

POLITICAL SCIENCE News

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Newsletter for the Department of Political Science

The Chair's Message for 2016-17

Dr. David Black, Chair



The 2016-17 academic year has been filled with change, challenge, and achievement for Dalhousie Political Science, starting at the top. One of the

striking features in our department's long and accomplished history has been the regular drafting of leading members into senior leadership roles in the university. So it is that we both celebrate and lament the "loss" of our previous Chair, Professor Frank Harvey, who has been appointed the newest Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS); and so it is that I find myself writing these reflections as Chair. Of course, Prof. Harvey remains a key contributor to the department, as Eric Dennis Chair of Government and Politics and as an active supervisor of honours and graduate students; but we will miss his vital teaching and research presence in the daily life of the department. Our loss is FASS's gain.

In other respects, the department continues to 'punch above its weight' in research, teaching, public outreach, and the achievements of our graduate and undergraduate students. We are very proud of the ongoing accomplishments of our faculty, students, and alumni, only a small fraction of which are reflected in the pages that follow. We continue to benefit from the activities of the relaunched Centre for the Study of

Security and Development (CSSD) – formerly the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) – such as the annual Glyn Berry Lecture delivered this year by distinguished alumnus Reid Morden, and the diverse activities of "Peacekeeping Week" in November. The life of the department is also enriched by the many activities and accomplishments of affiliated units, like the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence. These activities highlight the vital link between scholarly research and 'real world' policy issues and initiatives. Similarly, the new "Practicum in Public Policy", pioneered by Prof. Margaret Denike and Harry Critchley, gives some of our senior students the opportunity to connect their academic studies to the work of governmental and non-governmental organizations in the Halifax community.

Our undergraduate students continue to inspire with their research achievements (see this year's rich list of honours thesis topics) and their many extra-curricular initiatives, like the Dalhousie Model UN delegation and the participants in this year's historic "Daughters of the Vote" gathering in the House of Commons, including students Sarah Dobson and Lydia Swiatkowska, and Prof. Louise Carbert. And our graduate students continue to win major external scholarships (from SSHRC, Killam, and Trudeau Foundations, for example), to publish important scholarly articles and books, and to undertake important and adventurous research in diverse locations, including Geneva, Washington, Sierra Leone, and the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. A far-from complete list of the places they have won jobs in the increasingly competitive academic job market includes: UBC, Memorial,

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California State University (Maritime), Waterloo, Colgate, University of Cape Town, York, Alberta, Queen's, University of Nairobi, and Carleton. Many more have gone on to important roles in public policy, diplomacy, journalism, and civil society, among other career paths – a sample of which are reflected in this year's Alumni news.

Along with the scholarly and professional accomplishments of our faculty and graduates, department members have always taken quiet pride in their commitment to teaching excellence. In most years, these accomplishments are reflected mainly in the successes of our students, but periodically they are recognized through Faculty and university awards. This year we have two to celebrate: Prof. Marcella Firmini's Dalhousie Student Union Impact Award for Teaching and PhD candidate David Beitelman's 2017 President's Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. As chair, I have had the privilege of hearing directly about the exceptional commitment and creativity of these two department members in their undergraduate teaching; but I also know that they reflect and reinforce a department-wide commitment that I have been proud to be associated with.

Sadly, this year we are saying goodbye to a previous teaching award winner, and an unsung member of our community who has made a pivotal contribution to the education of literally thousands of undergraduate students. Florian Bail reflects on his more than 40-year association with the department in this issue, including the diverse array of courses he has taught, his generous support of honours and graduate students, and perhaps most fundamentally his longstanding role teaching the department's first-year "writing course" (POLI 1103) to which we owe a great many of our POLI major and honours students. At a marvelous celebration of Florian's contributions to the department in April, we heard many stories of his knowledge, wisdom, generosity, and inspirational impact on decades of Dalhousie students. In this newsletter, Florian shares his recollections of the cast of characters that have shaped our department during his time here. It is hard to imagine the department without Florian, but we wish him all the very best in his new, post-retirement life.

It is impossible to name all the people who have made vital contributions to the successes of the department over the course of the past year, but two further thank you's are essential. First, neither this newsletter, nor anything else that gets successfully done in the department would be possible without the exceptional skills, hard work, and good humour of our outstanding office staff. In the course of the past year, these included Shannon Langton and her temporary replacements, Lori Lawton and Mary Okwese – splitting their efforts between support for the CSSD and the department. And of course, we would all (or at least I would!) be well and truly lost without our superb Administrative Secretary, Tracy Powell.

Finally, the department and our students continue to benefit enormously from the support of our alumni, in many shapes and forms. The stories of your lives beyond Dal inspire both Faculty and students. Please keep in touch, and keep your stories coming!

NEW: Political Science Student Travel Fund

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!



Mary Okwese says thank you and farewell



Working at the Political Science Department as an administrative assistant (temp) was an experience like no other. The team in this department is

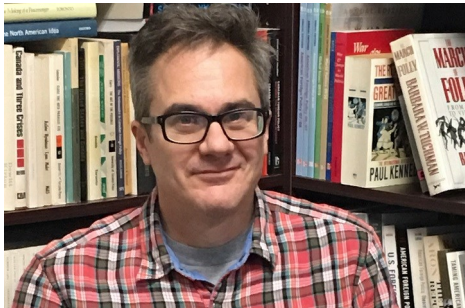
friendly, warm and made me feel very welcomed and relaxed. I found that not only was my work appreciated, but I was appreciated as an individual and felt like part of the family. Also, there is a good work-life balance while having the opportunity to learn new skills and become more confident in my abilities as an administrative assistant. I have to give a big sincere thank you to all the members of staff and faculty for making my time a great experience.

Our Faculty



Dr. Peter Arthur served as undergraduate advisor from January of 2017, when the substantive one, Dr. Anders Hayden, went on sabbatical leave. In this role, apart from assisting students with course selection, he also provided advice to students regarding various academic matters. Along with this, his papers, “Promoting Security in Africa through RECs and Africa Union’s Africa Peace and Security Architecture (APSA),” and “Political Parties’ Campaign Financing in Ghana’s Fourth Republic: A Contribution to the Discourse,” were published in *Insight on Africa*,³ (5), pp. 5-21, and *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 51, 4, pp. 1-17, respectively. He is also currently working on articles relating to the importance of good governance in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa. Furthermore, he supervised an Honours student, who successfully defended her thesis. In addition, he served as the external examiner for a PhD thesis at the University of Ghana. Finally, he served as a reviewer for two journals, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, and *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*.

Dr. David Black became the Chair of the department in July 2016, when Frank Harvey became Dean of the Faculty. In the course of the year, he initiated a new SSHRC Insight Grant (in collaboration with Stephen Brown [Ottawa], John Cameron [Dalhousie], Liam Swiss [MUN], Molly den Heyer [Coady Institute], and Shannon Kindornay [Carleton]) on “Canadian Development Cooperation and the new politics of ‘partnership’.” This work tracks the changing contours and impacts of diverse, multi-stakeholder development partnerships in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals, and took him to Ghana this past May. He also continues to write and publish on Sport, politics, and development, with a particular focus on sport mega-events. This work included new articles in *The International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics* and *Third World Thematics*, as well as the keynote address at the 2016 World Congress of Sociology of Sport in Budapest. Finally, he continues his collaborative work on Disability and Global Development, including co-editing a special issue of *Third World Thematics* on this topic (with Deborah Stienstra) and co-authoring two articles on disability and development in South Africa (with Jacqui Ala).



Dr. Brian Bow is continuing work on three major projects. The first - “Regional Security Policy Coordination in North America” - looks at the mechanisms for political management of networks of government officials working together to coordinate internal security policies (counter-terrorism, organized crime, border security, etc.) across the US-Canada and US-Mexico borders. This project is funded by a SSHRC Insight Grant, and involves research trips to interview government officials and law enforcement officers all over North America. This is a modular, multi-step project, and the next phase will extend the theoretical and research framework to internal security policy coordination in the European Union. For the second project - “The

Making and Unmaking of North America” - he is writing a book on the discursive construction and demolition of North America as a regional integration project, during and after the NAFTA debates. The research for that book, funded by his last SSHRC Insight Grant, involved dozens of interviews with government officials, business associations, NGOs, and opinion leaders in the three North American countries. The third project - “Generations” - looks at the sources and evolution of experts’ ideas about foreign and defence policy in Canada. Following from a workshop featuring many of Canada’s leading academic experts on international politics, this project has produced two edited collections: a special issue of *International Journal*, coming out this summer, and an edited volume for early 2018. He is now in the second year of a three-year term as editor-in-chief at *International Journal* (<https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/journal/international-journal>). Within Dalhousie, he continues to serve as the Director of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development Policy (formerly the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies—see below), as Coordinator for the POLI Honours program, and on the FASS Academic Development Committee.

Dr. Robert Finbow became Deputy Director of the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence (JMEUCE) at Dalhousie, and in the second term he was Acting Director. He worked with Madeleine Coffen-Smout, the JMEUCE’s excellent Centre Coordinator, on aspects of the transition from the previous EUCE, especially budgets and branding. He organized and hosted events including a speaker, Elaine Fahey from City University of London, and a day of debate for local high school students International Baccalaureate programs. He also applied for funds for an Erasmus+ funded project on CETA Implementation and Implications to help fund centre activities and operations in future years.

