



Fall 2013

# Political Science Newsletter

Message from the Chair: **Regina S. Axelrod**

## Study Abroad & Internships

The Political Science faculty strongly encourages students to take advantage of study abroad and internship programs. Overseas, there are excellent programs in Prague and Budapest, among others. The Provost offers a scholarship to study abroad for which students can compete. Domestically, the Political Science Department has had great success sending our students to The Washington Center for an internship semester.



See page 10 for some recent student internships

It is good to be back from a year of doing research and completing the fourth edition of my book on the Global Environment. I have been analyzing the impact of the Fukushima disaster on the future of nuclear energy.

It has been heart-warming to see old students and welcome new ones. I hope you all come by the political science office, Blodgett 202, in your free time or between classes and relax or chat with other students and faculty. Our administrative assistant, Dawn Marie Kelleher, is always ready to lend support.

I recently visited our student who is interning in Washington D.C., Brian Roberts. While there I attended the annual Washington Center Gala where I met with Brian and some past interns who are either working, or attending law school or graduate school in the D.C. area (e.g. George Washington University and American University). The Washington Internship Program is a wonderful way to build a career, try out something new, develop contacts, and build a network. But, most importantly, it is an exciting way to learn how government actually works, i.e. how policy is made and implemented.

Our students obtain excellent placements working in Congress for instance, the offices of Representatives Peter King, Carolyn Maloney, and Eliot Engel, and at executive agencies such as the Department of Justice, and the Environmental Protection Agency, interest and lobbying groups like the Financial Services Roundtable, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Center for Alternative Sentencing and the D.C. District Court. You can

receive full academic credit for a semester. It can change your life and offer exciting opportunities. If you are interested you should plan early. The public policy seminar (POL 429) given in the spring semester is a prerequisite to the internship. See Professor Axelrod, 516-877-4591, or Blodgett Room 202 for more details.

I wish you success and look forward to greeting you.

**Pictured at the Washington Center's Annual Gala, from top left: Brian Roberts, J.P Regis, Romina Kazadjian, Aleksandra Pinkhasova, Dr. Regina Axelrod, and Elizabeth Taras**



# Commencement & Graduation Dinner Collage



There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises."  
Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. ~Orrin Hatch

# Student Honors, Awards and Scholarships

## Departmental Graduation Award Recipients

**Cristobal Zarco** won the W. Grafton Nealley Prize for Best Political Science Paper.

**Valerie Cardona** won the Hugh A. Wilson Award for Social and Economic Justice.

**Joseph Bruno** won the W. Grafton Nealley Award for Excellence in Political Science



## Scholarship and AU Award Winners

**Brian Roberts** is the recipient of a Pi Sigma Alpha scholarship towards The Washington Center Internship for the Fall 2013 semester.

**Alexa Savino** won the Adelphi University Research Day 2013: Outstanding Oral Presentation in the Humanities . She also won the Omnicron Delta Kappa Emerging Leader Award.

## Sigma Lambda Honor Society Members

Heena Arora, Jennifer Lin, Edwin Maldonado, Michael Manzo, Mahnoor Misbah, Gabriella Ali-Marino, Meghan Lombardo, Rebecca Murdukhayev

**Honorary Member:** Professor Traci Levy

## Student Government Association

**Class of 2014** Heena Arora *President*

**Class of 2015** Sarah Cinquemani *Vice President*

**Class of 2015** Anastasiya Martinova *Secretary*

**Chief Justice** Jennifer Lin

**Earle Hall Seantor** Gabriella Ali-Marino

**College of Arts and Sciences Senator** Christopher Ladka

Congratulations to all the Political Science Majors who were sworn in to their Student Government positions!

## ADVISING

Students **MUST** see their advisor for registration. Students should not register without their advisor's approval or they run the risk of not graduating on time, as curriculum offerings are subject to change and requirements must be met!

If you are unsure which faculty member is your advisor, please see the administrative assistant Mrs. Dawn Marie Kelleher in the political science office, Blodgett 202. Faculty members will be posting hours for students to schedule advising appointments. Please come to your appointment prepared by submitting your proposed schedule to C.L.A.S.S. *before your meeting*.

