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The Chair's Message for 2017-18

Dr. David Black, Chair



Greetings to students, alumni, faculty and friends of Dalhousie Political Science, far and wide. As Dalhousie celebrates its 200th anniversary, we can reflect with pride on the legacy and ongoing achievements of our department, its members, and its graduates for much of this history.

We have had an exceptionally busy year (though it would be interesting to see how many previous Chairs'

Messages have begun with the same description!). The department went through a cyclical review, giving us an opportunity to reflect on changes, challenges and transitions over the past eight years. We were thrilled to be able to hire a new full-time member of the department in International Relations. Dr. Leah Sarson (who introduces herself later in this newsletter) will bring welcome expertise in Indigenous global politics and gender in IR, along with a range of experiences and networks. And our department faculty moved offices (again!), though this time we were at least able to re-assemble as a group on the nicely renewed third floor of the Hicks (formerly A & A) Building.

You will see in the pages that follow a very small sample of the activities and accomplishments of our members, current and former. Current faculty members continue to be exceptionally active, within and beyond our discipline. For example, Katherine Fierlbeck and Bob Finbow both won major new awards from the European Union, which among other activities will keep them out of (or into?) trouble for the next several years. Katherine's many contributions to the life of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and to the university were recognized when she received the annual FASS Award for Service Excellence, while her contributions to the health and fitness of the wider community were recognized by her larger-than-life picture prominently displayed at the entrance to the Dalplex, presumably as an inspiration to the rest of us (see p. 29)! Brian Bow, in addition to being promoted to Full Professor, served not only as the Director of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD) but as the Editor-in-chief of the *International Journal* – Canada's foremost journal of international affairs. Louise Carbert continues to serve on the Nova

Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, while Ruben Zaiotti serves as President of the European Community Studies Association of Canada. Former Chair and current FASS Dean Frank Harvey spent much of the winter semester as a Distinguished Fulbright Research Fellow at Yale University. These are just a few of the local, national, and international research and service contributions of our colleagues.

One of the distinctive features of the department has always been its members' vital contributions to interdisciplinary teaching and learning within the university. This tradition continues. To cite two recent examples, Margaret Denike led the effort to establish the new FASS major degree program in Law, Justice, and Society; while Lori Turnbull stepped in as Acting Director of the School of Public Administration, even as she continued to make a vital teaching contribution within the Department.

Because I have been around Dalhousie for so long (!), I am able to personally remember all of the alumni featured in this year's newsletter. As a former MA student for example, I remember well the department Liz Vibert describes, and also benefited from the gentle wisdom and deep knowledge of Professor Ken Heard. As a junior faculty member, I taught Rob Muggah and Roger Thompson, and remember wondering what each would do with his energy and talent. Also as a junior faculty member, I assessed Anna Lanowska's IR comprehensive examination and am not at all surprised to see the success she has enjoyed in her professional life. One of the abiding rewards of an academic career is that we get to play a small part in the intellectual formation of an extraordinary range of students who go on to make remarkable contributions (both prominent and unsung) to their communities – local, national and international.

Our current and former students make the point that their educational experience has been greatly enriched by the support they have enjoyed from Alumni giving. Alumni contributions help make possible student participation in activities like the annual Model United Nations conference at McGill University and graduate student conferences at universities across the country, the publication of the Undergraduate Society's journal *The Podium*, and the annual Glyn Berry Lecture which this year featured leading Canadian scholar and public intellectual Michael Byers. Currently, with generous initial support from Dal alum Reid Morden and Margaret Keens Morden, we are in the process of establishing a new fund specifically to support student research and conference travel (see p. 29). On behalf of our students, warm thanks to those who have contributed to this and other departmental priorities.

Every year, we must say goodbye to valued members of the

department who leave for new opportunities within and beyond the university. This year, we are ‘losing’ Centre and Department Secretary Shannon Langton, who has moved to a new post in the Law School, Student Assistant Emily-Ann Butler, and Professor Steven Seligman. Each has made vital contributions to the life of the department, and will be greatly missed. We are looking forward to staying in touch, and expanding the reach of Dalhousie political science within and beyond the university. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome back Marcella Firmini, who continues to provide inspirational teaching to our undergraduate students.

Finally, my thanks to our extraordinary staff – Administrator Tracy Powell, and (until very recently) Centre/Department Secretary Shannon Langton and Student Assistant Emily-Ann Butler – without whom neither this newsletter nor any other significant department event would occur. Those of us who work here every day are keenly aware of how lucky we are to have such exceptional support!

Please do let us know what you are up to. We love to hear from you, and to learn about where life beyond Dal has taken you. And watch out for special 200th anniversary events in the months ahead.

Our Faculty

Beyond his duties as Chair, **Dr David Black** has had a full year with research, writing and teaching. He and his co-applicants are continuing work on a SSHRC funded research project concerning “Canadian Development Cooperation and the new Politics of ‘Partnership’” (NewPOP for short!). This led him to undertake a research trip to Ghana, and to present work in progress in Ottawa, Kingston and Kelowna BC, focusing on the theory, practice, and ethics of development ‘partnerships’. He also kept up with his broader work on Canada in Africa, with three book chapters submitted and two presentations in Accra, Ghana – including one at the workshop on “Canada’s re-engagement with Peace Operations in Africa” organized by doctoral student Elikem Tsamenyi. In the meantime, he continued with his ‘fun’ research and writing on sport, politics and development, including two book chapters with former honours student Maya Hibbeln as well as articles in *Third World Thematics* and the *South African Journal for Research on Sport, Physical Education and Recreation*.



David Black and daughter, Elizabeth

One of his proudest achievements this year was successfully seeing off two PhD candidates. Both Carla Suarez and David Morgan successfully defended their outstanding doctoral theses, Carla’s on civilian navigation of ‘hybrid’ governance in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Dave’s on understanding the contemporary crisis of global humanitarianism. They will be missed, but it will be great to see their careers develop as they pursue new opportunities at UBC and in the federal civil service.

Dr. Brian Bow has had an admin-heavy year, and is looking forward to sabbatical leave for 2018-19, as an opportunity to follow through on some long-delayed research and writing.



In 2017-18, he was Honours Coordinator (see below), Director of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (see below), served on the FASS Academic Development Committee, was on the review committee for SSHRC Insight Grants, and continued his tenure as senior Editor-in-Chief for *International Journal*, Canada’s leading journal of international affairs. He also taught an extra lecture course on overload in 2017-18, and a directed reading course for graduate students.

The “Generations” project – on the evolution of Canadian foreign policy as a field of study – co-organized with PhD student Andrea Lane, produced a special collection of essays in *International Journal* 72/2 (June 2017), and the remaining essays will be published in an edited volume at the end of 2018 or early in 2019. Another collection of essays, on cross-border security policy cooperation, co-organized with Ruben Zaiotti, is expected to come out as a journal special issue next year. That is part of a larger, multi-year project on security policy coordination, which will be the primary focus for research during his sabbatical. At the same time, the

writing process carries on for another large project, on discursive contestation of regional integration in North America.

Dr. Bow is supported in this work by his ongoing affiliations with the Borders in Globalization initiative at the University of Victoria, the North American Research Initiative at American University, and the Canadian Global Affairs Institute.

Dr. Robert Finbow had a busy year continuing research on trade agreements, especially the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Trade and Economic Agreement (CETA) and US-EU trade relations. He received a grant for an Erasmus+ project from the European Commission on CETA Implementation and Implications. He attended the Jean Monnet biennial conference in Brussels to meet fellow grant holders and learn about the complexities of the EU's funding system. This two-year project links scholars and stakeholders via a workshop and conference. Publications will include working papers and a book covering the implementation process and early effects of CETA. The first project workshop in May attracted scholars, social groups and government officials covering a wide range of policy fields affected by the negotiation and implementation of CETA.



In the fall he organized a workshop for the pan-Canadian socially responsible trade consultations, coordinated by UQAM's Centre d'études sur l'intégration et la mondialisation (CEIM), funded by Employment and Social Development Canada. He also participated in an inaugural meeting for a socially responsible trade network in Montreal with plans for a SSHRC partnership application linking academics and stakeholders from across the country.

He contributed a chapter to a forthcoming book outlining the findings of the cross-country consultations on "The necessity of socially responsible trade," to appear in Michèle Rioux and Sylvain Zini, *Towards a Socially Responsible Trade Policy: A challenge for Canada and its partners*. His article on the slow-moving CETA ratification, entitled "Canada-EU Trade Agreement: Inching towards Implementation," is slated for inclusion in a special issue on EU trade policy in the *Journal of European Public Policy*. He also presented at conferences in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Antwerp.

Dr. Marcella Firmini This year was quite busy, but – as always – quite rewarding. I was very excited to learn that I will be returning to Dalhousie University for another academic year (2018-2019) to which I look forward immensely. During the course of the academic year 2017-2018, I had the pleasure to advise Nicolas Plourde-Fleury in the development of his Honours thesis, and I was also privileged to be part of examination committees for Erin McEntee's insightful Honours project, and Callee Robinson's Masters thesis. These students are all graduating this year and I wish them, and all Dalhousie graduates, the best of luck in the future.



Dr. Kristin Good welcomed her third child in July and is currently on parental leave. Upon return to work, Dr. Good will continue her research on the politics and governance of immigration in Canadian cities. She has also been working on a textbook (with co-author Dr. Jen Nelles, Visiting Associate Professor, City University of New York – Hunter College) on comparative urban governance that is under contract with the University of Toronto Press. Dr. Good continues to serve as the series editor (with co-editor Martin Horak, Associate Professor and Director of the Local Government Program, Western University) of a book series published by McGill-Queen's University Press entitled *Studies in Urban Governance*.