He continued researching the Canada-European Union Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) as it moved toward ratification and implementation. He presented “Canada-EU Trade Agreement: Inching towards Implementation” via Panopto and Skype to the EUTW International Workshop “EU New Trade Strategy and Inter-regionalism,” National University of Taiwan, Taipei, Dec. 20, 2016. He presented a paper to the Canadian Political Science Association Conference at Ryerson University in Toronto entitled “Rethinking State Theories for the “Deconsolidation of Democracy”: The Rise of Pluralist Plutocracies?”



He has a chapter entitled “Can Trans-Atlantic Trade Relations be Institutionalized after TTIP? Examining the Political and Global Governance Context” forthcoming in Elaine Fahey (ed.), *The Institutionalisation of EU-US Relations*, Spring, 2017. This chapter assesses the evolving situation for US-EU trade relations under the Trump administration, considering existing global institutions and potential replacement frameworks, if any, for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), which will not be concluded. He has also submitted an article on CETA to the Special Issue of the *Asia-Europe Journal* on “Inter-regionalism and the EU New Trade Strategy,” set for publication in December 2017.



Dr. Marcella Firmini—2016-2017 was a very rewarding and busy academic year. I finished a new collaborative article that will be published in August, and I worked on a book project soon to be submitted for peer review. I introduced a new course to the department which I’m confident students found thought-provoking, and in teaching my 6 courses this year, I interacted with many bright, young scholars who were always eager to learn. Of course, during convocation season 2017, I’ll see many of these young scholars graduate. It’s bittersweet. I will miss exchanging ideas with them, but I will also be proud to see them go forward on their chosen paths to success.

This past March, I was absolutely honoured to be nominated and receive the Dalhousie Student Union *Impact Award for Teaching*. I was surprised - to put it lightly - and thrilled by this award which places me in the eminent company of past recipients from our department like David Black and Florian Bail who have made such significant

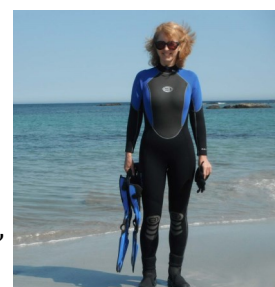
contributions to our students’ learning experience. I feel very privileged to think that students over the years have enjoyed sharing their academic journey with me and I feel fortunate to have been able to share and exchange knowledge with them.

I want to thank students with my deepest gratitude for nominating me. I’ve treasured my teaching experience here at Dalhousie and will continue to do my best for as long as possible. I hope the graduating class of 2017 will carry with them memories as fond as the ones they leave behind. We are all so proud of you.

All the best to our wonderful students here at Dalhousie University. Good luck to you all.

This year **Dr. Kristin Good** continued her research on a SSHRC-funded research project entitled “The Politics and Governance of Immigration and Multiculturalism 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 scheduled for publication by University of Toronto Press in 2018. Dr. Good’s work on the nonpartisan tradition in Canadian municipal government was published as a book chapter entitled “Municipal Political Parties: An Answer to Urbanization or an Affront to Traditions of Local Democracy?” in the 4th edition of Alain-G. Gagnon and A. Brian Tanguay’s edited volume, *Canadian Parties in Transition* (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*. Dr. Good is expecting her third child in July.

Dr. Ann Griffiths (Part-time Instructor and CNR Editor) continued to teach, edit and write in 2016. She taught Exploring Global Conflict and Violence (POLI 3596) in Fall 2016, and Building Peace and Democracy (POLI 3520) in Winter 2017 – in light of a world in political flux, both of these courses have ample interesting material to discuss. In addition to teaching, she also supervised and served as a reader for several BA Honours theses. She continued editing *Canadian Naval Review*, now in its 57th year of publication. When not editing other people’s work, she managed to find time to write several articles in 2016. Her publications include an article in

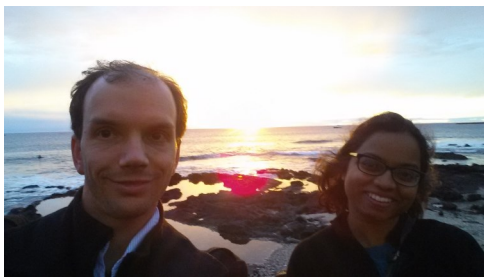


the Royal Navy's *The Naval Review* (Vol. 105, No. 1), and an article entitled "The Trouble(s) with Turkey: Turkey and NATO," published by the Canadian Global Affairs Institute. She is currently researching a book about the political, security and economic implications of the global trade in oil that she will co-author with Andrew Bergel over the next year.



Dr. Anders Hayden has been on sabbatical since January 1. During this time, he has continued his research on the political impact of alternative measures of wellbeing and prosperity, including conducting interviews in Maryland on that state's Genuine Progress Indicator. (From there, it was not far to Florida to enjoy some down time at Blue Jays' spring training, hiking through a surprisingly beautiful swamp in the Everglades, and some reading on the beach.) In the past year, he had an article on Canada's experience with "beyond GDP" measurement published in *Sustainability*, along with a book chapter on the same theme, and another comparing the Canadian case with Britain's wellbeing measurement initiatives. He received invitations to give a keynote presentation - entitled "From the Sufficient Consumer to the Sufficient Society"

- at the International Conference on Consumer Research in Bonn, Germany, and to speak about "Work-Time Reduction and the Return of the Post-Work Future" at a colloquium organized by Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative in Boston. He also gave presentations at the conferences of the United States Society for Ecological Economics and Canadian Political Science Association, and participated in a sustainable consumption workshop in Budapest. Closer to home, he gave public presentations in Halifax on the importance of the falling costs of solar energy for climate politics and the security implications of climate change. He recently signed a contract with University of Toronto Press to write a book entitled *Environmental Politics: Global Challenges, Green Transitions* and will also contribute, as one of three editors, to the upcoming Routledge *Handbook of Global Sustainability Governance*.



Dr. Steven Seligman had another productive year at Dalhousie! He had two articles published in 2016. The first examined Canada's foreign policy toward Sri Lanka and was published in *International Journal*. The second assessed Canada's voting record at the United Nations General Assembly and was published in *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*.

He is currently working on two research projects. The first is a journal-length article examining the Trudeau government's foreign policy toward Israel, and the second is to convert his dissertation into a book.

In addition to his research, Steven had a great time teaching a variety of courses in the department, including brand new courses on the Politics of the Middle East and an experiential Model UN course. He also taught Canadian Foreign Policy, American Foreign Policy, Human Rights: Foundations, and Diplomacy and Negotiation.

In his spare time, he enjoys travelling with his wife, Thulasi.



This academic year **Dr. Ruben Zaiotti** has been on the road. For my first sabbatical, my family and I moved south, to sunny Los Angeles. There I was the 2016-17 Fulbright Visiting Chair in Public Diplomacy at the University of Southern California's Center on Public Diplomacy. This experience proved to be extremely valuable for my current research on the European Union's presence on social media. As a political scientist, I learned a lot from the more 'new media savvy' colleagues at the Annenberg School of Journalism (where the Center on Public Diplomacy is based). I also understood a bit more (or, at least, I think I understood!) the great challenges that the EU is facing in projecting an appealing image to the rest of the world in these turbulent times. While at the University of Southern California, I taught a

graduate course on the EU and Public Diplomacy, and had the chance to interact with very engaging and enthusiastic students. One of the highlights of the class was a session on 'EU Food Diplomacy'. And yes, that involved food tasting - all prepared by the students! While at USC I was also involved in the Center on Public Diplomacy's activities. In one of them, I was asked to moderate a public event with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen (see picture). Viet introduced his newest book *The Refugees*, and then I asked him questions on politics, identity and migration in the US and beyond. It was a fascinating experience. Like the entire sabbatical here in California, I should say... I look forward to seeing everyone back in Halifax!

Centre for the Study of Security and Development

Brian Bow, Director

The Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD) was launched in the summer of 2016, as the successor to the venerable Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS). The new name and new organization better reflects the breadth of our multi-disciplinary community, and the points of intersection that hold us together.

This past year hasn't seen as many changes as last year, but it has been a busy time, with a number of new projects undertaken, and some additional initiatives coming soon. We welcomed back Shannon Langton, our administrative secretary, after her maternity leave, and said grateful goodbyes to Lori Lawton and Mary Okwese, who supported the Centre so ably while Shannon was away.

In August 2016, the Centre, in conjunction with Dalhousie's Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence (JMEUCE) hosted a two-day workshop, organized by Brian Bow and Ruben Zaiotti, on security policy coordination in Europe and North America. This event brought together a group of scholars from Canada, the US, and Europe, to explore the formation and function of transgovernmental networks in the coordination of national policies to deal with terrorism, organized crime, migration, and natural disasters. Bow and Zaiotti are working now on bringing these contributions together in an edited volume.

In September, the Centre worked with the Canadian International Council (CIC) and the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History to organize another two-day workshop, this time in Toronto, as part of the Generations project, co-organized by Brian Bow and Andrea Lane. A selection of the papers from this event, looking at political socialization and the development of Canadian foreign policy as a field of study, will be published in a special issue of *International*

Journal this summer. Most of the rest will be included in an edited volume due out next year.

