



Political Science Newsletter



CLASS OF 2016

The following students are expected to graduate this spring:

- ◆ Christian Albano
- ◆ Stephanie Barbaro
- ◆ Omolola Brooks
- ◆ Alicia Canas
- ◆ Paloma Casteleiro
- ◆ Grace Ewing
- ◆ George Giakoumis
- ◆ Noreen Gilroy
- ◆ Mahdiyah Jaffer
- ◆ Davina Jagdeo
- ◆ Jazmine Javier
- ◆ Antonio Mellace
- ◆ Joseph Orlando
- ◆ Pietro Pisciotta
- ◆ Elizabeth Rilling
- ◆ Jonathan Sclar
- ◆ Sebastian Souchet
- ◆ Joanna Varisco



Political Science

2016

Message from the Chair: Traci Levy

Political Science—or Poli Sci as everyone calls it after their first semester here—has long prided itself on its deep connections between students and faculty and the work we do to integrate the classroom and the world.

Poli Sci faculty members and students come together in open houses for everyone, meetings with freshmen and new students, and in our long-running PoliTEAcal Science Coffeehouses, where we gather outside the classroom to talk about politics and life. (For a taste of some of the discussions we have, see p. 10 for our student survey responses on the topic of how studying political science differs from what students expected.)

To bring the world here and to take learning outside of the

classroom, our engaged faculty and students are very active. To cite just a few examples: Prof. Axelrod worked with several political science majors on a symposium discussing the European migration crisis; Prof. Gray brought to campus a specialist in human rights & trafficking; Prof. Laatikainen took a group of poli sci majors to visit the United Nations headquarters in nearby New York City.

Our students gain invaluable experience by pairing their campus studies with internships nearby and in Washington, D.C. Jazmine Javier, for example, is a Farmworker Outreach Intern on Long Island with Rural and Migrant Ministry. Joseph Orlando interned in Washington, D.C.

with Congresswoman Nita Lowey. (For more about student internships, see pp. 6-7.)

We are also proud to send poli sci students to national and international conferences. (To read George Giakoumis recount his experience at the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in Annapolis, Maryland, see p. 5.)

It's a bittersweet moment for department faculty members when we see our beloved students graduate and leave Adelphi. But, it is with great pride that we watch our accomplished alumni go out into the world and use their political science degree to do interesting and important work. (See p. 11 for alumni highlights.)

European Migration Crisis



On November 2, 2015 the Department of Political Science and the Adelphi Debate Society co-sponsored a student-led symposium on the European migration crisis. The moderator was Dr. Regina Axelrod (center) and the student participants included (from left to right) Hugo Salazar, Jonathan Sclar, Gia Giambalvo, and Sebastian Souchet. The EU states are confronted with hundreds of thousands of migrants from two continents with no solution in sight. It was an exciting discussion!

Political Science Department Awards

Robert J. Johnson Prize for Best Political Science Paper

One of two recipients, 2015

Every year the Political Science Department awards the Johnson Prize for the Best Paper in Political Science. The paper must have been submitted in a political science course within the previous three semesters and received a grade of "A." Students may enter more than one paper.

Self or peer nomination
Deadline: March 3, 2016
Award: monetary

Past Award Recipient:
2015: Jennifer Lin



Hugh A. Wilson Award for Social and Economic Justice

The Hugh A. Wilson Award recognizes a senior Political Science major for activism in the areas of social and economic justice. The selection criteria are activities that serve the public interest, traditionally vulnerable groups, and social and economic equality.

Self nomination
Deadline: March 3, 2016
Award: monetary

Past Award Recipient:
2015: Jasmine Brown



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Award: monetary

Past Award Recipient:
2015: Sarah Cinquemani



W. Grafton Nealley Award for Excellence in Political Science

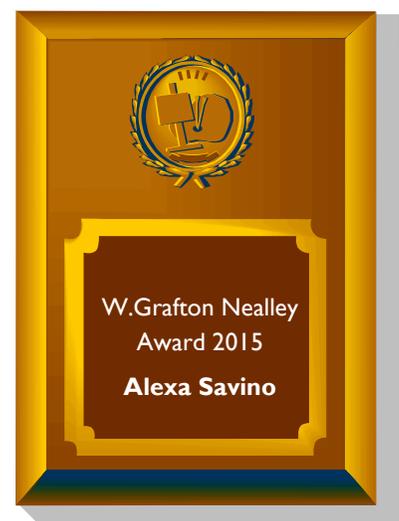
The department bestows the W. Grafton Nealley Award for Excellence in Political Science to its most outstanding senior. A committee of faculty members evaluates potential award recipients, taking into consideration factors such as grade point average in political science, the number and difficulty of courses taken, and improvement over time.