Photo (left): Kristin with her children and puppy enjoying the outdoors

Dr. Ann Griffiths (part-time) continued to teach, edit and write in 2017. She taught Exploring Global Conflict and Violence (POLI 3596) in Fall 2017, and Building Peace and Democracy (POLI 3520) in Winter 2018 – and because the world seems to be in turmoil these days, there is always lots to discuss in these courses. In addition to teaching, she also served as a reader for several BA Honours theses. As well, she continued editing *Canadian Naval Review*, now in its 14th year of publication. When not editing other people's work, she managed to find time to write several articles in 2017. She wrote the Editorial for the summer issue of *Canadian Naval Review*, and several book reviews, one for CDAI



and the other for *Canadian Naval Review*. In addition, she wrote a chapter on federalism in St. Kitts and Nevis to be included in *The Handbook of Federal Countries*, produced by the Forum of Federations and to be published by McGill-Queen's University Press in 2018. She also wrote an article for the Royal Navy's *Naval Review*, which was published in November 2017 (Vol. 105, No. 4). Her article "Canada is Back – Via the Navy?" published in *Canadian Naval Review* in the Fall 2017 issue (Vol. 13, No. 3) received much acclaim from the navy and Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, awarded her an Admiral's medal for it in March 2018. She is (still) researching a book about the political, security and economic implications of the global maritime trade in oil that will hopefully be concluded over the next year.

Dr. Anders Hayden has continued research for a SSHRC-funded project on the political and policy impacts of alternative indicators of prosperity ("beyond GDP" measurement), leading to a journal article on the US state of Maryland's Genuine Progress Indicator. He has been working as a co-editor of the upcoming *Routledge Handbook of Global Sustainability Governance*, for which he wrote a chapter on the concept of "sufficiency," and has started on a book entitled *Environmental Politics: Global Challenges, Green Transitions* for University of Toronto Press. He was invited to give a public talk on issues of "re-growth, green growth and post-growth" for the Global Political Economy program at the University of Manitoba and to speak about "climate politics in the age of Trump" at the Canadian Pugwash Conference on Canada's Contribution to Global Security. He delivered presentations at the Environmental Studies Association of Canada conference and the Third International Conference of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) in Copenhagen. He has also been serving on the SCORAI board. He particularly enjoyed teaching for the first time a course in Canadian Provincial Politics, which took him beyond his core areas of research. He also developed a new course on Consumption, Politics, and Society, which he looks forward to teaching in the years ahead. He has been serving as the department's Undergraduate Advisor and on a number of departmental, faculty, and College of Sustainability committees.



Dr. Steven Seligman Steven had another fantastic year at Dalhousie! In addition to teaching a variety of courses in International Relations and Comparative Politics, he had an article published in the *American Review of Canadian Studies* examining the Justin Trudeau government's foreign policy toward Israel. He also attended the annual conference of the International Studies Association in San Francisco to present a paper analyzing the United Nations Human Rights Council and Sri Lanka.

As he prepares to say goodbye to Dalhousie after spending three great years here, Steven wishes to thank all the faculty, staff and students who helped make each and every day so enjoyable and rewarding. He leaves Dalhousie with very many fond and happy memories.

Dr. Ruben Zaiotti It is always challenging to resume a regular (academic) routine after a sabbatical, especially when it is your first one... But here I am, back in my Dalhousie office overlooking the Quad! Since my return from Los Angeles, I have immersed myself again in departmental life, and picked my 'regular' work up where I left off. That includes my job as director of the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence (by the way, a big thank you to my colleague Bob Finbow for taking over while I was away!). In the 2017/18 academic year the Centre organized a number of exciting activities and events. To know more, have a look at the dedicated section in this newsletter! I just want to add that I am thrilled that the Centre was able to secure funding for two new EU-related projects led by our departmental colleagues Katherine Fierlbeck (on health care) and Bob Finbow (on the Canada-EU trade agreement). We are getting



Ruben Zaiotti (right), Professor Amy Verdun (centre) from University of Victoria with professor Heather Mc Rae (left) from York University.

bigger and bigger! As the picture in that piece shows, high profile Centre-sponsored events (such as hosting three Canadian ambassadors) have given me the opportunity to show off my suit and tie. (Believe me, it does not happen that often...)

On the topic of institutional commitments, with the current academic year I concluded my stint as president of the European Community Studies Association – Canada (ECSA-C). From this altar I have been spreading the EU gospel (well, sort of...) to the rest of Canada, and rewarding good deeds. (See picture of me handing out the Teaching Award to UVic Professor Amy Verdun at the 2018 ECSA-Conference in Toronto.) On the research front, I have been continuing my work on the subject of public diplomacy in the European Union, and my plan is to organize a workshop on this topic in 2019. With regards to my teaching endeavours, I had the pleasure to be the instructor of a new first year course titled 'Globalizations.' The result of an interdisciplinary collaboration with the department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, it was the first of this kind at FASS. It was also a first for me: I had not taught a first-year course before, and I had never taught a course with somebody else... Great discussions from very engaged students. And it was fun teaching it with the colleague from Sociology and Social Anthropology, Pauline Gardiner-Barber. I think this experiment was a big success; certainly it was for me! On the topic of teaching, I also look forward to next year. I have submitted a proposal for a third-year course on social media and politics. Yes, I will talk about Trump and his favourite weapon of mass distraction... But not only that! Social media and politics intersect in fascinating ways, and the course will explore them more in depth. I have a sense students will like it...

Ah, before I forget, I wanted to conclude by saying that last September my family welcomed a new member: Abra, a fearless and undeniably cute Bouviers/Poodle dog. If you see her around the department, please give her a high (paw) five!!!

25 Years of Service for Katherine Fierlbeck

July 2017 marked 25 years of service for Katherine Fierlbeck, who received her quarter-century award from President Florizone. But Professor Fierlbeck shows no signs of slowing down – in fact, the past twelve months have been incredibly productive. She was awarded a \$455,000 Jean Monnet award to establish an international Network in Health Law and Policy, and is co-investigator in a \$489,000 CIHR grant on Transparency in Pharmaceutical



Research and Regulation as well as a \$59,000 SSHRC grant on Health Equity and a \$20,000 CIHR Planning & Dissemination grant. She presented her research in Cantabria, Spain, last summer, and gave talks for both the MacEachen Institute and Healthy Populations Institute on campus. Her writing this year was heavily focused on formal reports, both as chair of the Review Committee of the Health Law Institute, and as part of the province's Review

research was published in *Canadian Public Administration* earlier this spring, and her latest book with the University of Toronto Press will be published in June. Professor Fierlbeck was awarded the 2018 FASS Award for Service Excellence in April. She perseveres with her objective to keep Dal students and faculty healthy, and encourages everyone to come out to her fitness classes in the brand new Dalplex fitness facility (See In the Spotlight for a fun Dalplex photo) !



Committee of the Judicial Council. Her academic



Welcome Dr. Leah Sarson, New Assistant Professor in Political Science

I am delighted to join the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University this year as an assistant professor.



Over the past few years, I have split my time between Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where I was a SSHRC post-doctoral fellow at the Dickey Center for International Understanding, a visiting fellow at their Institute of Arctic Studies, and a 2015-16 Fulbright research fellow, and the University of Toronto, where I was an Adjunct Professor of International Relations and a visiting fellow at the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History.

My research focuses on the interaction between Indigenous global politics and the international relations of the state, particularly in the context of resource extraction. Internationally, Indigenous peoples are carving out space for themselves in the decision-making processes that affect them and challenging the state's ability to realize its international preferences. While the expectation might be that Indigenous governments would be unlikely to challenge the power of the state, my research explains why Indigenous governments can realize political objectives contrary to the interests of dominant actors in international relations. For their part, states are responding to Indigenous peoples' demands for self-determination and gradually acknowledging the need for innovative governance arrangements that recognize the rights of Indigenous peoples. My work focuses on how these changing governance dynamics are playing out across the global north.

During my doctoral work at Queen's University, where I completed my PhD in 2016, I considered how my research questions relate to Canada's place in the world. In my follow-up work, I explain how the transformative political effects of Indigenous global politics are challenging how Canada realizes its foreign policy objectives and ultimately changing the map of Canada. My current research extends

my analysis to consider the evolution of Indigenous governments across the Arctic as global actors. I assess how they foster relationships with international partners engaged in the resource extraction sector, integrating local identities and cultural priorities into the international agenda. These themes, as well as my work on feminist research methods, inform my publications in journals such as *Études internationales* (2017), *International Journal* (2016), and *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (2014), and a contribution to the Generations project focused on the evolution of Canadian foreign policy led by the Centre for the Study of Security and Development.

In addition to my primary research activities, I also incorporate gender-based analysis into my research agenda. I am an elected member of the board of directors of Women in International Security (WIIS)-Canada and co-founder and president of its Toronto chapter. WIIS-Canada is part of a global organization dedicated to mentoring and leadership opportunities for the next generation of gender-diverse scholars in international relations and security. My work with them has inspired work on feminist research methods and pedagogy in international relations and introduced me to a dynamic network of scholars and practitioners in the field. I anticipate collaborating with my colleagues and students at Dalhousie to establish a Halifax chapter that continues to build our network in Atlantic Canada. I hope that my new students are as enthusiastic about the work that WIIS-C does as I am.

In the classroom, I'll be teaching introductory International Relations, foundations of human rights, and a new upper-year seminar course on Indigenous global politics. Building on the same reflexive methodological approach that I apply to my research, my teaching focuses on providing students with the tools to apply theory to real-world events and formulate analytical responses to course materials. I aim to create a space in which students can exchange ideas and feel supported taking ownership of their academic growth.

I am excited by the prospect of developing productive partnerships within the department, across the university, and throughout the broader community. I am very much looking forward to becoming part of the strong academic tradition in the Department of Political Science and contributing to the innovative research and teaching for which Dalhousie is known. Thank you for your warm welcome.