In November, we organized a series of lively and well-attended public events in anticipation of a new Canadian contribution to peacekeeping in Africa. That series featured panels on multilateral peace and humanitarian operations (Gen. Floriano Peixoto, David Morgan, Elikem Tsamenyi), on conflicts in various parts of Africa (Carla Suarez, Michelle Legassicke, Dustin Johnson), children in armed conflict (Shelly Whitman, Linda Dale), and the politics of peacekeeping (David Black, Steven Seligman, Andrea Lane, David Perry, and David Beitelman).

In February, the Centre, in conjunction with the Political Science department, hosted the 2017 Glyn Berry lecture, with Reid Morden, former director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and former deputy minister for foreign affairs. Morden's talk—titled "Security, Privacy, and Oversight: Where is the Balance?"—was attended by an audience of about 100 faculty members, students, and members of the community.

As part of the Centre's ongoing commitment to cutting-edge research and public engagement on maritime security issues, we hosted a roundtable on maritime procurement beyond the National Shipbuilding Strategy. As part of our effort to renew the Centre's roster of maritime security experts - anchored by deputy director Andrea Lane - we recruited three junior scholars: Tim Choi, Jeff Collins, and Adam Macdonald with the latter joining the department's PhD program next year. We were pleased to host public lectures by Collins and MacDonald this year.

The Centre has cut back the overall number of seminars it hosts each year, to focus on higher-profile speakers and cutting-edge policy topics. We were delighted in

November 2016 to host Bill Graham, former Minister of National Defence, and then Roland Paris, University of Ottawa professor and former foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Other invited speakers for Centre-sponsored seminars (often co-sponsored with partner organizations listed above) included Christopher Sands from SAIS, Can Mutlu from Acadia, Naghmeh Sohrabi from Brandeis, Tamara Lorincz from NSVOW, Mark Stout from Johns Hopkins, Srdjan Vucetic from University of Ottawa, and Maya Eichler from MSVU.



"Generations" workshop, held at Hart House in Toronto, Sept 28-29, 2016.

From left to right: Kim Richard Nossal, Brian Bow, Jean-Christophe Boucher, Heather Smith

As part of the Centre's effort to diversify its public engagements, we partnered



PhD candidate David Morgan with former Prime Minister Jean Chretien from the MacEachen Institute launch May 2016

with the CIC to organize a public screening of the climate-change documentary, *The Age of Consequences*, at the Halifax Public Library, with a discussion led by CSSD fellow Anders Hayden.

The CSSD continued to collaborate in our event planning with JMEUCE and the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance, the local branch of the CIC, Department of Political Science, and other organizations. This year we began working more closely with Dalhousie's International Development Studies department, co-hosting a multi-disciplinary showcase of development-related research for representatives of Global Affairs Canada, and a very successful launch event for the World Bank's 2017 *World Development Report*. We are currently looking to start up a new regional academic network for security and defence research, and look forward to developing collaborative links with the new Mulroney Institute at St Francis Xavier.

Centre fellows continued to engage with the media throughout the year; Brian Bow and David Beitelman did numerous interviews on the US presidential election and US foreign policy, and Andrea Lane was often consulted on various aspects of Canadian defence policy. Bow and Beitelman participated in the government's Defence Policy Review, Lane and John Cameron in the International Assistance Review, and Bow and Lane gave presentations before the House Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security.

2016-17 was an exciting year for the 'new' Centre, with a number of new projects launched and new partnerships established. We look forward to following through on these in the coming year, and to exploring new directions in research and public engagement. Please feel free to follow us on Twitter @dalcssd.

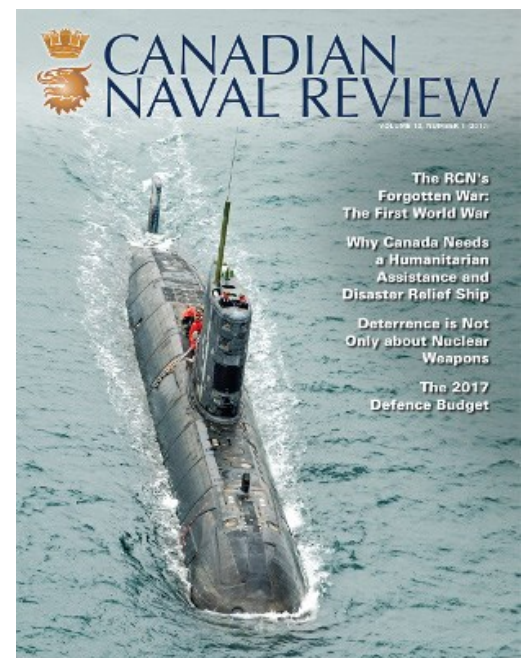
Canadian Naval Review

Ann Griffiths, Editor, CNR

Canadian Naval Review is published by the Centre for the Study of Security and Development and is now entering its 13th year of publication. *CNR* is Canada's only journal dedicated to examining maritime security and defence issues, broadly defined - including naval strategy and defence spending, shipping, climate change, fishing, ship designs, piracy, among other things. *CNR* brings together members of the Canadian academic and defence communities, as well as media, industry, policy-makers and members of the public. Every issue includes a variety of articles, commentaries, book reviews and photos. The journal is edited by Dr. Ann Griffiths and has a distinguished group of people serving on the Editorial Board. Every year *CNR* holds an essay contest, and the winning essay is published. The 2016 winner was Adam P. MacDonald, with an essay entitled "China as an Emerging Arctic Player."

Because the government announced a Defence Policy Review in spring 2016, *CNR* published a theme issue on the topic. This issue was sponsored by the Naval Association of Canada, and included articles by well-known academics such as Norman Friedman, Elinor Sloan, Rob Huebert and Dave Perry, and a commentary by Rear-Admiral John Newton. The articles examined what the Defence Policy Review should consider in terms of maritime issues and defence.

Canadian Naval Review has been increasing its presence on social media. It has a Twitter account (@CdnNavalReview) and its popular online discussion forum called "BroadSides" (www.navalreview.ca/broadsides-discussion-forum). This discussion forum receives hundreds of visits per month from people around the world. On it, people discuss the latest issues relating to maritime and naval research, maritime security, defence, the navy, naval policy, the Arctic, and many other topics.



Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence

Madeleine Coffen-Smout, Coordinator

The last year has been a time of transition, as the Centre started a new three-year phase in September 2016 as the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU. With Ruben Zaiotti away on a well-deserved sabbatical for six months as a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair and Andrea D'Sylva moving on to other adventures, the JMEUCE is currently being steered by Deputy Director Robert Finbow, aided by Madeleine Coffen-Smout as the new Centre Coordinator.

Reduced funding in this phase has required the Centre's programming to be scaled down, and we've had to deal with unexpected challenges like the delayed opening of Halifax's new Convention Centre (kiboshing one event) and the local teachers' dispute (which nearly derailed another)! However, we still pursue a strong mandate to promote academic, networking and outreach activities relating to the EU and EU-Canada relations, and to support student learning in a range of ways.

To this end, visiting lecturers gave public talks during the academic year. Can Mutlu from Acadia University spoke on 'The Status of Syrian Nationals Living in Turkey and the EU-Turkey Migration Deal'; Jaroslaw Janczak, University Viadrina, Frankfurt on 'Ukraine between the EU and Russia'; and Elaine Fahey, New York University Law School, and City Law School, City University London, on 'Models of institutionalised (dis-)integration? What next for the EU-US, CETA and Brexit?' The German Ambassador to Canada also gave a presentation, and a display of EU-related texts was organised at the Killam Library in celebration of Europe Day.

International cooperation with Taiwan continued, with Robert Finbow presenting on 'Canada-EU Trade Agreement: Inching towards Implementation' for the EUTW International Workshop "EU New Trade Strategy and Inter-regionalism" held at the National University of Taiwan, Taipei in December. His pre-recorded presentation was given by video, followed by a live Skype Q&A. Approximately 50 faculty members attended, including representatives of regional EU Centres in Japan, Korea, China, Macau, Singapore, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.

Closer to home, the fifth annual EU Day of Debate was held at the Law School in April. Nearly 50 International Baccalaureate students from two local high schools took part in lively debates on Brexit, populism and fragmentation, migration and terrorism. Dalhousie students from Political Science and the Debating Society provided terrific assistance and mentoring, sharing their

knowledge of EU issues and giving helpful feedback on debating techniques.

JMEUCE student engagement has also taken the form of financial support for two Dal students on this year's EU Study Tour. Salman Dostmohammad (Public Administration) and Micah Zionce (Political Science/Economics) were selected to participate in a three-week programme in Brussels, Strasbourg, Frankfurt and Luxemburg this May. Organised by Capilano University, the tour provides a unique immersion in EU institutions, evolution and current issues. Micah will also stay on for their Internship Programme which offers valuable work experience afterwards.



Preparations are almost complete for the upcoming Summer Institute on Migration and Identity (30 June–14 July) in collaboration with Dal's European Studies, Canadian Studies and Office of International Relations. Over 25 students have registered for this intensive credit course, including international students from the Netherlands and Australia as well as some from Dal and other parts of Canada. Pier 21 should provide a fitting venue for this interdisciplinary programme of studies, with its knowledgeable staff and relevant exhibits adding to the learning experience.

Finally, proposals have been submitted to Erasmus+ for a network on Health Law and Policy (led by Katherine Fierlbeck) and a project on Implementation and Implications of the Canada-EU Economic and Trade Partnership (helmed by Robert Finbow). If approved, activities would begin in the autumn and keep the Centre busy into 2019-2020.