Students are nominated by the Political Science Faculty.

Award: monetary & a book. The recipient's name is displayed on a plaque in the department office.

Past Award Recipient:
2015: Alexa Savino

All prizes and awards are for majors with the status of senior and who are expected to meet requirements for graduation, Class of 2016.



Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national Political Science Honor Society, with over 700 chapters at most leading colleges and universities in the United States. The qualifications for membership at Adelphi's chapter include: 1) at least four courses (including one course at the 300 level) in political science with a "B-" or better in each, 2) Overall Political Science GPA of 3.5 or higher, and 3) Overall university QPA of at least 3.0. It is not necessary to be a political science major to join. Students who are eligible will receive an invitation to join in mid-February. New Pi Sigma Alpha members and their families will be invited to the senior dinner, attended by the faculty, and graduating seniors and their families, for induction. Membership makes one eligible to compete for lucrative national Pi Sigma Alpha competitions and awards—including best senior thesis and Washington D.C. internship stipends. Additionally, joining accentuates academic achievement and organizational involvement, qualities that are of interest to many employers and graduate schools.



Members include:

Christian Albano, Stephanie Barbaro, Jacqueline Condon, Grace Ewing, George Giakoumis, Jazmine Javier, Elizabeth Rilling, Jonathan Sclar and Sebastian Souchet

Congratulations

Adelphi's 2015 Research Day Conference

Jazmine Javier, Best Oral Presentation, Social Sciences, "Literature and Ideology: How the Haitian Revolution Shaped Abolitionist Rhetoric Before the Civil War"

Naresh Singh, Best Oral Presentation, Social Sciences, "An Analysis of the History and Current Legal Status of Private Military Corporations"

Jennifer Lin, Best Oral Presentation, Arts & Humanities, "Reconciling Feminism within a Confucian Culture: The Core of Lu Hsius-Lien's Legacy"

Alexa Savino, Honorable Mention, "Anti-Genre Tensions in France: The Construction of Gender Identity and the State"

Panthers for Peer Protection: for its contributions, commitment and support to social justice and community building at Adelphi.

Jasmine Brown '15, Kindeya Chiaro '17, Jazmine Javier '16, Alexa Savino '15, Isuri Wijesundara and Renee Whyte.

Congratulations President's Leadership Award Recipient

Alexa Savino '15

Departmental Honors

Departmental honors are conferred on students who have a QPA of 3.5 or better in the major and have completed a seminar with a "B" or higher.

Those majors who are expected to graduate with Departmental Honors in 2016 are:

Christian Albano, Stephanie Barbaro, Grace Ewing, George Giakoumis, Noreen Gilroy, Jazmine Javier, Elizabeth Rilling, Jonathan Sclar, and Sebastian Souchet



Student Conference Highlights



The Youth Assembly
at the United Nations



The Friendship Ambassador's 11th Youth Assembly at the UN

The United Nations, New York, August 25-27, 2015

Pietro Pisciotta '16

It came and went in the blink of an eye, and I am so thankful to have been a part of it. The 2015 Summer Youth Assembly took place from August 5th to the 7th at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Making the event even more special was the significance of this year. The year 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. This year is also the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), set back in the year 2000. With these goals ending, the focus of the UN this year has been on the new Sustainable Development Goals, a new set of goals for the next 15 years. Similar to the original MDGs but now, as the name would suggest, with the goal of sustainability in mind.

In all, approximately 600 delegates, mostly high school and college students, attended. People came from every continent and corner of the world with one goal in mind: promoting the voice of youth in the UN's Post-2015 Development agenda. This diversity in cultures brought with it a diversity of ideas impossible to achieve in any other forum but the United Nations Youth Assembly. Delegates attended on behalf of NGO's, companies, universities (as I did), or just on their own for the amazing experience.