To avoid any scheduling conflict STEP students may need to take the capstone seminar in the spring of their junior year. All STEP students should consult with Professor Axelrod, 516-877-4591.

Also, students interested in the Washington Internship for senior year must take the required Public Policy Seminar (429) offered in the Spring to be eligible for the internship.

# Student Conference Highlights



## The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy & the United Nations

New York, NY & Washington, DC, June 24-28, 2013

(The UN & Various Cultural Interest Places in Washington, DC)

*Linda Naumann, Class of 2014*

A few weeks ago I attended, as a representative of Adelphi University, the Institute of Cultural Diplomacy's symposium titled "US Cultural Diplomacy: The Use of the Arts in Promoting Dialogue, Fostering Peace, and Initiating Mutual Understanding amongst World Cultures and Civilizations." The week-long event was split between New York City and Washington, D.C. I was excited to be going, as I have a huge interest in the arts and art history, and thought this would be a great way to see how I could combine my interests with my major. I was also looking forward to the fact that several major museums were somehow involved in this event.

Unfortunately, the symposium was not entirely what I was expecting. To me, it seemed to have little to do with the arts and appeared more heavily focused on other aspects of culture (especially religion) and the roles that governments, businesses and states had in fostering international relations. However, this did not mean I was disappointed with the discussions or debates; many were very interesting. I found that I enjoyed the time spent in Washington, D.C. the most. Days were split between the National Public Radio Headquarters and Johns Hopkins University and I felt the lectures more clearly related to the name of the symposium.

While in D.C., there were two speakers who stood out to me the most. The first was Nicolas Kralev, author and expert on diplomacy, world affairs and global travel. He discussed the various roles that diplomats to other countries played and the multiple responsibilities/duties they were expected to do. But his main point was that these diplomats ought to have not only interest in their job roles, but an interest in and knowledge of the region that they are being sent to. According to him, if a diplomat is fully aware of the customs and cultures of the region, it's much easier to create relationships with the local people and governments.

But the speaker I enjoyed the most was András Simonyi, former Hungarian Ambassador to the United States and NATO. His lecture was exactly what I was expecting from the conference – the role of the arts in international relations, but focusing on music. He noted that while many other countries may not approve of the stances of American politics, there's no denying that they love American music. He believed, for example, that rock 'n' roll music assisted in weakening the totalitarian grip of the Iron Curtain. So why not continue to use that shared interest to open up doors between nations? Even Simonyi himself formed a band with other ambassadors, called Coalition of the Willing. (Jeff "Skunk" Baxter of Steely Dan is their guitarist, which is pretty sweet, if you ask me.)

Lastly, András Simonyi promoted using other less traditional methods to reach out to people. Here, he discussed his appearances on late-night talk shows, especially his multiple appearances on *The Colbert Report*. Simonyi admitted that while he risked his own political reputation in Hungary by appearing on the show, he was able to connect with new audiences in various countries that he may not have been able to communicate with otherwise.

Overall, I enjoyed the symposium, though I wish there was more of a focus on the arts. However, I would recommend attending any of ICD's future conferences and symposiums especially for those with an interest in international affairs.

## Student Conference Highlights, Continued



### **The Friendship Ambassador's 12th Youth Assembly at the UN**

The United Nations, New York, August 2013

*Shannyn Ball, Class of 2014*

This summer I was chosen by the Political Science department at Adelphi University to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations. This event brought together young people from around the globe to engage in global politics and discuss the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Youth Assembly focused on the role of young people in creating a better global community through service projects and showed how putting the ideas of today's youth into action can assist in changing the world.

On my first day, I arrived at the United Nations General Assembly Hall and was excited to begin this event knowing that here in this building, multiple international ambassadors and leaders are trying to achieve goals for peace and to make the international community a better place for all of its citizens. We were addressed by Simona Miclescu, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations, who gave an inspiring speech explaining how global youth are a key asset to achieving the eight MDGs. This speech set the tone for everyone else who spoke and encouraged everyone in the room to make a difference in the global community. Later on, we watched a film called "Dancing in Jaffa" starring Peter Dulaine, a man trying to achieve his goal of having Israeli and Palestinian children dance together, knowing the difficulties that have risen in the past and continue in the present between these two nations. I related to Mr. Dulaine, as dance has been a large part of my life for many years and I understand its positive impact on younger generations. This film displayed how dance is an international language that can bring people together after all they have been through. Mr. Dulaine's passion for this cause has motivated me to take more of an interest in using dance as a tool to bring about peace.