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.

Christopher Sands, PhD, *Clinton or Trump? The State of the U.S. Election and the Aftermath for Canada*, September 30, 2016

Can Mutlu, PhD, *The Status of Syrian Nationals Living in Turkey and the EU-Turkey Migration Deal*, October 17, 2016

Dr. Naghmeh Sohrabi, *15 Months Later: Iran and the Nuclear Deal*, October 13, 2016

Jeffrey Collins, *Is Canada 'Back'? A Look at the Determinants of Defence Policy in the Trudeau Government*, November 3, 2016

Tamara Lorincz, *A Climate for War? A Critical Examination of Western Militaries' Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Defence Expenditures and Energy Security Strategies*, November 3, 2016

What's Missing? Maritime procurement beyond the NSS, Panel: **Eric Lerhe, Cal Mofford, Andrea Lane, Peter Haydon, and Jeff Collins**, November 4, 2016

Honourable Bill Graham, *Call of the World: Reflections on a Political Life*, November 17, 2016

Roland Paris, *Canada's Back—Now What? International Policy for the Long Haul*, November 21, 2016

Adam MacDonald, *China Looking North: Compromising Canadian Arctic Sovereignty and Security?*, November 25, 2016

Mark Stout, *Intelligence Analysis in the Age of Trump*, January 19, 2017

Reid Morden, *Security, Privacy, and Oversight: Where is the Balance?* Glyn Berry Lecture, February 2, 2017

Srdjan Vucetic, *The Nation of Feminist Arms Dealer? Canada and Military Exports*, March 13, 2017

"Governance and the Law" World Development Report 2017, Panel: **David Black, Jennifer Llewellyn, Nissim Manuthakaren, Dozie Okoye**, March 24, 2017

The Age of Consequences: How climate change impacts resource scarcity, migration and conflict through the lens of US national security and global stability, Film screening and discussion with **Anders Hayden**, March 29, 2017

Maya Eichler, *Does Gender Matter? Evaluating Canada's Foreign and Defence Policy from a Feminist Perspective*, April 18, 2017



Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative

Josh Boyter, Communications Officer, RDCSI

Looking back on our last year, we can say with certainty that it has been our most rewarding and exciting year on record. In 2016, we expanded as an organization, developed new ground-breaking projects and continue to incubate our unique prevention oriented approach to end the use of children as weapons of war in new countries and contexts.

Canadian Armed Forces Doctrine on Child Soldiers

The Canadian Armed Forces, on March 2, 2017, launched its Joint Doctrine Note on Child Soldiers. This doctrine represents the world's first comprehensive doctrine to be adopted by countries' armed forces to identify the strategic, operational and tactical considerations about the recruitment and use of child soldiers.

This doctrine is the culmination of many years of advocacy efforts by the Dallaire Initiative. In particular, this doctrine will provide a leading example to our NATO allies, in peace support operations with the UN, as well as our partners in global missions towards ending the use of child soldiers once and for all.

Child Soldiers: A Handbook for Security Sector Actors

The Roméo Dallaire Initiative launched the third edition of its landmark publication *Child Soldiers: A Handbook for Security Sector Actors*. It aims to highlight and reinforce the various roles that security sector actors (i.e. military, police, prison personnel, and peacekeepers) can play in protecting all children affected by war and preventing the use of child soldiers.

Education in Action: Training of Trainer and Dallaire Initiative Youth Peace Clubs

In November 2016, the Dallaire Initiative conducted its second-ever



training of trainer program with teachers and educators from three districts - Moyamba, Port Loko and Bombali - in Freetown, Sierra Leone. This training consisted of building the capacity of teachers to facilitate the Dallaire Initiative's education curriculum and story books, which help educate children on issues ranging from legal rights to understanding the impacts of conflict on children. Once trained, our trainer of training trainees returned to their home districts and schools to develop Dallaire Initiative Youth Peace Clubs.

In January and March 2017, the Dallaire Initiative visited these peace clubs in the three districts. During these visits, Dr. Shelly Whitman, Ben O'Bright and Dustin Johnson visited with community and government representatives, parents, teachers and children participating as part of the Dallaire Initiative Youth Peace Clubs. The children demonstrated the lessons they had learned from the teachers facilitating our education curriculum through a mixture of round robin reading, peace statements and dramatizations.

Training on Preventing the Use of Child Soldiers: British Peace Support East Africa and the African Union Mission in Somalia

In December 2016 the Dallaire Initiative conducted its first training in conjunction with British Peace Support East Africa (BPST-EA) and the African Union Mission in Somalia

(AMISOM). The training included representatives from the Federal Government of Somalia, Somalia Armed Forces and AMISOM and focused on preventing the recruitment and use of child soldiers. The initial training, conducted over three days in Karen, Kenya, was designed to

inform a nine-day trainer of trainers program, which was carried out in February 2017. This course was reviewed and opened by Ambassador Francisco Caetano Jose Madeira, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Somalia.

List of select publications

Allons-y (vol. 5, num. 5) by Nicholas Coghlan, Roméo Dallaire, Dustin Johnson, Michelle Legassicke, Jacqueline Salomé, and Kenneth Watkin.

Allons-y (vol. 6, num. 5) (forthcoming) by Dustin Johnson, Nuzhat Khurshid, Kelly O'Brien, Ben O'Bright, and Shelly Whitman (plus undetermined authors for the commentaries).

"Child soldiers and disability: Gaps in knowledge and opportunities for change" by Dustin Johnson and Shelly Whitman in *Third World Thematics*.

"Addressing the Gaps in Security Sector Training: The Detention of Child Soldiers" by Shelly Whitman, Darin Reeves, and Dustin Johnson, in *Protecting Children against Torture in Detention: Global Solutions for a Global Problem from the Anti-Torture Initiative*.

"Prevent to Protect: Early Warning, Child Soldiers, and the Case of Syria" (forthcoming) by Dustin Johnson, Shelly Whitman, and Hannah Sparwasser Soroka in *Global Responsibility to Protect*.

Experiential Learning, New Programs, and Courses

POLI/GWST 4390: Practicum in Public Policy: NGOs and Government Services Finishes First Year *by Margaret Denike & Harry Critchley*

As the Winter semester comes to a close, the second cohort of students to complete POLI/GWST 4390 Practicum Placement in Public Policy: NGOs and Government Service is wrapping up its placements at community organizations around the HRM.

By all accounts, the course has been an overwhelming success. Surveys with placement supervisors indicate a high degree of satisfaction with the overall performance of the students, as well as a keen interest to take on further placement students in coming semesters. Conversely, students' final reports suggest that, for many, the practicum placements have been a major highlight of their time at Dalhousie and a rewarding way to bridge their learning in the classroom with their real-world concerns and interests.

The placement course has served as a lightning rod for community engagement at Dalhousie, attracting some of the strongest and most involved students in the Faculty. To give only a few examples, our students have assisted with drafting policy for the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, they have provided support to researchers working with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and they have organized major fundraising and awareness campaigns for Ceasefire Halifax, Challenge AIDS and Malaria in Africa (CHAMA), and the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative.

For more information on student experiences in the course, please see the video interviews we conducted with placement students, which are available on the Department's webpage. (politicalscience.dal.ca)

Placement students have been profiled in articles in *Dal News* and the weekly "Halifax Heroes" segment in the *Metro*. Additionally, many of them have been offered full-time summer employment at their host organizations, including at the Halifax Refugee Clinic, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, and the John Howard Society of Nova Scotia.

The course came together under the leadership and collaborative magic of Dr. Margaret Denike and her former research assistant, Harry Critchley. While Dr. Denike introduced and administered the new course for 4th year students in Political Science and Gender Studies, Harry worked to secure over 30 potential placement opportunities in the community. In part, from their initiative and collaboration Harry was offered a full-time position in the Office of the Dean of Arts and Social Science as the Community Outreach Coordinator for this

past year, to introduce similar opportunities for experiential learning in other programs and fields across the Faculty. Dr. Denike is grateful for the support from an Academic Innovation Fund grant provided through the office of Dr. Fiona Black, which made this collaboration possible.

Welcoming a New Program: Law, Justice and Society *by Margaret Denike*

Dr. Denike is particularly pleased with the outcome of the March 2017 meeting of the Dalhousie Senate, at which her proposal for a new B.A. (Hons) in 'Law, Justice and Society' was unanimously approved by Senators. For the past six years, Denike has served as the coordinator for the interdisciplinary Minor in 'Law and Society,' which has grown to become the most popular Minor across all faculties at Dalhousie, with over 140 students registered in 2015-2016. The proposal to expand this program is the result of a labour of love over the course of the past two years, during which, with the research and administrative assistance of Harry Critchley and Associate Dean Krista Kesselring, Denike's proposal was shepherded through – and reviewed by – committees such as that of the FASS Chairs and Coordinators, FASS Faculty Council, and Senate Subcommittees to assess and address its feasibility. With the aim of welcoming students as of 2017-2018, it is currently under review for provincial accreditation by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. This program will be administratively based within the Department of Political Science, as a separate degree program – and will remain an attractive option as a double Major for students who are interested in the study of law across the various disciplines.

