

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
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SEEKING INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES IN WICHITA



The Political Science Department is working closely with the WSU Career Development Center to help our students gain valuable job skills through an internship experience, recognizing that such experience is increasingly important to secure a good job after graduation. **WSU now has a new career database called *Handshake* that allows employers in the community to post and search for candidates for internship positions in their office.** If you think your office might benefit from the services of a WSU intern, please consider posting on Handshake. Begin by creating an account at: www.wichitastate.joinhandshake.com. Once you have an account, you can post job and internship listings. Further information is available at: (316) WSU-HIRE or WSUHire@wichita.edu.

Let me know if you make a posting and I'll be sure to direct our current majors your way!
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EXCELLENT INTERNS
IN DC

Every spring the Department supports student interns who travel to DC for first-hand work experience in policy making and the political arena. The interns participate in a weekly seminar with guest speakers and weekly briefings on current political events. This year, Paige Hungate and Brian Ard both worked in Senator Jerry Moran's office in DC. Eryn Ebach interned for Kansas House Minority Leader, Tom Burroughs, in Topeka.



Interns with Senator Jerry Moran

FACULTY 2014-15 MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Dr. Neal Allen - neal.allen@wichita.edu

Neal Allen continues to study & teach about American politics, law & courts, and Congress. Last year he enjoyed giving invited presentations at a meeting of congressional archivists in Washington, D.C., & at the Wepner Center for the Abraham Lincoln Legacy in Springfield, IL. This year he looks forward to presenting a paper about racial reparations in Edinburgh, Scotland, & to teaching a new Presidential Nominating Process course in the Spring of 2016.



Dr. Dinorah Azpuru – dinorah.azpuru@wichita.edu

I have many good memories from WSU & my students, but this year my memories are from my sabbatical in Spain. I had a wonderful experience as a visiting professor at the University of Salamanca and Deusto University in Bilbao. It was interesting to interact with Spanish faculty and students, as well as students from Latin America who are pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Salamanca.



Dr. Ken Ciboski – kenneth.ciboski@wichita.edu

My most memorable moments were the accomplishments of two of my students with whom I worked closely: Hector Corea - Admitted to University of California, Berkeley law school with strong financial aid. Blake Carpenter - Youngest member of the Kansas House of Representatives and received wide publicity with his vote that broke an impasse on the funding of the Kansas budget for the next fiscal year.



Dr. Michael Hall - michael.hall@wichita.edu

I was proud to serve as an Honors College Fellow and help in discussions that established the college this past year.



Dr. Melvin Kahn - melvin.kahn@wichita.edu

Mel Kahn and Undergrad Jonathan Piat presented a paper, "The Impact of the Discharge Petition" at two major Pol. Sc. Conferences. I also served on two Psychology Dept. Pd.D. dissertation committees. WSU's Home Page, during a seven week period, featured Ken Ciboski and Mel Kahn discussing political civility in a several page article.



Dr. Carolyn Shaw - carolyn.shaw@wichita.edu

My favorite department memories are always linked to travel with the Model UN team (Chicago and NY this year). The trip to the top of the Empire State Building at night with the group was great, as well as two Broadway shows. The Honorable Mention Delegation award really topped things off. My favorite personal memory was excellent mountain hiking near Park City Utah with my husband David this past summer.

SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department is grateful to those alumni and friends of the department who have endowed 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 N. 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.

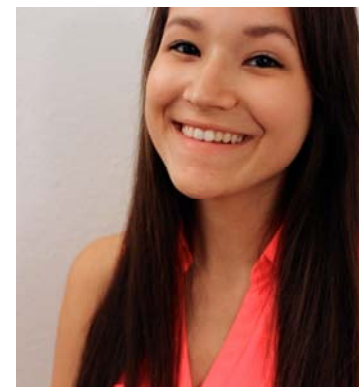
Following the war, Mr. Partridge obtained his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Wichita. After graduating from Washburn Law School, he married Priscilla Barron. Mr. Partridge partnered with Foulston-Siefkin and performed numerous community functions while living in Wichita. 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 2015-2016 recipient of the Partridge Scholarship is Emily Matta (above left).

Emily is a Senior with a double major in Political Science and History.

SARA HYDE CORBIN MEMORIAL 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 2015-2016 recipient of the Corbin Scholarship is Catherine Prather (right).

Catherine is a Senior majoring in Political Science with minors in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Additional Scholarship Recipients include: Eryn Ebach - Dr. John E. Stanga Scholarship; Donald Gering Jr. - Thomas P. & Ella N. Wolf Scholarship; Erendira Jiminez Gonzalez - Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship; Rubén Lebron - Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Kelvin Lopez-Garcia - Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship; Tiffany Massey - R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship; Erin Nisly - D. J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship; Naquela Pack - Melvin and Joan Kahn American Politics Scholarship; Taben Azad - Department Scholarship; Alexis Cupani - Department Scholarship; Braden Lefler - Department Scholarship



*Jean Schodorf,
Nancy Kassebaum
and Carolyn Shaw*

19TH AMENDMENT CELEBRATION

This year marked the 95th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. The department marked this anniversary by co-sponsoring a celebration with the League of Women Voters, the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, and the Women's Studies Department. Featured speakers included: Nancy Kassebaum Baker, former US Senator, Sandy Praeger, former Kansas Insurance Commissioner, and Jill Docking, recent candidate for Kansas Lt. Governor. The event included a march of suffragists and live patriotic music.

CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION DAY

Students across campus had the opportunity to listen to the Kansas Court of Appeals hearing briefings from seven different cases involving constitutional issues. The Court will return to campus again this year and the sessions will be open to the public on September 22.



