

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
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DC INTERNSHIPS



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 they got to spend an evening with former Governor Parkinson and his wife, Sarah Binder from the Brookings Institute, and Tina Zimmerman from Georgetown University Law Center among other visits around the city. Adam Berry worked at Congressman Jared Polis' office, Kylie Cameron was at Senator Claire McCaskill's office, Arely Navarrette worked in Voto Latino, and Eugene Potts was with Senator Jerry Moran's office.

Kylie & Senator McCaskill

MODEL UN IN ST. LOUIS & NEW YORK

Wichita State Model UN students conducted extensive research into the foreign policies of Switzerland and United Kingdom last Fall in preparation for the Midwest Model UN conference in St. Louis. In February they spent four intense days negotiating with students from across the US on global issues ranging from the weaponization of space and peacekeeper accountability, to food security and repatriation of refugees. Their hard work paid off - they returned home with ten awards! (See page 5).



In April, the group represented Lithuania at the National Model UN conference in NYC. They received a mission briefing from the Lithuanian ambassador and her entire New York staff (5 other diplomats). They told the students that they saw 4-5 student groups per year and that our group's position papers were the best they had every read!

CELEBRATING 48 YEARS OF SERVICE: DR. KEN CIBOSKI



Dr. Kenneth Ciboski retired from the Political Science department in January after 48 years of service to Wichita State University, the City of Wichita, and the state of Kansas. Generations of students have benefited from his work as a teacher of politics. He received his BA and MA from the University of Kansas, and his PhD from the University of Washington. He also received a certificate in Russian from Leningrad State University in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Ciboski's research focused on Soviet politics, and he was active in the Central Slavic Conference. He made many trips to the Soviet Union over the years, including with university students. Prof. Ciboski was instrumental in the creation of the Emory Lindquist Honors Program (the foundation for the current Cohen Honors College) and served as the Director of the program from 1976-78. He has also served as an advisor to the College Republicans and as a mentor for students interested in a public service career. One particular example demonstrates the significance of Prof. Ciboski's contribution to the University and the communities it serves. Gov. Mark Parkinson was a student of Prof. Ciboski while an undergraduate at Wichita State, and was a frequent guest in his courses throughout his later career. Parkinson steered the state through the greatest economic crisis of modern times, and now works as a lobbyist for health care institutions. He also has endowed a scholarship supporting one Political Science major each year as an intern in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Ciboski has also contributed to public understanding of politics as a frequent guest on public television, public radio, and as an expert analyst quoted in print media. He served a full term on his Wichita Neighborhood Advisory Council and for several years has been an active member of both the Wichita Arts Council and the Council on Foreign Relations. He has been an active member of the Wichita Pachyderm club and previously served as its president. Dr. Ciboski's career has been dedicated to educating students and the broader community about the relevance of politics and government to their lives.

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.

R. WESLEY MCCARTY SCHOLARSHIP



Ralph Wesley McCarty graduated summa cum laude from Wichita State University in 1974 with a degree in political science. A compassionate young man, he was considered to have the “soul of Thoreau” by family and friends. While battling leukemia, he maintained both mental and physical strength, even winning first place in a tri-state regional weight lifters meet while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. When he passed away in 1980, his parents wanted to honor the spirit of their son by creating a scholarship reflecting their son’s interests and intellect. The R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship was established with the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, honoring the “gentle strength” of this young man.

**The 2017-2018 recipient of the McCarty Scholarship is Gabriela Porubin (above left).
Gabriela is a Senior majoring in Political Science.**

DR. JOHN E. STANGA SCHOLARSHIP IN AMERICAN POLITICS

A native of New Orleans, Dr. John E. Stanga earned a Bachelor of Administration in 1961 from Southeastern Louisiana University. He went on to receive his master’s degree from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. A professor of political science, Dr. Stanga arrived at Wichita State University in 1968. He taught political science and government courses for 38 years. Always willing to put in extra effort, he was chair of the political science department for six years and served on the Faculty Senate. Dr. Stanga is one of the few WSU political science professors to publish an article in the prestigious American Journal of Political Science. Dr. Stanga was considered a master educator, capable of teaching any class. His son, John P. Stanga, describes his father as a staunch Democrat who loved to play chess, garden and cook Cajun food. He said his father always had the best interests of his family in mind. Dr. Stanga’s three children described teaching as their father’s passion. When Dr. Stanga died in 2008, his family, friends and former students established the Dr. John E. Stanga Scholarship in American Politics in his memory.

The 2017-2018 recipient of the Stanga Scholarship is Mark Thomas (right).

Mark is a Junior majoring in Political Science.



Additional Scholarship Recipients include: Adam Berry - Melvin and Joan Kahn American Politics Scholarship; Kylie Cameron - Thomas P. & Ella N. Wolf Scholarship; Paige Hungate - D. J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship; Kelvin Lopez-Garcia - Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Cynthia Niederee - Robert N. and Priscilla Partridge Political Science Scholarship; Hannah Tabler - Sara Hyde Corbin Memorial Scholarship in Political Science; Jamie Welch - Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship; Collin Willis - Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship in Political Science.

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!
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GATEWOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

Mike Gatewood's continued support has provided funding for students to study abroad in Germany, Estonia, Korea, Japan, Spain, Costa Rica, France, and Italy; participate in a post-election conference at the Dole Institute; attend the Academy conference; complete internship experiences; and conduct research with faculty. We are grateful for his dedication to our students!

CONGRATULATIONS

- Professor Neal Allen will be spending his Sabbatical at the University of Sussex in Brighton in Spring 2018.
- Katie Deutsch received the Pi Sigma Alpha Washington Intern Scholarship. Katie is working at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington.

Congratulations to both of you!