Centre for the Study of Security and Development

Brian Bow, Director

The Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD) continues to evolve after its relaunch in August 2016. Centre Director Brian Bow gratefully acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the Deputy Director, Andrea Lane, and Administrative Secretary, Shannon Langton, who have kept things moving forward through the CSSD's ongoing transition. And the Centre community would like to express its appreciation to Professor Anders Hayden, who will take over as Interim Director while Brian Bow is on sabbatical leave for 2018-19.

A number of CSSD fellows moved on to new appointments this year; we will miss having them around, but we wish them well, and look forward to working with them in the future. Faculty Fellow Amal Ghazal took up a new faculty position in History at SFU; Research Fellow Kristi Kenyon took up a new faculty position with the Global College at University of Winnipeg; and Doctoral Fellow Carla Suarez successfully defended her dissertation, and moved on to a Postdoctoral Fellowship at UBC.

In July 2017, the CSSD co-organized a conference with the Pugwash Group, with meetings at Dalhousie and at Thinker's Lodge in Pugwash, NS. Later that same month, the Centre supported a public event organized by the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (RDCSI), "Realities of War: Children, Civilians and the Impacts of Conflict."



Brian Bow talking with Bessma Momani at Halifax International Security Forum event, November 2017

In October, with support from the RDCSI, the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), the defence engagement program (DEP) of the Department of National Defence, Faculty Fellow David Black, and Doctoral Fellow Elikem Tsamenyi co-organized a workshop on "Canada's Re-Engagement with Peacekeeping Operations in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities," at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, in Accra, Ghana.

In November, CSSD was very pleased to partner with several other organizations, within Dalhousie and at SMU, to co-sponsor an extraordinary roundtable on "The Future of Global Leadership," held in conjunction with the Halifax International Security Forum (<http://halifaxtheforum.org/>), featuring former CTV News anchor Tom Clark, Nobel Peace Laureate Tawakkol Karman, Prof. Bessma Momani, NATO General Petr Pavel, and *Foreign Policy* editor Jonathan Tepperman. On March 8, the CSSD and the Political Science Department, with support from the Canadian International Council, presented the 2018 Glyn Berry Lecture. Professor Michael Byers from UBC gave this year's lecture, a wide-ranging overview of the political and ethical dilemmas stemming from the exploration and exploitation of outer space by private companies like SpaceX.

The Centre continued to organize its own series of public events ("seminar series"), with lectures and roundtable discussions by prominent academic, civil society, and government speakers. Among the notable government speakers this year were Canadian ambassadors Honourable Stephane Dion, Daniel Costello, and Alexandra Bugailiskis; Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Marc -André Blanchard; and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Matt DeCoursey. A full list of seminar series events for 2017-18 is below.

In organizing its public events, the Centre continues to rely on institutional partners in- and outside of Dalhousie. We are

grateful for practical and sometimes financial support from the Political Science and International Development Studies departments, the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence, the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance, the Schulich School of Law, and the Halifax branch of the Canadian International Council.



Crowd shot at Turkey panel event at the Halifax Public Library, March 2018

Brian Bow and Andrea Lane continued to work on the Generations project, launched some time ago with a CSSD-sponsored workshop in Toronto. One cluster of essays was published as a special issue of *International Journal* (vol. 72, no. 2), and the rest will be published later this year as a co-edited volume, by UBC Press.

Brian Bow is also continuing to work with Faculty Fellow Ruben Zaiotti on a collection of essays on security policy coordination in North America and Europe, which followed from a CSSD-organized workshop in Halifax. Some of the papers from that workshop will be published as a journal special issue.

The Centre is pleased to continue to work with the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative. Through its training and advocacy programs, RDCSI has had a big impact on the thinking of policy-makers and practitioners, particularly with respect to peace support operations. And it has had an important breakthrough this year, through the negotiation of the Vancouver Principles (see http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/human_rights-droits_homme/principles-vancouver-principes.aspx?lang=eng).

The Centre is gradually settling into a new set of priorities and a new rhythm of activities, and we look forward to new opportunities to support research, teaching, and public engagement in the coming year. For further updates on Centre activities, check out our website at <https://www.dal.ca/sites/cssd.html>, or follow us on Twitter at @dalcssd.

Canadian Naval Review

Ann Griffiths, Editor, CNR

In 2017, *Canadian Naval Review* continued publishing interesting and timely material about navies, defence, oceans, security and other matters. Articles looked at issues as varied as the Naval Reserve, amphibious sealift capability, insurance of shipping, the Chinese Navy, maritime migration, and the WW II surrender of a German U-boat to the Canadian Navy. In addition, an article by Dr. Ann Griffiths, “Canada is Back – Via the Navy?” resulted in the author receiving an Admiral’s medal from the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy. *CNR* held its annual essay competition again in 2017 and the winning essay was by Dr. Robert Huish of Dalhousie University for his essay on maritime sanctions and North Korea, entitled “How to Sink the Hermit Kingdom.” Perhaps the biggest news about *CNR* in the past year is that the journal is relocating. This will not mean any change in the publication schedule but starting in summer 2018 *CNR* will be published out of the Mulroney Institute at St. Francis Xavier University. The Mulroney Institute has established a new maritime security program and welcomed *CNR* to join the crew. It’s a great opportunity, but sad to leave Dalhousie.



CNR latest edition (Vol. 13 Number 4)

Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence

Madeleine Coffen-Smout, Coordinator

Over the last year, the JMEUCE has continued to focus on research, outreach and education on the EU and EU-Canada relations. During the summer, funding was approved for two major research projects through the Erasmus+ programme of the EU. To assist with these projects, the Centre welcomed on board Alanna Taylor as a part-time Research Administrator. (The “welcome” even included a greeting on her first day from a friendly mouse, never seen in the office before or since!)

The **CETA Implementation and Implications Project** (<https://ciipdal.ca/>) led by JMEUCE Deputy Director, Robert Finbow, is a two-year initiative with €53,523 in EU funding. It aims to bring together academics and stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic who are analysing the programmatic and legislative changes required to bring CETA to fruition. Areas being covered include investment, intellectual property and agricultural trade, as well as the environmental and labour elements and impacts. As part of this, the upcoming workshop on **CETA Implementation: The Next Steps** at Dalhousie on 18th May will provide a forum for Canadian and European specialists to present and discuss original research on different aspects of this topic. Other project activities will include publications and a major conference in 2019.

The three-year **Health Law and Policy Network**, headed by JMEUCE Associate, Katherine Fierlbeck, was awarded €300,000 in EU funding. The project aims to build capacity in the study of EU health policy by fostering collaboration between scholars across regions, disciplines and generations. Its website will act as a hub for the network and provide a directory of researchers with expertise on a range of health policy topics. Activities will include a series of workshops, summer schools and events to provide opportunities for experts across multiple fields to engage in scholarly discussion, diffuse information on health policy, and train new scholars and policy analysts in health policy. The first two workshops will take place this summer in Toronto and Halifax, followed by a summer school in Spain.

In addition to research, outreach has continued within the university and broader community in collaboration with various partners including the Schulich School of Law, Centre for European Studies, Italian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance, Centre for the Study of Security and Development, and Global Affairs Canada. Lectures and panels focused on a range of topics and featured both local and visiting speakers:

European Citizenship and Identity – Francesco Munari, University of Genoa, Italy.

Brexit Panel on *What's Next? Implications for Law & Life* – Vincent Power, A&L Goodbody, Ireland, Francesco Munari, University of Genoa, Teresa Cyrus, Dalhousie Department of Economics, moderated by JMEUCE Director, Ruben Zaiotti.

Roundtable on *Catalonia's Quest for Independence: Another European Crisis?* – Jerry White, European Studies and Ruben Zaiotti, JMEUCE.

The European Union as a Strategic Partner – Peteris Ustubs, EU Ambassador to Canada.

MacKay Lecture: *The Futures of Migration in Europe and Germany: A New Normalcy?* – Thomas Faist, Bielefeld University, Germany.

Still Europe's Underbelly? A Roundtable on Italy's Upcoming Elections - Paolo Matteucci, Italian Studies Programme and Ruben Zaiotti, JMEUCE.

Canada-EU Relations: Perspectives from Berlin, Brussels and Rome – panel discussion with Honourable Stephane Dion, Ambassador to Germany and Special Envoy to the EU and Europe, Daniel Costello, Ambassador to the EU, Alexandra Bugailiskis, Ambassador to Italy, moderated by Ruben Zaiotti, JMEUCE.



(L to R) Ambassadors Daniel Costello, Stephane Dion and Alexandra Bugailiskis, with JMEUCE Director, Ruben Zaiotti

Another focus of the Centre's work is to interest and educate students in EU issues. This year's Day of Debate brought approximately 35 International Baccalaureate (IB) and pre-IB students to Dal from local schools to wrestle with some of the current hot topics – Should Britain hold a second Brexit referendum? Should Turkey join the EU? Should EU states be required to accept migrants? Should they close their borders in response to

the ongoing terrorist attacks in Europe? A dozen Dal students, including representatives of the Sodales Debating Society, provided invaluable assistance and mentoring – and even helped run one of the debates in French, which was a first for us.

The Centre is also providing financial support for three students heading to Brussels this month to participate in an intensive EU Study Tour (<https://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/europe/study-tour/index.php>). All have opted to follow the tour with an internship at a relevant organization. Jourdon Craig (Political Science/Economics) will intern at the European Economic and Social Committee, Natalia Domingo (Political Science) at the Centre for European Progression and John Osborne (European Studies) with EuroHealthNet. We wish them well!

Seminar Series

This year CSSD and POLI joined in partnership on a wide range of seminars. Below you will find the full list of seminar/events held by one or both of the partners.

