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This semester the Political Science Department will be pre-registering our majors and minors in all political science classes. Students have been demanding this change for some time and we are happy to be able to respond. Although we have pre-registered students in selective classes for several years, we have hesitated to pre-register for all classes because of the logistics involved. With around 200 majors and about 30 minors, pre-registering will be a complex task and require many hours of work from Mrs. Ortiz, the department's administrative assistant. You can find complete instructions about how to pre-register in this issue of Politicus. Please arrange to see your advisor as soon as possible to get the process rolling. Since this is the first time we have attempted full pre-registration, we anticipate some glitches along the way. Please be patient with us as we try to place all of you in your preferred courses. And, do not hesitate to inform me and/or Mrs. Ortiz about how we might improve the system.

In this issue, you also will find a complete list of courses being offered next Spring. Note, also, the detailed descriptions of two special courses being offered: Professor Bellhouse's new 4 credit course PSC 384 The Politics of the 1960s in America and Professor Battistoni's course PSC 479 The Politics of Philanthropy.

Be sure to attend the PSC networking event on November 2 at 5:30 in Ryan 106! Details on page 4.

Thanks again to Christian Balasco for his editorial work on this issue and to Mrs. Ortiz for pulling everything together.



Updates from Pi Sigma Alpha

Epsilon Chi is the Providence College Chapter of the National Political Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha. Pi Sigma Alpha is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. Pi Sigma Alpha is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and is designated as a "Specialized, Upper-Division" society by ACHS. There are now almost 700 chapters of Pi Sigma Alpha located on college and university campuses in every state of the United States and in Guam.

The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha would like to introduce their Officers for the 2017-2018 academic year. If you have questions about eligibility requirements for Pi Sigma Alpha, or any suggestions for potential chapter events, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the chapter officers.

2017-2018 Officers

Tatiana Reali and Michael Bartels, *Co-Presidents*

Courtney Altenburger and Rachel Laravie, *Co-Vice Presidents*

Timothy Phillips and Patrick Reynolds, *Co-Treasurers*

Sarah Gianni and Christian Balasco, *Co-Secretaries*



Fall 2017 Pi Sigma Alpha Invitees

The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha would also like to recognize their Fall 2017 Invitees. These students have met the necessary requirements for admission into Pi Sigma Alpha and are officially invited to become members of this honor society.

If your name is listed below, an official invitation has been sent to you. As a reminder, if you choose to accept membership into Pi Sigma Alpha, there is a required sixty-five dollar (\$65.00) membership fee which covers dues in the national chapter as well as the cost of certificates, honors chords and medallion and other expenses. This is a one-time fee. Membership fee payments can be paid by cash or a check made payable to ***Providence College***, and must be submitted to Emerald Ortiz in Howley Hall 318 by November 10, 2017.

Class of 2018:

Kylie Cafiero
Christopher Del Santo
Dana Diaz
Rachael Johnston
Courtney Krakowski
Alec Manfre
Clare Noone
Caroline Oliveira
Deneysa Riley
Stachel Roberts
Anne Rodriguez
Ethan Ticehurst
Jonathan Traylor
Benjamin Tyler
Jonathan Wahl

Class of 2019:

Tait Becker
Madison Clark
Ryan Cristiano
Michael DeBarge
Brandon Greene
Tyker Hoskins
Cara McCluskey
Megan McGunigle
Rachael Minassian
Sabrina Morelli
Caroline Olsen
Brian Reilly
Darren Squillace
David Quattrochio



Fall 2017 Political Science Events

Law School Admissions Panel

On November 1, 2017 from 4:00-6:00pm in the Ruane Great Room, join admissions representatives from BC, BU, Northeastern, Suffolk and St. John's for a panel discussion. They will be available to speak 1-on-1 with prospective students following the panel discussion.

Networking & Navigating Your Political Science Major

On November 2, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00pm in Ryan 106, join us for a chance to network with other majors and talk about a range of items, including course selections, ideas for events and guest speakers on political issues, ideas for career planning, or internship opportunities.

Pizza and ice cream will be served!

Political Science & Pi Sigma Alpha Holiday Party

On December 1, 2017 from 4:00-5:30pm in McPhail's, join members of the political science department for a holiday celebration with food, a baking contest, and activities. This is a great opportunity to engage in conversation with your fellow political science students and professors outside of the classroom.



Pre-Law Advising Information

Professor Paul Herron is the Pre-Law Advisor for the College this year. He organized several events in the fall: an Alumni Panel where graduates of PC spoke about their experiences in law school and as attorneys; a Law School Panel (coming up Nov. 1), where admissions representatives from BU, BC, Suffolk, St. John's, and Northeastern offer an insider's view of the application process and meet one on one with interested students; and a Personal Statement Workshop. In the spring, Professor Herron is planning to host a law professor for a mock law school class, hold a practice LSAT on campus, and schedule events on contemporary legal issues with the Pre-Law Society, a newly-formed student group. If you are interested in getting resources and updates on events and workshops, please email Professor Herron so you can be added to the Pre-Law Program's Sakai list. He is also always available for individual meetings.

