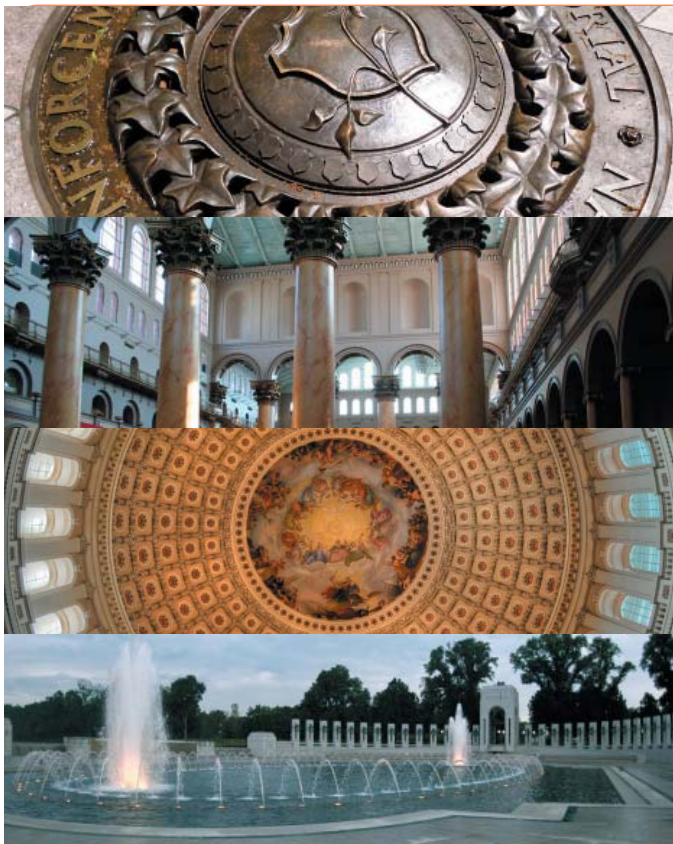




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8:30 - 9:00am | MPA B07

Breakfast and Welcome

Sean Twombly, Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Director

Ronald Rapoport, Pi Sigma Alpha National President

9:00 - 10:30am | Marvin Center 403
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Fabiana Perera, George Washington University

Women on the Front Lines: Women, Identity, and the Fight for Unionization in the Brookside Mine

Hayley Cohen, Tufts University

Battling A Culture of Impunity: Probable Solutions for Gender-Based Violence in Post-Conflict African Societies

Colin Higgins, Heidelberg University

First Ladies in Latin America and their relationship to Gender Equality

Tori Staley, University of Vermont

The UN Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women: Exceptionalism and Women's Reproduction in the Debate Around US Ratification

Merrit Stüven, Macalester College

9:00 - 10:30am | Marvin Center 405
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant: Andrew Szarejko, Georgetown University

Short and Focused: Evidentiary Struggles of the International Criminal Court and its Effect on Sex Crimes

Eric Smith, Valparaiso University

Reestablishing Ties Between the United States and Cuba

Montana Brown, Appalachian State University



Using Regime Type and Economic Status as Predictors for Government Response to NGOs
Anne Tillie, Westminster College

Trade Volume and Political Relations: The Influences on Voting in the United Nations
Graham Healy, Elmira College

9:00 - 10:30am | Marvin Center 407
AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:
Clinton Jenkins, George Washington University

Options for a More Representative Electoral System in the United States
Brenden Carol, University of Richmond

The Iowan Model: Rationale for Nonpartisan, Population Based Redistricting
Zachariah Boyer, Seton Hall University

