

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
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INTERNS THRIVE IN DC
AND TOPEKA



Mika Hyer, Tiffany Massey, Stacy Parkinson,
Catherine Prather & Timothy Dodd

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, in D.C., Timothy Dodd worked at the National Rural Health association (NRHA), Ben Hundley was at Americans for Prosperity, Tiffany Massey worked in Senator Jerry Moran's office and for the National Immigration Forum, Catherine Prather was with Senator Pat Roberts office, and Mika Hyer worked at the International Rescue Committee and Newseum. In Topeka, Erin Nisly interned with Rep. Jim Ward.

STACY AND MARK
PARKINSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Department is pleased to announce that former Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson, WSU class of '80, has established an endowed scholarship to support the Washington DC Internship Program. Through his generosity, more WSU students will have the opportunity to gain professional work experience in DC. Mark notes that "There is no place like Kansas, but an exposure to DC has enriched our lives and we want to provide others this same chance."



Dalton Glasscock

For more internship stories, see page 4.

FACULTY FAVORITES



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

Ice Cream: Strawberry

Movie: The Godfather

Book/Series: Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail 1972

Summer Activity: Reading

Restaurant: The Salt Lick - Austin, TX



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

Ice Cream: Pistachio

Movie: Ghandi

Book/Series: One Hundred Years of Solitude

Summer Activity: Biking

Restaurant: Georges French Bistro



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

Ice Cream: Strawberry

Movie: High Noon

Book/Series: Stealth Democracy

Summer Activity: Reading

Restaurant: Crab Broiler—Seaside, OR



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

Ice Cream: English Toffee Caramel

Movie: A Man For All Seasons

Book/Series: The Brothers Karamozov

Summer Activity: Watching movies

Restaurant: Hana Cafe



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

Ice Cream: Vanilla

Movie: Gone With The Wind

Book/Series: Plato's Republic

Summer Activity: Going to Nieces Wedding in Portland, OR

Restaurant: Oh Yeah



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

Ice Cream: Extreme Moose Tracks

Movie: Anything by Pixar Productions

Book/Series: Harry Potter

Summer Activity: Sailing or hiking in the mountains

Restaurant: Chipotle

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.

THOMAS P. AND ELLA N. WOLF SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. Thomas Phillip Wolf, a Kansas Native, graduated from Wichita East High School in 1950. As a student, he was a member of three state championship teams: track, cross country, and wrestling. Wolf was captain of the wrestling and cross country teams his senior year. After high school, Dr. Wolf joined the Marines and served in the Korean War. When he returned home in 1953, he married the former Ella Nora Weigand, also a Kansas native and a graduate of Wichita East High School, with whom he has three children and 10 grandchildren. Dr.

Wolf found his passion for political science at the University of Wichita, where he received his Bachelor's in 1959. Continuing his education in that area, he earned his Master's degree from Stanford university in 1961. Dr. Wolf began teaching at the University of New Mexico in 1963. While a professor there, he earned his Doctorate Degree in 1967, also from Stanford University. He taught at Indiana University Southeast from 1970 until 1999 when he became professor emeritus of political science. For more than a decade, Mrs. Wolf taught grade school in Jeffersonville, Ind., retiring in 1990. Appreciative of the time he spent as an undergraduate at WU, Dr. Wolf created the Thomas P. and Ella N. Wolf Scholarship in Political Science.

The 2016-2017 recipient of the Thomas P. and Ella N. Wolf Scholarship is Matthew Mizak (above left).

D.J. AND TERRY SCANLON POLITICAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The late Terry Scanlon was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and raised in El Dorado, Kansas. A graduate of Wichita University in 1956 with a degree in political science, he began an 11-year career with the City of Wichita as administrative assistant in the water department and executive assistant to the city manager. Captivated by politics, he was involved with the Young Democrats at WU, served as Kansas Democratic State Chairman from 1977-1979, and was the finance chairman for the Glickman for Congress Committee. He credited his success to the education he received at WSU, compelling his involvement at many levels, including past president of the Endowment Board of Governors, former member of the Board of Trustees and Alumni Association. Both he and his wife, Doris "D.J.", were President's Club Life Members. In 1986, he established the D.J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship as a continuation of his dedication to WSU and his affinity for politics.