POLI/SOSA 1500: Globalizations *by David Black*

In the winter of 2017-18, the Political Science department will collaborate with Sociology and Social Anthropology on an exciting new team-taught course on the many dimensions of "Globalizations". The course is part of an innovative new first year program called DalCAP (the Dalhousie Coordinated Arts Program), in which a cohort of students take two double-credit courses in each semester along with one elective, creating a more concentrated and integrated experience and introducing students to a wide range of issues and approaches in the arts and social sciences. The course format will incorporate a variety of guest speakers, audio-visual presentations, and opportunities for community engagement along with regular lectures by Professors Ruben Zaiotti and Pauline Gardiner Barber, and small group tutorials. We are excited about the potential of this course and program, which will provide a new gateway to the university experience.

Undergraduate Coordinator News

Anders Hayden & Peter Arthur, Undergraduate Advisors

This year the role of Undergraduate Advisor was shared by Anders Hayden (July-December, 2016) and Peter Arthur (January-June, 2017). The main tasks continue to be helping students find their way through their various choices about courses and degree options, along with efforts to recruit students to Political Science and retain them. Retention has become a greater focus recently. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is examining options to ensure that students facing difficulties get the advising they need (many do not see a departmental advisor until after they have declared a Major) and that challenges are identified and addressed early on. Recruitment events in the past year included the Open House for high-school students, the Academic Fair for current Dalhousie students considering program options, and the King's Advising Luncheon for King's College students. We continue to find that current students and recent graduates are the best representatives of the department at such events, as they are able to share their experiences of how Political Science has benefitted them. If you have your own story about the value of a Political Science degree that we could share with prospective students, please send us your thoughts (anders.hayden@dal.ca and peter.arthur@dal.ca).

Undergraduate Student Award/Prize Winners

Mary Innes (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.*

Rebecca Steele (BA Honours, Major in Political Science) has been awarded:

The Eric Dennis Gold Medal Award: *Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, this medal will be 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.*

Haruka Aoyama (BA, Undeclared Arts) has been awarded:

The H.B. McCulloch Memorial Prize: *This prize will be 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.*

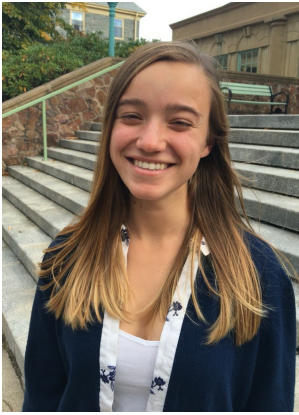
Rebecca Steele (BA Honours, Major in Political Science) has been awarded:

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 Rebecca Steele, 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 The James H. Aitchison Award?

I feel very grateful to be the recipient of this year's James H. Aitchison Award. His contributions to the Dalhousie Department of Political Science are so important – his efforts are a big part of the reason I was able to learn with such intelligent peers and be taught by such talented faculty. I am honoured to have received this award.



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

One thing about the Political Science department that really appealed to me is the breadth of course offerings. I was able to take courses on centuries-old political philosophy and modern-day human rights issues. Now that I've finished my degree, I feel confident that I made the right decision. I had a great experience with the program and the department is continuing to grow and offer exciting opportunities to students – for example, the new practicum course that allowed us to apply what we studied in the classroom to real-life political issues.

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

I am really interested in the politics of healthcare, which is what I wrote my thesis on. Dr. Fierlbeck has a lot of knowledge and experience in this area, so it's been really great to be able to learn from her. I'm also interested in the politics of human rights, which often intersects with healthcare.

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

I'm going to be working for a year before heading to law school in the fall of 2018. Right now I'm interested in human rights law, but I'm also looking forward to exploring new subjects while I'm in law school!

Report on McGill Model United Nations

Mohammed Elgayar, DUPSSS President

This was another successful year for the Dalhousie Model United Nations delegation after attending the McGill Model United Nations conference for the second year in a row. After last year's conference the team was even more prepared to partake in this year's conference alongside elite students. The team this year was led by Sarah Dobson, Hailey Reid, and myself as head delegates.

Our attendance received great feedback. 1st year political science student Abdelrahman Abdullah was praised for his passionate speeches and well researched arguments and ideas.

The conference was a special experience and would not have been possible without the financial support of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Department of Political Science. The society would also like to express its thanks to Professor Steven Seligman for teaching the Model United Nations course and preparing students for the conference. I would like to thank every delegate attending the conference for proudly representing Dalhousie University against North America's elite universities.

What Next?

The society aims to host its own conference soon. With the aid of the university the conference would aim to build and grow to invite universities to attend and compete at Dalhousie.

Awards

Mohamed Elgayar – Outstanding Delegate Award



Dalhousie's delegation members at the Model UN conference

Honours Coordinator Update

Brian Bow, Honours Coordinator

This year's Honours cohort included 21 excellent students. It has been a real pleasure for Brian Bow (Honours Coordinator) to observe the growth of these researchers, and to witness the excellence of the final results and the poise with which these students presented their ideas. As always, this year's Honours group has written about an extraordinary range of issues and topics. The list of titles includes:

Anastasia Aksenova

Invisible Fighters: Role of Female Combatants in DDR. Supervisor: A. Griffiths

Riley Baumber

Creating Space for Civil Society within the Peace Process. Supervisor: B. Bow

Sarah Dobson

R2P Norm Evolution: A Reassessment of Russia's Interaction with the Responsibility to Protect. Supervisor: F. Harvey

Peter Earley

From Procurement to Platform: An Explanatory Analysis of the Factors Causing Procurement Projects to Become Political Platform Promises. Supervisor: S. Seligman

Mohammed Elgayar

U.S.-China: The Power Transition Conflict: Are China and the United States slipping into a Thucydides Trap? Supervisor: F. Harvey

Jillian Hatcher

The 'Resource Curse': A Failed Approach to Understanding Conflict and Underdevelopment. Supervisor: P. Arthur

Maya Hibbeln

A Renewed Russia? The Soft Power Objectives of the Sochi Olympic Games. Supervisor: D. Black

Lynsey Kissane

The Cultural Political Economy of Innovation. Supervisor: B. Bow

Michael Marot

Examining the Effectiveness of Race-based Quotas in South African Universities. Supervisor: D. Black

Devon McCarthy

Positive Sanctions: Bill Clinton's Policies of Economic Engagement in East Asia Supervisor: B. Bow

Abigail McLatchy

Rigid in Substance and Effect: The Realities and Consequences of Canada's Amending Formulas. Supervisor: K. Good

Matthew Paisley

The Wild, Wild North: Is Russia a Bandit or a Prospector? Supervisor: B. Bow

Zac Smith

Crisis of Legitimacy: The Social Licence to Operate and Canadian Pipeline Projects. Supervisor: L. Carbert

Rebecca Steele

What the Doctor Ordered? Evaluating Evidence as a Basis for Refugee Health Policy in Nova Scotia. Supervisor: K. Fierlbeck

John Stephenson

Abandoned by the Base?: An Examination of Political Contributions to the Nova Scotia New Democratic

Party during the Dexter Government. Supervisor: L. Carbert

Alex Stover

Distinguishing Populism from Fascism in Contemporary Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Right-Wing Populism and Fascism. Supervisor: F. Bail

Luke VanHorne

Obama's War on Autopilot: An Analysis on the Causes Behind US Drone Strikes. Supervisor: S. Seligman

Sarah Watson

Nuclear Logic Revisited: A Disaggregated Social Psychological Application to Proliferation Motives in Iran and North Korea. Supervisor: B. Bow

Miary Yamamoto

The Role of Women's Organizations and Government Institutions in Supporting Women's Rights: Defying Simplicity in Sweden and South Africa. Supervisor: D. Black



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



News from the Podium of the Undergraduate Society

Chris Wieczorek, DUPSSS VP Internal

It was another great year for the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Students Society (DUPSSS)!

Following the success of our initiatives last year with the 2015 Canadian Federal Election, we hosted a series of events focused on the 2016 American Presidential Election. We were especially happy with the success of our 'Poli Beer' to watch the second Presidential debate at the University Club. Over 100 students, staff and faculty came out, ostensibly for the quality of the beer, not the debate. Many thanks to Professors Hayden and Seligman for attending, as well as everyone else who enjoyed the event.



We were also pleased to contribute to a faculty initiative entitled "Putting Arts to Work," a panel discussion featuring former Dalhousie graduates from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Occupations ranged from a former Ambassador to the United Nations to a Halifax Poet Laureate. Political Science students in the audience were rejuvenated with a new-found hope upon realizing that four out of the eight panelists had completed either a BA or MA with a Political Science department, the highest departmental representation within the faculty by far. There are jobs out there, after all.

Things seemed to get a little busier in the winter semester, but we still managed to produce our undergraduate journal, *The Podium*, for the third year running. We were excited to be able to expand the number of accepted submissions this year, and we're grateful to all students who submitted their work. We also had a successful launch party and supported a local business in the process, with over 40 people attending our brunch party at the Auction House. A huge shout-out goes out to VP Academic Cody Couture and Keeghan White for their tireless efforts in producing the journal.

Looking forward, we can't wait to get going again in the fall. Certainly, our Poli Beers remain a perennial favourite, but we'll also hopefully be hosting some guest lectures and question-and-answer sessions in the new academic year.

We'd also like to thank all the members in the department, and particularly Dr. Black and Tracy Powell for all their support. We continue to have a strong relationship with the department, and department members are always happy to publicize our events or come out and support our students. We certainly benefit from this relationship, and we're grateful to be part of such a fantastic department.

