



Political Science Newsletter



SPRING 2013

CLASS OF 2013

The following students are expected to graduate this year:

- ◆ Vincent Abbate
- ◆ Joseph Bruno
- ◆ Valerie Cardona
- ◆ Ross Finkelstein
- ◆ Patricia Guiliano
- ◆ Pedro Hippolito-Albarra
- ◆ Maria Kozak
- ◆ Edwin Maldonado
- ◆ Lamartine Pierre
- ◆ Aleksandra Pinkhasova
- ◆ Michelle Raider
- ◆ Sarabeth Rangiah
- ◆ Nikhail Rajpatty
- ◆ James Stavola
- ◆ Elizabeth Taras
- ◆ Cristobal Zarco

Message from the Chair: Traci Levy

Political Science has always been full of incredibly dedicated and talented students who together exercise a level of leadership and influence on campus well beyond the size of the department. While pursuing their undergraduate degree here, many of them are involved with student clubs and organizations. In the last 10 years, four of the presidents of the Student Government Association were political science majors. Our majors also combine campus leadership with top-notch academic skills. In the past six years, three of the Outstanding First Year Awards have gone to one of our majors; many of the runner-ups have been political science students, too. Our students also have had great success winning awards at Adelphi's Annual Research Day, including last year's Best Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presenta-

tion in the Social Sciences. Additionally, many heed the faculty's advice and pursue internships. (See internship highlights on p. 6.)

After graduating from Adelphi, our political science alumni go on to make meaningful contributions to their professions and their communities. When Adelphi created the "10 under 10 list"—a list of alumni who have graduated in the last 10 years and who are already "shaping the future" in inspiring ways—four of the 10 were political science majors! <<http://alumni.adelphi.edu/students-and-young-alumni/10-under-10/>> Elvin Ramos (B.A., '06) is now Assistant Dean of Metropolitan College of New York's Audrey Cohen School of Human Services and Education. Allen Louissant (B.A., '09) is pursuing a career teaching social studies in sec-

ondary education and he has also been very active for social justice and charitable causes both on campus and off. Chantal Hamlin (B.A., '07) is a disaster-relief staff attorney in the Legal Services Division at the Brooklyn Jubilee—a Christian organization formed to cultivate healthy neighborhoods in Brooklyn by creating and nurturing programs for social and economic justice. Rob Meekins (B.A., '06) took an entrepreneurial path. He is a founding partner and Executive Director of Med School Tutors, a company that specializes in personalized tutoring for people preparing for medical school. These are just a few of the many extraordinary students who have studied political science at Adelphi. For more about the professional and civic accomplishments of more political science alumni, see the "Alumni Update" (p. 9).

Study Abroad and DC Internship

The Political Science faculty strongly encourages students to take advantage of study abroad and internship programs. There are excellent programs overseas, 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.



Political Science Department Awards

Hugh A. Wilson Award for Social and Economic Justice

The Hugh A. Wilson Award recognizes activism for social and economic justice. The selection criteria are activities that serve: the public interest, traditionally vulnerable groups, and social and economic equality. If you would like to apply, submit a résumé with your name, address, phone number and a description of activities undertaken both on and off campus, with dates of your association, positions held, as well as a list of at least three references. You may also nominate another student.

Past Award Recipient:
2012: Suzie Natu Kure

Self or peer nomination
Deadline: March 20, 2013
Award: monetary

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.

Past Award Recipient:
2012: Philip DiSanto, John Miller & Kristen Morrow

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.

Robert J. Johnson Prize for Best Political Science Paper

Every year the Political Science Department awards this Johnson Prize for the best paper in political science to a graduating political science major. The paper must have been submitted in a political science course and must have received a grade of "A". Students may enter more than one paper.

Past Award Recipient:
2012: Joseph Bruno

Self nomination
Deadline: March 20, 2013
Award: monetary

All prizes and awards are for majors with the status of senior and who are expected to meet requirements for graduation, Class of 2013.