The 2016-2017 recipient of the D.J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship is Braden Lefler (right).

Additional Scholarship Recipients include: Paige Hungate - Sara Hyde Corbin Memorial Scholarship; Arely Navarrete Velazquez - Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship; James Franks - Melvin and Joan Kahn American Politics Scholarship; Amanda Underwood - Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship; Katie Deutsch - R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship; DJ Gering - Robert N. & Priscilla Partridge Scholarship; Kelvin Lopez-Garcia - Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Hayley Lyda - Dr. John E. Stanga Scholarship; Paul Schofield - Department Scholarship

SEEKING MORE LOCAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 has a 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! Carolyn.shaw@wichita.edu or (316) 978-7130.

MAJORS GAIN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

We are pleased to share that many of our majors are seeking out internship opportunities to develop their professional skills as they prepare to go on the job market. Bailey Minor interned with Rep. Mike Pompeo in his district office this Spring. She notes that she learned a lot about researching issues and responding to constituent requests, and gained an appreciation for the challenges of holding public office and all the work that goes on behind the scenes. Marilyn Morton interned with Women for Kansas this Spring, working on providing electoral information for the public.

Our Summer interns include:

- Dalton Glasscock -
Senator Roberts in DC
- Matthew Mizak -
Rep. Mike Pompeo in Wichita
- Eric Kromidas –
YMCA International in Chicago
- Arely Navarrete -
Congressional Hispanic Caucus
Institute in DC



Marilyn Morton



Arely Navarrete (Bottom Left)



Eric Kromidas

MODEL UN WINNING YEAR

The WSU Model UN team attended the NMUN Conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic last November representing the United Kingdom. They spent a day touring Prague, and got a mission briefing with the British Embassy. They also came away with an Outstanding Delegation award! Congrats to DJ Gering, Jackie Tio, Marilyn Morton, Tiffany Massey, Andrea Luque, Autumn Nance, Erin Nisly, and Taben Azad!



The team represented Guatemala, Canada, and Italy at the Midwest Model UN Conference in St. Louis in February. The students spent the Fall semester preparing for this experience and, over the course of 3-1/2 days, spent 28 hours in intense negotiation with students from 40 other universities. In the end, the team brought home 10 awards, including Outstanding Delegation, Outstanding Delegate, Delegate's Choice, and Outstanding Position Paper. Award recipients included: Marilyn Morton, Isaac Schurter, Erendira Jimenez-Gonzalez, Mika Hyer, DJ Gering, Toyosi Adesoye, and Arely Navarrete. In addition, three experienced WSU Model UN students were selected to serve on the conference staff: Taben Azad, Andrea Luque, and Autumn Nance.

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UN

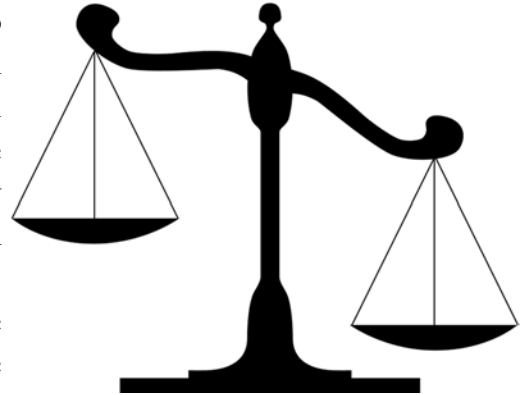
Each year WSU Model UN students have the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January as we host our annual Wichita Area Model UN (WA-MUN) for high school students. The conference grew significantly this year with over 70 delegations attending. (doubled



from last year). We will be expanding the conference to include a Security Council Committee in the coming year. The topics for discussion this year were Chemical Weapons and Protection of Migrants. Our students learn a lot about rules and procedures, as well as about professional conference behavior. For more information on this year's conference: www.wichita.edu/wamun.