A Reflection on Dr. Gladys Ganiel's Lecture

Written By: John Tait '18



The Political Science Department hosted Dr. Gladys Ganiel, a Providence College alumni, for a talk titled Religion and Politics in Northern Ireland: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Speaking to a packed room full of students and professors, Dr. Ganiel's talk was focused on role of religion during "the Troubles" in Northern Ireland. As Dr. Ganiel explained, the Troubles refer to the violent period of Northern Irish history that roughly lasted from 1968-1998, in which divisions between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland were perhaps at their greatest. By the end, over 3,000 people had lost their lives in the violence during this period, and many more were injured. As Dr. Ganiel made

clear, everybody living in Ireland was affected by the Troubles in one way or another. Complicating things further, the religious element of Protestant vs. Catholic added yet another dimension to the national divisions, and it is this issue that Dr. Ganiel's focused her talk on. Dr. Ganiel payed close attention to the varying ways that religion might have amplified the divisions during the Troubles and identified five dimensions in which religion drew its significance during the Troubles. These included the relationship between churches and socio-political power, the role of religion as a dominant ethic maker, religions role in the construction of communities, religions role in the construction of ideologies, and the relationship between theology and politics. One of the main claims that Dr. Ganiel made at this point was how churches (both Protestant and Catholic) were the primary foundations for nearly all aspects of community in society, which then contributed to heightened animosity between the faiths during the Troubles. Dr. Ganiel then went on to analyze Evangelicalism in Northern Ireland, and argued that for Evangelicals, religion was at the very core of their identity, and that Evangelicals in Northern Ireland take the notion of being God's specific chosen people very seriously. Here, Dr. Ganiel invoked the term "Covenantal Calvinism," which she used to describe the way in which Evangelicals believe that the state must conform to God's laws. Having discussed several reasons why religion amplified the conflict in Ireland during the troubles, Dr. Ganiel then moved on to discuss the various ways that religion simultaneously became part of the solution. More specifically, Dr. Ganiel spoke about two Catholic priests (one of whom was featured in a picture standing next to Dr. Ganiel) who were instrumental in bridging the gaps in society caused by the troubles. This was accomplished by doing such things as arranging meetings between enemy leaders to mediate their quarrels, a feat that even the government was incapable of accomplishing. Throughout the talk, Dr. Ganiel demonstrated a very thorough understanding of not only the history of the Troubles, but also the theology on both sides of the divide and what role it played in the conflict.

Spring 2018 Course Descriptions

PSC 479, The Politics of Philanthropy (Crosslist: PSP 361/MGT 479)

The roots of philanthropy run deep in United States history and culture. The role of philanthropists and philanthropic organizations is pervasive in contemporary American society, growing by leaps and bounds and even playing a substantial role in the 2016 presidential election, as both major party candidates were connected to controversial philanthropic foundations. This course will focus on the different meanings and on the “politics of philanthropy,” as well as current trends and issues impacting it. This will be the tenth year the course has been offered, and as in the past, we have received philanthropic support to provide funds for students to distribute to community-based organizations within a framework of principles and policies students decide during the course itself. This Spring, 2018, the class will have a record amount of \$30,000 to distribute, so students will clearly be learning, at least in part, by experiencing philanthropic giving themselves. For more information about the course, please contact the instructor, Rick Battistoni, rickbatt@providence.edu.

PSC 384, The Politics of the 1960s in America

This course is about the 1960s in America, a turbulent and fascinating time! The main topics covered are: the Civil Rights movement and Black Power movement (for example: the Freedom Riders, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, the Black Panthers); the American war in Vietnam; the anti-War movement in the US; and the Counterculture. We will look closely at the decision-making that led to the escalation of the American War in Vietnam and to the defeat of the US in that war, especially decisions made by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. We will turn to different genres (movies, short stories, letters) to help us reflect on what the Vietnam War was like for American soldiers and civilians and for Vietnamese soldiers and civilians. Throughout the course we will ask how we can use our study of the 1960s as a bridge for understanding the present. We will watch superb documentary films each week and listen to 1960s music from time to time. **IMPORTANT: This course is worth four credits, and it meets once a week for four hours, on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** This four-hour block of time allows us to watch and discuss films together in class each week. The class meetings are enjoyable because we mix up lecture, discussion, and movie watching during each class, and we take short breaks when needed.

NOTE: For more information on the other political science courses being offered in the Spring, contact the course’s respective professor or consult the course listing on Cyber Friar.