Maria Banda

Navigating the New World Disorder: Risks and Opportunities for Canada, October 5, 2017

Matt DeCoursey

Town Hall Event on the Future of NAFTA, November 16, 2017

The Halifax International Security Forum: The Future of Global Leadership

Panel: Tom Clark, Tawakkol Karman, Bessma Momani, General Petr Pavel and Jonathan Tepperman, November 16, 2017

William Fenrick

The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the Future of International Law, November 24, 2017

Jean Michel Montsion

Ethnography and the Emancipatory Agenda in IR: Moving Beyond 'the Turn' to Address the Field's Racist History and Tendencies, February 8, 2018

Chris Kilford, Can Mutlu, and Ambassador Glenn Davidson

Turkey Today and Tomorrow, March 7, 2018

Michael Byers

Elon Musk, President of Mars?
Glyn Berry Lecture, March 8, 2018

Cindy Storer

From Analyst to Hero: How Big Data led to the Capture of Bin Laden, March 26, 2018

Rhys Robinson (MA candidate)

Saudi Arabia's Intervention in Yemen, April 10, 2018

Adam MacDonald (PhD candidate)

Peaceful, Cooperative, Decoupled: Explaining Arctic Stability in the Post-Cold War Era and Assessing Its Future Trajectory, April 11, 2018

Bruno Charbonneau, Shelly Whitman, and David Black

New Developments in Mali and the Sahel, April 12, 2018



Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative

Josh Boyter, Communications Officer, RDCSI

It was a year of milestones for the Dallaire Initiative with significant achievements in national and international advocacy efforts, partnership building, training delivery, research and education.

world's first ever Joint Doctrine Note on Child Soldiers for the Canadian Armed Forces. Both of these achievements were supported by advocacy activities undertaken by the Dallaire Initiative.

the Dallaire Initiative is now launching a radio program to engage the wider community on the issue of children, peace and security.

Research

In 2017, we launched 12 country reports on critical countries that recruit and use child soldiers including Yemen, Colombia, and South Sudan. The country reports provide contextual information to complement the Dallaire Initiative's training materials. They are published in cooperation with the Stahili Foundation, and the Lori E. Talsky Center at Michigan State University.

In August 2017, our second issue of *Allons-y* was published, featuring articles on some of the most pressing issues on children and armed conflict including the harmful ideologies of Islamophobia and Islamist fundamentalism, the lack of a sufficient response to the mental health needs of refugee children, and the growing need to address the involvement of children in cyberattacks. *Allons-y* is a flagship publication of the Dallaire Initiative, containing a series of peer-reviewed papers written by young academics and practitioners, complemented by expert commentary, and designed to foster discussion and innovative thinking on issues relating to children in war, terrorism, and violence.



Over the course of 2017, the Dallaire Initiative trained 400 personnel from more than 10 countries, including Somalia, Uganda and Jordan. We signed new partnership agreements with the Jordanian Police Force and the Rwandan Defence Force, and are

Advocacy

Our collaboration with the Government of Canada on the Vancouver Principles was a major step forward on the global stage for the Dallaire Initiative and positioned us to be a key leader on programming that supports a security sector approach to addressing the recruitment and use of child soldiers. The Vancouver Principles, launched as part of the UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial in Vancouver in November 2017, are a set of commitments made by UN member states that outline a more assertive stance on preventing child recruitment in the context of peacekeeping operations. To date more than 60 countries have signed on to the principles.

The Dallaire Initiative also launched a new advocacy campaign, No Child's War and a new advocacy tool, Not My War, to raise awareness and discussion amongst Canadians pertaining to the recruitment and use of child soldiers.

Training

In 2017, Canada signed onto the Safe Schools Declaration and launched the

building new relationships with militaries in Nigeria and South Sudan.

On February 12th 2018, the Prime Minister issued a public statement on the International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers making specific mention of the Dallaire Initiative's work, including a Global Affairs Canada announcement of \$3.4 million to support our organization's efforts to help end the recruitment of child soldiers in South Sudan.

Education

In Sierra Leone, we established "peace clubs" with a local NGO partner, Pikitto-Pikin, which are accessed by more than 100 kids in three schools across Sierra Leone. An impact assessment of the programme carried out in June 2017 found that the clubs are leading to improved dialogue and understanding between young people and adults, and concrete actions have been taken to reduce bullying and tensions around elections. The clubs continue to multiply across the country, and



Undergraduate Program News

Anders Hayden, Undergraduate Advisor

In my role as undergraduate advisor, I respond to many questions from students who are trying to navigate the course selection process, make plans to go on exchange abroad, and resolve issues of various kinds—along with questions from prospective students and occasionally parents. One priority for the year ahead will be to do more outreach to first-year students to make sure that they are aware of the advising services available to them in the department. Recruitment events this past year once again included the annual Open House for high-school students, where presentations by current undergraduates in the department were particularly helpful in conveying the message that Political Science has a lot to offer. Along with the Academic Fair for current Dalhousie students, another important recruitment event was the luncheon for students from King's College, whose programs have a strong complementarity with our own. If you have your own experience about the value of a Political Science degree that we could share with prospective students, please send me your thoughts (anders.hayden@dal.ca).

Undergraduate Student Award/Prize Winners

Daniel Mallov (BA, undeclared Major) has been awarded:

The Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy: *This prize is awarded annually to the student who receives the highest grade in Political Science 2410 and 2420. The Commonwealth Prize was established by John Beveridge, who graduated from Dalhousie University in 1971. It is awarded to First Class students who demonstrate interest and achievement in the field of Political Philosophy.*

Jaan Islam (BA Honours, Double Major in Political Science and Religious Studies) has been awarded:

The Eric Dennis Gold Medal Award: *Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, this medal is awarded upon graduation to the student who stands first among those taking First Class honours in Government and Political Science. This is the University Medal in Political Science.*

Sarah Barnett (BA, Major in International Development Studies, Minor in Sociology) has been awarded:

The H.B. McCulloch Memorial Prize: *This prize is awarded annually to the student who, among all the first and second year students registered in introductory classes in Political Science, is judged to have written the best essay in the second term.*

Jaan Islam (BA Honours, Double Major in Political Science and Religious Studies) has been awarded:

The James H. Aitchison Award: *In 1979 colleagues of Dr. J.H. Aitchison established a fund from which an annual prize would be awarded in recognition of the best undergraduate Honours essay. The fund was established to honour Professor Aitchison who was instrumental in founding the department.*

E-Interview with Jaan Islam, James H. Aitchison Award Winner

This award was created in honour of Professor Aitchison who was instrumental in the founding of the POLI Department and was the head of the Department from 1949-1973. How does it feel to be the recipient of this prestigious POLI award?

I feel honoured by the department's decision to grant me the Aitchison award. While I worked very hard to write and perfect my thesis, I was not expecting that a thesis with such a radical argument would be welcomed, let alone selected as the department's best thesis this year. The award is the perfect form of closure for my undergraduate study at Dal.

What helped you with your decision to take Political Science? Was there anything or anyone who inspired you?

For me, political science was sort of an accident; I always loved politics but never knew that it would be my life-long passion. Many people were instrumental in supporting and inspiring me. I would firstly like to thank my family, which was always very supportive of my decisions. I also always felt that I was continuing the legacy of my grandfather, Sulaiman Islam, whose MA degree was in Islamic History. Last but not least, I would like to thank my supervisor, Professor Florian Bail, who initially inspired me to study political philosophy in my second year.



Is there a particular area of Political Science that interests you most?

Political philosophy has been my passion since I was introduced to it in my second year of study. Since I originally intended to study international relations, my thesis subject encapsulates both areas of study: it discusses the relevance of a medieval political theorist (Ibn Rushd) in the contemporary Islamic world.

What are your plans after you graduate in May? Any long-term plans or goals?

In September, I will be attending the University of British Columbia, which offered me all I could ask for. As such, over the next few years, my plan is continuing my education by completing my MA and PhD, and then starting a career in academia. Needless to say, studying political science is my life-time plan.

Report on McGill Model United Nations

Mohammed Elgayar

On January 28th, 2018 the Dalhousie Model United Nations society sent a team of 40 delegates to the McGill Model United Nations conference. The team had been preparing for 3 months, meeting regularly to go over simulations and set up training sessions. The current executive, Abdelrahman Abdullah, Victoria Macies, and Peter Fajner, coordinated with myself, the former president, to make a smooth transition.

Despite not winning awards, delegates expressed their desire and passion to attend McMUN again and other conferences so that we may begin to build a stronger team. Our goal will be to develop stronger teams, attend more than one conference per year, and to begin winning awards at every conference.

Our attendance received great feedback and appreciation, and many of our delegates gave positive feedback about the experience.

The conference was a great experience for everyone who went. From the conferences themselves to the McParte, students experienced what is sometimes a once in a lifetime opportunity by attending McMUN. Many students have spoken to me afterwards about the things they learned from the conference. Delegates learned the proper rules and procedures applied at the United Nations and the difficulty of logistics within institutions. They developed the ability to put theory into practice. Students began networking and creating enemies and allies within the conference but also friendly rivalries. These connections became the bridge for new friendships beyond the committee sessions.

None of this would have been possible without the help of the Political Science department and society. From allowing us to use the political science lounge to help us fund the trip, the department provided what proved to be the foundational pillars in DalMUN's success. It is also worth noting the great help of Professor Seligman, who I would like to wish the best of luck, for his continued support by teaching the Model United Nations Class.

Finally I would like to thank every delegate who attended this conference and made it a great experience for myself and everyone else. They deserve full recognition, for doing the university proud and upholding the name of Dalhousie University.

Honours Program

Brian Bow, Honours Coordinator

The Honours cohort for 2017-18 is a relatively small one, but made up of excellent students, from diverse backgrounds, exploring a varied array of important and timely research questions. Each of them has accomplished great things this year, and we look forward to seeing them continue to succeed beyond the Honours degree.

