

POLITICAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008
Chair: Professor Axelrod

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR, Regina S. Axelrod

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the fall semester. It is an exciting time as the world is changing quickly. Events are overtaking each other. I strongly urge you to participate in the political system by voting in the Presidential Election. You can apply for absentee ballots from your home state. There are registration forms in the political science office.

I would also like to encourage you to stop by the political science office, 202 Blodgett, which is yours to relax in. There are newspapers, journals and faculty to engage in conversation. Let us know how we can help you make your study at Adelphi the experience you want. We are there to smooth over the bumps and answer your questions. We value your opinions.

Make sure you talk with your political science advisor before you attempt to register. Faculty will be putting up sign-in sheets on their doors. Do not rely on degree works for accurate information. Your advisor has your file and that is the best record.

To get the most of your Adelphi experience you should join clubs, go to lectures and get involved outside the classroom. You should also take courses in areas you know little about. If you have not experienced geology- do it! Same with a philosophy or anthropology course! Your advisor can help. Wishing you a successful semester.

ADVISING

It is important for students to see their advisor prior to registration. If you are unsure which faculty member is your advisor, please see the administrative assistant Mrs. Dawn Kelleher in the political science office, Blodgett 202. Faculty members will be posting hours for students to schedule advising appointments. Please come to your appointment prepared. Many faculty advisors also appreciate it if students submit their proposed schedules to C.L.A.S.S. before their advising meeting. Also, students interested in the Washington internship for senior year, should take the required public policy seminar (429) which will be given in Spring 2010. Please see Professor Axelrod if you have questions.

Interested in Law School?

Students who are interested in the possibility of pursuing law school after graduation are encouraged to speak with their political science advisor for general advice. Another resource on campus is the Pre-Law Society. This group organizes meetings, invites speakers, and shares information about LSAT preparation courses, law schools, etc. For more information about the Pre-Law Society, contact Vivian Fridas or Will Roehrig at: vivianfridas@adelphi.edu or williamroehrig@adelphi.edu Also, you can get advice on law schools and the application process from the Office of Pre-Professional Advising and Fellowships. For more information, contact Robert Schwartz, Director, Levermore Hall, Room 303, phone: 516-877-3140, e-mail: rschwartz@adelphi.edu. You can also check out the Pre-Law Society's page on Facebook.

Dual B.A./M.A. Degree Program Approved for Political Science

In 2007, Adelphi University signed an agreement with Central European University to create a dual degree program in Political Science and International Studies. The Adelphi/CEU dual degree program combines an Adelphi B.A. degree in International Studies or Political Science with a CEU Master's degree in Political Science or International Relations and European Studies. Adelphi Students enter an accelerated academic program and complete both the undergraduate and graduate degrees in 4.5 or 5 years! Students must be International Studies or Political Science majors at Adelphi and must maintain 3.5 GPA to be eligible to apply for the program. Eligible Adelphi Students can take the CEU entrance exam in May after their junior year.

Central European University (CEU) is an international university in the truest sense: Its students come from more than 80 countries; its faculty, from more than 30 countries--with the mix of nationalities increasing every year. The language of instruction and communication is English. Much of CEU's strength comes from an outstanding faculty, attracted by the university's academic excellence, its social values and its willingness to encourage intellectual risks. Both renowned senior scholars and talented young faculty have recognized CEU as an institution ready to organize resources and structures around promising new ideas.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Prof. Laatikainen.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The recipients of these awards are announced at the annual Political Science Senior Dinner, usually held in May. These honors are also showcased in the commencement program.

Hugh A. Wilson Award for Social and Economic Justice

The Hugh A. Wilson Award recognizes a senior Political Science major for activism in the areas of social and economic justice. The selection criteria are activities that serve the public interest, traditionally vulnerable groups, and social and economic equality.

If you would like to apply, submit a brief letter with your name, address, phone number, and a description of activities undertaken both on and off campus, with dates of your association, positions held, as well as a list of at least three references. You may also nominate another student.