Spring 2018 Pre-Registration Information for All Political Science Majors and Minors

- ◆ This semester all Political Science majors and minors will be pre-registered into Political Science courses as a means to ensure all majors and minors are able to secure a seat in the Political Science courses of their choice.
- ◆ All majors (including double majors) must meet with their advisor to receive their ALT PIN and complete the pre-registration form with their advisor. Advisors will be emailing students to schedule advising appointments.
- ◆ Pre-registration forms must be completed and delivered to Emerald Ortiz in Howley Hall 318, no later than 4:00pm, on November 8th.
- ◆ Any students in the Class of 2020, 2019 and 2018 who have not already taken PSC 102 will automatically be registered in the one section offered next semester. PSC 102 will not be offered again.
- ◆ All students who have been assigned into Spring 18 Capstone courses will be pre-registered and emailed a reminder of which course they'll be preregistered in.
- ◆ Pre-registration into Spring 2018 courses will be prioritized by class year as well as by order of submission. Early submission of your pre-registration form will increase your chance of obtaining your first choice.
- ◆ All MINORS will need to stop by Howley Hall 318 on either November 3rd between 2:00-4:00 pm or November 7th from 2:00-4:00 pm to complete a pre-registration form.

Spring 2018 Course Offerings in Political Science

Check Cyberfriar for the most up-to-date course listings.

Reminder: PSC 342 Modern Political Theory now meets the core curriculum Philosophy requirement as well as the PSC Political Theory field requirement .

Note: PSC 470—001: Leadership in the City is a PSP Course with 5 seats available for Political Science students.

CRN	Course Number	Course Title (limit 30 characters)	Series	Limit	Instructor
2197	PSC 101 001	Politics	C	18	Casey Stevens
2199	PSC 101 002	Politics	F	18	Susan McCarthy
2200	PSC 101 003	Politics	G	18	Susan McCarthy
2202	PSC 101 004	Politics	H	18	Gizem Zencirci
2205	PSC 101 006	Politics	I	18	Gizem Zencirci
2207	PSC 101 007	Politics	J	18	Casey Stevens
2538	PSC 102 001	Empirical Political Analysis	E	25	Matt Guardino
2209	PSC 201 001	American Government and Politics	A	25	Adam Myers
2213	PSC 201 002	American Government and Politics	E	25	Adam Myers
2214	PSC 207 001	International Relations	F	25	Doug Blum
2216	PSC 207 002	International Relations	G	25	Doug Blum
2217	PSC 215 001	Human Rights	J	25	Gizem Zencirci
2219	PSC 303 001	Urban Politics (crosslist BLS)	L	17	Tony Affigne
2220	PSC 310 001	American Foreign Policy	M	20	Casey Stevens
2221	PSC 312 001	Civil Liberties	A	20	Rick Battistoni
2222	PSC 317 001	Comparative State Politics	K	20	Adam Myers
2223	PSC 318 001	American Public Policy	O	20	Matt Guardino
2224	PSC 321 001	Chinese Politics	N	20	Susan McCarthy
2225	PSC 324 001	Gvmt and Pol of Russia & Fmr Sov Union	U	20	Doug Blum
2227	PSC 336 001	Latin American Politics	K	20	Thea Riofrancos
2229	PSC 336 002	Latin American Politics	L	20	Thea Riofrancos
2230	PSC 342 001	Modern Political Theory	L	20	Mary Bellhouse
2232	PSC 342 002	Modern Political Theory	N	20	Mary Bellhouse
2233	PSC 344 001	Democratic Theory	E	20	Rick Battistoni
2234	PSC 369 001	International Law & Organization	T	20	Casey Stevens
2453	PSC 384 001	Politics of the 1960's in America	P	20	Mary Bellhouse
2237	PSC 416 001	Race & Politics in the Americas (crosslist BLS)	K	17	Tony Affigne
2239	PSC 425 001	Mass Media & Politics	L	20	Matt Guardino
2732	PSC 450 001	Political Science Internship	S	18	Joe Cammarano
2241	PSC 456 001	Model Organization of American States	W	10	Thea Riofrancos
2360	PSC 470 001	ST: Leadership in the City	I	5	Angel Taveras
2244	PSC 479 001	ST: Politics of Philanthropy	W	7	Rick Battistoni
2246	PSC 489 001	Capstone: Politics of Climate Change	Q	12	Tony Affigne
2248	PSC 489 002	Capstone: Post-modern American Politics	R	12	Joe Cammarano
2249	PSC 489 003	Capstone: Southern Politics	P	12	Paul Herron
	Course Number	Course Title (limit 30 characters)	Series	Limit	Instructor
2699	LAW 201 001	General Law	T	25	Patricia McLaughlin
2252	LAW 305 001	Civil Litigation	V	25	Susan McGuirl