note: In-person seating is limited! Complete this form to put your name on the list for a seat (CWD required). Click here to go to the form.

All others can watch this event on Youtube. Click here to join the livestream or type this link into your browser: https://youtu.be/4pFlFYd1Umpo

The Department wishes to thank I.C.W.A’s Black Lives Signature Series for co-sponsoring this event.

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**Annual Geography Lecture**

**Speaker:** Dr. Darrell Draper, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at CRC

**Topic:** "Our Constitution is Torn Apart by Violent Threats to Our Way of Life."

**Date:** June 12, 2022, 7:00 PM

**Location:** 511 Wren Hall

**Webinar Panel**

**AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**

From Global Challenges to Local Best Practices

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 6-8 PM**

**System Center Commons**

**International Careers Panel**

**ACLU North Carolina**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2022, 6-8 PM**

**Campus Center Commons**

**WGS Research Colloquium**

**Friday, February 25, 2022, 2:00 PM**

**via Zoom**

**Ukraine and Russia: What’s Driving the Conflict?**

**March 22, 2023, 12:00 PM**

**Room 101**

**John Edwin Mroz**

Global Leadership Institute

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**Constitution Day Annual Lecture**

"Our Constitution is Torn Apart by Violent Threats to Our Way of Life."

**Speaker:** Dr. Darrell Draper, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at CRC

**Date:** September 22, 2022, 4:30-5:30 PM

**Location:** 511 Wren Hall

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**Webinar Panel**

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The Department held a scaled down version of the William V. Moore Student Research Conference this year, and it was a huge success. Don't worry if you missed it! Videos are available! Go to https://polisci.cofc.edu/student-ops/student-research-conf.php to view.

**Panel I: Power and Representation**  
**Panel Chair:** Dr. Maren Trochmann  
**9-10:15 am**

- **Ryan Thompson** - Bachwards Balloting: Anti Self Interest Voting in the South  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Gibbs Knotts

- **Sydney Gonzales** - The Development of Language in Climate Advocacy Legislation  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matt Nowlin

- **Zachary Kronberg** - Independent Redistricting Commissions and the Future of Congressional Redistricting  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Gibbs Knotts

- **Jordan Mercer** - Strife of the Party: Party Politics & Criminal Justice Reform  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jordan Ragusa

- **Kathlene Dorking** - Charleston’s Port Expansion and Environmental Justice  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matt Nowlin

**Panel 2: Freedom, Authenticity, and Identity**  
**10:30-11:30 am**

- **Billy Haller** - Splendor, Circulation, and the Differential Application of Law under Neoliberalism  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Brian McGinnis

- **Emily Duckworth** - Medical Necessity Reimagined: Cosmetic Surgery through the Lens of Capabilities and Resourcerism  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

This student research conference is supported by contributions from Dr. Moore’s colleagues, family, and many friends and supporters who established the William V. Moore Memorial Fund in Political Science. To make a donation to this or any of our funds, visit https://polisci.cofc.edu/giving/index.php

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**Panel 2: Freedom, Authenticity, and Identity continued**

- **De’eon Witherspoon** - Gender Identity Conversion Therapy: The Struggles of Living Your Truth in Africa  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Hollis France

- **Jada Young** - Suffering: An anti-natalist concerned take on the analysis of pro-natalist policies  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

**Panel 3: Constructions of Criminality**  
**11:45-12:30 pm**  
**Panel Chair:** Dr. Claire Curtis

- **Kaitlyn Victoria** - Educational Opportunity and Mass Incarceration  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Brian McGinnis

- **Izzy Custer** - The Romantization of Serial Killers within the Mass Media: A Content Analysis  
  Faculty Advisor: Daniel Jett (Academic Magnet High School)

- **Florence Mollaplas** - Does the Law Apply Here? Questions of Contractarianism and Democracy  
  Faculty Advisor: Dr. Brian McGinnis

**T-shirts and photo op**  
**12:35pm**

**William V. Moore Scholarship**

The William V. Moore Award is given to a student seeking to improve life in SC. The recipient of the 2022 scholarship is Bryson Sturts. Bryson is a freshman from Columbia, SC. He has longstanding interest in the inner workings of politics, political elections and campaigns. What started in high school with political groups and volunteerism as a poll worker has morphed into political activism around issues of voting, voting access, and COVID-19 policy. As a self-confessed “political junkie,” Bryson seeks to engage in issues of social justice that “elevate the voices of [his] fellow students and create meaningful change in the local community.”