Throughout the event I had the chance to visit the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations. While there I talked to the Political Foreign Services Officer who gave me insight into her job at the United States Mission and how she earned this position. This was extremely interesting, as I have dreamed of this job for the past 5 years. Because of the Youth Assembly event, I finally had the opportunity to discuss the job with an actual Foreign Services Officer. She discussed the issues that the Mission of the United States is currently addressing, including human rights and democracy, peace and stability, and climate change. Learning about this job from an expert taught me more about ways in which I can make a difference globally.

The most important lesson I learned is that every young person's actions and voice counts. People I met while at the event have achieved a great deal in trying to change the global community through these eight MDGs. One individual named Kehkashan Basu, from India, gave a speech about her experiences and achievements with UNEP. Her presentation of what she has accomplished since she was eight years old to now, being the Global Coordinator for Children and Youth for UNEP at the age of thirteen, was absolutely amazing. This encouraged me, as well as many other attendees, to try to achieve goals such as these to better the world. I have also made connections with people from Canada, Mali, India, and Singapore, which has been one of the most beneficial aspects of the Youth Assembly for me. I have been inspired by this event to become a more actively involved global citizen and want to assist in achieving the global MDGs before the year 2015.

## Student Conference Highlights, Continued



### **The U.S. Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference**

Annapolis, Maryland, April 9-11, 2013

*John Bourquin, Class of 2014*

Of all of the opportunities that Adelphi University has offered me, my attendance at the 2013 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference is definitely among the most memorable and fascinating experiences of my college career.

The Political Science Department sent my close friend Sindre Viksand and I as delegates to the conference, which took place April 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> at the United States Naval Academy's campus in Annapolis, Maryland. We were two of some 150 delegates from the world over who converged on the base for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Foreign Affairs Conference, whose topic of discussion was the changing role of the United States in the modern world.

Exchanges and discussions took place in various settings, both in small groups of less than 20—known as roundtables—which delved into specific facets of the changing role of the United States, and in mass lectures, given to the entirety of delegates by notable speakers. The experience of both the round tables and the lectures was further enhanced by the caliber of speakers provided: several Middle East and international relations experts, many of whom have advised Presidents, two officers of the United States Special Operations Command, and the Ambassadors to the United States from Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, and South Korea. The final address was given by Admiral William McRaven, Commander of the United States' Special Operations Command, who is best known for his key role in planning the raid that killed Osama Bin Laden.

Be it the roundtable discussions, the group lessons from knowledgeable experts, or talks over dinner with fellow students from all corners of the world, attending the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference 2013 was one of the most enriching college experiences I could have hoped for.



## Alumni Profile: Jean-Phillipe Regis

### Report from Jean-Phillipe Regis, Class of 2011

I had the pleasure of participating in the Washington Semester Internship as a way to finish my undergraduate coursework, and it quite simply changed my life. I interned for United States Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, full-time, five days a week. I received firsthand experience while Congress was in session, preparing staffers for hearings and doing research that was used to debate legislation the Congresswoman was trying to pass. I attended a number of briefings and hearings on various matters of great interest to me. Working so closely with some of the people who shape the public policy of the nation was something that I will never forget.



After my internship, I began looking for work and found the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). When I was hired I was told that I received the job primarily because of my internship experience on Capitol Hill. The majority of jobs are looking for students with degrees but also with experience; that is why this internship program was so critical to my success after college. At the OSP I worked towards getting scholarships for low-income families in D.C. to attend private schools (K-12). Due to the state of the public school system in the D.C. area, the work I did was very important to the future of the youth in our nation's capital. During my time there, the OSP was a \$20 million dollar federally-funded program authorized by the SOAR Act. The SOAR Act was the only piece of legislation that Speaker Boehner co-authored during that session in Congress. (It also received bipartisan support through Lieberman and Feinstein.) While the main author of this legislation may not fall into my particular political beliefs, I saw first-hand how certain legislation can lead to effective federal programs whose impact can transcend partisan politics.