Hugh Wilson, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, taught courses on American Government at Adelphi for 35 years. Before working at Adelphi and through his early years at the university, Professor Wilson was an organizer of poor people's movements in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties. His work focused on economic, social, and racial justice issues including welfare, housing, and employment rights. His justice work transitioned as he became a consultant to nonprofits and served as a trainer for nonprofit boards and staff. Professor Wilson was also a participant in the 1960s civil rights and anti-war movements. He published numerous articles on Black politics, the suburbs, the politics of nuclear power, and Black families. He is still an active member of the Adelphi community having served as interim director of the Center for African-American and Ethnic Studies (spring 2007). He also returns to teach.

Self or peer nomination. Deadline: March 15, 2009 Award: Monetary

Past Award Recipients:

2008

Michael Berthel & Adaeze Udoji

Robert J. Johnson Prize for Best Political Science Paper

Every year the Political Science Department awards the Johnson Prize for the Best Paper in Political Science. The paper must have been submitted in a Political Science course within the previous three semesters and received a grade of "A." Students may enter more than one paper.

Robert J. Johnson is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at Adelphi University, who taught courses on law, the courts, and public policy. While at Adelphi, Professor Johnson earned a law degree from Hofstra University. He served as department chair several times. Professor Johnson was known to be the moral conscience of the university, speaking with integrity, clarity, and insight on controversial issues.

Self nomination. Deadline: March 15, 2009 Award: Monetary

Past Award Recipients:

2008

Tricia Hardgrove & Adaeze Udoji

W. Grafton Nealley Award for Excellence in Political Science

The department bestows the W. Grafton Nealley Award for Excellence in Political Science to its most outstanding senior. A committee of faculty members evaluates potential award recipients, taking into consideration factors such as grade point average in Political Science, the number and difficulty of courses taken, and improvement over time.

The late W. Grafton Nealley was a Professor of Political Science at Adelphi University, who taught courses on American Government. Arriving at Adelphi in the 1960s, Professor Nealley was a co-founder of the Political Studies Department, which was previously part of the History Department. Known for his diplomatic manners within and outside the department, Professor Nealley is warmly remembered.

Students are nominated by the Political Science faculty. Award: Monetary and a book selected by the Political Science faculty. The recipient's name is displayed on a plaque in the department office.

Past Award Recipient:

2008

Tricia Hardgrove

Departmental Honors

Departmental honors are conferred on students who have a QPA of 3.5 or better in the major and have completed a seminar with a "B" or higher.

Past Recipients Include:

2008

Debraj Broomes, Lauren Goldberg, Tricia Hardgrove, Antoniya Kaneva, Regina Pakh, Anthony Rotundo, Oliver Skelding, Martha Sosnowski, Addaeze Udoji, and Amanda Velez.

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We greatly appreciate the generosity of Professor Emeritus Hugh Wilson in funding the Hugh A. Wilson Award, the Robert J. Johnson prize, and the W. Grafton Nealley Award

POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

If you would like to appear in future newsletters, please keep in touch. Our contact information is on the web. Let the department know what you are doing. E-mail: Levy@adelphi.edu. We love hearing from our alumni!

Michael Balboni (1982) serves as Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, the senior homeland security and law enforcement official in New York Governor David Paterson's Administration.

Michael Berthel (2008) is pursuing his M.B.A. at Adelphi.

Tatiana Carayannis (1987) serves as Associate Director of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, part of the Social Research Council. In addition, she will be teaching a course at Adelphi on the politics of Africa in the spring of 2009.

Boris (Bobby) Chernev (2008) is currently enrolled in the M.A./Ph.D. program in History at American University in Washington, D.C., specializing in modern European history. He adds: "Even though I am not doing anything specifically with my Political Science major, I find the knowledge of political theory, political systems, theories of IR and statistics to be indispensable in my current studies."

Wanda Christophe (2008) is studying for the LSAT.