Finally, after two years of service as our President, we are sad (but also happy) to report that Moe Elgayer has graduated with honours. Although he's ceded power to a new group of executives, we're excited to see his smiling face next year as he returns to the department as an MA student.

In closing, thanks to all the students, faculty, staff, and community members who made this year so memorable. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did, and we look forward to seeing what the coming year will bring. Have a great summer!

Representing Gender Diversity in Parliament

Sarah Dobson



This March, one former (Camille Horton-Poole) and two current (Lydia Swiatkowska and Sarah Dobson) Dalhousie Political Science students had the opportunity to travel to Ottawa for Equal Voice's historic event *Daughters of the Vote*. This event was organized by Equal Voice to celebrate the 100 years of some women getting the vote in Canada. One young woman from every riding in Canada travelled to the House of Commons to "take our seat" on International Women's Day - filling every seat with women for the first time in history. Camille sat in Andy Fillmore's seat for Halifax, Lydia sat in Colin Fraser's seat for West Nova and I sat in the speaker's chair for Geoff Regan (Halifax West). The department was extremely supportive of our endeavours, and we have to thank them for their encouragement (particularly Dr. Louise Carbert who travelled with us to Ottawa as part of Equal Voice).

At the event, we were addressed by all party leaders and had the opportunity to make statements on the floor with MPs looking on. We also had time to address Justin Trudeau with questions. The entire week was filled with inspiring words from women in politics at all levels. Lydia said she came back with a further cemented aspiration to run for office some day, and that the opportunity to interact with like-minded young women who are passionate about serving their communities was a unique and galvanizing experience for her. She believed there was something about the idea of 338 women occupying a traditionally male-dominated place that spoke so powerfully to the legacy of the women before us and the amount of work still to be done. I too came back with a renewed desire to be involved in politics, and have since joined campaign teams in the local Nova Scotian election for women running in the province. The opportunity to sit in the speaker's chair was one of the most intense, unique and humbling experiences of my degree, and a moment I will never forget. Geoff Regan also arranged the

opportunity for me to have lunch with Rona Ambrose and Kim Campbell, the only female Prime Minister in the history of Canada and a personal idol of mine.

Daughters of the Vote is one example of the amazing opportunities provided to Political Science students. The entire week was filled with workshops, networking and the chance to take inspiration from women all across the country. There is often a sense of cynicism and discouragement that lingers over many women who dream of pursuing careers in politics, and this is something that must be acknowledged within departments that teach the subject. But opportunities like *Daughters of the Vote* proved to us attending, and even those watching, that there is reason to hope for true gender parity in the future, and a good reason to keep fighting for it today. Those who sat in the House of Commons on that day will carry that message with them for the rest of their lives - I know I will.

<https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/03/08/building-a-future-for-women-in-politics.html>

Zoe Beynon-MacKinnon travels to Hungary

(BA Major in Environmental Sustainability and Political Science, Minor in Economics)

This time last year, I was scrambling to put together a paper proposal for Central European University's undergraduate conference *The Challenge of the Refugee Crisis – Panacea or Pandemonium for Europe?* I had just completed my second year studying Political Science and Sustainability at Dalhousie, and was eager for the opportunity to engage with political scientists on the international stage. To my surprise and delight, my paper proposal *Global Responsibilities to Regional Conflict: Analysis of the European Refugee Crisis* was accepted to the conference, meaning I had just over two months to write my paper and plan a trip to Hungary.

Parts of the planning process were simple. The daunting task of booking a flight from Halifax to Budapest and arranging accommodations were eased thanks to generous contributions from both the Dalhousie Political Science Alumni Fund and CEU. Other aspects of preparation were less simple. As the summer progressed, tension within Hungary and Europe continued to grow regarding the movement of refugees. As the level of conflict along Hungary's border continued to grow, a small part of me grew anxious about the working paper I had developed, and the potential implications of entering Viktor Orban's Hungary to present it.

I arrived in Budapest on August 14th, and was met by the largest ad campaign ever run in the country, urging citizens to reject the European Union's refugee quota in the October 2nd Referendum. The juxtaposition of CEU's beautiful downtown campus to the suburban residence, surrounded by walled off and overgrown standalone homes, reflected the tension within Hungary, as the city's downtown core is a small oasis of wealth surrounded by a country still recovering from the transition from communism. For the duration of the conference, as we discussed the complexities of the refugee crisis and European politics at large, the blue and yellow advertisements acted as a constant reminder of the deep-seated fear and resentment of refugees that was held by many within the country.

As I write this a year later, my anxiety about visiting Hungary seems less irrational than it did last summer. Academic freedom within Hungary is being challenged, with CEU as the largest target. Now more than ever the importance of cross-cultural dialogue becomes clear. I am so thankful for the opportunity to have met and learned from so many inspiring minds, in a city that has born witness to some of the most politically significant regimes of the last century. This trip, and the knowledge I gained from it was made possible by generous donations from Dept of Political Science Alumni, for which I am thankful beyond words. It is my hope that others may benefit from such opportunities and continue to make global connections in this time of populism and nationalism.

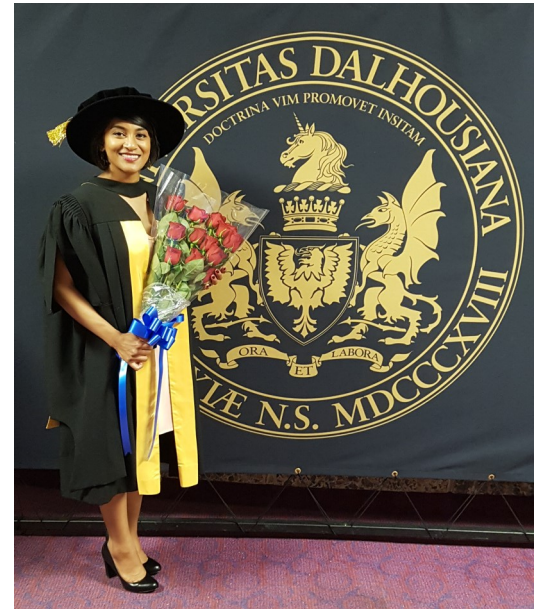


Graduate Coordinator Update

Katherine Fierlbeck, Graduate Coordinator

Congratulations to Sabrina Hoque on the successful defence of her thesis, *The 'Causal Tree': A Comprehensive Analysis of the Relationship Between UNDP Expenditures and Quality of Governance in Developing Countries* (supervised by Dr. Bow). Congratulations also to Susan Manning on being awarded a Killam doctoral fellowship this year. Not to be outdone, our incoming PhD students can also boast of prestigious awards: new PhD candidate Adam MacDonald (who will be working with Dr. Bow) has received a Special Provost-Alumni Scholarship for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, while new PhD candidate Nafisa Abdulhamid (working with Dr. Black) has been awarded the Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies.

In addition, the Department would like to welcome the following MA students for the 2017-18 academic year: Tari Ajadi (BC), Henry Clickner (US), Moe Elgayar (NS), Kinnar Power (AB), Rhys Robinson (NS), Catherine St Jacques (ON), and John Stephenson (NS). Rhys has been awarded the Margaret Meagher Fellowship, and Moe has received the Keens-Morden entry scholarship.



PhD Graduate Sabrina Hoque

Graduate Student Award Winners

Liam Hunt (Current MA 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.*

Rhys Robinson (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.*

Mohammed Elgayar (Incoming MA candidate)

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 (Incoming 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 Update

Michelle Legassicke, DGSPS President

The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science and our graduate students have been busy again this year. With many members of our cohort based outside of Halifax and around the world writing their dissertations and/or doing fieldwork, we had a fairly small cohort based in Halifax. We were happy to have four new MAs, and one PhD join us this year.

We started our year with a meet and greet at the Halifax waterfront. We continued the custom of getting together and sharing a drink about once a month or so. While we would try to meet around different locations in Halifax, often our busy schedules would result in us meeting at the University Pub. Given the small nature of our cohort, many of our events were spontaneous and planned in the graduate reading room in the Killam library where many of our graduate students studied out of this year.



Michelle Legassicke, David Beitelman, and Andrea Lane at Florian Bail's retirement party

We are looking forward to welcoming next year's new cohort of graduate students, and continuing to build our community through our annual retreat and monthly meetings.

Our headline event was our society retreat held in November. We planned the retreat to correspond with the US presidential elections, allowing us to watch the results as a large group. This was a great experience for our graduate students to hang out, debate, and analyze the results. Thanks to the snow holding off, we were also able to spend quite a bit of time outside hiking around the coast. It was great to get out of Halifax and head down to the south shore for a few days rest before the craziness of the end of term.

The DGSPS would like to thank Tracy and Mary for all their help this year. We would also like to thank all the faculty members, Centre for the Study of Security and Development, Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence, and the Child Soldier Initiative for all the help, opportunities, and support they provide our graduate students.