Currently, I am working for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), helping to administer two federally funded educational programs. The Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) is designed for high school students and the Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program (NREIP) is designed for undergraduate and graduate students. Both programs offer competitive stipends for students to conduct important research at various Department of Navy Laboratories across the nation. In my short time here, I not only assist students/parents with the application process for our program, but I handle the recruitment for the two programs as well. I also have been given the responsibility of helping to disburse the stipend payments we give to help fund students' internships.

Of greatest importance, the Washington Semester Internship Program unequivocally changed my life. I will forever be grateful to Professor Axelrod, Dawn Kelleher, and Adelphi University for their assistance in providing me with this opportunity that served as the catalyst in my professional development.

## Political Science Alumni: Where Are They Now?

If you would like to appear in future Newsletters, please keep in touch. Our contact information is on the web or E-mail: [Levy@adelphi.edu](mailto:Levy@adelphi.edu). We love hearing from our Alumni!

**Aldi Binozi (2010)** is working for the town of East Hampton in the Ordinance Department as a Code Enforcement officer. He also works as a part-time adviser for an overseas oil company.

**Joseph Bruno (2013)** is in his first year at Cornell University Law School. This past summer, Joe interned at the Nassau County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency, where he assisted county prosecutors in compiling and synthesizing ticket data.

**Phil DiSanto (2012)** is in his second year at Columbia Law School. He spent his summer interning with the Office of the New York State Attorney General in Mineola, NY, where he assisted with various aspects of state litigation. Next summer, he will be joining the New York office of a large international law firm as a summer associate. Phil was also recently invited to membership on the Columbia Law Review and continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of Adelphi University.

**Vida Erdman, formerly Manavizadeh (2004)** continues to work as an infusion nurse in outpatient oncology at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). Every August Vida also participates in a big event called the Reach Paint & Repair-a-thon where volunteers paint, do home repairs, and landscape for seniors in the community to help allow them to stay in their homes. She is also volunteering with a refugee resettlement agency and is going to be paired with a refugee family from Nepal as their mentor. She has also been on a mission to try every ice cream parlor in Portland.

**Gustavo Escobar (2002)** is currently entering his 5th year as a Special Education teacher in the NYC Department of Education. He is currently teaching 8th grade at P.S. 127 in East Elmhurst, Queens. Gustavo was married on December 15th to Natalie Friedl.

**Hillary Frisbie (B.A. with majors in Communications & Political Science, 2006)** is a Facility Management and Capital Project Coordinator at Henry Street Settlement, overseeing various project in 17 facilities across the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Current projects include renovation and restoration of historic landmark facilities, sustainable design integration, and emergency management & disaster planning. Hillary currently holds a Masters in Arts in Cultural Management (Pratt '12) and is pursuing a Master of Science in Facility Management (Pratt '14). Hillary has presented sustainable project development in Austria at the European Facility Management Conference and will be speaking at the International Facility Management Association's (IFMA) annual conference presenting facility life cycle planning and inclusion within the industry. In addition, Hillary is the Co-Founder of the International Summer Challenge in Facility Management and Real Estate Development as well as the Co-Chair of the New York City chapter of IFMA.

**David Fuller (2006)** won the Republican endorsement for Stratford, Connecticut's Zoning Commission for the 2013 elections. He is currently working as a development and marketing officer for the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens, a nature museum and education center in Stamford, CT. He has completed his coursework for his Masters of Arts in Communicators and is preparing research for his thesis. Dave is also currently teaching state and local government at Housatonic Community College, in conjunction with a graduate assistantship at Fairfield University.

**Christian A. Fundo (2007)** is a third-year associate in the Corporate and Securities group at Dechert LLP. Christian is also an active participant in Dechert's pro bono practice and has represented several LGBT individuals who have sought asylum in the United States.

**Michael Ganci (2007)** is an associate attorney at Cobert, Haber and Haber, LLP currently specializing in matrimonial law.