Nancy Dicke (2008) is currently the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of Long Island Citizens for Community Values (LICCVC). LICCV is a non-profit organization that works to prevent the sexual victimization of women, children and families. They also educate the youth on making informative decisions in regards to drugs, porn and their sexuality. LICCV works with the Suffolk County Sheriff Demarco and have come up with a computer program called, "Computer Cop" which protects children from contacting or being solicited by sexual predators. LICCV is also in "D.C. Group." D.C. Group is an organization that the U.S. President contacts when he needs information and advice on said issues.

Michelle DiPuma (2007) is in her second year of law school at Hofstra University.

David Fuller (2006) works as Data Coordinator at the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut. The position entails socioeconomic research for the United Way and assisting with some of the organization's fundraising and developmental work. He also serves as a treasurer for a progressive state senate candidate in his home district. Fuller has also volunteered his time as a literacy coach for Literacy Volunteers of America in Connecticut.

Christian Fundo (2007) is attending his first year at Cornell Law School. Before then, he worked at Christo & Associates, P. C., a law firm that represents mostly Albanian immigrants in their asylum proceedings.

Kelly Gelling (2006) is in her second year of graduate school in political science at New York University.

Chantal Hamlin (2007) is in her second year at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She was a summer associate this past summer at King & Spalding and received an offer to join the firm for summer 2009 and upon graduation. (King & Spalding is an Atlanta based firm; she will be in their New York office.) Currently, Hamlin has an internship with Manhattan Legal Services providing legal services to low-income disabled persons, assisting them with Social Security Disability and Income applications (SSD/SSI). She is also a "2L staffer" on the *Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender*.

Tricia Hardgrove (2008) is applying to Ph.D. programs in Political Science.

Vida Manavizadeh (2004) is in her second year (of three) in nursing school at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland. She assisted with brain surgery for the first time this past spring! More recently, she is working with microbes.

Ashley (Noveck) Ortiz (2008) is planning a move out west with her husband. She is applying to some graduate schools and looking to get her master's degree in education starting in the fall of 2009.

David Pengel (2007) works in the New York Development Office of the Lebanese American University.

Marianne Perricone (2005) works as a Program Associate at Fractured Atlas, "a non-profit organization that provides services and supports to artists and arts organizations." It is located in Manhattan.

Elvin Ramos (2007) is enrolled in a doctorate program at St. Johns in Modern History. Currently, he is working full time at a not-for-profit organization focused on mental health research. The organization provides scholarship and grants to scholars writing their dissertations on mental health. Ramos does development and research work.

Anthony Rotundo (2008) is in his first year teaching at Palisades Park Junior/Senior High School in New Jersey. He is the new ninth-grade world history teacher (including one honors class) and the eleventh- and twelfth-grade psychology teacher. He is also beginning classes for his master's degree in education administration at St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Additionally, Rotundo is helping the Democratic Party of Palisades Park re-elect Cindy Piera and elect Frank Donahue to the council.

Evan Sarris (2006) finished his Master of Professional Studies in Political Management from George Washington University at the end of July and is currently working for Congressman Chris Shays of Connecticut. Since graduating from Adelphi, he has worked on a number of campaigns and for number of causes including the 2006 Kentucky Gubernatorial race via the Republican National Committee and the Conservative Political Action Conference. He plans to remain on Capitol Hill for the foreseeable future.

Irry Toh (2007) began her first year of law school at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Adaeze Udoji (2008) just started her first year at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She spent the summer interning with the National Urban League's Policy Institute doing research. In July, she spent a week in Denmark with the NATO Atlantic Youth Seminar about International Security Politics within the South Caucasus region and Afghanistan.

Ugo C. Ugeh (2006) worked as a legal assistant at a Manhattan law firm for a year after graduation while he took the LSAT and applied to law schools. He is currently in his second year at Brooklyn Law School.