Alex Isenor

The Failure to Adopt Rehabilitative Justice in Liberal Society: A study of John Locke's influence on Justice in Modern Liberal society.

Supervisor: David Black

Jaan Islaam

The Contention Between Secular and Revealed Law: Analyzing Ibn Rushd's Solution to the Problem of the 'Virtuous Society'.

Supervisor: Florian Bail

Richard Temple Kingston

Hindutva Discourse and Communal Violence in Jammu & Kashmir

Supervisor: Peter Arthur

Sara Magee

The Role of Norm Entrepreneurs: Influencing Policies on Child Soldiers in the United States, Norway, and Canada

Supervisor: Steven Seligman

Erin McEntee

Finding a Happy Medium Above the 49th Parallel: An Examination of the Impacts of Defence-Presence on Inuit Peoples in the Canadian Arctic

Supervisor: Brian Bow

Nicolas Plourde-Fleury

Maîtres chez nous , or how Québécois accession to political sovereignty is viable and necessary

Supervisor: Marcella Firmini



Honours luncheon hosted by the Department of Political Science with funding support from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Poli Alumni.



The Podium of the Undergraduate Society

Alex Howkins, Incoming DUPSS president

The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society did a wonderful job during the academic year of 2017/2018!

The Fall term began with a Polibeer to allow us to catch up and touch base with our peers in the political science community. We had a massive bake sale with some delicious cookies, cakes, and amazing date squares in the LSC. Fundraising was an important objective for us because we had an ambitious plan brewing and we knew it would take most of our resources to complete it.

Throughout the year, during our weekly meetings we would often discuss the lack of a community within the political science major. We often lamented the fact that we would see the same people in our classes year after year and yet we knew very little about them. This idea was reinforced after we held a skating event and only three students from our community attended. We knew we had to do something about it. After a quick detour where we held a combined trivia night with the wonderful Sociology Society, we set to work planning our *tour de force*, the inaugural Political Science Gala and Journal Launch.

It was a success by any metric. Over 80 students attended our black-tie event at the University club. The night began with speeches from our esteemed Dr. Fierlbeck, and Dr. Black. Amidst the delicious pulled pork sliders and other culinary delights provided by the University



Crowd shot from the *tour de force*, the Political Science Gala and Journal Launch.

Club, we launched our annual Undergraduate Academic Journal: *The Podium*. The published essays ranged in their focus, but in sum provided an expert analysis of the many problems that we face today. The night ended with dancing and trivia and the conclusion of many laughs and a wonderful time.

We would like to thank all the professors who attended the Gala, as well as the instrumental financial assistance provided by the DSU, DASSS and the Political Science department. Throughout our planning and creation of the gala, the department stood behind us in full support and was always there to lend a helping hand. Our success this year would not have been possible without all the help provided to us and we are grateful for that assistance.

Finally, we would like to congratulate all those of our executives who are graduating this year and wish them the best of luck. We are excited and ready for another year of DUPSS's ingenuity, comradery, and high-stress antics.

Graduate Program News

Katherine Fierlbeck, Graduate Coordinator

The Department welcomed a terrific cohort of graduate students this year. Our two new PhDs are Nafisa Abdulhamid, who was awarded the Glyn Berry scholarship, and Adam MacDonald, who won a Special Provost and Alumni Scholarship. Adam, a solid all-rounder, also won our axe-throwing competition in September. Nafisa and Adam are the first PhD cohort to enjoy our new streamlined PhD curriculum. We were also delighted to welcome six new Master's students into the Department: Tari Ajadi (from Quest University, BC, via Newfoundland); Henry Clickner (Wisconsin); Mohammed Elgayar (Dalhousie); Kinnar Power (Alberta); Rhys Robinson (Saint Mary's); and Catherine St-Jacques (Ottawa). At the same time, we are happy to note the success of those who have finished their degrees: Carla Suarez defended her PhD in December; David Morgan defended his PhD in May; and Kathleen O'Brien, Liam Hunt, Kirt Goodridge and Callee Robinson defended their Master's theses. Andrew Bergel won a Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship to add to his list of awards. Finally, a special shout-out to those participating in the 3-Minute Thesis – well done, folks!



Adam MacDonald, axe throwing champion at a Grad social

Graduate Student Award Winners

Nafisa Abdulhamid (Current PhD candidate)

The Doris Boyle Prize for Best Graduate Essay: *The prize is awarded for the best essay written by a graduate student in the area of international relations. Doris Boyle served for many years as Administrative Secretary of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (formerly Centre for Foreign Policy Studies), from its creation in 1971 until her retirement. The prize was created by faculty and research staff of the Centre to honour her contributions to the activities of the Centre.*

Amy Mackenzie (Incoming MA candidate)

Keens-Morden Scholarship: *This scholarship is awarded to a student entering the MA program who has demonstrated a keen interest in international relations, Canadian foreign policy, or defence and security studies.*

(Incoming MA candidate) - TBA

Margaret Meagher Fellowship: *This fellowship is awarded to a student entering the MA program in the field of international relations. It honours Dr. Meagher who was a Haligonian and Dalhousie alumnus and had a long and distinguished career with the Department of External Affairs. She was among the first group of women admitted to the Foreign Service and was the first Canadian woman to serve as an Ambassador.*

Nasifa Abdulhamid (PhD candidate)

Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship: *This scholarship is awarded to a PhD candidate who specializes in Canadian foreign policy, defence and security policy, development assistance policy, or another area addressing Canada's role in international affairs. Dr. Berry graduated with a PhD (Political Science) from Dalhousie University in 1981. In his honour, Dalhousie, in partnership with DFAIT, created the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies. Dr. Berry was a principled humanitarian, passionately devoted to improving conditions for ordinary people in desperate circumstances.*

Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science

Nafisa A. Abdulhamid , DGSPS President

It's been a busy and exciting year for the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) and our graduate students. We began the year by welcoming two new PhD and six MA students into our program and community.

Naturally, our first meet-and-greet took place at the University Pub on campus, where the new cohort got a chance to engage with older graduate students, learn about the department, and about Dalhousie as a whole. While the graduate reading room in the Killam Library was often a regular meeting point for students to study together, various pubs around Halifax became meeting points that gave us the opportunity to unwind after long and, often, stressful weeks.

DGSPS was thrilled to have graduate students form a team and attempt to tackle one of the escape rooms at Captured Escape. This event was an exciting opportunity for us to use logic and critical thinking in order to solve a series of clues that, ultimately, led to the successful completion of the game.



Nafisa A. Abdulhamid, Rhys Robinson, Michelle Legassicke, Susan Manning, and Tari Ajadi at Captured Escape.



Graduate Students and David Black enjoying the annual Holiday Potluck

DGSPS would like to extend their warmest thank you to our faculty, support staff, the Centre for the Study of Security and Development, the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, and the Child Soldier Initiative for all the support and opportunities they provide for graduate students.

DGSPS would also like to congratulate all our graduate students for a successful year – we did it! Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see most of you next year!

Apart from organizing social events, DGSPS also engaged in important administrative commitments for the Department of Political Science. As President, I was asked to sit on the International Relations (IR) probationary tenure-track hiring committee, while Adam McDonald sat on the graduate students admissions committee. As new members of both Dalhousie and DGSPS, these committees gave Adam and I the opportunity to learn about how important decisions are made in our department, and how we are able to contribute to these processes. In addition, DGSPS has been working on revamping the graduate orientation program with our graduate coordinator, Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck.



Tari Ajadi, Michelle Legassicke, Nafisa Abdulhamid, Heather Carrol and Catherine St-Jacques at a Halloween social event.

2017-18 Glyn Berry Scholar

Nafisa A. Abdulhamid (PhD Candidate)



In May 2017, I was awarded the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies. I chose to express my sincerest gratitude to Mrs. Valerie Berry, the late Dr. Berry's widow, by telling her a story about my upbringing and what this scholarship meant to me and my community.

Although I was born and raised in Mombasa, Kenya, to ethnically diverse parents who believed in instilling the principles of inclusivity and pluralism in their children, I grew up seeing my cousins on my father's side get married off to much older men. I realized that conservative Yemeni culture did not give girls the opportunity to pursue secondary and/or postsecondary education because it was believed that their husbands would provide for, and fulfill, them.



My scholarly journey began with my pursuit of a BA (Honours) degree and an MA degree at the University of Alberta and led me to the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University. Above all, academia continues to serve as symbols of resistance to the limits that societies place around what women can and cannot do. This year, I became the first woman in my community to pursue doctoral studies. My first year in my PhD and in Halifax has been filled with lessons and reflections. I began the year by thinking about Dr. Berry's consideration for humanitarianism and for reconstruction efforts in the Kandahar region of Afghanistan. I told myself that I would use this scholarship to contribute meaningful critical thought that will positively impact social and policy

changes on humanitarian intervention efforts. As such, my academic research seeks to understand the nuances of humanitarian intervention by assessing the future of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine and associated norms of human security after the political fallout of the 2011 Libyan intervention. My research examines the possible transformation of R2P norms into regional manifestations of intervention practices in Somalia and Syria.



My commitment to education has manifested in various ways this year. In January 2017 I was invited to participate in the Critical Security Studies in the Arab World Summer Institute in Beirut, Lebanon; in March 2017, I presented a paper on the securitization of immigration in the European Union at a conference held by the Centre for International Policy Studies at the University of Ottawa; in April 2017, I presented my MA research at the Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia; and I developed workshops on the importance of post-secondary education for Yemeni girls in Mombasa.