About the Professors Honored in the Awards

Hugh Wilson, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, taught courses on American Government at Adelphi for 35 years. Before working at Adelphi and through his early years at the university, Professor Wilson was an organizer of poor peoples' movements in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties. His work focused on economic, social, and racial justice issues including welfare, housing, and employment rights. His justice work transitioned as he became a consultant to nonprofits and served as a trainer for nonprofit boards and staff. Professor Wilson was also a participant in the 1960's civil rights and anti-war movements. He published numerous articles on black politics, the suburbs, the politics of nuclear power, and black families. He is still an active member of the Adelphi community having served as interim director of the Center for Afri-

can-American and Ethnic Studies (spring 2007). He also returns to teach.

Robert J. Johnson is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at Adelphi University. He taught courses on law, the courts, and public policy. While at Adelphi, Professor Johnson earned a law degree from Hofstra University. He served as department chair several times. Professor Johnson was known to be the moral conscience of the university, speaking with integrity, clarity, and insight on controversial issues.

The late W. Grafton Nealley was a Professor of Political Science at Adelphi University, who taught courses on American Government. Arriving at Adelphi in the 1960's, Professor Nealley was a co-founder of the Political Studies Department, which was previously part of the History Department.

Known for his diplomatic manners within and outside the department, Professor Nealley is warmly remembered.

"We greatly appreciate the generosity of Professor Emeritus Hugh A. Wilson for funding these Awards."



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 for induction 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 along with 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.

Pi Sigma Alpha Members include:

Vincent Abbate
Heena Arora
Joseph Bruno
Jaimie Fitzgerald
Pedro Hippolito-Albarra
Maria Kozack
Meghan Lombardo
Edwin Maldonado
Mahnoor Misbah
Aleksandra Pinkhasova
Sarabeth Rangiah
Brian Roberts
Catherine Rudell
James Stavola
Elizabeth Taras
Sindre Viksand
Cristobal Zarco



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 2013 are:

Vincent Abbate
Joseph Bruno
Patricia Guiliano
Pedro Hippolito-Albarra
Maria Kozack
Edwin Maldonado
Aleksandra Pinkhasova
Sarabeth Rangiah
Elizabeth Taras
Cristobal Zarco



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. Also, students interested in the Washington Internship for senior year must take the required Public Policy Seminar (429) that is offered usually in the Spring of each year. Please see the department if you have questions.



Conference Report



Report from Vincent Abbate Political Science Major, Senior

The Political Science Department sent me as its student delegate to the United States Air Force Academy's 54th Academy Assembly in Colorado Springs, CO from February 4th-7th. The topic of this year's Assembly was US-China Relations: Conflict or Cooperation in the 21st Century. Participants included student delegates from universities across the country, Air Force cadets that attend the academy and subject matter experts ranging from academics to former military and government officials. A speaker would give a lecture on a specific area relevant to the topic, and then participants were broken down into small discussion groups, which were moderated by a subject-matter expert.

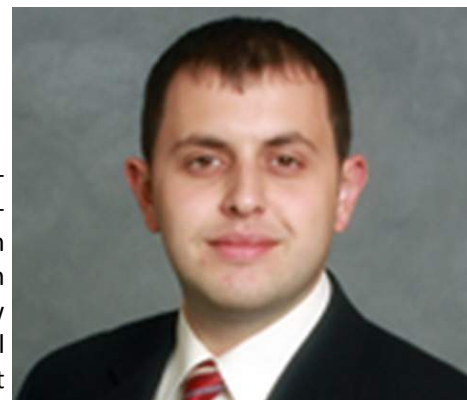
With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan winding down, the United States has begun to refocus its attention on Asia and the Pacific region. This pivot was done not only with the United States' interests in mind, but also at the request of other nations in the region that the United States has close ties with. It was very insightful to hear the various speakers' opinions on the pivot to the region, especially the speakers that were from China. It is easy to make the mistake of viewing situations solely from our own American perspective, and hearing the viewpoint of someone from China was particularly eye-opening. For the most part, the Chinese view our pivot to the region as offensive and intrusive. Perhaps it is because the country is becoming such an economic and military powerhouse that they view a stronger American presence in the region as a threat. Or perhaps it is because China has a history of favoring non-intervention into situations or regions, while the United States is usually at the forefront of intervention in other countries. But it is here where the United States takes issue with China not acting "responsible" many argue that China is a free rider because they benefit from being a part of the international community and global economy while not giving much back in return.