US Consulate election party (Poli faculty, graduate students, and celebrity guests)

Glyn Berry Scholar

Ben O'Bright (PhD Candidate)



In August 2016, I was fortunate enough to make a connection for my last year as a Glyn Berry Scholar with Valerie Berry, wife of the late Dr. Glyn Berry. In my message to her, I found comfort in detailing a common theme, one that has been a staple component of my inner debates and conversations of my place in academia: that I felt such an endeavour

must always be paired with work in the field. Uncertain at its reception, I nonetheless felt the need to denote to Mrs. Berry the ways in which her family's scholarship has been of fundamental importance in my personal push towards a harmonious balance between research and practice, academic authorship and on-the-ground activity. In my letter, I defined this as a search for balance, the melding of theoretical and real, the cognitive and applied. I noted that Dr. Berry, as a doctoral scholar and diplomat, bridged those worlds together, linking them via an understanding that we need both to facilitate meaningful, positive change in this world. Without one side of this divide, the other can only falter.

In taking this perspective to heart, all of what I do and what I have done is driven by an undercurrent effort to apply research to practice. It has been both the material support provided by this scholarship, and the defining worldview implicitly espoused by Dr. Berry that has motivated and facilitated all of the above. Indeed, it has taken some time for my perspective on exactly how to facilitate this merger to form; at this point, it has required some four years of thought and experience to figure it out. From a simple, uni-dimensional review of background, an easy characterization is one of eclecticism. For me, there was first the study of European politics and government, international relations, and law. Then, travel to Chad in 2013 to learn from civil war-affected unaccompanied minors on the impact of community-based strategies to encourage social cohesion. Then there was travel to Qatar in 2015 for research on natural resource governance in the context of emerging soft power states and Sierra Leone in 2016 for work on monitoring and evaluating the impact of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) programs on former child soldiers with RDCSI. This year,

my range of focus areas has taken me to Sierra Leone yet again, Zambia, the United Arab Emirates, Taiwan, Japan, and various European countries. And yet, despite this breadth, there are two constants, weaving a thread of direct relationship between each of these pursuits. The first is an overarching passion for politics and international affairs. The second, science and technology, was discovered in the often monochromatic imagery of a cubed, desk-bound Macintosh computer, the kind found today in antique shops or being used as rather expensive doorstops. With my one button mouse, I would get lost in the incredible world of technology, at the time brought about through floppy disks and dialup Internet connections.



I have no doubt that my interest areas will change, will transform, will evolve. Indeed, if the past four years as a Glyn Berry Scholar are any indication, it may happen from week to week. To all those emerging scholars and students who come after me, especially those who will take upon themselves the mantle of Dr. Berry and his legacy, I would offer a few pieces of advice, in a manner as disjointed as my own background: embrace the chaos. Don't fall into a single niche, but embrace many of them. Explore a range of topics, subjects, themes, and ideas – do not feel beholden to any. Just because your areas of passion don't immediately seem connected does not mean you should abandon one over the other. Follow the trajectory of both and all, whether you ultimately find linkages among them or not. Take risks and be sure to fail on occasion. Don't fill anyone else's mold or worldview but your own. You are ultimately your hardest critic. Pursue as many opportunities to live your research as possible, for you might be surprised what new paths present themselves. And if you need to talk with someone who is still, perhaps unsurprisingly, finding his way forward, my door is always open and the coffee is always fresh.

2016-17 Margaret Meagher & Keens-Morden Scholarship Recipient

Erik Fertsman (MA Candidate) I am delighted to say that classes are finally over! This year was definitely



challenging in terms of the workload, but in sum, I found myself exposed to a very wide range of interesting topics, and unique experiences along the way. As well, the newly added research methods class was positively received by graduate students this year. I believe some of the skills we learned therein will aid in upcoming thesis work for myself and many other students.

Beyond the classroom, I discovered an engaging opportunity to travel to Ottawa

for a policy workshop at Carleton University. There, the topic of discussion was the EU Association Agreements with Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia, including outlooks on further implementation and reforms of the agreements – considering the current challenges. My thesis research has been focused on democratic change in Ukraine, thus the event was highly relevant to my research while carving new paths for my work. I strongly encourage students to take advantage of these workshops to see the cutting-edge research, observe the theoretical debates first hand, travel, and attend the networking opportunities.

Currently, I am writing this in the beautiful city of Vienna en route to Ukraine in hopes of grounding my research and conducting some interviews. I am interested in the effects of external funding from EU and US democracy promotion entities in Ukraine, particularly, rentier effects generated at the national level amid the presence of strong domestic elite interests. The role of external assistance and Ukrainian elites was largely neglected at the policy workshop, and a rentier analysis could be an interesting take explaining, at least in part, the stagnation Ukraine has been experiencing in terms of democratization beyond the issue of territorial integrity and the conflict in the Donbas. At some point the conflict will end (hopefully soon) and governance will become a central issue again.

Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the Department of Political Science, the JMEUCE, the Margaret Meagher Fellowship, and the Keens-Morden Scholarship for supporting my studies. I would also like to extend special thanks to Reid Morden for the support

geared toward my trip to Ukraine, my thesis supervisor Professor Zaiotti for guiding my work, and Tracy, who has answered countless of my questions. Without this support, my experience at Dalhousie would have been a different story.

Graduate Student Updates

David Beitelman (PhD Candidate) I am in the final stages of my dissertation project on U.S.-China military relations and the development of strategic trust, with plans to defend in the early fall. In June 2016, I was honored to be an invited panelist at the Department of National Defence's Policy Review Expert Roundtable, where I offered insights into a range of issues, including the evolving dynamics of the Asia-Pacific region and Canada's role within it. At the end of August, I travelled to Beijing to represent Canada at a Model APEC conference, where I won 'Best



Performance.' I stayed until early September to explore the city and surrounding area and soak up as much as I could before I had to return to Halifax to teach. In the Fall semester, I once again taught Political Science 3525, a foreign policy simulation course that provided senior undergraduates with the opportunity to compete against students from universities in Taiwan and Finland. For my efforts, I won the President's Graduate Student Teaching Award – the first political science student to do so since its creation in 1995. The Fall also coincided with the US election, which afforded me the opportunity to appear in local media (CTV, Global, and *The Chronicle Herald*) seven times between September and January to offer my insights on the unexpected election of Donald Trump and the future of US politics. By way of publications, I wrote a two-part entry for the CDA Institute's blog, *The Forum*, on Canada's need to be more vocal about China's assertiveness in the South China Sea, and produced book reviews for *Canadian Naval Review*, *International Journal* (forthcoming), and *Marine Corps History* (forthcoming). In February, I presented a paper, "IR Theory: The Case for Trust," at the International Studies Association (ISA) 58th Annual Convention, in Baltimore, Maryland, before spending a very productive and rewarding two weeks in Washington DC where I conducted over 25 interviews with current and former government employees (military and policy), think tank analysts, and academics in support of my dissertation research. Since returning to Halifax, I have conducted over 30 more, with just a few left on the list. After

successfully competing in the federal government's Recruitment of Policy Leaders program, I am expecting to begin working for the government in Fall 2017.

Andrew Bergel (PhD Candidate) renewed his Killam Scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic calendar year, and was happy to complete his written and oral comprehensive exams this past spring. He has also been continuing his research on market volatility and its effect on political decision-making and migration in North Africa and the Middle East. He is currently working on his thesis proposal, on this topic, for the fall of 2017. In June, Andrew will be presenting at the International Studies Association conference in Hong Kong with his co-author, Alex Ripley, a recent Political Science Master's graduate, on supply chain interdependence between China and the United States. He received an Academic Innovation Funding Grant from Dalhousie to supervise research into populist politics tactics on the Internet on behalf of Dalhousie's College of Sustainability, where he teaches courses on Global Environmental Governance, Resource Management, and corresponding Financial Markets. Andrew has also completed a third straight year as the academic lead for the Royal Bank of Canada's Sustainability Leadership Certificate – funded by a ten year grant from RBC to help develop leadership practices and social responsibility among undergraduates at Dalhousie. Andrew is working on several additional publications, including an article on experiential learning methods, based on several of his courses, as well as a book on the politics of maritime oil and natural gas networks with Ann Griffiths at *Canadian Naval Review*. Finally, Andrew remains one of two Dalhousie University graduate students appointed to the Research Council of the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy.



Liam Hunt (MA Candidate) The past two semesters in the Master's program have been both highly rewarding and challenging for me. In only eight months I've been introduced to many new aspects of 'the political' that I was never fully aware of in the past. Particularly, these include political psychology and its applications in marketing, campaigning, and the formation of regional social cleavages. This is a field that I've taken considerable interest in, and intend to pursue at the doctoral level.

Despite the condensed workload, I've been happy to find that the MA program has been flexible enough to allow me to pursue extracurricular endeavours. Through the

Fall and Winter terms I was able to TA three undergraduate courses, and provide research assistance to Drs. Frank Harvey and Stéphane Mechoulan. In



addition, I've been able to prepare a manuscript based on my Honours thesis that's been approved for publication in *International Journal*, which has to do with the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement and how it signals the decline of realism in US foreign policy. I've managed to do this while also visiting friends and family in Saskatchewan and Ontario, volunteering for the Halifax International Security Forum, and maintaining a regular powerlifting regimen - a sport I'll be returning to competition in this summer.

Andrea Lane (PhD Candidate) 2016-2017 was a very busy year for me. I continued in my role as Deputy Director of the newly-rechristened Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD), and enjoyed working with the Centre team to develop events to suit the new focus, such as "Peacekeeping Week," a series of seminars focused on the politics and pragmatics of Canada's involvement in UN peacekeeping that the CSSD hosted in November 2016. A highlight has been a collaboration with CSSD Director Brian Bow on a project called "Generations: Evolution in Canadian Foreign Policy," which began with an authors' workshop in Toronto in September 2016. Some of the papers presented there will be published this summer in a special issue of *International Journal*, and the rest in a forthcoming edited volume.