**Brian Hoyle (2010)** is beginning year 3 of full-time teaching in fifth grade, and has already started classes for a second M.A. in educational administration. Brian was nominated as Science Teacher of the Year in Prince William County, Virginia, and was a presenter at the "Excellence and Equity in Education" conference in August. Brian recently spent a week in Paris and the French countryside with his girlfriend, Ashley Bencivenga, and the two still reside in Lake Ridge, VA, with their dogs Mindy and Lola.

**Antoniya Kaneva (2008)** moved to a new position as a full-time member of the legal team at Intralinks, Inc., a Software-as-a-Service company. Her position is Contract Specialist and it entails supporting the company's sales organization by negotiating the legal terms and conditions of contracts with clients and vendors, monitoring the performance of existing contracts and strategizing about minimizing company's exposure to legal risks.

**Ethan Keller (2010)** joined Premiere Radio Network as Web/Show Producer for the Rush Limbaugh Show early this year. After graduating Adelphi University, Ethan gained experience from various leaders in the news industry. He worked at WABC Radio as a producer and occasional commentator for political shows, and later joined the Fox News Channel. During his 3 years at FNC, he predominantly worked on America's Newsroom and Studio B/Fox Report with Shepard Smith. He is involved with various charities for US service members and veterans.

**Maria Kozak (2013)** is in her first year at American University's Washington College of Law and recently made it onto the Intellectual Property Brief journal.

**John Miller (2012)** is currently in his second year at Harvard Law School. Between classes, he remains very active with various student groups dedicated to negotiation, mediation, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He also meets his friends every Friday for board games.

**Aleksandra Pinkhasova (2013)** is in her first year at George Washington University Law School. Aleksandra, along with her partner, won the GW Law Negotiation Competition and made it onto the Alternate Dispute Resolution Board. In her "free time," Aleksandra enjoys running, particularly when she can take in the D.C. landmarks along her route.

**Sarabeth Rangiah (2013)** is working as a Field Organizer for Melinda Katz's campaign for Queens Borough President. She also preparing for the LSAT exam and preparing her law school applications.

**Michele Rosenblatt (2009)** was sworn in on September 4th 2013 as a NY attorney. She has joined the Suffolk Women's Bar Association and the NYC Bar Association. Recently, she just finished editing and cite-checking the Honorable Stephen L Ukeiley's book called The Bench Guide to Landlord & Tenant Disputes in New York. Go and get it for a good read!

**Elizabeth Taras (2013)** is in her first year at George Washington University Law School, where she is rekindling her love for caffeine and approaching challenging work with a positive attitude.

**Adaeze Udoji (2008)** joined the General Counsel's Office of American Express as a Compliance Officer earlier this year. She has been supporting different business units as they create compliance programs and address risk management concerns globally that impact card services. This year, Adaeze started serving as a member of the Adelphi University Board of Trustees. She is also in her second year as a member of the International and Comparative Law Committee of the NYC Bar Association, creating programs for the Global Regulation of Financial Markets subcommittee.



Pictured from top left, Brian Hoyle, Hillary Frisbee, Phil DiSanto, Michele Rosenblatt, Vida Erdman, Elizabeth Taras, and Chris Fundo.

## Conference on Foreign Relations "China's Maritime Disputes"



**Sebastian Souchet, Class of 2016 & Sindre Viksand, Class of 2014** were among the student representatives from Adelphi University to attend the Conference on Foreign Relations Back-to-School Event, Friday, October 4, 2013 at the CFR New York headquarters, located at 58 East 68th Street. The 2013 series began with "China's Maritime Disputes." It was followed by a panel discussion, entitled "The Chinese Dream: At Home and Abroad," featuring CFR experts Elizabeth C. Economy and Adam Segal in a conversation with "Foreign Affairs" editor Gideon Rose. There was a networking reception for students to hear more about CFR and discuss career and internship opportunities with staff from various departments, including Studies, Publications, "Foreign Affairs," National Program & Outreach, Human Resources, and more.