The topic I found most interesting during the small group discussions was the nature of China's relationship with North Korea. I also gained insight into why China feels the need to continue to prop up the regime in North Korea instead of basically shunning them like the rest of the world does. North Korea is, for the most part, a stable country - although its people suffer vast hardships under the heavy hand of a totalitarian regime. The country is not in danger of falling apart or becoming a failed state. China would like to keep it that way and is sensitive to the fact that a regime change in the country would leave a power vacuum that could have potentially catastrophic consequences in the region. This threat is amplified by the fact that North Korea has nuclear weapons. So, for the time being, China is content with being chided by the international community for being the only ally to North Korea, because in doing so, they are ensuring that they will not border a failed state with nuclear weapons.

There was a general consensus that, in our lifetime, China would be the single-most important country the United States will have interactions with. Some see China's rise as a threat to the United States and view the country more of a competitor than an ally. This could be because China emerged from the international economic downturns of 2008-2009 relatively unscathed and is experiencing an astonishing growth in GDP, while the United States was hit hard with high unemployment and an anemic GDP. This notion was shared by former Governor and Ambassador to China, Jon Huntsman, who spoke at the Academy. He recalled one of the presidential primary debates he participated in: "I found myself surrounded on a stage by people who all talked about what they would do *to* China as opposed to what they would do *with* China." Rather than boasting about how hard they would crack down on China and using similar rhetoric, elected officials might be keen to defer to Gov. Huntsman on this matter and view China as a potential ally to usher in the 21st century; establishing a relationship that could be mutually beneficial for the future of both countries.

Alumni Profile: Fun with Fundo

Report on Christian Fundo, Class of 2007
Interviewed by Alexa Savino, Class of 2015



Picture this: After facing persecution on the basis of sexuality, a Jamaican citizen seeks political asylum in the US. He meets dedicated lawyer Christian Fundo, a junior associate at Dechert LLP, graduate of Adelphi's Honors Program (2007) and Cornell Law School (2011). Fortunately for his client, Chris's own personal research on Kosovar asylum-seekers prepared him for the task. How does the story end? Chris wins his very first case, championing the individual rights and freedoms of his client—a monumental achievement to jumpstart an already-stellar career. But Chris isn't stopping there: he has already taken on his second *pro bono* case and is optimistic about its outcome. Chris represents perhaps the most admirable part of our legal system by reminding us of the root purpose of our judiciary: we are responsible for stepping up and protecting our fellow man by ensuring that he can live free from persecution.

This successful Political Science alum has the ideal career trajectory that many will wish to emulate. During his time at Cornell, Chris won the Moot Court Louis Kaiser Best Brief Award and received the CALI Award for Excellence in Pretrial Practice Class. He also served as editor for both the *Cornell Law Review* and the *Cornell Internal Law Journal*. (Don't forget that he was on the Dean's List, too.) After interning for Judge Laura Taylor Swain in a New York district court, Chris later moved on to become a law clerk for Cornell Legal Aid services and for the US Attorney's Office in Syracuse. Such work consisted of extensive research, fact-finding, and drafting memoranda and briefs.

For students interested in following a similar course, Chris breaks down the law school experience into two fundamentals: "voluminous readings and the Socratic Method." In a classroom setting, the latter involves a rapid-fire question-answer exchange that encourages quick thinking. Prepare yourself for all that accompanies true accountability: the Socratic Method forces you to be accountable not just to the professor and the class, but to yourself, to your own curiosity. You must accept the responsibility of engaging in the discussion about the law, because that is the best method of fully integrating you into the system. This might seem daunting at first, but if you know your fact patterns and terminology, you'll engage in the legal conversation rather well.

Despite his incredibly busy schedule at work that demands long hours, even on weekends, Chris has made a conscious effort to remain connected with his roots at Adelphi. He asserts that, during a student's formative years, the type of academic climate created at Adelphi is necessary for fostering certain skills and self-exploration. He attributes his being well-equipped for internships and jobs largely to his undergraduate experiences: maintaining frequent and close contact with professors; taking advantage of small, seminar-style classes to engage directly with course material and other students; participating actively in discussions and attending cultural events with other Honors students. He urges all undergraduates to take advantage of membership to the Adelphi community by delving into it as completely as possible: don't shy away from opportunity. Get active. Build your interests and abilities. Find your place by engaging with others.