Special thanks to our student researchers, faculty moderators and advisors, the audiovisual support team (especially Jesse Kunze), Mandi Bryson and Chris Bond for all the behind-the-scenes preparations, and especially for Dr. Moore’s family, without which this event (and so much more) would not be possible.
Once a year we recognize the academic achievements of our majors and honor them, in the presence of family and friends, at our annual awards ceremony. This ceremony occurred online for the last two years (due to the pandemic), but we were blessed to be able to celebrate together this year on April 22, 2022.

**Department of Political Science**

The Alexandria Dengate Awards are named for Zandra Dengate, who for many years served as the department secretary. Upon her death, her mother created this scholarship fund in her memory to provide lasting support for future generations of political science students. One award is given to an incoming freshman and renewable for up to three years (name announced upon renewal); the others to outstanding sophomore, junior and senior students.

Reese Dickerhoff  
Sydney Long  
Andrew Magathin Maggi  
Brooklyn Morella  
Ella Phillips  
Taylor Schneider

The Harper B. Keeler Award is given to a rising senior in memory of Harper Brown Keeler, associate professor in political science at the Air Force Academy, who was killed in Vietnam while both his parents were members of the College of Charleston faculty.

Florence Manlapas

The Burnet Rhett Maybank Award is given in memory of Burnet Rhett Maybank who devoted his career to serving South Carolina and the nation, first as Mayor of the City of Charleston, then as Governor of South Carolina, and finally as U.S. Senator from 1941 until his death in 1954.

Jeliegah Sumter

The Geography Minor Award is given to one student each year for outstanding work in the program.

Alexandra Peduto

**Awards Ceremony**  
**April 22, 2022**

The William V. Moore Award is given to a student seeking to improve life in South Carolina. It is made possible by family and friends of longtime political science professor, Bill Moore, who taught for 37 years and served in a number of leadership roles at CoFC.

Bryson Stutts

The Alyson and Grace Jameson Award was established by alumni Bryan and Catherine Jameson in honor of their daughters. This award recognizes students with children who are pursuing a degree in political science with an emphasis in public affairs or education.

Elise Casella

These Outstanding Graduating Seniors were selected by faculty in recognition of their high academic achievement over the course of their programs.

Emily Duckworth  
Sydney Gonzalez  
Katie Hopewell  
Zach Kronsberg

The HSS Scholars Award is granted by the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. This award is given to two graduating seniors who have made the most of their programs, both inside and outside the classroom, as well as contributed positively to the lives and experiences of others with their work.

Adelaide Meng  
Jada Young

**Honor Roll Recognized Fall 2021**  
**EXPO 2022 Outstanding Poster in Humanities Award**  
**Migah Jackson**

Departmental Honors are selected by the faculty and based on a student’s exceptionally fine, independent work in political science. Requirements include a six-credit bachelor’s essay, a three-credit independent study, and a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Kathlene Derhing  
Zach Kronsberg  
Jordan Mercier  
Ryan Thompson  
De’von Witherspoon

Pi Sigma Alpha Inductees - Pi Sigma Alpha is the national political science honor society. Membership is by invitation only and granted to those who meet criteria which places them in the top third of their class.

Timothy Berry  
Evan Brown  
Britney Cano  
Reese Dickerhoff  
Emily Duckworth  
Madeleine Kefeld  
Gavin Marhovic  
Madison Martinborough  
Max Milliken  
Alexander Siegelman  
Kennel Tally  
Kaitlyn Victoria

Pi Sigma Alpha Paper Awards - Upper Level Courses

Third Place - Evan Brown: “Dilbertulin Siblings: Examining Economic Health Following Civil Wars in Rwanda and Burundi”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Christopher Day

Second Place - Colin Creest: “Our Sustainable City: Outlining the Interlinking Parts of Environmental and Social Degradation in Charleston, South Carolina”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Brian Fisher

First Place - Modi Mathuku: “Australin Indigenous Health Through the Lens of Notable Title”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Annette Watson

Pi Sigma Alpha Paper Awards - Lower Level Courses

Faculty advisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

Second Place - Florence Manlapas: “Study Abroad and Political Ideology”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Jordan Ragusa

First Place - Cameron Wilson: “Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Preference for Authoritarian Leaders”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Jordan Ragusa

William V. Moore Conference Awards - Best Papers

Second Place - Emily Duckworth: “Medical Necessity Reimagined: Cosmetic Surgery Through the Lens of Ressouvanism and Empathy”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

First Place - Zachary Kronsberg: “Independent Redistricting Commissions and the Future of Congressional Redistricting”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Globis Knott