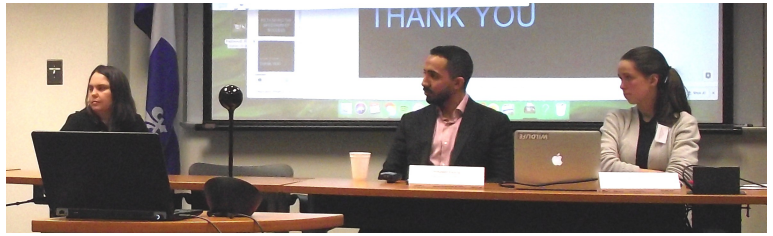
It has been the greatest honour to be the 2017-2018 Glyn Berry scholar. Despite being a human right in several societies around the world, education is, unfortunately, a very rare privilege for many girls in my community. It is my hope that my scholarly endeavors serve as rays of hope for girls who seek more for their lives be it in academia and elsewhere.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank my supervisor, Dr. David Black, faculty and staff members, and my cohort for all their advice, support, and compassion throughout the year. As I mentioned before, it has been a year of lessons and reflections. I look forward to growing as an individual and a scholar throughout the next couple of years of my PhD.

2017-18 Margaret Meagher Scholarship Recipient

Mohammed Elgayar (MA candidate)

This has been an eye-opening year to say the least. I am proud to be the recipient of the Margaret Meagher Fellowship to continue my studies on international relations and foreign policy. I have successfully finished my course work and am currently working on completing my thesis. My research, in cooperation with Dr. Brian Bow, will focus on how US-China relations can impact conflict around the world.



On the side, I have been reading more about development and, thanks to contributions from alumni, I was able to go to Concordia University in Montreal to present some of my research on social revolutionary change in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, at the *Building an Inclusive Discipline: Learning, Practising and Teaching Politics Science*.

I have also finally recovered from a long-term knee injury and was able to play rugby this year for the first time in 5 years.

2017-18 Keens-Morden Scholarship Recipient

Rhys Robinson (MA Candidate)

Though it is bittersweet, classes are finally over. I completed my BA in criminology and international development studies at Saint Mary's University; transitioning over to graduate-level political science has been a challenge to say the least. During my time at Dalhousie, I have had the opportunity to take courses with a focus on policy, international relations, and development writ large. Though my experience with policy and international relations was nonexistent before entering this program, I am very grateful for the opportunity to broaden my academic focus in such a way.



Rhys and his girlfriend Sam in Berlin

My research at Dalhousie focuses on conflict and politics within the Middle East and North Africa. Specifically, I am writing my thesis on the motivations behind Saudi Arabia's intervention in the Yemeni Civil War. This is an important topic given its humanitarian underpinnings as well as the relative lack of academic attention it has received when compared to contemporary conflicts such as the Syrian Civil War. The opaque nature of the Saudi state also makes this research project a unique challenge. Outside of my thesis and course work, I was able to be a TA for Drs. Finbow and Black. This has provided me with very useful experience in tutoring, marking, and teaching.

I would like to express my gratitude toward the Political Science Department and the Keens-Morden Scholarship – their generous financial support has allowed me to focus on my academic pursuits without worrying about working forty hours a week to pay tuition and living expenses! Furthermore, I would like to thank the following: Dr. Bow – my supervisor – for his consistent support and advice regarding my academic and professional pursuits; Dr. Black for his support, as well as providing me an opportunity to assist him with his research in the summer; Tracy and Shannon, whose tireless administrative work has kept our department and cohort running smoothly during the 2017-2018 school year; and lastly, the MA and PhD candidates in my cohort whose knowledge and support has allowed me to make it through my MA in (mostly) one piece.

Graduate Student Updates

Tari Ajadi (MA Candidate) This year at Dalhousie has been a fascinating experience. My research focuses on Canadian health policy, looking particularly at the barriers and opportunities for provincial governments in collecting



disaggregated race-based health data. On top of coursework this year, I have published an opinion piece in *The Chronicle-Herald*, and I co-authored a paper on regulating cannabis edibles that I presented at the Atlantic Conference on Public Administration. As I continue on with my thesis, I'd like to thank the department for its support throughout my Master's degree. I'd also like to thank the other members of my cohort in particular – this experience has been filled with joy, laughter and many lessons because of their friendship.

David Beitelman (PhD Candidate) This year, my last with the department, has been quieter than most as I've been focused on completing my dissertation, which I'll be defending this summer. The highlight of the past year was definitely the four days I spent aboard *HMCS Toronto*, sailing from Quebec City to Halifax as part of the RCN's Leaders at Sea program. I also published a book review in



On board HMCS Toronto (USS Jason Dunham in the background)

International Journal and gave an interview on the *Scott Thompson Show* (900CHML Global). I've also had the opportunity to teach again (my third course), taking on Poli Sci 3569: Canadian Foreign Policy. I'll certainly miss teaching and interacting with bright and curious undergrads. I have spent nearly 7 years at Dal, and it has

been an experience rich with opportunity. Whether it was serving as Deputy Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (now the Centre for the Study of Security and Development), Graduate Society President, Grad Symposium Chair, working at the US Consulate, participating in Centre talks, or giving numerous guest-lectures, there has never been a time where I wasn't presented with opportunities to hone my craft and develop as a scholar. The department has supported my methods training in the US, numerous conference presentations across Canada and the US, as well as research trips to Beijing and Washington, D.C. Most importantly, they have made me feel like a colleague and valued member of the department and community. For all their continued support, I am truly grateful. While I'm sad to be leaving Dalhousie and Halifax, I look forward to all the opportunities my time at Dal has afforded me.

Andrew Bergel (PhD Candidate) received a Nova Scotia



Andrew with the plane he landed on a glacier in Alaska

Research and Innovation Graduate Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year, after completing his Killiam Scholarship in May, 2017. Grateful for this further

funding, he is continuing his dissertation research on market volatility and its effect on political decision-making in North Africa and the Middle East. Last June, Andrew presented at the International Studies Association conference in Hong Kong with his co-author, Alex Ripley, a recent Political Science Master's graduate. The paper presented looked at the economic interdependence between China and the United States, by examining the effects that a trade war might have on cross national integrated supply chains between the two nations. Andrew also supervised Zoe Beynon-MacKinnon's undergraduate honours thesis, which received an Academic Innovation Funding grant from Dalhousie, on populist political Meme tracing. The thesis was supervised at Dalhousie's College of Sustainability, where Zoe is a dual Political Science and Environment, Sustainability and Society (ESS) Major and Andrew teaches courses on Global Environmental Governance. Zoe's thesis has since been nominated for the ESS thesis award. A paper based on this thesis has also been

accepted to the upcoming American Political Science Association conference in Boston, 2018. Both Andrew and Zoe will be presenting on it and are planning on submitting this co-written paper for publication. Andrew has also completed a fourth straight year as the academic lead for the RBC Sustainability Leadership Certificate – funded by a ten-year grant from the RBC foundation to help develop leadership practices and social responsibility among undergraduates at Dalhousie. A research grant, on the learning objective of the RBC Sustainability Leadership certificate, has also resulted in two papers being prepared for publication on the program. This year, Andrew published an article on “The Gates of the Western Passage”, for the Canadian Naval Review. This article examined the rising migration from Morocco to Spain, and acted as a follow-up to his article with Michelle Legassicke, in 2015, on migration from Libya to Italy. He also published an article for Good Governance Africa, a South African think tank, in their journal *Africa in Fact* on the effects of automation in the South African mining sector. He is also currently working on several articles with Dr. Matthew Schnurr, in Dalhousie’s Department of International Development Studies, regarding the effectiveness of simulations as experiential learning approaches. Finally, Andrew remains a doctoral fellow at both the Jean Monnet European Union Centre for Excellence and the Centre for the Study of Security and Development. He is also one of two Dalhousie University graduate students appointed to the Research Council of the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy.

Andrea Lane (PhD Candidate) 2017-2018 was a busy year for me. I published my first sole-authored academic articles, including a piece on militarization and the Special Forces in *International Journal*, and a chapter in *Canada Among Nations 2017* on Justin Trudeau and defence politics. As well, as part of an ongoing



collaboration with Brian Bow, we published a special issue of *International Journal* featuring articles written as part of the “Generations” project in Canadian Foreign Policy. Dr. Bow and I are currently working on the manuscript for an edited volume that is part of the same project.

I’ve been fortunate to participate in several conferences and workshops this year, presenting on a range of topics including feminism, defence policy and the arms trade. In

December, I travelled to Colorado Springs, CO, to attend a conference on NORAD, which included a tour of the Cheyenne Mountain “bunker” facility – and got a piece of the excavated mountain to keep as a souvenir. I was invited to CFB Greenwood to tour the simulator facilities and went for a flight in an Aurora aircraft, gaining concrete proof that I don’t get airsick. Also in 2017 I had several opportunities to speak on nationwide radio about a range of defence policy issues, something that gave me insight into how difficult live media work can be. It was a fun challenge to engage publicly in this way, and a welcome change of pace, speaking with a non-academic audience about my research.

I am planning dissertation fieldwork in Florida for next year – hopefully during the miserable Halifax winter! With 2018-2019 planned for dissertation research and writing, I expect to change pace somewhat and not travel to as many conferences, and instead revise and edit existing work for publication.

Adam MacDonald (PhD Candidate) had a full but enjoyable first year in the program, completing coursework requirements and participating in the department including as a member on the Graduate Student Selection Committee. He had the pleasure of TAing for Dr. Firmini’s POLI 1103 X/Y course as well as constructing a Security Studies Directed Readings Course with Rhys Robinson (MA Candidate) culminating in giving a presentation as part of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development’s Speakers Series.



Throughout the year Adam maintained a busy writing schedule with articles published in the *Canadian Naval Review*, *Frontline Defence* and the *Canadian Military Journal* as well as op-eds in the *East Asia Forum*, *Macdonald-Laurier Institute*, *the Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia* and an interview as part of a recently released article in *The Economist*. He was the winner of the 2017 Graduate Student Seminar hosted by the Canadian Defence Association’s Institute and finished second in the 2017 Graduate Student Essay Competition of the *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*. Outside of the department, Adam is a Community Member on the Nova Scotia Health Authority’s Research Ethics Board as well as a Naval Reserve Officer at HMCS *Scotian*.