Some of the major themes of the Assembly were to be expected. These were the foremost problems in the world that the Post-2015 Development agenda aims to solve, such as poverty and hunger, gender inequality, and climate change. But one of the big topics of discussion throughout the conference that may not be expected was youth involvement. In all the cultures and countries represented at this Youth Assembly, time and time again the same concern was expressed by hundreds of delegates: youth may be informed of global issues and may have innovative ideas on how to solve these problems or may just want to get involved to help, but many youth do not know where to start or may not have the resources to make their ideas a reality. This is a problem faced by youth around the world. For many, just getting people to take them seriously is an obstacle in and of itself because of their youth and supposed "inexperience." For this reason, the main focus of many of the Assembly's panel discussions and presentations was on organizations founded and run by youth, some as young as 15, that have dedicated themselves to solving some of the world's biggest challenges, and doing so by inspiring their fellow youths. Organizations such as Youth Corp and Earth Guardians all had representatives at the Assembly.

The Youth Corp's mission is, according to their website, "to connect and integrate youth-run organizations, companies and initiatives by employing a global network of said organizations, companies and initiatives in order to realize a more youth-empowered world." At the Assembly, they were represented by their co-founders and president, all youths, younger even than many of the delegates. They spoke about the challenges they faced in creating their organization and gave helpful advice to anyone seeking to do their part to improve their community and the world. Another youth group, Earth Guardians, describe themselves as "a tribe of young activists, artists, and musicians from across the globe stepping up as leaders and co-creating the future we know is possible. We are the ones we've been waiting for." Hearing from their director, Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez, was truly inspiring and one of the highlights of the Assembly for me. Xiuhtezcatl, along with his younger brother, is an environmental activist as well as hip-hop artist, with the focus of their music always being the environment and the desperate need for people to mobilize and save it from the devastating effects of climate change. Despite his age—just 15—environmental activism is nothing new for Xiuhtezcatl. His knowledge of climate change is greater than that of someone twice his age. How much he and his organization have accomplished can be an example to youth all over the world.

This is a brief narrative of the Youth Assembly from my own perspective, my own recollection of the more memorable parts of the Assembly. But this is just one perspective. One perspective out of the hundreds that all learned from different experiences at the Youth Assembly. Such diversity of perspectives brought together for three days in one of the most diverse cities in the world illustrated the power youth can have when united, and that despite the distances travelled and the differences in language or culture, we are much more similar than people realize. We are the future, and it is time we had our voices heard.

Student Conference Highlights, Continued



Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference “Sustainability and Sovereignty: Global Security in a Resource-Strained World”

Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, April 13-15, 2015
George Giakoumis '16

This past April I had the great pleasure of representing Adelphi University at the 2015 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in Annapolis, Maryland. My brief time at the academy provided me with an experience I will not soon forget. The conference, which sought to examine potential linkages between sovereignty and global resource sustainability, delivered a platform for dozens of esteemed scholars, entrepreneurs and government officials to discuss and debate how to best attain global security in a resource-strained world. After attending these inspiring and educational panel discussions each morning, we students divided into specialized roundtables to further discuss the multitude of sustainability issues facing the different regions of the world today. Roundtable discussions were characterized by passionate intellectual debate and discussion, and ultimately, proposed solutions to issues of global stability and security. Needless to say, I learned a great deal about the global challenges that lie ahead not only from the venerated speakers but also from my student colleagues.

In addition to a remarkable academic experience, NAFAC 2015 provided me the opportunity to see unique sights and historic landmarks, as well as meet countless bright and very interesting people, many of whom I am still in touch with. Walking the celebrated grounds of the Naval Academy with the midshipmen themselves was a sincerely moving experience. From the tomb of US Navy founder John Paul Jones, to the magnificent stained glass windows of the campus chapel and the incredibly poignant memorial building commemorating all of the navy's fallen heroes, the pristine Annapolis campus was truly breathtaking. Finally, the four-day hiatus gave me the opportunity to explore the unique setting and culture of Annapolis. The city's uniquely tight bond to the United States' navy and to the academy itself, which is plainly evident even in the shortest of explorations around town, make it an inimitable vacation spot for anyone interested in our nation's history. Attending NAFAC 2015 was one of the best decisions I have made in my entire academic career, and I cannot begin to thank Adelphi University's gracious and generous political science department enough for this wonderful opportunity.

Student Internships Highlights

Rural & Migrant Ministry

Long Island, NY, Summer, 2015
Jazmine Javier, '16

I am still interning at the Rural & Migrant Ministry as a Farmworker Outreach Intern. This summer my main project is interviewing East End farmworkers about their stories (working conditions, living conditions, and their aspirations). I go out to the Eastern end of Long Island twice a week to meet farmworkers, help form a community between the workers, and direct them to other service providers (doctors, lawyers, etc.). Attached is a picture of me, the Long Island Accompaniment Coordinator (Nathan Berger), and a farmworker named Boris.