William V. Moore Conference Awards - Best Presentations

Second Place - Kaitlyn Victoria: “Educational Opportunity and Mass Incarceration”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Brian McGinns

First Place - Jordan Mercier: “Siege of the Party: Partis Polities & Criminal Justice Reform”  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Jordan Ragusa

The Moore Conference Awards were also announced at this event.
New faculty arriving! Fall 2022

John Thomas III

John Thomas III (he/him) is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Chicago in the Department of Political Science. His research interests include comparative race politics, social movements, and democratic consolidation with a regional focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. John’s dissertation examines the evolution of the social movements of Black activists in Peru and Ecuador from 1980-to 2016 and their impacts on state institutions and the broader society. He has received funding from several entities to conduct his research including the University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences, the Tinker Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, TIAA-CREF, and the US Department of Education. He is also an American Political Science Association Diversity Fellow.

John earned his undergraduate degree (Phi Beta Kappa) from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia with double majors in International Studies and Spanish. He also holds a Master of Public Affairs from the Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs specializing in Development Studies. John has consulted on issues of Afro-Latinx social inclusion for the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the governments of Honduras and Peru. He has served as a Teaching Consultant at the Chicago Center for Teaching and taught Political Science courses at Chicago State University. John currently is a Gift Collaborative Presidential Fellow at Payne Theological Seminary.
Hello alumni! Some updates about me: I started a year-long sabbatical last August and it's been quite the ride. I spent the summer hiking in North Carolina, Alaska and New Mexico. Alaska was really the last big “hurrah” before….drumroll….having a son named Gavin in January! He takes up 90% of my time until I go back to the classroom, so it’s a good thing I did a lot of sabbatical research before he arrived. I published an article about how the media uses the phrase "identity politics" with Alec Abraham, a former student. I’m also working on a series of articles about whether Donald Trump has affected the way Americans perceive the word "conservatism" and who is considered conservative. This project has blossomed into a larger research agenda on how the public understands ideological terms over time. One study I ran on this topic is undergoing a revision for a journal and I just collected a large amount of data for a follow-up paper. Shoot me an email with an update about yourself - I’d love to hear from you!
Faculty Updates

Dr. Christopher Day

Dr. Day hosted a collaborative workshop on March 29th, 2022 - Research Ethics and the Study of Armed Groups. "This project, which includes a team of roughly a dozen scholars, has grown from our experiences as individual researchers whose bodies of work have focused on armed groups, which include rebels, militias, vigilantes, and state militaries (essentially wielders of violence along a spectrum of legitimacy).

It has also grown out of our collective reflections that situate our work within big picture debates about reflexivity and positionality, interpretivist vs. positivist approaches to research, as well as ethical debates over funding sources. They also include more operational issues of fieldwork on the ground, such as the tensions between ethics, security, and methods."

Day has also just published a new book:

Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa: Beyond the Coup d'Etat

Congratulations, Dr. Day!
Greetings, Alumni! A few updates from me: most importantly, we adopted a little pup from Pet Helpers last summer named Trudy, who our other neurotic rescue Gilbert tolerates and has even - dare I say - begun to enjoy.

Professionally, I recently published a few articles with Political Science colleagues: one article is co-authored with MPA graduate Sarah Berry and Dr. Judy Millesen on making public human resources management more equitable and humane, and another was written with Dr. Matt Nowlin (and an Indiana University colleague Dr. Tom Rabovsky) on advocacy coalitions and political control.

My current applied research projects examine how diverse state government agencies can promote organizational inclusion (with Drs. Kendra Stewart and Jordan Ragusa) and state social welfare agencies’ adoption of equity-based executive leadership positions (with Dr. Hyokyung Kwak). I’m looking forward to teaching a Poli Capstone course next spring on Social Equity and Racial Justice in American Politics and Policy. I would love to hear updates on your personal or professional lives; please reach out and email anytime!
Faculty Updates

Dr. Kendra Stewart

This past year I had a book come out "The Practice of Government Public Relations," finished my term as President of the American Society of Public Administration, chaired the Tricounty regional planning effort One Region, and am currently working on the first ever strategic plan for Charleston County and preparing to do a study abroad in Florence, Italy this fall.

Dr. Claire Curtis

Dr. Curtis is headed out on sabbatical for the 2022-23 academic year. She plans to "return to a book manuscript that uses contemporary post-apocalyptic fiction to illustrate the value of Martha Nussbaum’s capabilities approach (a theory of justice that asks what we can do and be). If you have recommendations for post-apocalyptic or climate novels, please send them my way!