ALUMNA CONNECTS WITH CURRENT STUDENTS

We were pleased to welcome Tina Drake Zimmerman back to campus last Fall. Tina received her BA '90 and MA '95 in Political Science from WSU and her law degree from Georgetown University where she is now the Director of the National Security Law LLM program. Tina met with pre-law students on campus and discussed the law school selection and application process. Later in the Spring semester, our D.C. interns got to visit her in Washington and learn more about the Supreme Court Institute at Georgetown Law School where lawyers receive counsel for their oral arguments before presenting them to the Supreme Court.



GATEWOOD FUNDS

We are very appreciative of a generous gift from Mike and Cindy Gatewood that will be used to provide students with additional professional development opportunities, including local internships, conference travel funds, research assistanceships, and study abroad support. The Gatewood family has been instrumental in supporting the department for many years and our students have greatly benefitted from this support.



MILLETT-YOUNG MENTOR/ SCHOLAR AWARD

Congratulations to Erin Nisly on receiving the Millett-Young Mentor/Scholar award for her paper titled "Political Polarization in the US House of Representatives" written under the supervision of Prof. Mel Kahn.

Dr. John Millett

(Right)



PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Honors Society was founded in 1938.



We congratulate our newest initiates: Kaylee Ball, Katie Deutsch, Erendira Jimenez-Gonzalez, and Carissa Morgan Ochsner.

ACCOLADES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Arely Navarrete and Erendira Jimenez-Gonzalez attended the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute conference in DC and met President Obama, Bill Clinton, and Bernie Sanders.
- Emily Matta, Erin Nisly, and Naquela Pack presented their research projects at WSU's Undergraduate Research Forum. Emily was awarded first place for her presentation!
- Braden Lefler and Isaac Schurter presented their research at the International Studies Association Midwest conference in St. Louis.
- Erendira Jimenez-Gonzalez, Alyson Assaf, and Naquela Pack attended the Women for Kansas Writer's Workshop where they learned more about 'writing for influence' (with legislators, the media, etc.).
- Tiffany Massey gave a presentation of her joint research project with Prof. Allen at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.
- Erin Nisly gave a presentation of her joint research project with Prof. Kahn at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.
- Dalton Glasscock served as a delegate to the Republican Convention in Cleveland in July 2016.
- Katie Deutsch, Timothy Dodd, Eryn Ebach, DJ Gering, Tiffany Massey, and Emily Matta all served as research assistants to department faculty this year.
- Prof. Mel Kahn was selected to serve as the President of the Lions Club - 2016-17



TRAVEL

- Prof. Allen traveled to Charlottesville, VA, and London, Manchester and Stafford UK for research; attended conferences in Edinburgh and Chicago.
- Prof. Azpuru traveled to Germany by invitation of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation; traveled to Mexico City as a keynote speaker by invitation of the National Autonomous University of Mexico UNAM and Flacso; and attended the Latin American Studies Association conference in New York City.
- Prof. Hall traveled to Chicago for the Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- Prof. Kahn traveled to Chicago for the Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- Prof. Shaw traveled with students to London, Paris, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen; traveled to the Czech Republic and St. Louis with Model UN; and attended the International Studies Association conference in Atlanta.
- Hayden Squires, sophomore, studied abroad in Berlin, Germany, Spring 2016 (pictured on the right).





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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015-16 GRADUATES!

- Robert Davis
- Pamela Jones*
- Emily Matta**
- Catherine Prather *** - Dept. Honors
- Cole Eberkamp
- Shelby Karst
- Erin Nisly***
- Patrick Thorpe*
- Shawn Higgins
- Tiffany Massey***
- Naquela Pack
- Justin Turner

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