Nassau County Intern Program , County Executive's Office

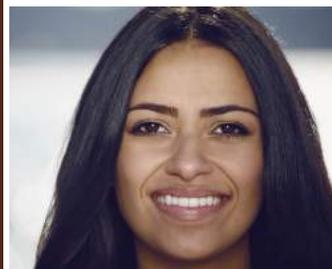
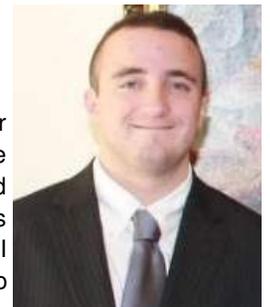
Nassau County, NY, Summer, 2015
Pietro Pisciotta, '16

I'm interning for the Nassau County Executive's Office, specifically in the Department of Social Services. I work in the Employment Unit of DSS, our mission is to help all public assistance clients deemed employable (no disabilities, etc.) find jobs so they can eventually be self-sufficient. We do this through classes, trainings and work experience programs. Also, all interns attend weekly seminars at the County seat, where we hear a presentation and meet with all the commissioners of the various departments in Nassau County government.

The Worker Institute, Community Fellows

New York, NY, Summer, 2015
Jonathan Sclar, '16

I was fortunate to receive a Community Fellows position at the Worker Institute at Cornell University for the summer. It is here where I learned the value of hard work, not just through gaining work experience but also by working with and for people who struggle to find viable employment. First I conducted field research on day laborers, who never know where their next paycheck is going to come from or if there is even going to be a 'next paycheck.' Second, I worked on the *Justice for Farmworkers* campaign and I gained an understanding of the hardships that farm workers, specifically immigrant farm workers, go through on a daily basis.



Brill & Meisel Law Firm

New York, NY, Summer, 2015
Danielle Medina, '17

Over the summer I worked as a legal intern for Brill & Meisel Law Offices. While there I assisted paralegals and attorneys with both commercial and residential real estate closings. I also researched specific properties, ie. zoning laws, noise regulations, etc. Having on the job experience was a real eye-opener for me. There is much more to real estate law than I first expected.

Congressman Gregory Meeks

Jamaica, NY, Summer, 2015
Davina Jagdeo '17

Over the summer I interned at Congressman Gregory Meeks' office in Jamaica, Queens. During my internship experience I assisted constituents with immigration paperwork and followed up on their status. In addition, I created/updated constituents' files in the government database system. This opportunity helped me to build a network so I can continue to stay in touch with the people in my field. My experience gave me a great start in pursuing my Political Science major; it provided hands-on experience that cannot be gained in a classroom.



Student Internship Highlights, Continued



The Washington Center Internship

Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Washington, DC, Fall 2015

Joseph Orlando '16

While I am only one month into my internship at the office of Congresswoman Nita Lowey (NY – 17), I could not be happier where I am and with whom I am working with. Congresswoman Nita Lowey represents my district so this internship is incredibly special to me. Furthermore, the congresswoman embodies some of the ideas on gun control and education that I do. On only my second day I was sent to a congressional briefing on World War One and its impacts on present geopolitical conflicts. As an intern I conduct research for the other staffers and fellows in the office, attend hearings, and write memos and letters to constituents who contact the congresswoman. While I am responsible for some remedial work such as answering the phones, I am also attending congressional hearings and gaining a new perspective on how the government really works.

The Washington Center Internship

Department of the Interior, Washington, DC, Fall 2015

Elizabeth Rilling '16

Hello Adelphi Political Science! This semester I have the opportunity to write to you from the heart of Washington, DC. Adelphi's partnership with The Washington Center makes it possible for me to earn 15 Political Science credits while interning in DC, in my case at the US Department of the Interior Office of Surface Mining. Here, my supervisor has me doing research for the program that he runs. We are using this research to write a Whitepaper, which is an official document advocating or persuading for the adoption of a certain policy. In our case, it is an argument for AmeriCorp/VISTA to name environmental stewardship as one of its top-tier priorities because environmental stewardship can directly lead to poverty alleviation. Working in the DOI is great for me as a double major in Environmental Studies and Political Science. I am meeting professionals in other departments, such as the National Park Service or the Bureau of Land Management, and I am learning how many of these successful individuals got where they are today. I also had the opportunity to attend the Senate Committee for the Environment and Public Works' hearing on the Gold King Mine Blowout. Being able to attend the hearing and view the political proceedings through the lens of theories and concepts I have learned in Political Science was really amazing, and I hope to attend a few others during my time here!



Professor Axelrod met current interns and alumni at the Washington Center Gala on October 5, 2015



Current D.C. interns, Joseph Orlando & Elizabeth Rilling



From left: Brett Heimov, Aleksandra Pinkhasova, Elizabeth Rilling, Dr. Axelrod, Elizabeth Taras, J.P. Regis and Joseph Orlando



Dr. Axelrod & Elizabeth Rilling

Faculty News



Professor Regina S. Axelrod conducted research and co-authored an invited chapter on global environmental governance for an edited book *Environmental Governance Reconsidered, Challenges, Choices and Opportunities* to be published by MIT Press. Professor Axelrod received the Professor Recognition Award from Adelphi University for excellence in scholarship, teaching and service. Sage Publishers awarded Professor Regina Axelrod the "Sage Cornerstone Author Award" for her co-edited book, *The Global Environment: Institutions, Law, and Policy*, 4th edition: 2015. Sage said it wanted "to honor all of the hard work, first-rate scholarship and quality writing that has gone into...[Prof. Axelrod's] book over the years, making it a mainstay in the discipline."

Professor Margaret Gray presented a paper at the Labor and Working Class History Association Conference about the links between slavery and the treatment of agricultural workers today. She also presented at the Association for American Geographers Conference about her more recent research on NYS dairy workers' health and safety issues. In September, she served as a discussant on a labor-themed panel at the American Political Science Association Meeting. In October, Professor Gray presented a paper on fatalities in the dairy industry at the "Empire and Solidarity" conference in New Orleans. During the fall se-

mester she gave talks at Old Westbury, Lafayette College (her alma mater), the Culinary Institute of America, FIT, NYU, and the University of Southern Maine. Her book, *Labor and the Locavore*, continues to be positively reviewed in journals including *Agricultural History*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Agriculture and Human Values*, *Food Culture and Society*, *Progressive Planning*, and *Labor/Le Travail*. She is also the recipient of a 2016 Adelphi Faculty Development Grant to further her research on dairy workers.



Professor Katie Laatikainen was invited to attend a research workshop on the European Union at the United Nations in Athens, Greece. The workshop was the launch of a research project organized by faculty at the Athens University of Economics and will result in an edited volume to be published by Palgrave in 2016. Professor Laatikainen's chapter is on the interaction of the EU Delegation and EU member-state delegations at the UN. Professor Laatikainen also attended the International Studies Association conference in New Orleans in February 2015. Over the summer, the two-volume, 71 chapter *Sage Handbook of European Foreign Policy* that Professor Laatikainen co-edited was published by Sage. Finally, Professor Laatikainen's chapter 'The EU Delegation in New York: A Debut of High Political Drama' was published in *The European External Action*

Service: European Diplomacy Post-Westphalia edited by David Spence and Josef Batora. In September, she was promoted to full Professor.

Professor Traci Levy is co-authoring a paper with Prof. Deborah Little on the right to self-care. Prof. Little presents that paper at the Eastern Sociological Society. Prof. Levy is also attending the Western Political Science Association's annual meeting and serving as chair and discussant of two different academic panels related to care theory and family policies. She recently served as manuscript reviewer for the journal *Politics & Gender*. In addition to her responsibilities teaching, researching, and as chairperson of the Political Science Department and Director of the Gender Studies minor, Prof. Levy continues to support Adelphi's Collaboration Project and is working on their two-year theme, Racial Justice Matters.

Dr. Hugh A. Wilson, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science, participated in two campus events this semester. He delivered the Constitution Day Lecture on September 17, 2015 in the University Center. His talk was titled "The Constitution: The Framers' Road Map for Big Government." Dr. Wilson also spoke on a panel, "Freedom Rising: First-Hand Recollections from the Civil Rights Movement," on October 22, 2015 in the Performing Arts Center. He recounted his participation in civil rights struggles during the 1960's and 1970's.



Recent Lectures on Campus

Constitution Day: The Framers' Perspectives on Big Government Reported by Jonathan Sclar & Sebastian Souchet

Hugh Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Adelphi University, capped off another successful Constitution Day with a speech in which he argued that the Framers of the United States Constitution designed it in such a way that allows for “big government,” or the ability of the government to intervene in the political, social, and economic spheres of the America. Professor Wilson began by deconstructing the motivation behind the creation of the U.S. Constitution. Initially, under the Articles of Confederation, there were thirteen different constitutions, one for each of the states. As a result, the states had distinct economic policies, cultures, and governments, and hence the federal government was weak. It was with the establishment of the Constitution—which created a national bicameral legislature and the three branches of the national government—that the federal government was endowed with supremacy over the state governments, and its strength was enhanced. Professor Wilson went on to explain the notion of implied powers, or the ability of the federal government to exercise powers that are not explicitly expressed in the Constitution. Implied powers, combined with delegated powers, are the true metric for measuring the size of the U.S. government. Hence, Professor Wilson demonstrated that the Constitution was designed with the goal of a big government in mind.



Political Science and International Studies Students attended the United Nations with Professor Laatikainen on Friday, November 20, 2015



Freedom Rising: First-Hand Recollections from the Civil Rights Movement

On October 22, 2015, a distinguished and riveting panel of members of the Adelphi community provided an oral history, recounting their personal involvement in the struggle for civil rights. Professor Emeritus Hugh Wilson (Political Science) spoke about his involvement in civil rights organizing at Howard University in the 1960s and on Long Island as a community organizer in the early 1970s. Senior Associate Provost Les Baltimore spoke about his involvement in the 1960s Freedom Rides. Professor Marsha Darling (also Director of the Center for African, Black, and Caribbean Studies) moderated the panel and the lively discussion that followed. Over 100 people attended this event, which was co-sponsored by the Collaboration Project and part of this year's annual theme, Racial Justice Matters. The panel was also co-sponsored by the Center for African, Black, and Caribbean Studies and the Political Science Department.



Student Survey Political Science Majors were asked: How is the study of political science or being a political science major different from what you expected?

The following responses were gathered by Political Science Majors, Hugo Salazar '17 and Jonathan Sclar '16.

Stephanie Barbaro (2016) As a freshman, I expected requirements that focused more on American government. Some classes are exactly what I imagined while other classes are not. Introduction to the American Political System was more of what I expected.

Cliff Brantley (2016) I never knew the importance of international relations and a nation's credibility before becoming a political science major.

Luke Colle (2018) I have always been highly interested in modern domestic issues. As a result, right out of high school, I came to Adelphi to study political science. I figured I would become better informed on the nature of these issues before moving on to law school. Although, while I am learning a great deal about current events, I did not expect political science to be such a diverse field. More specifically, within political science are the subjects of political theory, domestic politics, and international relations, each which are influenced by a variety of factors and are specific to particular regions and time periods. As a result, the political science major ends up having to know quite a lot. For instance, I never imagined I would be studying the political philosophy of ancient Greece through epic poems such as the *Iliad*. However, I am really enjoying it. All things considered, while the wide range of subjects within political science had me feeling overwhelmed at first, I am finding it to be a very positive thing.

Alicia Canas (2016) When I switched my major to political science, I did not expect to be doing fieldwork such as conducting interviews and transcribing data for some classes, such as Issues in Contemporary Immigration or Research Design. Being able to apply knowledge learned in the classroom and see how concepts learned in class apply to real life was fantastic.

Jacqueline Condon (2017) I would say that being a political science major is different from what I expected because the scope of what can be studied is much larger than I imagined. I always understood coming in what the basis of political science was, but I never thought that I would be offered classes where I could apply my knowledge of politics and government learned in

my pre-requisite classes to different areas, countries, and time periods around the world. It always struck me more as a US-based discipline, and on the beginner level it is. But as you expand your knowledge of the subject you are able to explore other areas like international relations or the governments of different states, and I never expected to do this. Although the more global side of political science was unexpected by me, it was absolutely a positive for me, and I feel like I've been able to learn a lot more and understand the information I learn more comprehensively by being able to apply it to a context larger than just the United States.

Grace Ewing (2016) I didn't expect to be able to tailor my courses to meet my interests as often as I have. For me, there are a lot of interesting IR/European-oriented classes to take.

George Giakoumis (2016) The classes offered are a lot more specialized than what I had thought. Coming in, I expected this major to be focused solely around abstract theories or concepts. But the courses offered, especially the higher level ones, often examine very specific and interesting areas of focus (academic or regional).

Mahdiyah Jaffer (2016) The study of political science covered a broader area of study than I expected. From political theory to special regional classes, studying political science has exceeded my expectations.

Jazmine Javier (2016) I had a very different expectation of what it meant to be a political science major when I entered college than I do now. I initially thought that I would be limited to more traditional classes on government structures and economics. I was overjoyed that each professor in our department goes above and beyond to apply traditional understandings to interesting themes and topics. Applying political theory to feminism and understanding the role of art and media in political science are just a few ways in which the major branches beyond itself into other social sciences. I am extremely happy that my expectations of what it meant to be a political science major were exceeded.

Eric Priest (2019) Being a political science major requires students to be knowledgeable about current events, both nationally and internationally. In some classes we don't discuss any current political events unless the professor instructs us to do so. As a political science major, I expected

each class to incorporate current events into discussions. On the other hand, being a political student in the United States, I thought we would study the founding of our country but this has never occurred in class. Other than these points, everything was expected such as the homework, readings, expectations, etc.

Michael Sonta (2019) "I think; therefore, I am"; venerated French philosopher René Descartes was a deeply inquisitive man who strove mightily to inquire; he was a systematic assayer of inherent human knowledge. This hallmark utterance aforementioned, emblazons his belief that human sentience or existence is determined by one's capacity to think. Doubtlessly, the multitudinous worldviews and ideologies constructed thus far have propelled the human race forward, yet there still exists plenty of issues standing in the way of the achievement of a world in which the propagation of human justice, decent living standards, healthcare as a right, become the rule, and not the exception. Through my pursuit of a Political Science degree at Adelphi University, I feel as though one day, I too can contribute to the betterment of the human race.

In my studies at this institution thus far, I have already examined many conceptual ideas that have provided me with an unequivocally dynamic learning experience. What I had initially feared to be nothing more than a long-winded analytical deluge, has been instead been a priceless study of a versatile discipline. Even at this early juncture, I've been able to apply my study to real-life scenarios; identifying trends in the news, engaging in debates, and formulating analyses of social issues that I someday hope to tackle head on as I hope to pursue a career in Constitutional law. I fully believe that my studies in this discipline will better equip me with tools I need to face this towering goliath of social, political, and economic inequality facing our world, and one day I would like to utilize our unique political system to help flex the often under looked political muscle which we the people possess.



Political Science Alumni: Where are they Now?

Sarah Cinquemani (2015) has moved to New York and will be starting at Pace Law School in the fall. Over the summer, she worked part-time for The Vinci Group, a political consulting group that works to get Democrats elected at the local and state level in Connecticut. She canvassed in New London, CT for the mayor and worked on candidate literature and contracts for new clients.

John Bourquin (2014) is a Legal Intern at the Real Estate Law practice of Alan I. Sosne, Bridgehampton, New York. He is attending Touro College - Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in Central Islip, New York.

Joe Conte (2011) moved out to LA 3.5 years ago to work for the political organizing software company NationBuilder. For the last year he has been consulting with technology companies on UX, go to market strategies and internal systems. He is also the co-founder of CityGrows, a civic tech software company, an advisor to the nonprofit Rhize and startup RepDoc and will be moving to San Francisco.

Christian Fundo (2007) is currently a fourth-year associate at Latham & Watkins, where he focuses on banking and finance transactions, representing banks such as JP Morgan, Bank of America, Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs. He is currently on a client secondment to Goldman Sachs, working with the in-house investment banking legal team. Christian is featured in this year's Adelphi Magazine's Alumni, "10 under 10."

Gabriel Hardy-Francon (2015) is attending King's College, London. He is pursuing an MA in Intelligence and International Security.

Emmanuel Hector (2010) is currently working as an Adviser at the United States Mission to the United Nations in the Host Country section. He has been really busy with the UN General Assembly. Emmanuel continues to travel the globe and recently participated in the Spartan Trifecta! (Three races in three states - 90 obstacles and 30 miles... through fire, electricity, mud, water, and barbed wire.)

Brian Michael Hoyle (2010) is currently a fifth grade teacher in Virginia where he is working on Instructional Technology with the school district and is writing curriculum for the science department. He is studying financial planning and tax analysis at the University of Virginia. He will be opening a consulting firm in Arlington, VA early next year with two partners (very early stages!). Brian married his wife Ashley Hoyle in May of this year.