Or, any bread recipes; I am committed to my Covid-motivated bread baking practice!"
Max Bisaha ’21 is working on an organic farm in western North Carolina.

Ian Braddock ’21 started law school at Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Fall 2021.

Ian is the incoming Chief Intelligence Analyst for the Yemen Accountability Project - https://case.edu/law/centers-institutes/cox-international-law-center/yemen-accountability-project. He is a contributing member of the white paper that was just published: Russian War Crimes Against Ukraine: The Breach of International Humanitarian Law by the Russian Federation - https://syrianaccountabilityproject.syr.edu/docs/russian-war-crimes-against-ukraine-the-global-accountability-network.pdf

And he continues to run the nonprofit he started, Veterans Nexus Foundation - https://www.veteransnexus.org

Katie Hill ’21 has been working as a foster care case manager with Charleston County DSS since graduating in May 2021. She will be attending the University of Alabama School of Law on a full tuition scholarship in the fall to pursue a career in family and children’s advocacy law.
Caroline Bracken ’19 recently transitioned into a new role as a consultant at Guidehouse. Caroline works in Guidehouse’s National Security Segment, supporting the work of government clients.

Alexandra Helfgott ’19 works at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, researching and publishing on global critical minerals and semiconductor supply chains, the geopolitics of energy, and the US-Mexico bilateral relationship. Prior to this, she was a Fulbright García Robles English Teaching Assistant in Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico.
Joseph Quisol, M.Ed. ’16 is a Co-Director of Arts Connect International, a nonprofit organization focused on leadership development and cultural equity based in Boston, MA. Joseph works digitally with the global team from his home in Mooresville, NC. He also just released an 8 track album called Dreamworld, which is a blend of acoustic and electronic music with singer-songwriter sensibilities.

John-Anthony Thevos ’16 is working as a backend software engineer for Octopus Energy in the renewable energy sector. Octopus has just partnered with Generation Investment Management, a $36 billion sustainable investment fund, founded and chaired by Al Gore. John-Anthony is currently enrolled in a Computer Science Master's degree program at College of Charleston focusing on cyber security. He also serves on Porter-Gaud School’s Alumni Association Board and co-chairs the board’s Diversity Equity and Inclusion subcommittee.

MaryKate Trainor ’16 is an associate immigration attorney with Bailey Immigration, an immigration defense firm in Portland, Oregon. She handles asylum, cancellation, withholding and marriage cases. MaryKate asserts that she is “definitely using what I learned in my Poli Sci major” to inform her work in international relations and events, immigration law and asylum casework.
Carra Pope ’15 received her JD in 2019 from Brooklyn Law School, specializing in cybersecurity law. She then attended Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, graduating with her Graduate Diploma in Cybersecurity. Upon returning from Australia in 2021, Carra accepted a position as a Cybersecurity & Privacy Compliance Analyst with Panasonic Avionics.

David Ruwadi II ’15 worked in tech right out of college, but later decided to change paths. He graduated with a MS in 2021 in Computer Science at Fordham University in NYC and now works as a Software Engineer at SeatGeek in NYC.

Virginia Whorley ’15 is graduating with her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law in May. This fall, she will be joining the Political Law Group in the D.C. office of Perkins Coie LLP as a junior associate.
Caroline Eubanks ’10 is a freelance writer living in Atlanta, GA with recent stories in Hemispheres, Southern Living, Lonely Planet, and Garden & Gun.

Erin Hickey ’10 of West Sacramento, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of Communications at the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Hickey has been Capitol Director at the Office of Senator Ben Hueso since 2021, where she was Communications Director from 2017 to 2021. She was a Legal Assistant at Hellman, Yates & Tisdale, Attorneys and Counselors at Law from 2011 to 2017. Hickey was a Consultant at the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance from 2009 to 2017. She was a Government Programs Specialist at Benefitfocus from 2009 to 2010, where she was a Corporate Communications Specialist from 2008 to 2009. Hickey earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Charleston School of Law.

Samuel Ray ’09 founded Colla & Ray LLP, a boutique land use law firm in San Francisco, CA, which specializes in assisting clients who operate in the nightlife, entertainment and cannabis industries.

Anne Thorsen ’09 is a Director of Business Partnerships for the Data & Analytics group at Bon Secours Mercy Health. Anne helps to drive clinical and operational improvements across the health system and its vast network of partner organizations through data & analytic capabilities and insights.
Alumni Updates

Katie Kent ’07 is a Chief Inspector with the United States Marshals Service based out of Northern Virginia. She heads the Financial Surveillance Unit tasked with hunting down the most dangerous and hard-to-find fugitives in the country. Katie lives in Alexandria, VA with her daughter Ryan, who is 8 months old.