Janet (Haglund) Ward (1992) is Manager of Client Services in the Uniondale office of Wright Risk Management, an insurance company.

Tom Ward (1993) is Director of Adelphi's Career Center.

Frances Woodard (2006) started a new job as Assistant to the Executive Director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association in Arlington, Virginia

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

From Students

Report from Joe Conte

ATGHO Conference at the United Nations

From April 23-25, 2008 I attended the Alliance Toward Harnessing Global Opportunities (ATGHO) Conference, at the United Nations. The focus of the conference was "Global Governance Who Leads: Technology or a Distinct Mindset?" The conference provided a great opportunity to expand on the skills honed in class and to network with like-minded ambitious individuals from around the world. The conference provided two main opportunities. The first was the chance to hear from world-renowned individuals speak on the theme of the conference. They tended to focus on whether the world is moving through Global Governance through technological advances or a converging global mindset. The panels included various Ambassadors to the United Nations, the heads of global NGO's, and scholars in various fields ranging from religion to technology.

The second opportunity was a chance to collaborate within our predetermined groups. The ATHGO organization created twelve teams consisting of about 10 members. Each individual was assigned a role within the team. The team was then tasked with developing two proposals: one, a new business model focusing on the themes of the conference and two, a policy proposal to be implemented by the United Nations.

The experience as a whole could not have been more beneficial to myself. The role I received in my group, group spokesperson, provided me the opportunity to present my group's policy proposal to the entire conference. The public speaking experience gained was invaluable, and also recorded which allowed me to see my own shortfalls as a public speaker. Then connections I made with the international students can do nothing but open doors around the world. I appreciate the opportunity provided by the political science department for me to participate in this event. I hope other students interested in public policy can attend in the future.

Report from Nikki Kateman
Political Science major, Junior

I am currently working at Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW as an assistant to the union's Special Projects Director as well as, the Director of Legislative Strategies and Affairs. In my current position I help create and run events for the union's membership. I also organize political events and coordinate volunteers to assist in the campaigns of politicians which Local 338 endorses. Though being two different Directors assistant is hectic, I've gained a lot of insight on both running political campaigns, in addition to expanding my knowledge on how labor unions protect workers. My experiences will definitely be useful next year when I begin law school, hopefully to pursue labor law.

Report from Matthew Binetti
The Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on Human Rights at UNESCO in Paris:

During the first week of September I was able to attend the 60th Annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Conference on Human Rights at UNESCO in Paris. This conference was particularly important because it marked the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. By attending the conference I was able to gain a better understanding of the politics of human rights and other related issues. I attended workshops and discussions on the global economy and its connections to human rights issues, the right to water, the rights of migrants, the universality of human rights, women's rights, and the International Criminal Court. By attending these sessions I was able to learn about these issues more extensively from people who are actually dealing with them and helping to protect the human rights of people all over the world. It also enabled me to see these issues from a grass roots level. For example, in several of the sessions I heard questions and concerns from small local NGOs about how they are trying to protect and ensure human rights in their communities and even from people who were victims of human rights violations. The conference also helped in my understanding of the role that NGOs play at the UN. They are gaining an increasingly important role in international affairs: they are growing in number and, in some cases, have become more involved in international affairs than governments. This fact was discussed frequently and people openly debated whether or not this was good or bad for the future of human rights. Overall the conference was an amazing learning experience.

Report from: Adaeze Udoji
International Security Politics and Conflict Management- The Cases of Afghanistan and the South Caucasus Region-

This past summer I was able to attend the 2008 NATO Atlantic Council Youth Seminar, which took place at the Royal Danish Air Base in Aalborg, Denmark from July 2-8, 2008. It was an opportunity to learn and work with not only undergraduate but also graduate students in studying the myriad of conflicts of the South Caucasus region. The student participants were from over 28 different countries and I was grateful to have been selected as one

of four U.S. delegates to attend this seminar. For a week, we listened to lectures from a number of people. To name a few, there were professors of Aalborg University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Policy Advisor from the NATO Office of the Secretary General, the Political Office of the U.S. Embassy in Denmark, and the Danish ambassador to Russia—a First Lieutenant in the Danish Royal Army who gave the perspectives of a soldier by talking about his time in Afghanistan. The discussions after each lecture helped us all gain a better grasp on the persistent and frozen conflicts of the region.