Joanne Joseph (2012) graduated from Cornell Law School in May and was awarded the John

J. Kelly Memorial Prize, awarded to "a graduating Law School student who, in the judgment of the Dean of the Law School, best exemplifies qualities of scholarship, fair play, and good humor." She was also awarded the Morris P. Glushien Prize, "awarded annually by the Dean of the Law School for the best student Note concerning current social problems published in a Cornell law journal," for her published Note on the U.S. citizen child's constitutional rights in the immigration context. On September 28th, Joanne joined the D.C. office of Paul Hastings, a large international law firm, as a litigation associate.

Michael Khayan (2015) is working at the Segal Group, a consulting firm with several subsidiaries that deal with issues of human resources, compensation, benefits, and healthcare. He is a Corporate Health Intern, working to update the benefits information for 225 schools as part of the 2015 College and University Database Study. Michael was also recently awarded two scholarships to apply towards his studies at Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Johns Hopkins): the Lazarian Graduate Scholarship and the AGBU US Graduate Fellowship.

Jennifer Lin (2015) has deferred her admission to the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London for a year in order to apply for scholarship funding and gain some real world experience. At SOAS, she hopes to write her dissertation about the evolution of one woman's political legacy in modern Taiwanese politics and begin linguistic training in earnest to prepare for a possible career covering current events in East Asia. She spent the summer immediately following graduation working as a legislative aide to New York State Assemblyman Edward P. Ra. He represents the 19th Assembly District which includes Garden City and parts of Franklin Square, West Hempstead, New Hyde Park, Carle Place, Williston Park, Albertson, Glen Head, and Mineola.

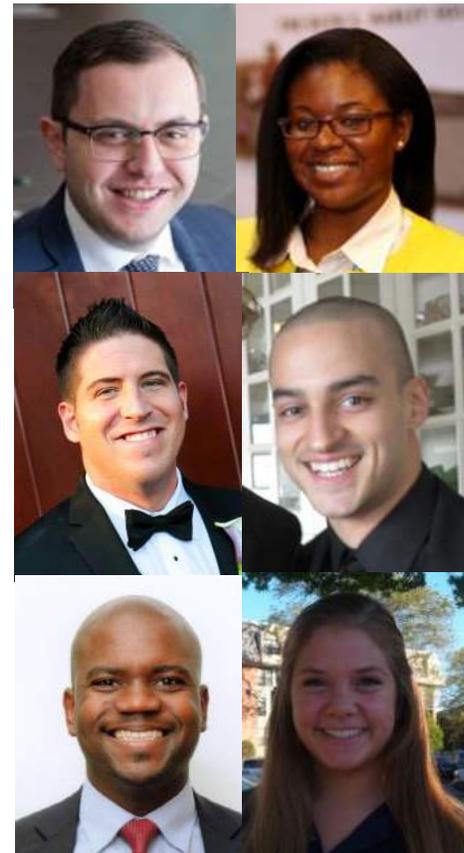
Anastasiya Martinova (2015) secured a full time job as a paralegal at Laura Devine Attorneys in Midtown NY. As for fall plans she is looking to do volunteer work with an organization dedicated to helping girls.

Mahnoor Misbah (2014) is attending Fordham University School of Law. Unsure of what type of law she wants to specialize in, she knows that she wants to incorporate elements of human rights law into whatever she chooses. She would love to work with women from her home country of Pakistan, helping to empower them through the law.

Alexa Savino (2015) After completing her work as a research assistant in the Political Science Department this past summer, she is spending her gap year working in Garden City for Gassman, Baiamonte & Betts, a firm dealing with matters related to marital and family law. She aims to attend law school by Fall 2016.

Thomas Nocera (2012) is currently working for NBC Universal in their ad sales division, where he schedules commercials' spots based on particular client preferences and deals with any problems, issues, complaints a client may have. Sometimes he deals with particular companies (like Coca-Cola, Nissan, Toyota, etc.) or an agency that represents the company and their requests for specific air time spots. In his free time Thomas is volunteering with a homeless outreach charity run by a local church (Gateway City Church), a brand new non-profit group.

Adaeze Udoji (2008) is a Corporate Associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP. In addition to her role practicing law, Udoji is also a member of the Adelphi University Board of Trustees and is featured in this year's Adelphi Magazine's Alumni, "10 under 10."



Clockwise from top left: Christian Fundo; Adaeze Udoji; Gabriel Hardy-Francon; Sarah Cinquemani; Emmanuel Hector; and Brian Michael Hoyle.



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