Mercedes Pinckney Reese ’07 has been working as the General Counsel for Charleston County School District since July 2021.

Jenny R. (Moser) Stevens ’07 has returned to solo practice as the Owner and Attorney at The Stevens Law Group, LLC a family law firm based in Spartanburg, South Carolina. After spending 9 years practicing with her husband and law partner, Ben Stevens at The Stevens Firm, P.A. (6 years as the Managing Partner), she has returned to her first passion of providing private Guardian ad Litem and Mediation services for complex child custody cases across the state.

Jenny is active in her local and state bar associations, as well as her community, serving on the Board of Hub City Writers Project. Jenny plans and moderates the annual GAL Training CLE for the SC Bar. She has written and edited The SC Bar Guardian ad Litem’s Toolkit published by the SC Bar CLE Publications Division with the most recent edition being released in November 2021. Jenny continues to enjoy life in the upstate with her husband and their children.
Alumni Updates

2006
Ryan Billings ’06 received his Master of Arts in Teaching from Otterbein University in 2013. For the past 9 years, he has been teaching sixth-grade English Language Arts and Social Studies, while also coaching JV girls’ basketball outside Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife have one son with another on the way this summer!

2004
David Brazeau ’04 is the Director of Merchandising for Gildan, a Canadian manufacturer of basic apparel. He is a member of the company’s Retail Division based out of Charleston, working with key accounts like Amazon, Wal-Mart, and Target Stores. David and his husband Rickie live in the Cooper Estates neighborhood of Mount Pleasant with their son, Wells.

1999
Cara Martin-Tetreault ’99 is the Director of Sponsored Research at Bowdoin College, a small, predominately undergraduate institution in Maine. She recently joined the Maine Coast Rowing Association Board of Directors with a goal to establish a high school rowing program in the area. She lives in Maine with her husband, and two daughters.
Alumni Updates

Ann Looper Pryor ‘83 is Vice President of Alumni Affairs for the College and serves as a campus advisor to the Student Alumni Associates and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Lou Strubeck ‘80 co-heads the international law firm of O’Melveny & Myers’ national restructuring and insolvency practice. He maintains offices in Dallas and New York.

Affinity Group Update

The Alumni Association has launched 10 new Alumni Professional Affinity Groups, including Law, Marketing/Communications, and Small Business Entrepreneurs. Network with fellow alumni in your industry. It's free to join! Click here or go to: https://bit.ly/CofCAASYC22
You may remember Ryan Thompson ’22 from a student spotlight we wrote about him last March (https://blogs.cofc.edu/polisci/2021/03/03/student-spotlight-ryan-thompson/).

He’s an impressive student with strong leadership qualities. We think he’ll make a great addition to SC House District 106 and we’re proud that he’s chosen to run.

Follow Ryan’s campaign here at https://twitter.com/ThompsonForSC
Did you know that you can choose which funds to support? See below for details about our four foundation funds:

The John Creed Award extends opportunities for juniors or seniors who excel in the classroom and display deep intellectual curiosity with an increasing passion for learning beyond the College of Charleston. The award will support internships, study abroad, research, conference presentations and workshops. To learn more about Dr. Creed and why this award was established in his honor, click here: The John Creed Award.

The Political Science Fund supports students awards and student/faculty events.

The William V. Moore Memorial Fund in Political Science supports programs such as the annual April student research conference where advanced high school and undergraduate students at public colleges and secondary schools present research to peers and College of Charleston faculty. To learn more about Bill Moore and the conference held in his honor, click here: William V. Moore Student Research Conference.

The William V. Moore Endowed Scholarship in Political Science provides a renewable scholarship to a student who demonstrates a commitment to improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians.

Click Make a Gift (or go to https://give.cofc.edu/Political-Science) and choose where your dollars go today!

Thank you for your generous support!
We want you to know how very much we appreciate each and every one of you. Your financial support and commitment to our program enables the department to continue to offer interesting speakers, host annual events like the Moore Conference and the Awards Ceremony, sponsor student excursions to regional events and conferences (like Model UN and Model OAS), and provide individual scholarships and awards to deserving students. We couldn't do it without you and we're glad we don't have to!

We'd love to hear what you are up to! Please send an email to andrewst@cofc.edu to provide an update for our website.

In case you haven't heard, we moved! Our new address is JC Long, 9 Liberty Street, 2nd Floor

Be sure to follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube