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Dear Friends of the Department of Politics and International Affairs:

Greetings from the center of the political universe. Well, not quite, but one might feel that way if you were hanging out in the halls of the Department of Politics and International Affairs.

This past year our department and students organized over 86 educational events for the Furman and Greenville community. These events included such things as: visits from high profile political thinkers like Arthur Brooks of the American Enterprise Institute; public lectures at the World Affairs Council Upstate; student research presentations at the Woodlands Retirement Community; a week-long Alumni in Residence program; and hosting the South Carolina Political Science Association Conference. As you can see, we have been really busy, learning a lot, and having fun!

We have an active year ahead of us too. For one, we are heading into the political science equivalent of the Super Bowl as we ramp up for the next presidential election season. Our students are fully engaged in our political world. You may have even heard that Furman was recently ranked #3 for “Most Politically Active” student body again this year by the *Princeton Review*. Many students are already working on political campaigns, and some will be heading to Brussels and Washington, D.C. this spring for political internships. Our DinsVote initiative, designed to get students registered to vote, is gearing up, and we have a host of scholars and thought leaders scheduled to speak.

This past Spring we celebrated the retirement of beloved professors, Dorianne Norwood and our Hall of Fame inductee Don Aiesi. We also welcomed a new faculty member, Dr. Brittany Arsiniega. Take a peek inside this newsletter to learn more about her as well as about the many other exciting things going on around here.

All the best and hope to see you soon!

Liz Smith, Department Chair

Student Spotlight

Department Awards

The following students received department awards in 2019:

Political Science Chair's Award – Peyton Roth

Political Science Faculty Award – Katherine West

S. Sydney Ulmer Medal – Sabrina Roof

Henry P. Jones Political Science Medal – Eric Faidley and Jack Ligon



Katherine West and Peyton Roth also received University Leadership Awards. Katherine won the American Legion medal, and Peyton received the Hall of Leaders Award for excellence in Service and Leadership.

Senior Honors Essay Award Winners



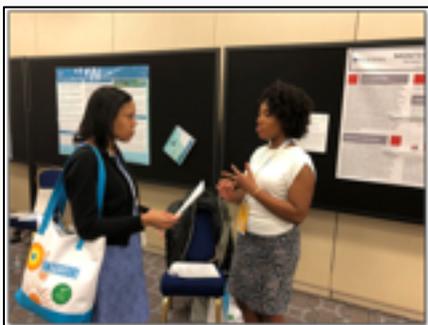
Eric Faidley, *First Place*

"Populism and Piety: An Analysis of Evangelical Christian Support for Populist Politics"

Sabrina Roof, *Second Place*

"The Effects of Partisan Media and Fake News on College Students"
Sabrina's paper also won best undergraduate paper at the South Carolina Political Science Association's Annual Meeting.

Student Accolades



Shekinah Lightner '20 (pictured left) presented her research at the American Montessori Society research conference in Washington, D.C.

Davis Cousar '20 and Kenia Flores '20 were selected as 2019 Furman Fellows.

Sabrina Roof '19 presented research with Dr. Liz Smith at the Midwest Political Science Association's annual meeting in Chicago.

Aidan Clarke's '19 article on Russia's naval defeat in the Russo- Japanese War was published by the Center for International Maritime Safety.

Eileen Joseph '20 was selected for the Millennium Fellowship, a program that advances the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on campuses worldwide.

Katherine West '19 (pictured right) was selected as the 2019 National Leader of the Year by Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. She received the Gen. Russell E. Dougherty Leader of the Year award, the organization's highest collegiate honor.



Summer Research & Internships



Twenty-seven POL majors served as 2019 Summer Intern Fellows, a university program that funds summer internships.

Mattie McDonald '20 (pictured left) worked with Dr. Fleming on the evaluation of Montessori education in South Carolina.

Diana Oxner '21 and **Madi Neesmith '20** assisted Dr. Smith with a project on college student government and its power and leadership on campus, including the diversity of the leadership (student government presidents and vice-presidents) and the

goals and political ambition of these leaders. They are also investigating the political issues and activities of these groups on campuses.

Julia Freeman '21 and **Caroline Ring '21** assisted Dr. Buket Oztas with research on "Content Analysis of Irredentist Groups' Online Communication Strategies" and compared irredentist groups in Eastern Ukraine and irredentist groups in Northern Syria. Freeman and Ring also completed independent research projects under Dr. Oztas's supervision.

APEC/Voices of the Future Program (by Dr. Cleve Fraser)

Imagine flying from Atlanta to Los Angeles and then on to Brisbane, Australia, with a final destination of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea and arriving at your destination to find that your luggage hasn't. And it doesn't appear for the next three days. A travel nightmare, right? Not really. A travel reality for each of the five students and two faculty traveling to PNG to attend the 2018 APEC meeting.



Imagine rather than a hotel room a comfortable cabin on an 86,000-ton cruise ship. Imagine members of other student delegations (particularly the Australians and the New Zealanders) stepping up to provide virtually an entire wardrobe for each of our students. Imagine the spirit of group bonding, good cheer, and camaraderie that emerged among the groups.

Imagine observing heads of state in a ballroom of another cruise vessel, with a fleet of Maseratis for shuttling dignitaries! Imagine the variety of cuisines, cultures, and hospitality offered a by a country encompassing hundreds of ethnic groups and over 800 languages. It was all this – and more.

Looking forward, I am particularly excited that Dr. Brittany Arsiniega, our newest colleague, will be co-directing the program to this year's meeting in Chile. It should be great!

Senior Research Seminar (by Dr. Kate Kaup)



I love showing off Furman and our students to colleagues at other universities and to university visitors. What a pleasure this past February to have so many scholars from across the state descend onto Furman's campus for the South Carolina Political Science Association's annual meeting, ably organized by Dr. Cleve Fraser and Paige Blankenship. And then what a delight (though not at all a surprise!) to hear Sabrina Roof announced as the winner of the Undergraduate Essay Prize. Sabrina's essay will appear in the *Political Science Journal* published by Coastal Carolina

University. So many colleagues from across the state raved about all of our students' papers. I was only sorry that they didn't also have a chance to read the interesting essay by Rebecca Kuzmanovich, who graduated early in December.

It was a delight to work with this talented group of students. Eric Faidley's excellent study titled "Populism and Piety: An Analysis of Evangelical Christian Support for Populist Politics" won the Department's Senior Research Essay Award. I look forward to reading more of these young scholars' works as they begin to appear in print in the years ahead!

Caleigh Madison Allen, "Hobbes' *Leviathan*: A Unitary Vision Drawn from Aristotle's Account of Democracy"

Eric Faidley, "Populism and Piety: An Analysis of Evangelical Christian Support for Populist Politics"

Jonathan Fitzgerald, "Hegemony First: How the United States Can Maintain Primacy in the Age of Donald Trump"

Rebecca Kuzmanovich, "It's Complicated: Do Historic Schisms in the American-Saudi Alliance Set A Precedent for How to Handle Today's Situation?"

Sabrina Roof, "The Effects of Partisan Media and Fake News on College Students"

Katherine West, "Trumping Immigration Attorneys: The Effects of the Trump Administration on Immigration Litigation"

Study Away



Brussels Internship Program (by Dr. Brent Nelsen)

I had the pleasure of taking 20 Furman students to Brussels, Belgium, for the fall 2018 internship program. Students worked in a range of internships—from the European Parliament, to AmCam Belgium, to Education International. The seminar I taught on Europe included group trips to standard locations, including Aachen, Germany and Normandy, France. But we also headed south to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain, to investigate separatist movements. Students rounded out their academic program with two courses at Vesalius College in Brussels.

Two “events” stood out during the program last fall. First, Brexit was all the talk. And talk. And talk. The European Quarter was always buzzing with limos and helicopters delivering politicians to Brexit talks, but —of course—nothing got settled. Second, Alexander Stubb (class of '93)—the former prime minister of Finland—ran a high-profile campaign for “lead candidate” of the European Peoples Party. Victory would have put him in good position to be appointed European Union Commission President, but he fell short in his bid. We were proud to have a Furman alum in such a prominent position!

The Washington Internship Program (by Marlies Bronner '20)



During the Spring 2019 semester, I was given the opportunity to participate in the Washington Experience study away trip alongside nine of my Furman colleagues and Dr. Cleve Fraser. The Washington program allowed us to fully immerse ourselves into D.C. life by interning 35 hours a week and taking Furman classes at night. I was honored to intern at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section where I worked on various pending litigations and investigations pertaining to violations of voting rights legislation. Through my work with the Voting Section on investigations across America, I developed a profound appreciation for the relationship between our election system and the rights ensured to us in the Constitution. This experience not only allowed me to realize my passion for election law but inspired me to pursue a career in law and public policy upon my graduation this coming spring.

In addition to our internships, we spent our evenings in class learning about American foreign policy, reflecting on our internship experiences, and conducting research on policy issues in relation to our internships. One of the most memorable parts of my D.C. experience was the strong Furman alumni network in the District and the Furman graduates we were each paired with who served as our professional mentors. My mentor, Nd Ubezouu '15, and I enjoyed meeting for coffee to reminisce about our time at Furman and on the Washington Experience study away trip. My conversations with Nd provided me valuable advice on how to break into the D.C. job market and helpful networking tips. The experiences and knowledge I gained from the Washington Experience program are invaluable and truly embody the essence of The Furman Advantage.

Farm May X (by Dr. Glen Halva-Neubauer)



Eight students, led by Glen Halva-Neubauer, participated in Farm 2019, a May Experience course centered on agricultural practices, policies, and politics in Iowa. Students live with farm families in Halva-Neubauer's hometown, Radcliffe, Iowa, and learn about farming practices, such as planting soybeans and managing a large-scale hog operation. Students also listened to presentations focused on agricultural policies from pesticide drift to the mechanics of the crop insurance program. Of course, the President's trade war, decisions affecting ethanol production, and the size and scope of the second farm bailout punctuated many a discussion. The students met Art Cullen, the 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner for editorial writing. Cullen's work *Storm Lake* discusses the impact of large-scale agriculture on Iowa's water quality. Finally, the three-week program ended with a production of "Map of My Kingdom," by Mary Swander, Iowa's third and longest-serving Poet Laureate. The play, which focuses on land transition issues, was staged in the community building in Halva-Neubauer's hometown, and Ms. Swander, herself, presided over the production.

Program Updates



The Tocqueville Program (by Dr. Jenna Storey)

In 2018-2019, the Tocqueville Program celebrated its 10th anniversary. We began the year with a lecture from Daniel E. DiSalvo of the City College of New York on the question “Has Party Reform Made America Ungovernable?” In December, we marked our 10th anniversary with a two-day extravaganza. American Enterprise Institute President Arthur C. Brooks gave our keynote address, entitled “Bringing America Together.” In the Spring, our lecture series on “Love, Friendship, and Politics” included talks from Mark Edmundson of the University of Virginia, Mary Nichols of Baylor University, and David Bromwich of Yale. For 2019-2021, the Tocqueville Program will consider the theme of “the Crisis of Liberalism.” On October 29, we will host Panayiotis Kanelos, President of St. John’s College, who will speak on “A Shakespearean Education for Liberty.” On January 23, Patrick J. Deneen of the University of Notre Dame will kick-off our lecture series with a talk entitled “Taking Populism Seriously.” Deneen is the author of one of the most talked-about books of political theory of recent years, *Why Liberalism Failed*. According to President Barack Obama, *Why Liberalism Failed* “offers cogent insights into the loss of meaning and community that many in the West feel, issues that liberal democracies ignore at their own peril.” On February 25, Dr. Shadi Hamid of Washington’s Brookings Institution will discuss the question, “Can Liberalism Survive in an Age of Populism?” Our series will conclude on March 24, when Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute will speak on “Why Institutions Matter.” All our events are free and open to the public—please join us!

Society of Tocqueville Fellows *A Student View by Naomi LaDine '21*



When I entered college, I knew that I wanted to surround myself with students of different political and religious convictions. I wanted to expose myself to thoughts I had never encountered before so that I would refine my own opinions and ensure more integrity in my ideas. This is how I found my way first to the “Politics and Human Soul” Engaged Living sequence and then to the Society of Tocqueville Fellows. I knew these programs would sharpen me intellectually. What I didn’t expect was that some of my deepest, goofiest, and most delightful relationships would arise from them.

Last spring the Tocqueville Fellows started the semester with a weekend retreat to study *Self and Soul: A Defense of Ideals*, a recent book by Dr. Mark Edmundson of the University of Virginia. The retreat involved us in questions of courage and virtue, sacrifice and purpose.

When Edmundson came to visit Furman the following week, the Fellows were brimming with questions and arguments. As with all Tocqueville Program speakers, the conversation began before his visit, continued through the lecture, and explored new turns that evening and in class the next day.

Conversations among the Fellows have a way of reaching out into the broader Furman community of students and faculty. We meet with each other and with speakers, and our ideas develop and often change. The events are just the starting point. The friendships born there, the ideas examined, the jokes and rivalries—these are all springboards for future conversations and experiences. Discussions and relationships begun in the Fellows make their way to the classrooms of other departments, the library porch, the dining hall, and the weekend. Some conversations are deeply personal, others academic; some are directionless ponderings, others grow into lasting investigations.

The Fellows share a commitment to engaging with ideas, and out of this commitment, friendship naturally arises. Because we are friends, we care about the truth even more earnestly and unrelentingly, since we seek it both for ourselves and for one another.

If you'd like to learn more about this program and the students involved, please look under the tab marked "Society of Tocqueville Fellows" at fuman.edu/Tocqueville.

Mock Trial Program Continues to Excel (by Dr. Glen Halva-Neubauer)

During the 2018-2019 school year, Paladin Mock Trial continued to earn accolades as one of the University's most celebrated engaged learning experiences. Nearly 30 students participated on one the program's four teams. Our teams competed in tournaments in Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, and throughout the Southeast, winning team trophies at tournaments in Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Williamsburg. Additionally, our students earned numerous individual awards at virtually all of the tournaments we attended. Claudia Leslie '19 and Katherine West '19 earned perfect scores for witness and attorney roles, respectively, at several tournaments. The highlight of the season was defeating one of the nation's most highly regarded teams,



the University of Virginia, in an epic trial at the Colonial Classic in Williamsburg, VA. We welcomed Anna Notation-Rhoades, Jack Heron '10, Thomas Hydrick '13, and Megan Appleby '02 to our coaching staff. They joined the veteran coaches, Chris Bowden '01, Mark Fessler '05, and Jason Adkins. Look for the Paladins on the mock trial circuit in the current academic year when we travel to Atlanta, Durham, Elon, Tucson, Las Vegas, Tuscaloosa, and Lexington (KY). We expect to see all of our attorney alums at alma mater when we once again host the Bell Tower Tournament, March 20-22, 2020.

Crisis and Response: Stories of Leadership



In March, the POL Department and the Riley Institute presented Crisis and Response: Stories of Leadership, the second biennial alumni-in-residence program. Four alumni returned to campus to tell stories of leadership during times of crisis. Ambassador Deborah Malec '77, U.S. Ambassador to Uganda and former Ambassador to Liberia, spoke about defeating Ebola in Liberia; Beth Niblock '82, Chief Information Officer for the city of Detroit, discussed using IT to help Detroit out of bankruptcy; Eric Spitler '81, Special Advisor to the CEO of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and former Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), shared his experience pulling the financial system back from the brink in 2008; and Jason Terrell, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Profound Gentlemen, detailed ways to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline. The panel was moderated by Dr. Danielle Vinson.

Alumni News

Inaugural Public Officials in Residence Program

The first iteration of the Department's "Public Officials in Residence" program occurred in the week of March 25-29, 2019. Our first guests were Eric Spitler ('81) and Amy Holley Spitler ('82), long-time participants in Washington policymaking. Eric served in various legislative and bureaucratic capacities over his long career, most notably as Director of Legislative Affairs for the FDIC and in a similar role



for the SEC. Amy also held several Congressional staff positions before moving to the Department of the Interior, where she served in various capacities, including Acting Assistant Secretary of the department.

During their week at Furman, Eric and Amy spoke to politics and history classes, joined several groups of students for lunch-time discussions, and held many individual conversations with faculty and students. Eric also spoke at a Riley program on decision-making in times of crisis. By all accounts the program was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming other distinguished alumni in the future.

Alumni Updates

Christian Alexandrou ('18) completed a year-long faith and service program in Philadelphia with Franciscan Volunteer Ministry.

Oryza Astari ('16) received the prestigious Harold R. Rosenthal Fellowship in International Relations. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in International Relations at George Washington University.

Alaina Biggers, M.D. ('01) co-authored a book, *The Chronicles of Women in White Coats*.

Emily Farris ('06) co-authored an opinion piece in the Fort Worth Star Telegram about voter turnout in local elections, and her article was cited in a *New York Times* op-ed column.

Claire Carlton Gibson ('09) published a novel, *Beyond the Point*. She returned to campus in April to read from the book and participate in a Q&A discussion.

Lindsey Harroff ('12) was promoted to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dororal Fellow at the University of Kansas.

Stanford Jennings ('84) received Furman's Gordon L. Blackwell Alumni Service Award at the annual Bell Tower Ball. The award honors an individual who has dedicated extraordinary service to Furman.

Danielle Lupton ('08) wrote a piece in The Washington Post about the World War II campaign in light of social media and other digital tools.

Matthew Morris ('14) is Trade Commissioner for the Canadian government based out of the Consulate General of Canada in Seattle, Washington. He facilitates trade and investment relations in the aerospace, space and defense/security sectors between Canada and the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

Emilee O'Brien ('17) was a 2019 recipient of Furman's Diversity and Inclusion Award for her work as Post Baccalaureate Fellow for Social Justice and Community-Engaged Learning. She is now pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Transformation at Georgetown University.

Kamber Parker ('17) created a blog site, YoProKnow.com, that features stories from young professionals.

Savannah Porter ('06) was recognized as Greenville's Best and Brightest Under 35. She is Associate Director of Project Host, a local non-profit that seeks to alleviate hunger and increase self-sustainability through workforce development in the culinary field.

James Purcell, Jr. ('61) received the alumni award from the Maxwell Graduate School for Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where he obtained an MPA in 1962. In March, he released *We're in Danger! Who Will Help us? Refugees and Migrants: A Test of Civilization*.

Michelle Rash ('18) is Community Organizer for Public Education Partners in Greenville.

Sean Rusnak ('18) served as a Health Policy Post Baccalaureate Fellow with Furman's Institute for the Advancement of Community Health. He spent a year advocating for increased funding of Greenville's public transportation system.

Michael Scholtens ('14) graduated from The University of Edinburgh with a Master's of Science in International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic and is working at The Carter Center in Atlanta, GA. He has helped deploy and participated in election observation missions in Liberia, Kenya, Tunisia, the Cheyenne/Arapaho Nation, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Zimbabwe.

Brandon Tensley ('12) is national political writer for CNN.

Daniel Zhang ('17) published an article in Georgetown Security Study Review about national security issues relating to 5G wireless networks. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service.



Students and faculty were treated to a special Pizza and Politics with Monica Bell '03, Associate Professor of Law and Associate Professor of Sociology at Yale University.

Faculty News



Dr. Aiesi Inducted into the POL Hall of Fame

In March, more than 100 alumni, faculty, staff, and Friends of Furman gathered to celebrate Don Aiesi's induction into the Politics & International Affairs Hall of Fame. Dr. Aiesi retired in 2018 after a career spanning 50 years at Furman.

Former students gave tributes and shared lively memories of study away trips with Dr. Aiesi. The ceremony was followed by a reception in Johns Hall, where his portrait was unveiled on the Hall of Fame wall.

POL Department Welcomes Brittany Arsiniega



Dr. Brittany Bilderback Arsiniega, JD, PhD, joined the Politics and International Affairs faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor of American Politics. She will continue Don Aiesi's tradition of teaching law-related courses and mentoring students who aspire to law school. Dr. Arsiniega received her BA from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she double-majored in Spanish for the Business Professions and International Affairs. She graduated first in each of these majors and received the Chancellor's Award for earning a 4.0 GPA. After completing her undergraduate degrees, Dr.

Arsiniega spent three years working in North and South America. She worked for an oil and gas company in Denver, Colorado; taught English at a technical university in Cartagena, Colombia; and participated in a trip over land and sea from Iceland to Africa, among other adventures. Dr. Arsiniega returned to graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley, where she enrolled in a dual JD/PhD program. She received her JD in 2017, graduating *Order of the Coif* (top 10% of the graduating class). She is admitted to practice law in both California and South Carolina. She

completed her PhD in Jurisprudence and Social Policy in 2019. Her research interests include law and society broadly. More specifically, Dr. Arsiniega is interested in crime and policing. Her dissertation project explored data collection on the dangers of policing and examined the ways in which data collection is co-constitutive with police culture. She continues to research the police, with a focus on mental health and suicide among police officers.

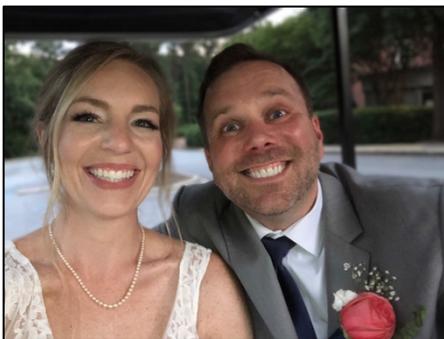
Dr. Arsiniega is fluent in Spanish and volunteers as the Vice Chair of Greenville's Hispanic Alliance, where she helps immigrants of all nationalities complete naturalization paperwork to become U.S. citizens. In her free time, Dr. Arsiniega enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons (ages 5 and 2) and her variety of animals (dogs, chickens, and rats), as well as riding things on two wheels – including commuting to Furman on her bicycle and cruising around town on her Triumph Bonneville. Dr. Arsiniega is thrilled to join the Paladin Politics community and call Greenville home!

Dorianne K. Norwood Scholarship Fund

Professor Norwood retired in July, after 20 years of lecturing on American Government and Public Policy. Upon her retirement, she established the Dorianne K. Norwood Fund for Politics & International Affairs. The fund will provide high-impact engaged learning experiences for students. We are excited about this wonderful opportunity for students and grateful for Professor Norwood's generosity.



Dr. Fleming Ties the Knot!



Congratulations to Dr. David Fleming, who married Kendra Sprogis on June 29. Following a beautiful ceremony on Furman's campus, the couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Lake Tahoe. We are excited to welcome Kendra into the POL family!

The Justicia Project

Dr. Brittany Arsiniega and Professor Teresa Cosby are in the process of launching an undergraduate legal clinic in the Department of Politics and International Affairs. This clinic, called the Justicia Project, provides students with hands-on experience representing clients under the supervision of Dr. Arsiniega and Professor Cosby, who are both licensed attorneys in South Carolina. Dr. Arsiniega currently represents victims of human trafficking in cooperation with various law enforcement agencies across the Upstate. Professor Cosby brings more than 30 years of experience as a practicing attorney, with plans to expand into post-conviction relief cases in the coming years. The students Professor Cosby and Dr. Arsiniega supervise learn about different areas of substantive law and the intersections of many aspects of the legal system, including criminal law, family law, and immigration law. In the coming years, Dr. Arsiniega and Professor Cosby hope to expand the types of cases this clinic accepts and the number of students with whom they work. Dr. Arsiniega's legal work with students is facilitated by Wyche, PA, a law firm in Greenville at which she is Of Counsel.