JOAN HARGROVE SCHOLARSHIP

We are very appreciative of a generous four-year scholarship from Dean Hargrove '60 in memory of his mother who was secretary to Dr. Hugo Wall. Dean is a television producer, writer, and director. Following a review of the scholarship applications, we got to surprise Daniel Caudill in his English class at Wichita South High School with his scholarship check!

Dr. Shaw, Daniel Caudill, Mr. Gandu - WSU Admissions (Pictured Left)



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 continues to grow. For the first time we included two Security Council committees for the conference that went very well. We even had to draw on some alumni to fully staff the different committees! The topics for discussion this year were Preventing Acquisition of Radioactive Sources by Terrorists, and Renewable Energy. The Security Council members dove into the topic of Security in the Middle East, passing resolutions on Syria, Yemen, and Palestine.



Pictured: *Erendira Jiminez, Gbemi Ale, Mika Hyer, and Kaylee Ball*

MODEL UN 2016-17 AWARDS



Outstanding Delegation: Andrea Luque and Cynthia Matson (Ecosoc)

Outstanding Delegates: Daisy Kerubo and Yasmin Mohammed (First Committee), Zubair Khan (UNHCR)

Outstanding Position Papers: Dj Gering, Nigel Morton

Honorable Mention: Mika Hyer, Tim Dodd, Sarah Myose

Delegates' Choice: Sarah Myose, Dj Gering

National Model UN (New York): Honorable Mention Delegation (Gbemisola Ale, Tim Dodd, DJ Gering, Braden Lefler, Cynthia Matson, Nigel Morton, Sarah Myose, Paul Schofield, Phoenix Tomlinson, Stella Yang, Zubair Khan)

NYC: Tour of the UN Security Council

UN DAY DINNER



Mike Hyer with speaker Jean-Victor Nikolo

We celebrated the 71st anniversary of the United Nations with a dinner sponsored by Mr. John McGuire '80. Our speaker was Mr. Jean-Victor Nkolo, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on Africa, who spoke on "Standing with Refugees". The event was capped off with an international trivia competition with prizes for the top three teams.



John McGuire with McGuire Scholarship recipients: Autumn Nance, Nigel Morton, and Taben Azad

FACULTY FOCUS - FAVORITE FILM QUOTES



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

Quotes: "I hate Illinois Nazis" - Jake Blues, from *The Blues Brothers*

"You are entering a world of pain" - Walter Sobchak, from *The Big Lebowski*



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

Quote: “Life is not the amount of breaths you take, it's the moments that take your breath away.” - from *Hitch*



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

Quote: “ ” - Harpo Marx



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

Quote: There are so many movies that I like that it is very hard to choose just one specific quote.



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

Quote: “We could have all been killed – or worse, expelled!” - Hermoine Granger from *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer’s Stone*

AIR FORCE ACADEMY CONFERENCE

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.

Left: Matthew Mizak, Adam Harrison, Sarah Buchanan, and Shelby Rowell



ALUMNI NEWS



- Amanda Nguyen '10 - Director of Government Affairs at IFRANA (a fragrance trade association).
- Ben Nelson '04 - Strategic Services Manager, City of Wichita, Public Works Department.
- Scott Johnson '09 - Finishing his MA in Interaction Design at University of Kansas.
- Tori Eck '13 - Completed law degree at Washburn and recently passed the bar.
- Brett Pickett '88 - Professor at University of Wyoming.
- Matt Munday '12 - Working on PhD in Public Policy at UT-Dallas.
- Michael Vivion '72 - Doing communication consulting for pharmaceutical industry.
- Selena Sujoldzic '03 - Practicing law in Denver, CO.
- Matt Sullard '11 - Assistant City Attorney for Wichita.
- Marinés Fugueroa '14 - Director of Communications for Fundacion Educativa de Guatemala.
- Tyler Rasmussen '03 - Working at Division Headquarters for the Salvation Army in KC.
- Courtney Vaden - '09 - Working for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.
- Vitaly El Dani '08 - Program Manager for Handicap International in Lebanon.
- John Truong '14 - Attending KU Law School.
- Creighton Coleman '12 - Completing an MA in Theology at St. Louis University.
- Thomas Tolbert '13 - Graduated from Duke University Law School.
- Jamie Hofling '07 - Working for the Climate and Energy Project funded by the Kansas Health Foundation.

We have recently created an alumni page to highlight career paths and advice for prospective and current students. If you'd like to contribute, send your information and a good photo to:

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wichita.edu/polsci >

Alumni Spotlight

MILLETT-YOUNG MENTOR/ SCHOLAR AWARD

Congratulations to DJ Gering for receiving the Millett-Young Mentor/Scholar award this year. DJ wrote his political theory paper on "The Impact of Religion on Democracy, Transparency, and Gender Equality" under the guidance of Professor Dinorah Azpuru. This award, sponsored by Dr. Reverend John Young, is given to recognize an outstanding paper in the department each year.

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: *Sarah Buchanan, Kaitlyn Fox, James Franks, Rachelle Lynette, Paul Schofield, and Mark Thomas.*





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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016-17 GRADUATES!

- Lyndsey Adamson
- Donald Gering**
- Tiffany Linton
- Alexandria Melton
- Katie Deutsch***
- Egan Hart
- Hayley Lyda
- Matthew Mizak***
- Tc Edwards
- Bradley Hoffman
- Garret Lynch
- Arely Navarrete Velazquez**
- James Franks***
- Sarah Lindsey***
- Ryan McFarland
- Kyle Richard Sheedy

Cum Laude *Magna Cum Laude



Matthew Mizak, Arely Navarrete, DJ Gering, Braden Lefler, and Mika Hyer



Dr. Allen and Lyndsey Adamson