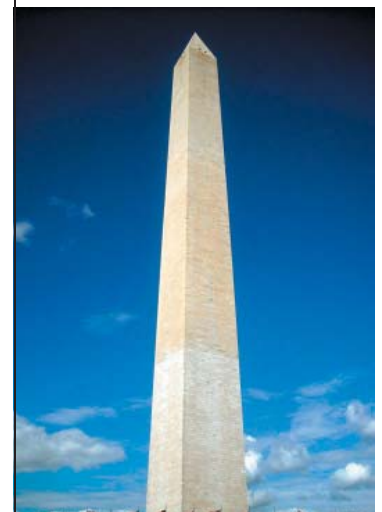
Social Capital, Social Media, and the Millennial Vote
Michael Turinetti, Purdue University

Seniority and Patterns of Legislative Production
Kelsey Barthold, Elon University

9:00 - 10:30am | Marvin 402-404
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant:
EB Pertner, George Washington University

Grievance Theory and the Causation of the Arab Spring: A Comparative Case Study of Tunisia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia
Elizabeth Bailey, Mary Baldwin University



Can Ethnic Grievances be Used to Explain the Onset of the Syrian Civil War?

Hani Warith, University of Pennsylvania

Following the Federal Money: Recognizing the Root of Refugee Rejection

Samantha Andrews, Southern Connecticut State University

Why Radical Islamic Groups Recruit Indigenous Latin American Groups

Vanessa Bauch, Elmira College

Examining Iraqi Kurdish Motives in the Fight Against ISIL

Brigitte Hugh, Utah State University

9:00 - 10:30am | Marvin Center 413-414

PUBLIC POLICY SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant: Jack Santucci, Georgetown University

Re-Examining Competitive Practices in Public Schools:

How Public Schools Can Better Serve Low-Income Students

Timothy Lewis, Mercer University

Socioeconomic and Racial Diversity on College Campuses

Alison Bonner, University of Missouri, Columbia

Student Opinion and Rape Policy: Do the Policies Reflect the Attitudes of the Students They Are Meant to Protect?

Clinton Simmons III, University of Mount Union

Race, Ethnicity, and The Politics of Disciplinary Policies in U.S. Public Schools

Tyler A. Durrant, Bethune-Cookman University

Taylor L. Durrant, Bethune-Cookman University



10:45am - 12:15pm | Marvin Center 413-14
AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant: Jack Santucci, Georgetown University

*Super PAC Funding and Voting Behavior in the
US House of Representatives*

Michael Scariano, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

When Women of Color are Ready but Not Running for Office
Kesicia Dickinson, Jackson State University

*Women Who Donate to PACs: Who Contributed to Ruth's List Florida
(PAC) and Why?*

Amy Benner, University of South Florida

*Replacing Donors with Voters – An Analysis of an Amendment
Proposal*

Matthew Cudé, Utah State University

10:45am - 12:15pm | Marvin Center 403
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 3

Chair/Discussant: Fabiana Perera, George Washington University

Organization and Comparison of Electoral Systems
Adam Hassanein, Purdue University

*Smog in the Authoritarian Legal System: How Public Opinion Influ-
ences Chinese Judicial Decisions*

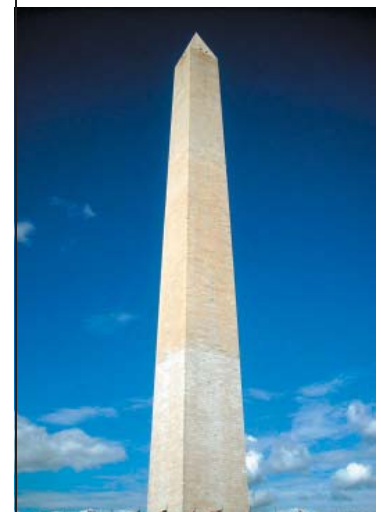
Shiyuan Yin, University of Michigan

*The Contribution of Regional Organizations in the Development of
Human Rights: ASEAN and the EU*

Yoo Na Song, University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Political Culture as a Predictor of Eastern European Citizens'
Satisfaction with Democracy*

Courtney Blackington, College of William & Mary



10:45am - 12:15pm | Marvin Center 405
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant: Renu Singh, Georgetown University