What We Did on Our Very Busy Sabbatical (by Liz Smith and Cleve Fraser)

For faculty, sabbatical is a time for intense study, research, and intellectual rejuvenation. Cleve Fraser and Liz Smith did just that on their sabbaticals this past year. Liz continued her research on the politics of college student governments. She worked with a team of Furman students, Sabrina Roof (now starting a Ph.D. program at the University of Wisconsin), Katherine West (now starting law school at the University of Cincinnati), Madi Neesmith and Diana Oxner (both current Furman students). Liz and her research team are collecting data on minority representation in college student leadership positions and how that socializing experience affects students' interest in holding political office in the future. Liz also participated in the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment. Along with 17 other faculty members, she spent the spring semester studying China and that nation's response to environmental challenges. The group then spent two weeks in China in June, meeting with Chinese environmental leaders and seeing the country.

Cleve devoted much of his time to studying what the American public thinks of the foreign policy of the Trump administration. His interest was piqued by discussions in a Senior Research Seminar he directed in the spring of 2016 and during an independent study in the spring of 2018. He also took time to accompany a group of 5 students and Dr. Jessica Hennessey, an Economics colleague, to attend the 2018 meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation group in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Publications & Other News

Jim Guth: During the 2018-19 academic year, Jim Guth attended several political science conferences, presenting a variety of research papers on religion and politics. His recent publications include “Are White Evangelicals Populists? The View from the 2016 American National Election Study,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs* 17(3): 20-35.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15570274.2019.1643991>; “Party Choice in Europe: Social Cleavages and the Rise of Populist Parties,” *Party Politics* (2019). (Co-author, Brent F. Nelsen.) Published online June 10 at <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068819853965>.

Akan Malici: Malici, Akan and Smith, Elizabeth S. (eds.) (2019). *Political Science Research Methods In Practice, 2nd Edition*. New York, NY: Routledge Press.

Buket Oztas won a research grant from the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) for her paper on "Political Islam in the Age of Populism: Promises and Limitations."

Liz Smith: Smith, Elizabeth S., Roof, Sabrina '19 and Katherine West '18. 2019. “The Political Socialization of College Students: Student Government, Diversity, and Political Power.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-7, 2019. Smith, Elizabeth S. 2019. Roundtable Participant on “Teaching Undergraduate Research and Statistics.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-7, 2019.

Jenna Storey received the 2019 Engaged Living Award for exemplary service to the program.

Faculty Book Recommendations

David Fleming

Asymmetric Politics: Ideological Republicans and Group Interest Democrats, by Matt Grossmann and David A. Hopkins. Grossman & Hopkins examine what divides Democrats & Republicans. I find their argument very helpful when trying to understand what is happening in American politics.

Identity Crisis: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Battle for the Meaning of America, by John Sides, Michael Tesler, and Lynn Vavreck. Three political scientists explain the 2016 primary and general elections.

Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity, by Lilliana Mason. This book is a great analysis about what divides Americans and the growth of political polarization.

Akan Malici

America's War For the Greater Middle East, by Andrew Bacevich

Presidents of War, by Michael Beschloss

How to Hide an Empire, by Daniel Immerwar

The Great Delusion: Liberal Dreams and International Realities, by John Measrheimer

The Hell of Good Intentions: America's Foreign Policy Elite and the Decline of U.S. Primacy, by Stephen Wait

Liz Smith

Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men, by Caroline Criado Perez

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Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to our department over the last year by providing internships, meeting with students, alerting us to job opportunities, and donating financially to our programs. Special thanks to Rebecca Sigmund, a shareholder at Ogletree Deakins, for her generous donation that has supported student involvement in human rights issues.

If you'd like to designate a gift to the department or one of our programs, please identify the program or specific purpose on your check or check the "Other" box and type in the program name if donating online (www.myfurmangift.com). We now have a separate account for POL student scholarships for internship and study away courses in the summer and the May term when students' regular financial aid does not apply. We also have accounts for the Tocqueville Program, Mock Trial, and Politics and International Affairs student activities to help fund student research, travel, and class activities. If you want to discuss other ways you can help the department, contact liz.smith@furman.edu, and if there's anything we can do for you, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATES
Homecoming Drop In

Saturday, October 19
11am-1pm, Furman Mall



***Career Night Networking Reception
with Faculty and Students***

Thursday, November 7
7:45pm, Johns Hall Community Square

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