So what should you be your primary concern, Political Science majors? "It's easy to be very goal-oriented towards something," Chris says, "but sometimes it's important to stop and smell the flowers. Enjoy undergrad as much as you can."

Contact Professor Levy if you are interested in communicating directly with Chris concerning law school.

Student Internships Spring 2013

Internships and career-building experiences are vital learning opportunities that complement your college education, allow you to experience different career paths, and build your résumé. When keeping in touch with the department, John Miller (Class of 2012), currently in his first year at Harvard Law School, had this to say:

It's difficult not having the sort of work experience that a lot of my classmates have, having been paralegals, entrepreneurs, senior analysts, Congressional aides and staff, armed forces personnel, and teachers. A bunch have master's degrees and there is a Ph.D. or two. I've got four summers of work, but it doesn't match having 2-4 years of steady employment....I think you had the right idea about recommending internships: no one hires for just grades and school of choice alone it seems.

In other words, internships are very important. The Political Science Department strongly encourages all of its majors to actively pursue these kinds of experiences, particularly after freshman year. Don't forget to consider our semester internship program with The Washington Center in the nation's capital. Many of our students do undertake great internships and career-building jobs during their time at Adelphi. Here are some highlights about where students are currently interning and working.

Valerie Cardona (2013): I have been interning as a research assistant at the **Urban Justice Center** since last semester. There are several different projects in the office; I was assigned to the Homelessness Outreach and Prevention Project. I helped my supervisor gather data on Temporary Assistance to Need Family (TANF) reports nationwide and assisted the legal advocates in going through litigation for several of their cases. I'm currently helping them proof a book that they're releasing in the upcoming month.

Maria Kozak (2013): I am a legal intern at the **New York City Department of Environmental Protection** on the legal floor. I help organize the paperwork and start the files for it to go to the environmental control board to be litigated. I also work at the Writing Center on campus.

Edwin Maldonado (2013): I am currently interning for **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (in the Melville office)**. I handle and facilitate constituent concerns from Nassau and Suffolk County. I also participate in Island-wide events alongside the Senator in various capacities including days of service at Island Harvest or press conferences where she introduces pieces of legislation she is bringing to the U.S. Senate.

Mahnoor Misbah (2014): This year I was given the honor to serve as one of the two **Youth Representatives to the United Nations from Adelphi University**. As the youth representative, I am responsible for attending UN Department of Public Relations and Non-Governmental Organization briefings every Thursday that are held at the United Nations building. I get to hear panel discussions on crucial issues the UN is involved in, such as sustainable development and access to education for girls. I'm fortunate enough to listen to these discussions and work with other representatives from across the globe in getting the youth voice heard on issues we are passionate about. For more information about my UN experience, check out the Adelphi and UN blog: <http://blogs.adelphi.edu/united-nations/>.

Linda Naumann (2014): I'm currently a Collections Intern at the **South Street Seaport Museum**, having been there since last September. Some of my tasks included working with the objects, whether to research a particular artifact or get it ready for an exhibition. I'm currently involved in the process of re-inventorying the entire collection. I've also had the opportunity to work with the curatorial department and art handlers in the installation and de-installation of several museum exhibits.

Aleksandra Pinkhasova (2013): I am a part-time clerk in the **Civil Division at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York** where I assist Assistant U.S. Attorneys with trial preparation, legal and non-legal research, and administrative work. The Office's wide range of cases dealing with affirmative and defensive litigation, such as civil rights, healthcare fraud, financial fraud, and environmental enforcement, keep the job interesting and busy.

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Sarabeth Rangiah (2013): As an intern for **Senator Gillibrand (in the Manhattan office)**, I act as constituent liaison and handle cases pertaining to Social Security, disaster relief, 9/11, social services, housing and healthcare issues. In addition, I am in contact with government agencies and officials that can provide the proper aid for the constituents I correspond with. My internship also requires me to be on top of current legislation so I can manage databases. Senator Gillibrand's internship grants me exposure to real life issues people across the state of New York are currently facing and has allowed me the privilege to actually make a difference in the lives of the constituents I work with. I am grateful for being endowed with firsthand experience of what it is like behind the scenes of state policy-making.