Our days weren't just filled with lectures. We were able to enjoy different social and cultural activities. On the first night, we all learned traditional Danish folkdances and we hadn't even learned each other's names yet! Each day before the lectures, we had a number of Danish folksongs. The afternoons were spent on excursions to experience the different landscapes of Denmark, which led to a greater appreciation of all that the country had to offer. One day we walked to the most northern tip of the country, Grenen, where when you placed both of your feet in the water one foot would be in the Baltic and the other would be in the North Sea. (I couldn't really wrap my mind around that at first.) Other afternoons were spent walking around the towns to see historical homes and popular tourist attractions such as the historical Viking gravesite. We were presented with the opportunity to take part in parachute simulation. I, however, passed on this opportunity. (I am afraid of heights.)

Towards the end of the week, the participants were evaluated and were placed into the roles of different countries. With the lectures behind us, we began a simulation of the conflicts we had been studying and discussing and acted as different parties to the conflict. Each day we acted in our roles, tried to meet with the other countries and participated in press conferences. I was given the task of representing Turkey, along with two other students who were from Russia and the Czech Republic. It was quite the enjoyable but also very trying experience. We proceeded to not take an aggressive role but aimed to develop foreign policy strategies that would put us in the position to aid dialogue between conflicting countries while also trying to maintain dialogue with the European Union about Turkey's accession. The simulation required each country to submit action plans and press releases. We also took part in press conferences each day to report progress and setbacks so that the media (which was represented by a few student participants as well) could further enhance or instigate the negotiations that we all were trying to work for in the Southern Caucasus region.

Our entire time at Denmark went by so quickly. We spent a lot of time talking about very complicated issues but it was never boring because each student brought different perspectives to the table. The seminar was well balanced and I was inspired to meet the students participating from other countries. They were passionate about this topic and international affairs as a whole. It was a great educational experience especially since it took me so far out of my comfort zone while further encouraging me to take part in these discussions. I would like to thank the Political Science Department for presenting this opportunity to me, supporting my participation in it, and also for the four academic years prior which prepared me for it.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Regina Axelrod published "Reflection on the Writings of President Vaclav Klaus," LISTRY, XXXVIII, 3, 2008, 105-107, that was translated into Czech. She was a discussant on the

panel, "Environmental Policy in the European Union," at the International Studies Association meeting in San Francisco, March 26, 2008. She was also asked to be an evaluator for the Fulbright Senior Specialist Awards.

Professor Margaret Gray presented her research at three conferences. This summer she was invited to speak at the American Sociological Association Labor and Labor Movements Section Mini-Conference on Race, Labor, and Empire. Professor Gray also presented a co-authored paper, along with Professor Traci Levy, at the American Political Science Association titled "Transnational Workers, Inequality, and Household Structure." And, she traveled to Tijuana, Mexico to speak at the II Encuentro de Latinidades, Convenio Andrés Bello, which brought together government officials, NGO representatives, and academics from North, Central, and South America.

Professor Katie Laatikainen On March 28, 2008, Professor Laatikainen presented her paper, "Spreading the Word: Transnational Religion and Political Authority" at the 2008 International Studies Association Annual Convention in San Francisco. During the spring semester, she served as a manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Common Market Studies and as an expert evaluator on grant applications for the Volkswagen Foundation. During the summer, Professor Laatikainen applied for a Fulbright Scholar grant and continued to organize the conference, "Sixty Years On: The United Nations and Universal Human Rights" which will take place at Adelphi University on December 3, 2008.