Brownfield Impacts on Surrounding Property Values and Overall Economic Health of Cities

Greta Frost, Youngstown State University

The Project of Euphemisms: Indiana Communities and Wastewater Treatment

Kylie Schreiber, Valparaiso University

Economic Impact of Combating Nutrient-Based Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico

Daniel Petrelli, Slippery Rock University

10:45am - 12:15pm | Marvin Center 407
AMERICAN POLITICS/POLITICAL THEORY SESSION 4

Chair/Discussant:

Clinton Jenkins, George Washington University

Campaigns and Constituents: An In-Depth Look at What Constitutes Equal Representation in America

Kellie Majcher, Eastern Michigan University

Retired United States Congressmen from the State of Michigan

Joshua Koss, Oakland University

When to Stand Aloof is not to Goof: Thoreau and Lincoln on Political Morality

Sean Davis, University of Vermont

Impiety, Treason, and Despotism in Montesquieu's The Spirit of the Laws

Alexander Trubowitz, Tufts University



10:45am - 12:15pm | Marvin Center 402-404
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2

Chair/Discussant:

EB Pertner, George Washington University

The Role of Ideology in Intervention

Hannah Morgan, University of Vermont

Relating Hate Crime in France and Germany to International Acts of Violence Involving Jewish and Muslim Actors

Laura Butts, Elmira College

How did the post 9/11 War on Terror Initiative Influence Global Terrorism?

Kristen Klein, Slippery Rock University

Quitting Terrorism: A Comparative Analysis of Deradicalization Programs

Ian Kirkpatrick, Mars Hill University

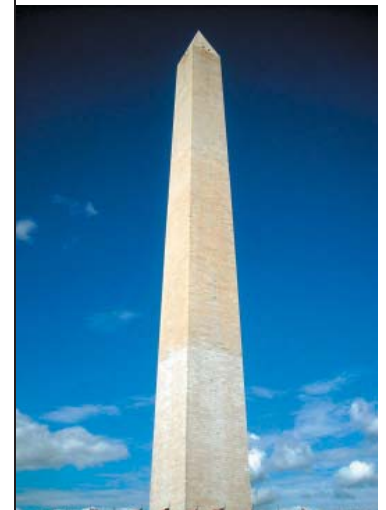
12:15 - 1:45pm | MPA B07
Lunch & Speaker

Max Fisher

Max Fisher writes and edits *The Interpreter*, a *New York Times* news column that explores the ideas and context behind major world events. He applies political and social science to topics ranging from civil war to democratic backsliding to nuclear proliferation. He has a master's degree in global security studies from Johns Hopkins University. Previously, he was on the founding team of Vox.com and launched web-based foreign news projects at the *Washington Post* and *The Atlantic* magazine. He lives in Washington, DC.



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1:45 - 2:15pm | MPA B07

Pi Sigma Alpha TED Talks

Robert Kearney, DePaul University
Jared L. Koehler, North Park University
Michael Mulligan, DePaul University
Michael Turinetti, Purdue University

2:30 - 3:40pm | Marvin Center 405

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 5

Chair/Discussant: Renu Singh, Georgetown University

The Attorney Generals' Role in a Polarized Society: How the Office has Evolved and What it Needs to Survive

Nicole Zeman, Ripon College

Predicting Supreme Court Votes on Affirmative Action and Gender Equality Cases

Gabrielle Kanter, University of Redlands

Affirmative Actor: An Examination of the Jurisprudence of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Faith Lasiter, East Central University

2:30 - 3:34pm | Marvin Center 407

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 4

Chair/Discussant: Mark Hines, Georgetown University

The Impact of Current Issues on Donald Trump's Win of the Republican Nomination

Alexandra Byrne, Stony Brook University

To Issue or Not to Issue?: Explaining the Decision to Issue Marriage Licenses to Same Sex Couples in Southern States Post Obergefell v. Hodges