Jonathan Zaccarini (2014): I am an intern at the non-profit organization **The Common Good**, which strives to inspire broad participation in our democracy through the free exchange of ideas and civil dialogue. I have helped plan out events for speakers. I have worked on their website, and I am currently in the process of helping them create a new website page, which features the organization in the news. This organization mostly plans events for speakers on current issues. Recently, The Common Good had Captain Mark Kelly (Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's husband) speak about gun control. I was able to meet well known individuals who make a difference in this world through politics, such as Trudy Mason (NY State Democratic Committee Woman). This month we are working on finding Middle Eastern experts to come in and discuss foreign issues in the Middle East. I have learned a lot about utilizing social media for a non-profit organization and creating and organizing events.

Selected Law & Graduate School Placements Since 2008

Solomon Abromov '12: Fordham Law

John Miller '12: Harvard Law

Phil DiSanto '12: Columbia Law

Joanne Joseph '12: Cornell Law

Brian Hoyle '11: STEP at Adelphi

Melanie Roberts '11: Harvard Law

Nicholas Tomasso '11: STEP at Adelphi

Martin Vladimirov '11: Master's in Advanced International Studies, Vienna Diplomatic Academy in Austria

Fara Fiore '10: New York Law School, Pre-Professional Program with Adelphi

Samantha Flores '10: New York Law School, Pre-Professional Program with Adelphi

Emmanuel Hector '10: Master's in Climate and Society, Columbia

Robert Danziger '09: Master's in Political Science, C.W. Post

Jenna Melo '09: American University, Master's in Applied Politics

Michelle Rosenblatt '09: Touro Law

Andrew Zang '09: New York Law School, Pre-Professional Program with Adelphi

Michael Berthel '08: Adelphi School of Business MBA

John Gherlone '08: Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Antoniya Kaneva '08: Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Adaeze Udoji '08: Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law



Faculty and Adjunct News

Professor Regina S. Axelrod has been continuing her research on the nuclear renaissance for the upcoming 4th edition of her co-edited book, *GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT: LAW, INSTITUTION, and POLICY*. She was the invited lecture for "Environmental Policy in the Czech Republic," graduate government program at the University of Higher Economics, Prague Czech Republic, Oct. 30, 2012.

Mr. Michael Balboni founded Redland Strategies Inc., a full-service business development and government relations firm that specializes in crisis communication, homeland security, risk management, media relations, marketing, thought leadership, disaster recovery and operations and strategic planning. In addition, Professor Balboni was appointed to the New York State Responds Commission. This commission is tasked with finding ways to ensure that New York State is ready to respond to future weather-related disasters.

Professor Margaret Gray recently received the Adelphi chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa's Academic Advisor Award. She is preparing for two conferences this semester, the Latin American Studies Association Congress and the Labor and Employment Relations Association Conference, where she will discuss her research on Hudson Valley farmworkers. In addition, Professor Gray was interviewed for a WNYC (NYC's NPR affiliate) broadcast about New York State farmworkers.

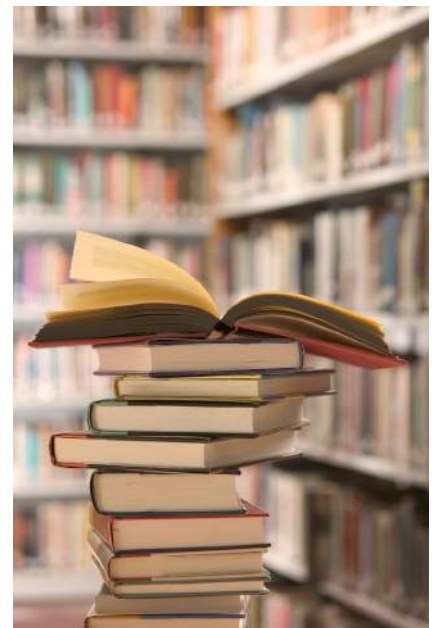
Professor Katie Laatikainen's 491 page book *The European Union and International Institutions: Performance, Policy, Power* (co-edited with Knud Erik Joergensen, Aarhus Uni-

versity, Denmark) was published by Routledge in January 2013. She has just signed a contract to produce a two volume, 60 chapter *Sage Handbook of European Foreign Policy* together with several co-editors in Europe. During spring 2013, Professor Laatikainen will present a paper "Empires of Humanity: Paternalism of the US and the EU in Global Politics" (co-author Lisbeth Aggestam at the University of Bath, UK) at the International Studies Conference in San Francisco in April. At that conference she will also participate in a Roundtable on Teaching International Organization at chair a panel on IO Performance. In May, Professor Laatikainen will present her paper "Making a Splash or Roiling the Waters: The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty for the EU at the UN" at the European Union Studies Association conference in Baltimore. She has also been invited as a keynote speaker on the Euro-crisis by a Pi Sigma Alpha Colloquium at the University of Bridgeport in April.