ACADEMY ASSEMBLY



Jordan Haas, Tiffany Massey, Emily Matta, and Will Amos

Four students attended the 56th annual Academy Assembly at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. They engaged with policy experts and 200 other delegates from across the country in exploring U.S.-Russian Relations in the 21st Century.

LUZZATI LECTURE

Duane Goossen, former Kansas Budget Director, spoke on "Challenging Financial Times in Kansas" during the April legislative budget debates. He presented a clear picture of the revenues and expenditures for the state and the pending budget crisis.



*Nancy McCarthy-Snyder, Duane Goossen,
and Kathy Reiser (daughter of Ruth Luzzati)*

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UN

All of the WSU Model UN students had the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January 2015 as we hosted our sixth annual Wichita Area Model UN for local high school students. We had participants from 14 high schools across Kansas, with students representing 24 different countries. Outstanding delegate awards went to students from Wichita East, Wichita Kapaun, Great Bend, Sunrise, Jefferson West, and Haven high schools, with best position papers going to Wichita East, Macksville, and Wichita Kapaun high schools. www.wichita.edu/wamun



MILLETT-YOUNG MENTOR/SCHOLAR AWARD



Congratulations to Tiffany Massey for receiving the Millett-Young Mentor/Scholar award this year. Tiffany wrote her political theory paper on “Imagining New Rules: The Political and Socioeconomic Elements of the Nation of Puyallup” under the guidance of Professor Melvin Kahn. This award, sponsored by Dr. Reverend John Young, is given to recognize an outstanding paper in the department each year.

Dr. John Millett

MODEL UN REPRESENTS ESTONIA AND ICELAND

Model UN had a great year with conferences in Chicago and New York City! We received a mission briefing from the Estonian Permanent Mission to the UN in New York and got to participate in the closing session in the newly renovated Great Hall at the United



Nations sitting on the front row. The team received an Honorable Mention

Delegation award! The team is looking forward to another international conference this Fall in the Czech Republic...



EVENTS

- Mayoral debate between Jeff Longwell and Sam William in April.
- UN Day Celebration Banquet with Alex Taukatch, Chief of UN News Centre, in October.
- Weekly Times Topics lunch discussions of current events.
- Weekly 'Round the World' lunch presentations by WSU Cultural Ambassadors.
- Mock crisis simulation on the Iranian nuclear crisis (Professor Shaw's Middle East Politics class).



*WSU Students with Mr. Alex Taukatch,
UN News*



GATEWOOD FUNDS SUPPORT STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to a generous donation by Mike and Cindy Gatewood, the Department has created a fund to help Political Science majors participate in events/activities that will develop their professional skills and build their résumés. This year the following students were Student Research Assistants for faculty in the department:

- DJ Gering - DJ worked with Professor Neal Allen gathering data for two projects. He transcribed advertisements in recent senatorial and gubernatorial races and he also collected British newspaper coverage of the American Civil Rights Movement.
- Tiffany Massey - Tiffany worked with Professor Dinorah Azpuru doing research on populism in Latin America, more specifically exploring the determinants of votes for populist candidates in the region.
- Eryn Ebach - Eryn worked with Professor Neal Allen analyzing television advertising by Senate candidates in the 2014 elections to determine how candidates dealt with running in states where their party is currently unpopular with voters.

Eryn also participated in the Political Science Department's Internship Program in State Government in Topeka in the Spring.

ACCOLADES AND CONGRATULATIONS



- Eryn Ebach's co-authorized book chapter with Professor Allen has been accepted in a book titled "Selling the Donkey" that is under review with Palgrave publishing.
- DJ Gering was accepted for an internship at the Borgen Project where he is writing educational essays to help raise support for development projects abroad.
- Blake Carpenter, one of our students, is one of the youngest members elected to the Kansas House
- Holly Eckert - '12 - Successfully completed her Officer Training in the US Marine Corps in Quantico, VA.
- Michael Meacham - '74 - Published From Backpack to Briefcase: Professional Development in Healthcare Administration (2014).
- Matt '10 & Brandi Agnew got married in Summer 2014.
- Jon Abrahamsen '13 and Shelby Huxtable got married Spring 2015.
- Professor Ken Ciboski started providing commentaries for KMUW in 2015.
- Professor Carolyn Shaw was selected to participate in WSU's Leadership Academy 2014-15.



TRAVEL

- Professor Azpuru taught at Salamanca University in Spain during her Fall sabbatical.
- Professor Allen visited Oxford England as an invited speaker at a conference.
- Professor Shaw traveled to Buenos Aires Argentina for an International Studies conference.
- Professor Michael Hall traveled to Chicago for the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference.
- Professor Melvin Kahn traveled to Boston for the Northeast Political Science Association Conference.

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Honors



Society was founded in 1938. We congratulate our newest initiates: Toyosi Adesoye, Taben Azad, Kyle Beltz, DJ Gering, Jordan Haas, and Patrick Thorpe.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014-15 GRADUATES!

- Will Amos
- Maria Ines Figueroa Arrivillaga
- Kyle Beltz***- Dept. Honors
- Robert Davis
- Aicha Dosso
- Kaylee Eklund
- Jordan Haas - Dept. Honors
- Zakk Malik
- Natalie Schmidt** - Dept. Honors
- Ryan Martin
- Shane Maxton
- John Michael Methé
- Jesse Murray**
- Alex Rodriguez
- Olivia Sullivan***
- Justin Turner
- Tyler Ward



*Kyle Beltz, Natalie Schmidt,
Ryan Martin, & Alex Rodriguez*

Cum Laude *Magna Cum Laude