## Internship Placements of Political Science Majors in the Past Year

Christine Quinn for NYC Mayor  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Department of Housing & Urban Development  
Fair Media Council  
Friends of Oyster Bay  
Girls Incorporated  
Honors College Summer Research Program  
Laura Define Attorneys  
Nassau County Executive's Office  
Nassau County Traffic & Parking Violations Agency

Nassau County Supreme Court  
New York City Department of Environmental Protection  
The Common Good  
U.S. Representative Peter King  
U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
United Nations Youth Assembly  
United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York  
Urban Justice Center

## Student Survey Political Science Majors were asked: “How, if it all, should the United States respond to the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons?”

The following responses were obtained by political science majors:

### Shannyn Ball, Senior

The United States should not get involved in the Syrian crisis because our government has enough problems of its own to deal with. The U.S. government shut down this past week and there are also many other economic and social problems that need to be addressed. I do feel very bad that the Syrian people are being chemically assaulted but unfortunately the U.S. needs to resolve its own problems before helping others.

### Kristen Chiarello, Senior

There are numerous humanitarian reasons to respond to the Syrian crisis. Rather than seeing the conflict as a "what's in it for us" situation and arguing that there is no American interest for using military intervention in Syria, we need to realize that evil triumphs when nothing is done. It is a matter of human affairs. Our military is double the size of every other country put together. More people died in their attack than on September 11th. It's a tragedy that should not be categorized by borders. It's a world tragedy.

### Jennifer Lin, Junior

When the world stands by idly and makes concessions to villains willing to brutally kill innocent civilians in order to retain power or spread an ideology, we violate the right of every human being to live. When a country that has a military which is disproportionately larger than all of the other militaries in the world does not act to help a people continuously assaulted, we allow genocide to happen. The United States, as a global hegemon, has great power. As the cliché goes, with great power comes great responsibility, and the United States has a moral imperative to intervene on the behalf

of the Syrian people for humanitarian reasons at a bare minimum and to defend and preserve all the ideals of a Western liberal democracy for future generations to come.

### Michael Khayan, Junior

The United States should respond to the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons by pressuring the United Nations to take action. Either the U.N. or some coalition of countries including the U.S. should act because the Obama administration has stated that there is a red line and it has since been crossed.

### Mahnour Misbah, Senior

As the United States and its allies prepare for the possibility of limited military strikes against Syria, one has to wonder whether this will do any good. That being said, the military strikes seem to be the least worst option among several very bad ones. Military strikes will not lead to any negotiations between the regime and the rebels--which is the only way this conflict will end--but it is a strong message to the Assad regime. The U.S. can't do much in this situation without creating more problems, but it can send out the message that the principles created under the Geneva Convention must be applied. The use of chemical weapons is cruel, inhumane, and prohibited under international

norms. Leading military strikes against Syria might just be the only way to send this message to the Syrian regime.

### Melissa Salama, Junior

The United States and the international community have a moral obligation to help the Syrian people. The Syrian government's use of chemical weapons on its own citizens is unacceptable. Because of its hegemonic status and superior military capability, it is especially important that the U.S. get involved to stop the Syrian government.

### Sebastian Souchet, Sophomore

Military action should not be taken when the proper intelligence is not available or vindicated. The U.S. should not use military intervention in the Syrian crisis because of the lack of fact based and concrete evidence. Even if a verifiable U.S. intelligence report were to be released that coincided with upcoming U.N. report on the attack in Syria, it would be important to reassess the way the United States chooses to put a premium on human dignity. The Obama administration commissions drone strikes in Pakistan and Yemen while arguing for military intervention in Syria because of circulating images of children's lifeless bodies.



## Faculty News

**Professor Axelrod** just completed the 4th edition of her co-edited book, "Global Environment: Law, Institutions and Policy." She authored the chapters on the European Union and Environment and one on the Nuclear Renaissance: "From The Czech Republic to Fukushima." The publication date is spring 2014. She also was a discussant at the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 4, 2013 where she presented a paper, "Nuclear and Ethics."

**Professor Balboni** delivered the Adelphi University Constitution Day Speech on September 17, 2013, "Privacy in the Age of Terrorism, Wikileaks and Facebook: If George Orwell is knocking at the door, should we answer it?" The lecture explored the constitutional tensions between security, freedom, privacy and intelligence and the change in the public's expectation and reality of privacy in a post-9/11 world.