Professor Traci Levy Since the last newsletter, Professor Traci Levy has co-authored and presented multiple papers at two different professional conferences. At the June meeting of the Disability Studies Association, she presented, "Personal Assistant? Caregiver? A Dialogue between Disability Studies and Care Theory" (co-authored with Prof. Deborah Little from the Adelphi Sociology Department). At the August meeting of the American Political Science Association, she presented a revised version of her paper with Prof. Little, and a co-authored paper with Prof. Margaret Gray (also in the Political Science Department) entitled "Transnational Workers, Inequality, and Household Structure." Prof. Levy continues to serve as a member of the coordinating committee for Adelphi's 2008 Collaborative Project for Social Justice: ICAN (Imagine Change, Act Now). ICAN is a series of lectures, events, and activities meant to engage Adelphi and the broader community around issues of social change. In addition to her general coordinating activities, this fall Prof. Levy took a leading role in organizing speakers on U.S. election fraud and from a union of Latina, Caribbean, and African American domestic workers. Among her other service commitments, she continues to serve as the faculty advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha (the political science honor society), and as a member of both the Gender Studies Minor and Adelphi Diversity Committees.

Professor Lawrence Sullivan was elected Chair of the Faculty Senate for the 2008-2009 academic year. His co-translated book *Zhou Enlai: The Last Perfect Revolutionary* (Public Affairs, 2007) is now out in paperback and has sold over 14,000 copies. Prof. Sullivan is currently acting as a contributing translator and editor of the Chinese-language novel *Feathered Serpent* by China's most prominent woman writer, Ms. Xu Xiaobin. The book is scheduled for publication in late 2008 or 2009 by Simon & Schuster. In addition, Prof. Sullivan is a co-

translator of a novella by the same writer entitled *Miss Asia*, a portrayal of the social and sexual antics of a beauty queen in China's increasingly celebrity-obsessed and commercialized society.

New Staff Member

Dawn Marie Kelleher-administrative assistant –joined the Political Science Department on September 2, 2008. Dawn graduated from the Katherine Gibbs Business School and attained a degree in Secretarial Sciences (1988). She then worked at BBD&O, a “Madison Avenue” advertising firm. Her responsibilities included the distribution, maintaining and chronological documentation of “Buying of Time” for radio, print and television, reporting on “target” or “demographic” hits and misses as well as supplying the Arbitron and Nielsen ratings for Senior Buyers. Upon deciding to start a family, Dawn made the decision to be a homemaker and she ran a daycare out of her home. She also became involved in her community as president of the Parents Club and President of the School Board at her children’s school. Two years ago she returned to the workforce and attained a position in the Admissions Office here at Adelphi. Dawn lives in Nassau County with her husband and three children. She is enjoying working with Political Science faculty and students and looks forward to her future at Adelphi.

POLITICAL SCIENCE Fall 2008 LECTURES

(Political Science Majors Must Attend One)

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mark Crispin Miller- “Loser Take all: America’s Election Mess & How to Fix It”
University Center Ballroom, 7:00-9:00pm

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Environmental Forum
University Center, Room 313, 12:30-2:30pm

Monday, September 29, 2008

“Domestic Workers United: Building a Movement to Empower Caregivers”
University Center, Room 201, 1:00-2:15pm

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

V.O.T.E.R. and ICAN present: A Presidential Debate Party
8:00-11:00pm

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

V.O.T.E.R., ICAN, Political Science and Sociology present:
“Becoming an American”
Alumni House, 1:10-2:55pm

Monday, October 27, 2008

Ambassadorial Lecturer: to be announced

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Mary Matalin & James Carville- “All’s Fair: Love, War, and Politics”

Performing Arts Center Concert Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, November 10, 2008

Fair Trade Fashion Show

University Center Ballroom, 2:25-4:00pm

Friday, November 21, 2008

ICAN Film Series: This is What Democracy Looks Like

Levermore, Room 309, 12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Sixty Years on: The United Nations and Universal Human Rights

University Center Ballroom, 1-5pm