Professor Traci Levy is serving as Interim Chairperson of the Political Science Department, Director of the Gender Studies minor, and the department's representative to the Faculty Senate. She also continues to work with the Collaboration Project, focusing on community building at Adelphi while working on social justice issues. This summer, she will begin research for an article manuscript examining how the creation of "military caregiver leave" significantly extends those eligible for work-related leave under Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and affects the state's role in defining and recognizing families.

Professor Emeritus Hugh A. Wilson received the Arthur L. Galub Award for The Best Paper by a Faculty Member, "The Framers, the Constitution and the Origins of American Political Economy," which was presented at the New York State Political Science Association's Annual Conference, Albany, 2012.

Dr. Danielle Zach earned her doctorate from the CUNY Graduate Center on February 1. She is currently the lead researcher on a project analyzing the international response to maritime piracy off the coast of Somalia. In addition, she is a senior researcher at the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, where she is engaged on issues of global governance, particularly in the area of international peace and security. She recently presented a paper at the 2012 Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) on Irish America and the Northern Ireland conflict, which is part of a broader research agenda on the role of diasporas and civil wars.



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. We love hearing from our Alumni!

Samantha Flores (Class of 2011) is completing her final year of law school at New York Law School and plans to graduate this coming May. She is looking forward to tackling the Bar exam in July and seeing what her future in the legal profession has in store.

Philip DiSanto (Class of 2012) was elected to the Adelphi University Board of Trustees to serve on its Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Life Committee. Mr. DiSanto is currently in his first year at Columbia Law School. Phil will be interning with the New York State Attorney General's office in Mineola this summer.

Hillary Frisbie (Class of 2006) was a double major with Communications and Political Science. She is a Facility Management and Capital Project Coordinator at Henry Street Settlement, a social service and cultural icon on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Current projects include renovation and restoration of the historic landmarked facility at 265 Henry Street. Hillary currently holds a Masters in Arts in Cultural Management (Pratt Class of 2012) and is pursuing a Master of Science in Facility Management (Pratt 2014) with a focus on historical sustainability. Hillary recently presented about sustainable project development at the Second International Facility and Real Estate Management conference in Kufstein, Austria. Much to the disappointment of Professor Levy, Hillary was unable to take the Sound of Music Tour while there.

David Fuller (Class of 2006) continues as Vice President of Development and Government Affairs at Astonish Media Group, a public relations and creative media consultant firm. He also does fundraising and grant writing consulting on the side for the Barlett Arboretum and Gardens in Stamford and for the Stratford Center for the Arts. He is nearing the end of his Masters in Communications at Fairfield University.

Chantal Hamlin (Class of 2007) is currently working with Brooklyn Jubilee, a Christian organization formed for the purpose of culti-

vating healthy neighborhoods in Brooklyn and promoting peace and prosperity for all of Brooklyn by creating and nurturing programs for social and economic justice. She works in their Legal Services Division as the disaster-relief staff attorney. She was hired about a month and a half after Hurricane Sandy. She works out in Coney Island, meeting local residents and helping them to walk through the "FEMA Jungle" and helping with other non-disaster related issues such as housing, unemployment benefits, public assistance, etc. Chantal was also recently recognized as a "10 Under 10" alumna through the Office of Alumni Affairs. See her profile at:

<http://alumni.adelphi.edu/profile/chantal-hamlin-07/>. Chantal will be on campus speaking on a panel on April 23rd called "Finding Your Niche."

Emmanuel Hector (Class of 2010) finished his Master's degree in climate science and policy at Columbia University. Currently at New York Life Insurance Company, Emmanuel helps clients achieve their long-term financial goals while protecting their loved ones and/or businesses via insurance, annuity, and other financial products and services. Contact him at (646)227-8017 or ehector@ft.newyorklife.com.