Adena Mosesian Kashani, California State University, Northridge



"We Cannot Let This Moment Slip Away": A Gendered Speech Analysis on Female Presidential Candidates' Speeches from 1960 to 2016
Chelsea Coccia, Rutgers University, Camden

2:30 - 3:40pm | Marvin Center 402-404
PUBLIC POLICY SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant: Alexander Podkul, Georgetown University

Zika and Illegal Immigration: An Overlooked Threat
Ranjani Parthasarathy, College of William & Mary

Background Check Requirements for Child-Care Personnel: The Forefront of Child Protection?
Nicole Loncaric, Slippery Rock University

Freeriding and the Determinants of County Revenue in Appalachia
Shelley Harris, Lee University
Sara Moser, Lee University

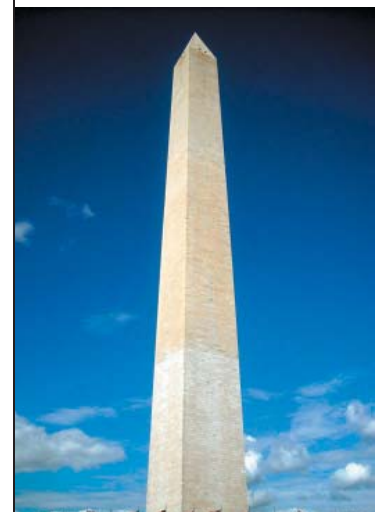
Prostitutes or Laborers: Complications Surrounding Sex Workers in India and Their Rights as Workers
Enakshi Ganguly, University of Texas at Austin

2:30 - 3:40pm | Marvin Center 403
COMPARATIVE SESSION 4

Chair/Discussant: Scott Weiner, George Washington University

A Study of the Relation Between the Greek Constitution and Corruption
Evangelos Sisalouis, Youngstown State University

Rhetoric of Doom: A Case Study of Media Representation of Refugees
Elisa Sperandio, Concord University



*Examining Causality of Nationalist Movements
within European States*
Elizabeth Buono, Elmira College

3:50 - 5:25pm | Marvin Center 402-404
PUBLIC POLICY SESSION 3

Chair/Discussant: Justin Koch, Georgetown University

*The Internet of Things: Privacy and Regulatory Concerns Regarding
Data Collection*
Hadeka Rasul, Seton Hall University

The War on Drugs: A Rawlsian Criticism of U.S. Mass Incarceration
Kindeya Chiaro, Adelphi University

*From Boston to Dublin: A Comparative Analysis of Responses to the
Catholic Sex Abuse Scandals*
Ellen DeWeese, Westminster College

3:50 - 5:25pm | Marvin Center 407
AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 6

Chair/Discussant: Mark Hines, Georgetown University

The Effects of Civic Education on Political Participation
Sarah Aldridge, Appalachian State University

Selfless Liars: The Conflicting Cynical Attitudes of College Students
Mallory Patrow, University of Saint Thomas

*The Relationship Between Religiosity and Political Polarization: Does
Being More Involved in One's Faith Decrease
Political Polarization?*
John Kenna, Elmira College

Choosing Words: The Battle for Rhetoric in the Tea Party
Richard Burke, Fairfield University



3:50 - 5:25pm | Marvin Center 403
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 5

Chair/Discussant:

Scott Weiner, George Washington University

Government and the Papacy: How Copts in Egypt Vote

Verina Bols, Temple University

The International Criminal Court in Africa: Responding to Shortcomings and Accusations of Bias

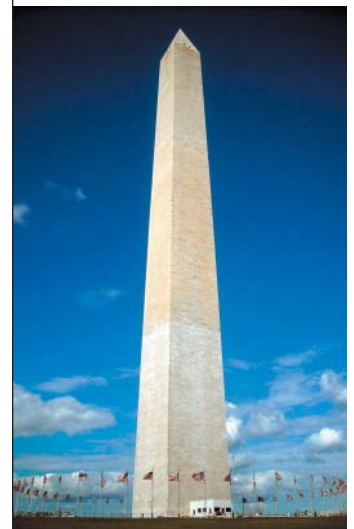
Nicholas Kean, Wake Forest University

Protector or Predator? An Analysis of Military Power and Coup d'état Events in Africa

Will Wheatley, Shepherd University

Distribution and Access of the Ebola Virus Disease Vaccine in Liberia and Sierra Leone

Sabrina Chishti, Tufts University



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS

Sarah Aldridge is a third-year political science major with a minor in Sociology at Appalachian State University. She is a student in the Honors College and a member of the inaugural class of Wilson Scholars at Appalachian State. This fall, she worked part-time internships in Washington DC with the Sustained Dialogue Institute and the Senate Committee for Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions as an education policy intern. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a postgraduate degree in public policy and return to Washington, DC to continue working towards educational equity.

Samantha Andrews is a December 2016 graduate of Southern Connecticut State University where she focused on political science and French. As a recent intern at a local refugee resettlement agency, and a Peace Corps prospect for 2017, her humanitarian interests expand beyond borders. She hopes to travel abroad and attend graduate school in the future.

Elizabeth Bailey is a senior at Mary Baldwin University majoring in political science and minoring in economics and religious studies. After graduating she hopes to find a career in the Foreign Service.

Vanessa Bauch is a senior at Elmira College double majoring in international studies and foreign languages of Spanish and German. She is an intern for the Committee on United States and Latin American Relations and treasurer of the Psi Zeta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at Elmira. After graduation she anticipates studying critical languages and intelligence and security.

Kelsey Barthold is a senior at Elon University where she is studying political science and accounting with a minor in finance. She spent the summer of 2016 with a public accounting firm working in tax, and plans to eventually practice tax law and/or corporate law. She hopes to be accepted to law school after graduation, and plans to pass the CPA examination.

Amy Benner is a senior at the University of South Florida where she is majoring in political science with a minor in history. She is the vice president of community service for the Zeta Pi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at USF. She was one of five USF students selected for the undergraduate research team that prepared infographics for the 2016 USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey—a widely-cited statewide public policy-focused survey. Her plans are to pursue graduate school to study political science with a focus on American politics.

Courtney Blackington is a senior at the College of William and Mary, where she is studying government with a focus on East European politics. She is the president of the Eta Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha on campus. She has completed two internships with the State Department in Romania and Botswana and hopes to enter a PhD program in political science after she graduates.

Verina Bols is a senior at Temple University where she is studying political science and Arabic. She is co-president of the Delta Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha on campus. She will continue working at the Institute for Public Affairs through the summer and hopes to start her career before graduate

school.

Alison Bonner is a senior at the University of Missouri where she is studying political science and minoring in leadership and public service. Alison has interned both in Jefferson City and Washington, DC. This past summer Alison interned at the U.S. State Department for the Information Resource Management Bureau. She hopes to pursue a career as a human rights lawyer and perhaps one-day run for political office.

Zachariah Boyer is a senior at Seton Hall University studying political science. He is the president of the Iota Delta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, serves in the Student Government Association as the Parliamentarian and an Arts & Sciences Senator, is a current Fellow in the Seton Hall Leadership Program, and is the president and founder of the university's intersectionality and diversity organization. After graduation, Zachariah plans to attend law school.

Montana Brown is a senior at Appalachian State University majoring in international and comparative politics with a concentration in economics and a minor in Spanish. Other than being involved in Pi Sigma Alpha, Montana is a part of and has held several officer positions in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, The National Society of Leadership, the Spanish Club, and the Delta Chi Fraternity. Following graduation, Montana hopes to join the Peace Corp and eventually obtain a Master's Degree in international relations.

Elizabeth Buono is a senior at Elmira College where she is studying political science and international

studies with a concentration in world politics. She is vice president of the Psi Zeta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and the president of the Active Minds chapter. She hopes to pursue a career involving social justice after graduation.

Richard Burke is a senior at Fairfield University where he is studying politics. His main research interests lie in the American political development literature. He hopes to attend graduate school in political science in the fall of 2017.

Laura Butts is a senior at Elmira College where she majors in political science and international studies, with concentrations in world politics and European studies. She is vice president of Elmira's chapter of Amnesty International and a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, as well as Pi Sigma Alpha. She plans to attend the London School of Economics and Political Science next year to earn her Masters in Social Policy.

Alexandra Byrne is a junior at Stony Brook University where she is majoring in psychology and minoring in political science. She is involved in three psychology research labs on campus and is also currently working on a political science study that is looking at how minorities, specifically Asians and Latinos, participate in politics. She is excited to have the opportunity to explore both her interests in political science and psychology in her research and she is planning to apply to Clinical Psychology PhD programs this fall.

Kindeya Chiaro is a senior at Adelphi University where she is studying political science. She has a passion for social justice and hopes to enter graduate school to earn her doctorate.

Brenden Carol is a senior at the University of Richmond majoring in political science and politics, philosophy, economics and law. He is the student coordinator of politics and voting on campus for the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement. He has worked in the House of Representatives, grassroots organizations in North Carolina and the Scottish Parliament. He hopes to find a job on the Hill next year and later pursue a JD or PhD.

Hayley Cohen is a senior at Tufts University where she is majoring in political science and minoring in chemistry. She is currently an associate at The Blue Lab, a permanent campaign incubator for political campaigns, which helped elect Seth Moulton to Congress in 2014. Hayley hopes to work in politics, polling or government following her graduation in May 2017.

Sabrina Chishti is a senior studying biology and political science at Tufts University. She is interested in the intersection of science and politics, is the president of the Rho Omicron chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at Tufts, and hopes to attend law school one day.

Chelsea Coccia is a senior at Rutgers University with a major in political science and a minor in history. She is excited to be the first person in her family to graduate college. Upon graduation, she would like to pursue a career in women and politics.

Matt Cudé is a senior at Utah State University where he is studying economics and constitutional law. He is an active board member of the Alpha Iota chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and other honors programs. He has participated in a 6-week seminar in Advanced Political Economy at George Mason

University and hopes to enter the graduate economics program there as a Mercatus PhD Fellow after he graduates.

Sean Davis is a senior at the University of Vermont, studying English with minors in philosophy and political science. He is a voracious reader and writer; when not engaged in academic pursuits, he can often be found perusing a range of works, from classic texts to contemporary fiction and non-fiction prose, as well as producing written work of his own. Following graduation, he plans to remain in Burlington and eventually pursue a writing fellowship followed by a MFA.

Ellen DeWeese is a senior at Westminster College where she is studying political science. She is involved with Eta Omicron chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and various other political organizations on campus and in the community. She is looking forward to attending graduate school for public administration in the fall.

Kesicia Dickinson is a senior at Jackson State University where she is studying criminal justice. She works diligently to improve the quality of life for marginalized communities in Mississippi and plans to enroll in a PhD program this fall.

Taylor Lynn Durrant is a senior political science major at Bethune Cookman University with an emphasis in public administration. Her research focuses on political involvement, public policy, and public service. She aspires to a life of politics with a goal of serving as mayor of her hometown.

Tyler Ann Durrant is a senior political science major at Bethune Cookman University with an

emphasis in public administration. Her research focuses on political involvement, public policy, and public service. She aspires to a life of politics with a goal of serving as mayor of her hometown.

Greta Frost is a senior at Youngstown State University where she is a double major in political science/economic relations and economics. She is the president of the Alpha Alpha Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha on campus. She will be graduating in May 2017 and is preparing to enter the workforce in Washington D.C. prior to attending law school.

Enakshi Ganguly is a graduating senior at the University of Texas at Austin, studying government and humanities with an emphasis on South Asian Studies. Her focus is on women and their sexualities in a colonized, nationalist state. She hopes to work alongside women who have been trafficked in the states, conduct research on feminist activism within Indian sex worker spaces, and write about the complexities of colonized sexualities and politics.

Shelley Harris is a junior political science major at Lee University with an emphasis in comparative politics. She is an active member of the Alpha Alpha Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and serves in leadership roles for honor societies, political activism clubs, and service organizations on campus. She plans on expanding her research paper during the following year, and hopes to enter and international law program after graduation.

Graham Healy is a senior at Elmira College where he is a world politics and international studies major. He plans to attend law school next

year.

Adam Hassanein is a junior at Purdue University.

Colin Higgins is a graduating senior at Heidelberg University, where he is studying political science and international relations. Passionate about a wide variety of issues, he hopes to enter the nonprofit field after graduating. After gaining practical experience he hopes to further his education, earn his PhD, and teach at the collegiate level.

Brigitte Hugh is a senior at Utah State University where she is studying political science with an emphasis in international relations and a minor in religious studies. She is the vice president of the Alpha Iota chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. After graduation she hopes to attend graduate school in Kurdish Studies or international relations.

Gabrielle Kanter is a senior at the University of Redlands studying public policy and political science. She is the vice president of the Alpha Delta Psi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, assistant captain of the mock trial team, involved in Greek Life, and serves a Senator in student government. Over the summer she will be interning in Washington, D.C. and preparing for the start of law school in the fall.

Nicholas Kean is a senior at Wake Forest University where he is studying politics & international affairs with a focus on education policy. He is a member of the Nu Zeta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha on campus. He hopes to move to DC after he graduates and work in the public sector or nonprofit field.

John Kenna is a senior at Elmira College. He is currently studying political science with a concentra-

tion in American politics. After he completes his undergraduate degree, John hopes to go on to graduate school to study political theory.

Ian Kirkpatrick is a senior at Mars Hill University and president of the Mu Epsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. He is a double major in political science and international studies, with a double minor in history and regional studies. He is the 2016-17 Montgomery Scholar, Hart-Melvin Fellow, and Senior Literary Editor of the Cadenza Literary Arts Magazine. He is currently trying to decide between going to law school and becoming an Appalachian folk singer.

Kristen Klein is a senior at Slippery Rock University where she majors in political science and minors in criminology. She currently serves as the National Communications Coordinator for the Association of Residence Hall Students.

Joshua Koss is a senior at Oakland University where he is studying political science. He is the vice president of the Nu Omega chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. He plans on graduating with Honors this April and attending graduate school to continue his academic pursuits.

Faith Lasiter is a senior at East Central University where she is studying political science and legal studies. She is the president of the Rho Beta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and the president of Alpha Chi. After graduation, Faith plans to attend law school and study constitutional law, or complete a master's program in Water Policy.

Timothy Lewis is a senior at Mercer University where he is studying law and public policy with a focus in K-12 education policy. He

serves in numerous leadership roles throughout campus including in Undergraduate Admissions, Orientation, Athletics, and Leadership programs. He hopes to attend graduate school in Higher Education and Student Affairs following graduation in May.

Nicole Loncaric is a senior political science major with minors in criminology and American politics at Slippery Rock University. She is a member of SRU's College Democrats and secretary of SRU's Young Progressives. Nicole was a THIS intern at the policy office of Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services in the spring of 2015.

Kellie Majcher is a senior at Eastern Michigan University where she studies political science, communication, and studio art. She is the president of the Zeta Tau chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. In April, Kellie will graduate summa cum laude from the Honors College at EMU with Highest Honors. She plans to enter law school in the fall.

Hannah Morgan is a senior at the University of Vermont studying history and political science, with a minor in Middle East studies. She has served as the managing editor of the Vermont Cynic, UVM's student newspaper, and currently conducts legislative research for the Vermont General Assembly. She hopes to pursue a graduate degree in international relations in the future.

Sara Moser is a senior at Lee University where she is studying American politics. She is the president of the Alpha Gamma Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. She intends to pursue a master's degree in Urban Planning. She aspires to be a city planner in the future.

Adena Mosesian is a senior at California State University, Northridge where she is majoring in political science with an emphasis in law and society and minoring in business law. She is treasurer at the Delta Sigma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. She will be graduating in May and enter law school in the fall.

Ranjani Parthasarathy is a second-year Monroe Scholar at the College of William and Mary. She is double-majoring in biology and international relations. Ranjani is secretary of the Eta Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and serves as the historian of the Undergraduate Honor Council. She also holds an executive position in the W&M International Relations Club. Ranjani hopes to work in global health policy.

Mallory Patrow is a senior at the University of Saint Thomas. She is pursuing a double major in political science and communication and journalism. She is co-president of the Chi Theta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. She will graduate in May and plans to obtain a job in public policy.

Daniel Petrelli is a senior political science major at Slippery Rock University. He plans to attend graduate school to study urban and regional planning, with a specialization in sustainable planning.

Hadeka Rasul is a junior at Seton Hall University where she is studying political science and economics. She is the executive editor of Political Analysis, the political science journal on campus. She is also involved in volunteering and working with non-profit organizations. She expects to graduate in December and pursue law school in the future.

Michael Scariano recently graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Kylie Schreiber is a senior at Valparaiso University where she studies political science and communications. She is secretary of the Beta Nu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha chapter and is president of the Mock Trial team. After graduation, Kylie hopes to work in public policy and administration with a nonprofit organization focusing on economic development or city planning.

Clinton W. Simmons III is a senior at the University of Mount Union majoring in political science and double minoring in legal studies and international affairs. He is a coordinator of the orientation program and the Parliamentarian of the Student Senate. He leads sessions and discussions on diversity, inclusion, and social justice at various conferences on and off campus, and he will graduate this May with hopes to attend law school.

Evangelos Sisalouis is a senior at Youngstown State University. He is majoring in political science, economics, and philosophy. He has held positions as treasurer and vice president for the Alpha Alpha Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. Evangelos was raised in Greece and intends to study international or corporate law.

Eric Smith is a senior at Valparaiso University studying international relations and international economics. He is vice president of the Beta Nu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. He will join Teach for America for the next two years.

Yoo Na Song has recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December and

maored in political science and Spanish. She is a past-president of the Pi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. She works at the Secretariat of Strengthening Democracy at the Organization of American States in Washington, DC.

Elisa Sperandio is a senior at Concord University. Originally from Italy, she moved to the US to pursue a double major in political science and geography. She seeks to continue her study of migration and development at a graduate level in the field of human geography.

Tori Staley is a senior at the University of Vermont, studying political science with a focus in comparative politics. She also will graduate with a minor in studio art and in Spanish. She hopes to travel and work in outdoor education for a year following graduation, and then apply to law school.

Merrit Stüven is a senior at Macalester College where she studies political science with a focus on human rights and is president of Macalester College Student Government. Merrit studies women's rights with a focus on education access and reproductive rights and hopes to pursue work in this area post-graduation.

Anne Tillie is a senior at Westminster College where she is a political science major with a public relations minor. At school, she works with her advisor as an undergraduate research assistant, concentrating on the strategic development of border areas. She also interned with a nonprofit in northern Maryland that concentrates on providing low-income clients with legal resources and education. Upon graduation, Anne hopes to pursue a master's degree in public admin-

istration with a focus in nonprofit management.

Alexander Trubowitz is a senior at Tufts University majoring in political science and classics. He is particularly interested in the interpretations of classical antiquity proposed by later thinkers. He plans to apply to graduate programs in political theory.

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