Over the summer Adam will prepare for his Comprehensive Exams and partake in a tour of Taiwan as part of a Canadian Young Leaders Delegation. As well, he will complete a chapter for an edited volume regarding contemporary authoritarianism and articles for the *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* and the *Patterson Review of International Affairs*.

He would like to thank the faculty and especially the departmental administrative staff for all their help and support in his first year. For all the new incoming graduate students, please feel free to contact him (adam.macdonald@dal.ca) if there are any questions about the program, research collaboration, Dalhousie University or Halifax in general.

Susan Manning (PhD Candidate) spent most of her second year preparing for and writing her Comprehensive Examinations. She was also the coordinator of the department's Graduate Student Writing Group for this academic year. Susan has had a productive publishing year, with articles appearing in *Settler Colonial Studies*; *Gender, Place & Culture*; *The Qualitative Report*; and



Community Development Journal (co-authored). She also had an op-ed published by *Policy Options* in January. One of the highlights of this year was traveling to Germany in October to present a paper at the 'Damned by Dams' workshop hosted by the Centre for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen. She was also invited to present the results of her earlier research on Newfoundland women's experiences of outmigration at the, On the Move Partnership's 'Youth Mobilities' webinar. On campus, Susan gave a presentation at the fall Killam Scholars Reception, participated in the 3 Minute Thesis competition, and co-facilitated a workshop at the Dalhousie Conference on University Teaching and Learning in May. Susan is looking forward to preparing her dissertation proposal over the summer and spending lots of time outside with her dog.

John Mitton (PhD Candidate) John spent the year as a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's, teaching both large introductory courses as well as advanced undergraduate seminars. While at MUN, he presented research at the Memorial University

Department of Political Science Speaker Series and was a guest lecturer in the university's Interdisciplinary M-Phil graduate program. His article "Rivalry Intervention in Civil Conflicts:



John and his girlfriend Heather in Newfoundland

Afghanistan (India-Pakistan), Angola (USSR-USA), Lebanon (Israel-Syria)," was published in Volume 23, Issue 3 of *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*. The roundtable for his book, *Fighting for Credibility: US Reputation and International Politics* (University of Toronto Press, 2017), was published by the H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum. John also contributed a roundtable review to H-Diplo for the book *Beyond Afghanistan: An International Security Agenda for Canada*. In May 2018, John was awarded a two-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Post-Doctoral Fellowship to be taken up at the Munk School of Global Affairs (University of Toronto) following the completion of his doctoral degree in the fall.

Catherine St-Jacques (MA Candidate) I came to Dalhousie University as a transfer student to finish my



Master's degree and to benefit from the department's expertise on Canadian foreign and Arctic policies, maritime security and climate security. Throughout the school year, I have, on many occasions, had the chance to meet and network with many experts in these fields and to develop better knowledge and understanding of current issues pertaining to the Canadian Arctic.

This year, I have had the chance to organize and implement a working group for Canadian policy analysis regarding China's involvement in the Arctic, where I acted as chair. Furthermore, thanks to the Department of Political Science's alumni and donors, I have had the opportunity to travel to Ottawa to present at the Centre for International Policy Studies' annual graduate conference. Finally, I am delighted to announce that I had the great pleasure to take part in the Royal Canadian Navy's Canadian Leaders at Sea program this spring.

Elikem Tsamenyi (PhD Candidate) I have had a busy but fruitful year. I have been fortunate to have won IDRC's International Doctoral Award (IDRA), an award that is aimed at promoting the capacity and growth of research aimed at improving lives in developing countries. With this award, I was able to spend the second half of the year



in Africa, collecting data for my research and dissertation.

I am also happy to report that, while in Ghana, we successfully organized a workshop on peacekeeping in Accra, co-organized by the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative,

the Centre for the Study of Security and Development and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), with funding from the Defence Engagement Program (DEP) of the Canadian Department of National Defence. The workshop, entitled "Canada's Re-engagement with Peace Operations in Africa: Challenges & Opportunities", was a huge success. This two-day event explored how Canada can most effectively support and contribute to peace operation in Africa, taking into

consideration current continental security threats and challenges, with an emphasis on African insights and perspectives. Participants explored existing security mechanisms relating to peace operations, especially in areas crucial for policy and operational coordination between African forces on the one hand and Western/UN forces, on the other. The workshop's combined focus on conceptual, policy and practical operational issues generated rich discussion, drawing on both African and Canadian insights, aimed at better policy making and improved outcomes in peace operations.

I would like to express my gratitude to DND's DEP program, General (rtd) Romeo Dallaire, Dr. Shelly Whitman, Dr. David Black and Dr. Brian Bow for their immense support throughout the process of organizing this workshop. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Faculty of Academic Affairs and Research at the KAIPTC for the success of the workshop. I look forward to organizing a mini-seminar to formally present outcomes of the workshop to the Dalhousie community when I return to Halifax.

In the short-term, I hope to continue with the writing of my dissertation, with a tentative completion date of early Spring 2019.

Adjunct Professor and Former Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Kristi Kenyon

It's been a busy year! I'm now in my second year as Assistant Professor in the Human Rights program at the University of Winnipeg's Global College. I've been enjoying the opportunity to teach in human rights and try new things in the classroom – including my first field course looking at health and human rights in social context which takes place in both Winnipeg and Botswana. I was honoured to be one of fifteen emerging scholars named a CIFAR-



Azrieli Global Scholar in October 2017. This consists of two years of research support in addition to valuable opportunities for mentorship, networking and collaboration with senior scholars in the Successful Societies Program. I published my first book in

November (*Resilience and Contagion: Invoking Human Rights in African HIV Advocacy* with McGill-Queen's University Press) and was delighted to count Dal alumnus Carla Suarez among my discussants at a recent book launch at UBC. I have several research projects underway including a project on themes of continuity and change in South Africa's #FeesMustFall student protests and work on human rights approaches to social determinants of health. I've also been doing research on human rights teaching including a collaborative project with Bethany Barratt at Roosevelt University, Chicago, examining the impact of cross-national interviewing activities in the classroom.



Carla Suarez (Dalhousie Political Science PhD Alumna) and Kristi Kenyon at UBC book launch

Alumni News

One of Our Newest Alumni Says Farewell

Zoe Beynon-MacKinnon (BA Hons. Double Major Political Science and Sustainability)



When I first started at Dalhousie in the fall of 2014, the idea of taking a course in political science hadn't crossed my mind. However, after completing my first semester in sciences uninspired, and hearing of the material my colleagues were studying in the social sciences, I spent my winter semester dabbling in political science, economics and history. What struck me about political science was the eloquent and necessary fusion of other disciplines, as no community or state operates in isolation from the world at large. Life is inherently political and acknowledging this opens a vast realm of study.

At the end of my second year, I was made aware of a conference on the European Refugee Crisis taking place in Hungary. While the conference was announced in one of my Sustainability classes (my other major), I would not have had the confidence or expertise to apply and write a paper were it not for the foundation provided to me through political science. Once my abstract was accepted, generous donations from political science alumni made my trip possible. It is these experiences, supported by both the academic and interpersonal community at Dalhousie that have made my time here so memorable.

From this background in migration and human rights, I developed a fascination with the creation and development of cross-national social networks and radicalization processes – specifically those that develop online. This was supported by my advanced courses in international relations provided by Dalhousie. Because of this background, when innovation themed funding became available through the College of Sustainability, political science PhD candidate Andrew Bergel came to me to complete formal research into the subject. Due to lack of existing academic literature into the subject, the research – which was used for my combined honours in sustainability and political science – focused on the movement of political memes. While this initially appears like a niche focus, the trends that can be observed in memes online align with the political literature regarding the development of social networks, identity and radicalization.

With my undergraduate thesis complete, Bergel and I will be synthesizing the findings and presenting them at the American Political Science Association Conference this coming September. I then hope to continue this research into memes and social networks at the University of British Columbia, where I will be completing my MA in political science. These studies are being funded by a SSHRC fellowship, which (like many of my opportunities) would not have been possible were it not for the support and background provided through my time at Dalhousie. While I am excited for this next chapter of life and research on the west coast, leaving Dalhousie is difficult. The school at large, and political science in particular, has continued to inspire and push me over the last four years. Were it not for the opportunities made possible through my studies with the Dalhousie political science department, I would not be where I am today.

Elizabeth Vibert (BA Hons. Political Science [Dal] 1986; MA Int. Dev. Studies [U. of East Anglia] 1987; D. Phil. Modern History [Oxford University] 1993)

Although my time at Dal is longer ago than I like to admit, Dal Poli Sci has a special place in my memory. Among the fondest recollections: Prof. Ken Heard, who introduced me to Southern Africa, patiently supervised my Honours

thesis on the 'homelands,' and remained a mentor for the rest of his life; Gil Winham's fourth-year IR seminar: brilliant (I still remember the little question for a required paper – 'Does the concept of a world at peace fundamentally contradict human nature?'); Tim Shaw's being asked by Rotary International for reassurance that I would not foment revolution if selected as a Rotary scholar; potluck dinners in scruffy undergrad flats,

cheerfully attended by faculty; our raucous Model UN crew let loose on NYC.

I regret that Ken isn't here to chat about my return to Southern African research. As an historian at the University of Victoria my research on poverty, gender, and colonialism took detours to other parts of the British empire (of which Ken kept abreast), before I began an oral history project with older women farmers in South Africa in 2012. At the women's urging, part of the dissemination from this project is a documentary film that we released in 2017. *The Thinking Garden* has had a remarkable journey to film festivals on four continents and has been translated into several subtitle languages (it's shot in xiTsonga). In March 2018 I had the opportunity, hosted by UN Women, to screen the film in refugee camps near the Jordanian border with Syria, where many of the displaced are former farmers. It has been poignant and empowering for the South African farmers to see how the difficult story of their cooperative farm – founded during a famine in 1992 and still going strong – speaks to so many hearts and minds.