Nikki Kateman (Class of 2010) is entering her third year working full-time in the Political & Communications Department of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW. Recently she has been working on advocacy issues such as increasing both the state and federal minimum wage and immigration reform. Nikki is also in the process of joining the Advisory Board of the Long Island Progressive Coalition.

Natu Kure (Class of 2012) continues to work at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, working with the forth committee (Special Committee on Politics and Decolonization and Peacekeeping). She is responsible for writing reports for every meeting and the final report that is forwarded to the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Sometimes, the interns are encouraged to write draft of statements, then the officers work on the final statement.)

Allen Louissaint (Class of 2009) recently completed working full-time as a 7th grade History teacher as a leave replacement at North Shore Middle School in Glen Head, Long

Island. Allen is grateful for the opportunity and grew professionally due to the different responsibilities inside and outside of the classroom.

Boris Manakhimov (Class of 2011) currently works as the Corporate Technology Recruiter with Computer Generated Solutions, Inc. His responsibilities include identifying, interviewing, and qualifying IT professionals for internal positions. In his spare time he volunteers with Junior Achievement of New York, running their Alumni group on LinkedIn, and helps the Pi Lambda Phi Educational Foundation in their recruiting efforts for board members and trustees.

John Miller (class of 2012) is currently in his first year at Harvard Law School. He is becoming involved with the Harvard Mediation Program, which provides free mediation services to local small claims court disputes during the academic year.

Nick Tomasso (class of 2011) is currently a long-term substitute teacher at East Rockaway Middle School. He has been accepted to Teach For America beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Nick will be teaching Special Education for the Chicago Public School system.

Adaee Udoji (2008) Adaee is transitioning out of her current position as an Attorney Investigator at the New Jersey Attorney General's office and into a new role in the Legal and Compliance Division of American Express. Outside of work, Adaee remains involved with the Cardozo Law School's Black Asian and Latino Law Students Alumni Association as Secretary, where she assists with scholarship fundraising and programming to prepare students for the transition from law student to lawyer. Adaee currently resides in New Jersey, although she not-so-secretly pines to be able to move back to New York someday soon.

Andrew Zang (2010) finished his Master of Laws in real estate law, a post doctorate advanced law degree. He works as a corporate real estate advisor at Studley, Inc., and specializes in the representation of tenants in regards to their corporate real estate portfolio. He lives in New York City and has found a true passion for the field of real estate.

Student Survey Political Science Majors were asked: “What is your perspective on the current gun control debate?”

The following responses were gathered by Political Science Major: John Bourquin, Junior

Sarabeth Rangiah, Senior- “I do not believe President Obama’s Gun Control policy has what it takes to tackle criminals like James Holmes, Adam Lanza or Seung-Hui Cho. I also believe that the founders of our constitution were right in wanting to protect the everyday citizen and so, restricting the right to bear arms seems to be restricting what it is to be American. There are some inherent flaws in President Obama’s Gun Control policy such as, the proposition to limit magazines to 10 rounds when a shooter can easily sidestep this limit by buying more magazines and reload them in a matter of seconds. Although I support the President’s plan to heighten school safety, I feel his Gun Control policy will force guns into becoming contraband and I fear everyday law abiding citizens who are looking to protect themselves and their families will be forced to resort to illegal gun ownership. Seung-Hui Cho’s use of a handgun with a detachable magazine at Virginia Tech proves that the issue goes far beyond than just limiting guns to a 10 round magazine and “reinstating and strengthening” the ban on assault weapons. The President’s Gun Control policy should be more vested in providing more stringent security measures at schools and coming up with some type of intermittent psychological evaluations for gun owners.”

Joe Bruno, Senior- “I think gun control laws need to be enacted and be comprehensive. They should include background checks, along with significant assessments of mental health. My personal opinion is that no one, for either protection or leisure, needs a semiautomatic weapon”

George Giakoumis, Freshman- “I believe the gun control laws should be enacted and made rather stringent. I think that getting your hands on a gun should be much tougher than it is now. Perhaps brief background checks should be standard proce-

dures. I also believe that high-powered weapons should not be sold to the public.”

Meg Lombardo, Senior- “I believe that stricter gun control should be enforced in the United States. I do not believe, however, that horrific crimes, like that in Newtown, Connecticut, will cease after gun control laws are enacted.”

