

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
NEWSLETTER FALL 2012

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Twenty students participated in the Midwest Model UN conference in St. Louis this year representing Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Bosnia, and France. The team representing Cuba won an Outstanding Delegation award and individuals also brought home awards. Three WSU students also served on staff at the conference.

At the National Model UN in New York our delegates represented Austria. They celebrated the Opening Ceremony in the Great Hall of the General Assembly, and received a mission briefing from the Austrian representative to the General Assembly. The team is looking forward to attending the American Model UN in Chicago in November of this year.



2011-12 Model UN Participants:

Jon Abrahamsen, Darren Beckham, Michael Brinkman, Valerie Brockman, Luis Carbajal, Joseph Clay, Danny Cooper, Dima Hammouri, Sasha Hassounch, Lauren Hoch, Aaron Larcade, Michael Leblanc, Adam Lofland, Zakk Malik, Spencer Nelson, Alex Rodriguez, Kat Rodriguez, Paris Royce, Brittany Thurman, Jacque Tio.

VALUABLE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Intern, Jonathan Abrahamsen

This year we had seven interns in Washington D.C. Jonathan Abrahamsen with Senator Harry Reid, and Katherine Rodriguez with Senator Pat Roberts. Hannah Coen worked with the Republican National Committee. Sahar Eshghi was at the Humane

Society Legislative Fund. Robert Fugit II was with the Institute for Public Accuracy. Sasha Johnson worked at YMCA and Rana Zayed was at Bose Public Affairs Group. The Washington interns participated in a weekly seminar with guest speakers and weekly briefings on current political events. Sahar returned to D.C. after graduation to take a full-time job.



Intern, Katherine Rodriguez

MUN AWARDS

Danny Cooper and Katherine Rodriguez - Honorable Mention - 2nd Committee (Cuba).
Valerie Brockman - Outstanding Delegate - Commission on Sustainable Development (Saudi Arabia)
Michael Leblanc - Delegate's Choice award - Commission on Sustainable Development (Cuba).
Lauren Hoch and Spencer Nelson - Outstanding Position Paper - 6th Committee (Cuba).
Aaron Larcade, Darren Beckham, Danny Cooper, Katherine Rodriguez, Michael Brinkman, Spencer Nelson and Lauren Hoch - Outstanding Delegation (Cuba).

FACULTY UPDATES



Dr. Neal Allen - Dr. Allen enjoyed his first year in Kansas, and teaching American Politics and Law courses at Wichita State. He is looking forward to teaching Political Theory and Philosophy courses this year, and also teaching a Supreme Court course that is new to WSU. A co-authored paper he wrote on state responses to health care legislation will be published this fall in *American Political Thought*, and he is finishing a book chapter on Race and Political Scandal. Dr. Allen is looking forward to presenting a paper at the Abraham Lincoln

Dr. Dinorah Azpuru— In the 2011-12 academic year Dr. Dinorah Azpuru participated in several academic conferences where she presented the results of her research. She also published two book chapters and a couple of journal articles. She was invited to be part of the project called 'Quality Peace' based at the University of Notre Dame and continues to be associated to the 'Latin American Public Opinion Project' at Vanderbilt University. At WSU she began teaching an online course and continues in charge of the methods courses in the Political Science Department.



Dr. Ken Ciboski-Dr. Ciboski has served 44 years at WSU. He serves on the Honors Committee, and advises the College Republicans. He is a commentator on local, state, and national politics for the print and electronic media, appearing frequently on "This Week In Kansas." He makes presentations to local organizations, and is an active member of the Wichita Pachyderm club and the Wichita Committee on Foreign Relations. He also serves on the Cultural Arts Funding Committee for the city. Dr. Ciboski teaches four courses each semester on Comparative politics, American politics, the Congress, Russian politics, Chinese politics, and European politics.

Dr. Michael Hall - Last year Dr. Hall developed new courses in Diplomacy and Negotiation and U.S. Foreign Policy. He also taught courses on Global Challenges, the politics of the global economy, and International Relations. His courses in International Relations were the largest ever since he started teaching at WSU. Dr. Hall continues his research into how elections and party ideology affect the economies of industrialized democracies. He continues to mentor the WSU Democrats and completed his term on the College Council, a faculty advisory group for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This past year he and his wife also hosted an exchange student from Germany.



Dr. Melvin Kahn - will be in 2013 edition of *Who's Who in the World*. His essay, "Teaching Effectiveness", was included in the Academy for Effective Teaching's booklet for new faculty based on his previous receipt of "Recognition for Distinguished Achievements in Teaching." He was one of seven Kansas political scientists invited to a dinner-policy discussion with the Governor's Chief of Staff. He has served as the coordinator for the Washington-Topeka Internship Program for 17 years. He has given interviews for local TV, WICHITA EAGLE and KANSAS CITY STAR and served as a manuscript referee for the AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH journal. He would be delighted to hear what each of you are doing; melvin.kahn@wichita.edu. The SGA awarded him a Meritorious Commendation for "...inspiring students...and his longstanding valuable contributions to the WSU community."