**Professor Gray** is thrilled to announce that her first book will be out in November: *Labor and the Locavore: The Making of a Comprehensive Food Ethic*, published by the University of California Press. In the book Gray examines the conditions of Hudson Valley farmworkers, explores why our sympathies tend to lie with farmers and not their workers, analyzes the power dynamics on the farm and in the state legislature, and investigates how the alternative food movement could embrace labor issues. This semester, she gave talks about her book at the University of Albany and Bard College. Professor Gray also presented a paper titled "Labor & the Locavore: Small Farms, Paternalism and Labor Control" at

the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting and took part in a roundtable titled "The Social Responsibility of APSA and the Profession." In addition, she published "Ethical Food: Can Foodies Help Promote Farmworker Justice?" in the fall edition of the journal *Progressive Planning*. Finally, Professor Gray is the 2013-2014 coordinator for Adelphi's Collaboration Project and is helping to promote and plan events related to justice and the AU Community Reads book *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo.

**Professor Traci Levy's** chapter "Families as Relationships of Intimacy and Care" appeared in *Justice, Politics, and the Family*, edited by Daniel Engster and Tamara Metz and published in late 2013 by Paradigm Publishers. Prof. Levy continues as Director of Gender Studies, a member of the anchor team of Adelphi's Collaboration Project, and faculty advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha. She was honored to be nominated for the "Professor of the Year Award" during the spring 2013 semester and to be inducted as an honorary member of the Sigma Lambda Honor Society.

**Professor Katie Laatikainen** attended the International Studies Association conference in San Francisco in April 2013 where she presented a co-authored paper "The International Paternalism of the United States and the European Union in Global Politics" with Lisbeth Aggestam (University of Bath, UK). At that conference she was also a Roundtable Participant on the ISA Presidential Theme Roundtable: "Teaching International Organization Today." She was also the chair of a panel entitled

"The Impact of IOs: Theory and Practice." Professor Laatikainen also attended the European Union Studies Association conference in Baltimore in May 2013, where she presented her paper "Making a Splash or Roiling the Waters? The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty for the EU at the UN" on the panel 'Post-Westphalian Diplomacy? Europe's bilateral and multilateral diplomatic relations before and after the Lisbon Treaty.' This paper is part of a book project on the EU's new diplomatic service. Routledge published Prof. Laatikainen's co-edited (with Knud Erik Jørgensen, University of Aarhus) *Routledge Handbook on the European Union and International Institutions* in January 2013.

**Dr. Danielle Zach** is Senior Editorial Associate and Research Fellow at the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies at The City University of New York Graduate Center where she is engaged on issues of global governance, particularly regarding international peace and security. She recently co-authored and published a study on the international response to maritime piracy, *Burden-sharing Multilevel Governance: A Study of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia*. She presented the findings before the 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Contact Group at the United Nations this past May. She also recently completed a brief editorial consultancy with the International Peace Institute for a project on the UN Security Council.



## Alumni Talks

Melanie Hendry, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Civil Division for the Eastern District of New York, presented a lecture, "An Overview of the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Way There," on April 8, 2013. Ms. Hendry graduated magna cum laude from Adelphi in 1998 and summa cum laude from Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in 2004.



Joe Conte presented a talk, "The Rules No Longer Apply," on September 23, 2013. Joe graduated from Adelphi in 2009. Since graduation he has been a community organizer, campaign manager, tech founder, and a lobbyist at both the state and local levels. Currently he is an Organizing Director at NationBuilder, a software company, where he helped build the world's first corporate organizing infrastructure. During his time there, he has worked with national political parties for their federal elections and elite Hollywood agencies to help close the gap between how talent has traditionally engaged with their audience organizing their fans.

Ever wonder what kind of political work unions do? Interested in state, local, and national politics? Think you might like to pursue a related career? Nikki Kateman (Class of 2010) discussed her work in the Political & Communications Department of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW (*Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Union/United Food and Commercial Workers*) and described her career path on May 1, 2013.





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