Selam Samuel, Senior- “I think that something should be done about gun control, but I don’t think we can do it without re-evaluating our gun culture in this country. I think we should do something beyond background checks and assault weapons bans.

Brian Roberts, Junior- “In the attempt to obtain the correct approach to the issue of gun control, one should consider the following very seriously. First, the very nature and definition of criminality implies that criminals do not follow laws. Therefore what would this new law do to compel a criminal to abstain from acting upon his intention to commit violent crimes? The second item regards a very popular stream of thought. “Since I don’t see a personal need for a gun, others can give up their absolute rights against infringement.” This is a very problematic argument, especially in a nation espousing the values of freedom. It lends itself to subjectivity and emotional impulse and not to rationale. Gun control, among other things, proceeds to transfer that opinion, attempting to project it forcibly upon all others in society. That is not freedom. Lastly is the most compelling argument. The Second Amendment is very clear. The right to bear arms shall not to be infringed. Last time I checked infringement was defined as: [An] act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on (Oxford Dictionaries). This legislative proposal does not exist in concert with the founding principles of American governance. To pass such legislation would render the essential principle, “Lex Rex” (Law is King), void.”



Sebastian Souchet, Freshman- “Among the more controversial and necessary debates in the United States is the debate over the topic of guns and gun control (which should really be called “gun safety”). Day after day, more people are shot, often fatally, as we continue to swim in an ocean of firearms. Yet, once again, time passes without any significant, or effective gun legislation. While there are various reasons for the lack of gun legislation in the United States, ranging from campaign finance issues to our extensive gun culture, there is another, more intrinsic and psychological reason for the violence. It is fear. Our fear stems from our lack of real, effective communication and understanding of ourselves, as well as each other, and is, I believe, the primary cause of many of our gun problems. Yes, we must address mental health in a significant way, and enact more rigorous gun safety laws, but without addressing the fear factor, we may be eviscerating our chance at real change. As our sensationalistic mainstream press continues to sell fear, and we continue to read about the rise of gun violence in the United States, our sense of social trust diminishes, and with it, goes our sense of unity.”

John Bourquin, Junior- “I feel that above the debate over restraints on gun purchases should be the discourse over gun culture in our society. The nonchalant attitudes with which many regard guns are just as dangerous as the guns themselves. What would make Nancy Lanza think that it was a good idea to store her guns in a place accessible to her clearly troubled son? Criminals will always be able to get their hands on guns, so the general public should as well, within reason. I feel that in addition to our current laws, and societies, friends and family members should feel responsible to keep guns away from people who shouldn’t have them - It’s the same as taking the car keys from a friend who’s had a few.”



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Omicron Delta Kappa newly inducted Political Science Majors, from the left, Sarah Cinquemani, class of 2014; Heena Arora, class of 2014, Dr. Margaret Gray, and Edwin Maldonado, class of 2013. Dr. Margaret Gray was the recipient of the Academic Adviser Recognition Award.



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POLITICAL SCIENCE SPRING 2013 LECTURES

(Political Science Majors must attend at least one.)

Monday, February 18

"Bound as Fast in Wedlock as a Slave Can Be:
African-American Marriage, Slavery, and Freedom"

Dr. Tera Hunter, Princeton University

Thomas Dixon Lovely Ballroom, Ruth S. Harley University Center, 7pm

Wednesday, February 20

"How Far Have We Come?"

Come join this student-led discussion about the
internationalization of women's issues.

Presented by the International Studies program.

Campbell Lounge, 1-2:15pm

Tuesday, February 26

The Justice for Farmworkers Campaign

Discussing farmworker conditions and rights in New York state
Alumni House, 3pm

Monday, March 4

"Food & Politics: Restaurant Workers on Long Island"

Irv Miljoiner, U.S. Department of Labor

Hagedorn Hall of Enterprise, Room 218, 5:30-7pm

Monday, March 18

"Eleanor Roosevelt and the Promise of Human Rights"

Dr. Blanche Cook, historian and *New York Times* best-selling author

Ruth S. Harley University Center, Room 313, 12 - 1pm

Tuesday, April 2

An Evening with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Director of the Schomburg Center for
Research in Black Culture and author of

The Condemnation of Blackness

Olmsted Theatre, Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 7pm