Dr. Carolyn Shaw - Dr. Shaw continues to teach courses in international politics in the department and serves as the Model UN faculty advisor. Her most recent research has been in the area of pedagogy, looking at whether role-play exercises can be used effectively in different countries (this is based on her sabbatical leave in Poland last year). She continues to enjoy taking students to Europe in the summer, and is looking forward to the Model UN students participating in a conference in Ecuador in 2013.



SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department is grateful to those alumni and friends of the department who have endowed nine scholarships and contribute to the Annual Fund that provides additional scholarship funding. Below, we want to share the background on several of our endowed scholarships.

ROBERT AND PRISCILLA PARTRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

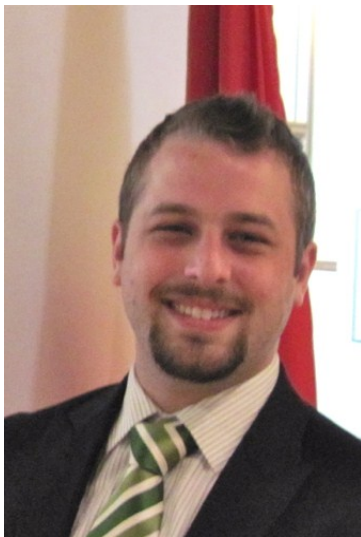
As a child, Robert Partridge would attend court proceedings after school. "I'd get to listen to trials and be inspired by what the lawyers were doing and saying," said Mr. Partridge. "There was never a time in which I did not want to be a lawyer." Mr. Partridge joined the Army at the beginning of World War II and soon after saw action in the European Theatre. Serving in the 104th Infantry's Timberwolf Division, Mr. Partridge fought back the Wehrmacht offensive during the Battle of the Bulge. For his efforts, he received the Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre.

Following the war, Mr. Partridge obtained his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Wichita. After graduating from Washburn Law School, he married Priscilla Barron. Mr. Partridge partnered with Foulston-Siefkin and performed numerous community functions while living in Wichita. Among other public involvement, the past president of the Wichita Bar Association served more than a decade as director, president or member of the advisory board for the Wichita Area Girl Scouts Council where he was recipient of the highest volunteer award, the Ruth Robertson Award. In addition to serving their community, Mr. and Mrs. Partridge felt strongly about education.



**The 2012-2013 recipient of the Partridge Scholarship is Calvin Schuette (looking cool above).
Calvin is a Senior, majoring in Political Science.**

SARA HYDE CORBIN SCHOLARSHIP



Sara Grace "Sally" Hyde grew up in the College Hill area of Wichita. While at school at Stanford, she met and married Harry Corbin Jr., a graduate of WU in 1940 with a degree in political science. After obtaining her degree in Spanish, the two returned to Wichita. In 1949, Dr. Harry Corbin became president of WU, the youngest university president in the nation at the time. While Dr. Corbin was known for leading the fight to bring the university into the state system of higher education, Mrs. Corbin was greatly admired for her gracious and unwavering support of President Corbin. A well read and cultured woman of strong principles, she was known for her conversational and organizational skills. In 1969, six years after the resignation of Dr. Corbin, she was diagnosed with myotonic muscular dystrophy. During her illness, she was accredited for her stoicism, never complaining of her situation. After her death in 1985, Dr. Corbin established the Sara Hyde Corbin Memorial Scholarship in Political Science.

**The 2012-2013 recipient of the Corbin Scholarship is Darren Beckham (left).
Darren is a Senior, double majoring in Political Science and International Studies.**

Additional Scholarship recipients include: Kyle Beltz - Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship; Derek Blair - R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship; Dima Hammouri - Terry and DJ Scanlon Scholarship; Olivia Sullivan - Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship; Rachel DeGarmo - Thomas P. & Ella N. Wolf Scholarship; Michael Brinkman - Donna L. Shank Political Science Scholarship; Derek Blair - Dr. John E. Stanga Scholarship; Marisa Bayless, Jacob Bean, Hector Corea, Victoria Eck, Zachary Davidson, Maria Figueroa, Curtis Fischer and Zinnia Khan - Department Scholarships.

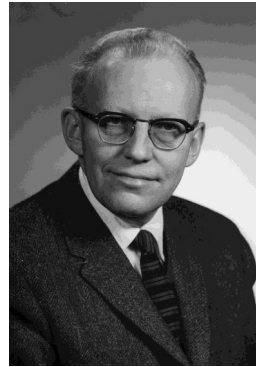
EUROPE TRIP



WSU students at Konopiste Castle, Czech Republic

Students had the opportunity to travel with Prof. Shaw to Eastern Europe this summer. The trip began in Krakow, Poland with tours of the Wawel castle, the Wieliczka salt mines, and the Auschwitz/Birkenau concentration camps. The group then traveled to Prague in the Czech Republic, touring several castles outside the city as well as seeing sites in the old city. Vienna Austria was the next stop, with a crypt tour under the cathedral, a grand tour of the Hapsburg's Schoenbrun Palace, and a day trip on the river to Bratislava. The trip concluded in Budapest Hungary, with magnificent views of the famous Parliament building and walking tour of the Fishermen's Bastion. The trip provided an interesting contrast moving from the 'hinterlands' of the Austro-Hungarian empire to the capital city. Each location had unique memorials to the devastating effects of WWII. The stark contrasts between those countries that were historically behind the iron curtain and those in the West were also fascinating.