My next research project focuses on food (in)security and community initiatives for food sovereignty in the face of climate change, military and resource-extraction conflicts, land loss, global food policy, and other pressures. This project is a transnational collaboration, involving researchers working with Indigenous communities in Colombia and Canada; with displaced farmers in Jordan/Syria; and with women farmers in South Africa. Stay tuned for the next film.

Film and farm website: womensfarm.org/

We were very pleased when our son chose to cross the country to study at King's and Dal. He didn't choose Poli Sci, but he's not far away in Philosophy and English. It's always good to have excuses to get back home to the Maritimes.

Roger Thompson (BA Honours '91, MA Political Science 94')

Upon graduation, I was employed by the Department of National Defence in Ottawa to conduct a study on combat motivation in naval units. My resulting research paper, *Combat Motivation and Behaviour Among Naval Forces: A Discussion Paper* earned international praise from admirals in many navies, including those from the US, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Chile, Germany, Italy, as well as our own Canadian Navy. The Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy gave me a medallion for my work, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Armada had my paper translated into Spanish and published.



I was fortunate to complete my graduate work in political science at Dalhousie as well. My MA thesis was published twice and endorsed by the youngest four-star admiral in American history: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, who as head of the USN, fought racial and sexual discrimination in the 1970s and had his picture on the cover of *Time* magazine. The acclaimed military sociologist, the late Charles Moskos, called me "The leading scholar in the sociology of naval institutions." My second book, *Lessons Not Learned: The U.S. Navy's Status Quo Culture* was published in 2007 and was endorsed by New York Times Bestselling Author Andrew Bacevich and by quite a few others in the US military reform community.

I am currently an Assistant Professor at Kyung Hee University in South Korea, where I hold the distinction of being the country's first foreign civics professor and I also teach Korea's first Star Trek class (which focuses on ethics). As part of my civics class, I teach the civic ideals of President John F. Kennedy, which played a major part in my receiving a letter from his daughter Ambassador Caroline Kennedy for preserving his legacy. My civics class has also been praised by former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe Admiral James Stavridis.

I am honoured to also be a Fellow of Great Britain's Royal Society of Arts and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of

Great Britain and Ireland. I was also recently given a copy of JFK's book *Profiles in Courage* by Ambassador Kennedy and "presented" a medallion by the Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy.

For more information on my journey since my 1991 graduation, please visit my website at www.startrekprofkorea.com
Best wishes from Korea!

Anna Lanoszka (PhD Political Science '01)

I completed my PhD at Dal in 2001 and soon after I secured a tenure track position at the University of Windsor. I am still in Windsor today where I teach courses in international economic relations and development. My research was always concerned with the relationship between the institutional structures of international trade and developmental strategies of countries. After a number of articles I wrote a first book which evaluated the newly created WTO in this context: *The World Trade Organization: Changing Dynamics in the Global Political Economy*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009. Most recently I completed another book that takes a historical look at different approaches to economic development and critically assesses them: *International*

Development - Socio-Economic Theories, Legacies and Strategies, Routledge, 2018. On a different note, I love living in Windsor because of its great climate, great people, and its proximity to the border. We usually have very mild winters followed by long summers. The city has a vibrant arts community and is surrounded by parks and green space. And we are just across the river from Detroit, which has finally been undergoing a remarkable rejuvenation. Having a home in Windsor gives me a unique feeling of living in two, similar and yet so different, countries the same time. I value this experience as I am currently immersed in the work for my third book, *Corporate Governance and Economic Development: Identifying Critical Institutional Reforms*. The book aims to investigate operations of selected corporations (private, public, and state-owned), which are the primary agents of international trade but also have such a powerful impact on economic development of many countries.



In the Spotlight

Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, Frank Harvey, awarded distinguished Fulbright Research Chair at Yale

Author Genevieve MacIntyre as published in Dal News on January 24, 2018

Frank P. Harvey, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, has been awarded and accepted a Distinguished Fulbright Research Chair position in the Department of Political Science and the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International Studies at Yale University.

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Awards are viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. According to the Fulbright website, candidates should be eminent scholars and have a significant publication and teaching record. Part of the commitment of Fulbright grantees is also to develop international understanding and to establish open communication and long-term cooperative relationships. Dr. Harvey will spend much of the winter term at Yale –



specifically, January 22 through April 27. (Jure Gantar, associate dean academic and faculty member in the

Fountain School of Performing Arts, is serving as acting dean in his absence).

At Yale, Dr. Harvey plans to reengage his SSHRC research project on Canada-US border security. We connected with him just prior to his departure about his work for a quick Q&A.

What is the core research question at the centre of your Fulbright project?

My project will focus on developing clearer explanations for our perceptions of security threats and the effects of these perception on security spending in the US and Canada.

What are the most common explanations?

The most widely accepted explanation for overblown fears of terrorism and the security expenditures they generate typically highlights the role of political officials and risk entrepreneurs who intentionally exaggerate the threat of terrorism for political or financial gains. Fear is apparently great for business and politics.

Security spending, according to this view, has created a well-funded network of risk entrepreneurs who have every incentive to fabricate terrorist threats. How else would one explain decisions by the White House and Congress to spend about \$70-\$80 billion a year on homeland security when only a few hundred people are killed by terrorists worldwide each year – close to the number of bathtub fatalities or deaths from falling coconuts. The 9/11 attacks account for approximately the same number of deaths as a typical month of U.S. traffic fatalities.

Do you subscribe to this popular explanation for the very high levels of security spending we see in the US today?

Not exactly. As I have made clear in some of my other work, if facts, statistics and rational responses to comparative risks guided our perceptions and choices, insurance companies, lotteries, and the tobacco, fast food, and gambling industries would not be among the most profitable businesses in the world. Humans are notoriously bad at performing relatively straightforward calculations of probabilities based on common sense or observable data.

The pathology in question is associated with probability neglect, a phenomenon that reveals serious deficiencies with standard explanations for American threat perceptions, and uncovers several logical and practical problems with the ‘obvious’ solutions offered by those who subscribe to the conventional view.

Why are we so bad at estimating risks and acting accordingly?

Humans predictably overestimate some risks and underestimate others for reasons that have everything to do with perceptions of the specific risks and threats in question. Research has shown repeatedly that the level of risk people assign to specific events is a function of, among other things, familiarity and controllability; it is almost never a function of facts, statistics or probabilities. Easily controllable risks associated with personal choices or habits are usually perceived as less serious than those over which we have no real control.

This basic human tendency explains why familiar and controllable risks related to smoking, drinking, or driving a car are typically underestimated, despite the fact that each of these activities virtually guarantees thousands of deaths each year. Terrorist attacks are rare, unfamiliar, uncontrollable, spectacular and dreaded, so a large segment of the population consistently overestimates the real risks.

What specific research questions will you be addressing during your tenure at Yale?

My plan is to focus on several questions. For example, of the two competing explanations (risk entrepreneurs vs. probability neglect) which one is generally accepted by senior Canadian and American officials? How pervasive are these competing perspectives across individuals and departments responsible for border security, public safety and critical infrastructure in Canada and the US? Are Canadian officials viewed by their American counterparts as credible partners? And how do these perceptions and pattern affect public policy?

Alumni, Students and Faculty Snappers

Rob Muggah's latest TED talk on cities:

https://www.ted.com/talks/robert_muggah_the_biggest_risks_facing_cities_and_some_solutions

Vassy Kapelos to host CBC's Power & Politics:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/entertainment/kapelos-power-and-politics-1.4537311>

David Beitelman receives President's Graduate Student Teaching Award:

https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/06/15/meet-this-year-s-dalhousie-teaching-award-winners.html?utm_source=Today@Dal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dalnews

Hannah Forsyth runner-up for the CPSA poster prize:

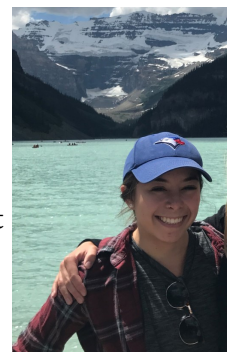
Hannah also completed the Ontario Legislative Internship Program.
<https://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/documents/conference/2017/Forsyth-Poster.pdf>

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For our graduate and honours students, field research (whether in Canada or internationally) and the opportunity to present their ideas at conferences and workshops are vital forms of educational and professional development. Yet supporting these invaluable opportunities for research and conference travel has always been a challenge for the department and our students, since there are few sources of financial assistance within or beyond the university. Now, thanks to generous alumni contributions, we have initiated a new fund to support graduate and honours student travel, to a maximum of \$1000 in Canada, and \$2000 internationally. This will allow our students to undertake vital interview, archival, and participant observation research, and to share their ideas with audiences of peers and senior scholars. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please go online to <https://alumni.dal.ca/giving/> or contact Tracy Powell (psadmin@dal.ca). Thank you for your support!

Goodbye from Emily-Ann Butler

I am so thankful for everything the Political Science Department has done for me over the past 3 years. From being a Student Assistant to an Administrative Assistant temp with CSSD, my time here will not be forgotten. The staff and faculty create such a warm and inviting environment, I always felt welcome when coming to work. I have been given the opportunity to learn many new tasks throughout my positions here and have gained skills I will take with me in my future work experiences. Thank you once again to everyone here for such a wonderful 3 years!



Katherine Fierlbeck: The new face of Dalplex?



Adjunct Faculty member and former Postdoctoral Fellow Kristi Kenyon 1 of 15 recipients of the 2017 CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar appointments:

<http://news-centre.uwinnipeg.ca/feature-story/uwinnipeg-gains-a-prestigious-cifar-azrieli-global-scholar/>



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