MILLETT-YOUNG MENTOR/SCHOLAR AWARD



Dr. John Millett, 1968

Congratulations to Sahar Eshghi and Creighton Coleman! They received the Millett-Young Mentor/Scholar award for their senior paper on the Arab Spring that they completed under the guidance of Prof. Azpuru. This award, sponsored by Dr. John Young, is given to recognize an outstanding paper in the department each year.

DEBATE GOES ELITE 8



Matt Munday and Brian Box

Political Science majors Matt Munday and Brian Box reached the Elite 8 in the National Debate Tournament this year, defeating Harvard, Georgetown, and University of Georgia in the preceding elimination rounds. This is the best finish for WSU since 1968, when WSU won the tournament.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY CONFERENCE

The Department provided support for four students to attend the 53rd annual Academy Assembly in Colorado Springs this year. Darren Beckham, Eva Kuban, Sahar Eshghi, and Luis Carbajal heard high level key note speakers and engaged in round table discussions on the topic of "Power and Influence: Global Dynamics in the 21st Century".

LUZZATI LECTURE SERIES

The Department hosted the second annual Luzzati Lecture series event in memory of longtime community leader Ruth Luzzati. The speaker this year was Dan Glickman, former Congressman and Senior Fellow at the Bipartisan Center in Washington D.C., speaking on whether bipartisanship is possible in the current political environment.

www.wichita.edu/luzzati

STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Students were very active in several different student clubs this year. Some of the activities sponsored by these groups included:

- College Republicans - presentation by Congressman Mike Pompeo.
- Political Science Club - presentation from Cpl George Boyd, original member of the Tuskegee Airmen.
- UNICEF - raised over \$4,000 for the UNICEF Campus Challenge; carried out a "TAP" project for World Water Crisis Week; and participated in UNICEF Trick or Treat.

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE



All of the WSU Model UN students had the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January 2012 as we hosted our fourth annual Wichita Area Model UN for local high school students. We had participants from 12 high schools across Kansas, with students representing 24 different countries. Outstanding delegate awards went to students from Buhler, Emporia, Herington, and Bucklin high schools.

www.wichita.edu/wamun.

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

In recognition of Constitution Day last year, the Kansas Appellate court convened on the WSU campus and heard the oral arguments for three cases. These sessions were open to the public and were widely attended by students on campus. After the arguments were complete, the judges took general questions from the audience. Later, Judge Richard Green visited our Public Law class taught by Professor Neal Allen

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES



The Alpha Delta Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary Society is pleased to recognize our newest initiates: Jonathan T. Abrahamsen - Luis Eduardo Carbajal - Creighton D. Coleman - Sahar Y. Eshghi - Dima Hammouri - Lauren L. Hoch - Alaina E. McWhorter - William J. Rhodes - Jade Ashley - Hillary Simpson and Allen D. Tang. The WSU chapter was founded in 1938 and now has over 500 members.

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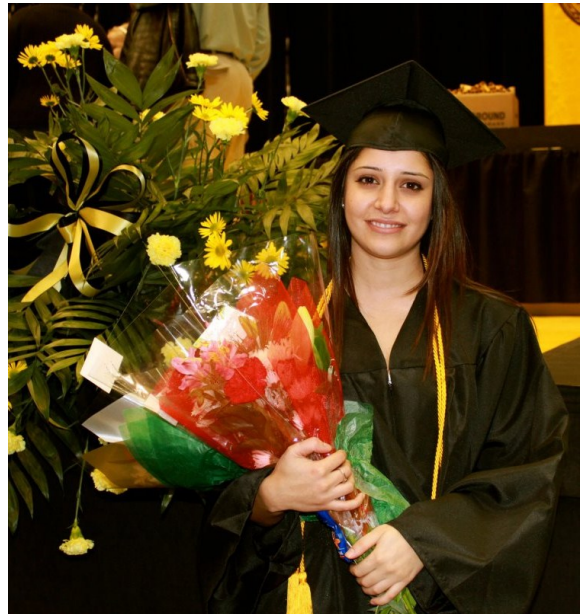
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WE LOVE TO HEAR
FROM OUR ALUMNI

CELEBRATING OUR 2011-12 GRADUATES

Zachary Gearhart
Nathan Walker
Andrew Berg**
Baylee Cunningham
Sahar Eshghi***
Brian Box
Benjamin Carmichael
Creighton Coleman*
Lisa Decow*
Paul Gray
Christine Harris
Brooklyne Johnson
Michael McClellan
Alaina McWhorter**

Matthew Munday**
William Rhodes
Michael Smith
Benjamin Stiff
Christy Merritt
Jason Watts



Sahar Eshghi***

* Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude *** Summa Cum Laude