As well, I have been fortunate to have been invited to attend several workshops on Canadian defence policy in the past year, and to appear before the House Standing Committee on Public Safety to speak on the issue of radicalization into non-Islamic terrorism. I have - with some trepidation! - dipped my toe into public media commentary, speaking primarily on naval issues. I have also begun to publish in peer-reviewed academic venues, with several articles and book chapters forthcoming in 2017-2018.

The most exciting thing to happen to me this year by far, however, is having had the opportunity to teach POLI 3493, the qualitative research methods course. It was a very steep learning curve, with students having to put up with my fumbling as I went along (and with my terribly out-of-date memes and jokes) but I really enjoyed it. I feel very privileged to have spent a semester in the

classroom, and I am eager to teach the class again in September.

Callee Luddington (MA Candidate) This year at Dalhousie has been an incredible one! I am proud, and honoured to say that I was a recipient of the Dalhousie Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship, as well as the recipient of a Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). I have finished my coursework and have extended my degree one year to conduct field research for my thesis, which evaluates current consultation policies with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia. This year, thanks to alumni contributions to the Department of Political Science, I was able to travel to Montreal to present my work for the first time at an academic conference. I have also been invited to present my thesis research at an upcoming academic/public symposium on environmental racism in Nova Scotia in partnership with the Dalhousie ENRICH Project, in October of 2017.



John Mitton (PhD Candidate) John spent the 2016-17 academic year at the University of Southern California's (USC) School of International Relations, in sunny Los Angeles, on a Fulbright Scholarship. This opportunity helped him connect with a range of scholars in the field of international relations, sharing and discussing his own research with academics from all over the United States and the world. He also had his SSHRC doctoral award renewed for



the year. His book, *Fighting for Credibility: US Reputations and International Politics*, co-authored with FASS Dean Frank Harvey, was published in January by the University of Toronto Press. His article "History, Science, and the Study of International Rivalry" won first prize in the National Student Award Essay Competition given to the best graduate student paper submitted to the *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*. In the fall, he attended an emerging scholars conference hosted by the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, presenting a paper that is set to be part of a special issue of *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* on international interventions. John also published several policy commentaries, for

OpenCanada.org, *OnTrack Magazine*, *International Journal*, the Conference of Defence Associates Institute, and the MacDonald-Laurier Institute, drawing on his research to discuss various elements of American and Canadian foreign policy. Returning to Halifax for the summer, John plans to finish and defend his dissertation in the coming months.

Susan Manning (PhD Candidate) has had a busy first year completing the coursework for the PhD program and was very pleased to be awarded a Level 2 Killam Predoctoral Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. Her co-authored article titled "Uneasy Intersections: Critical Understandings of Gender and Disability in Global Development" was published in the Disability and Global Development special issue of *Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal* in the fall. When she has not been busy with coursework or her TA duties, Susan has contributed to three manuscripts emerging from her previous research with the Feminist Northern Network (FemNorthNet), and worked on revising three manuscripts from her Master's thesis which have been submitted for publication. She also spent a large chunk of the fall and early winter terms assisting Dr. David Black and Dr. Deborah Stienstra in preparing a SSHRC Partnership Grant Letter of Intent application for the proposed Canadian+ Network for Disability Inclusive Development (CANDID). Susan plans to spend the summer preparing for her first comprehensive examination and training her new puppy.



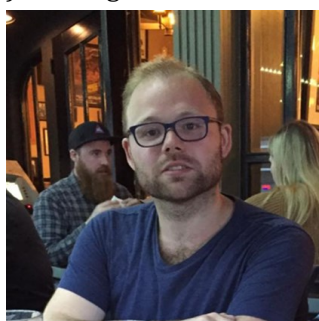
David Morgan (PhD Candidate) 2016-17 has been a busy year – teaching, writing, and even getting married! In the fall, I taught Intro to World Politics, in which I attempted to follow in the footsteps of the legendary Frank Harvey. If the bemused looks on the faces of my students were any indication, I think the semester was a big success! In any case, it was certainly an interesting term to discuss international



relations ... Over the winter and spring seasons, I continued working on my dissertation, "The Humanitarians: Understanding the Crisis of Humanitarianism," building off of nearly five months of research in Geneva, Switzerland. Coming up, I am looking forward to new beginnings as I start my career with the

federal public service. In May, I will be joining the Refugee Affairs division of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, where I will be working as a policy analyst. This position continues the work I began last summer as an intern with the Canadian Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva. As I enter the final stages of my PhD, I would like to express my gratitude for the continued support of friends and colleagues in the department, and the Trudeau Foundation funding that has enabled these great research experiences

Nicholas Phin (MA Candidate) Coming to Dalhousie University from the University of British Columbia and Mount Royal University, I am currently studying local immigration policy, and looking at the development of Local Immigration Partnerships. My primary research interests involve looking at how municipal governments interact with upper levels of government, the role of the business community in developing local policy, the limits of municipal government inside of Canada's constitutional framework, and how cities manage immigration. Having completed the course work for my Masters degree, I begin working on my thesis this summer, examining the role of multi-level discourse on the role of multi-level governance on the urban regime in Surrey and Richmond British Columbia.



Carla Suarez (PhD Candidate) This has been a busy but exciting year. I presented two of my dissertation chapters at two international conferences, including the African Studies Association Annual Meeting in Washington, and the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Baltimore. I have another dissertation chapter that is currently under review in an academic journal. I also had the pleasure of teaching two courses: "Issues in Global Security and Development" in the Political Science Department at Dalhousie University and "Conflict, Security and Development" in International Development Studies at Saint Mary's University. In addition to this, I guest lectured on "Ethnography, Ethics and Conflict Zones" for the Political Science Graduate Seminar on Research Methods. I also coordinated the Graduate Student's Writing Group during the Fall and Winter semester.

Through the support of the Killam Fund and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, I will begin a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia in January 2018. My research will continue to examine rebel-civilian relations in areas marked by limited statehood, with a focus on the eastern Democratic Republic of the

Congo (DRC). Whereas my doctoral dissertation demonstrates how the *Mai Mai* (local armed groups) use their connections with communities to gain support and collaboration, my post-doctoral project will examine how community members can use these same connections to influence the *Mai Mai* to demobilize and return home. My doctoral work found community members often negotiate with the *Mai Mai* to impose limits on their abuse, indicating that they do have leverage over their behaviour. Through my post-doctoral research, I will develop new analytical insights into the complex intersections between peace negotiations and settlements, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) processes, and community-based approaches to peacebuilding.



Elikem Tsamenyi (PhD Candidate) Besides successfully completing my comprehensive exam requirements in the past year, I have also been co-teaching an introductory International Relations course entitled 'Political Worlds: Global Perspectives,' with Michelle Legassick. I have also been working on a few projects on politics, governance and development in Africa (with a focus on Ghana), with a colleague PhD candidate (Obad Owusu) in the Department of Economics, Dalhousie University. There are some forthcoming publications within the coming academic year from these projects. I am currently finalising work on my dissertation proposal - 'African Peace, Security and Conflict Management: An African International Society Approach' which I hope to orally defend by early July. I head off in September to some African countries including Ghana, Ethiopia and Nigeria for my field research, where I expect to interview officials of the African Union, politicians, scholars and opinion leaders on my research topic. While in Ghana, I will be co-organizing a workshop with Dr. David Black and Dr. Shelly Whitman, entitled 'Canada's Re-engagement with Peace Operations in Africa: Challenges & Opportunities.' This workshop is primarily expected to be funded under the Defence Engagement Program (DEP) of the National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, with special support from the Centre for the Studies of Security and Development (CSSD), the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldier Initiative (both here at Dalhousie) and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Centre (KAIPC) in Accra, Ghana. Beyond the reports to be submitted to the Canadian Military, I hope to organize a mini-seminar to present outcomes of this event to the Dalhousie community on my return.

Visiting Graduate Student

Gerhard Soyka

(BA, Honours in European Administrative Management, 2015 (Halberstadt); MA Candidate in Public Economics, Law and Politics at Leuphana University in Lüneburg)



When I applied to Dalhousie University as a Visiting Graduate Student my first motivation was to come back to the city I fell in love with in 2013. By getting accepted at the Department of Political

Science I was happy that I could manage to combine my personal interest with my academic interests. From the beginning I was welcomed and felt integrated within the Department. Although I thought that having only three classes would mean a relaxed term, I quickly realized that the regular workload for graduate students is quite high. However, beside spending countless hours in the library, reading texts, preparing presentations and writing papers I had the chance to attend incredible events and conferences during my time at Dal. In October, I attended the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York during a debate about the civil war in Syria, before meeting Leonardo DiCaprio and Edward Norton who presented their movie about climate change to the United Nations. In November, I volunteered at the Halifax International Security Forum, where I had the honour to sit next to the Canadian Minister of Defence during two sessions. There are many more stories to tell about my time at Dal, I would just like to summarise and say it was an incredible, awesome, but also challenging time.

All this would have not been as enjoyable and possible without my fellow students Callee, Susan, Nick, Liam and Erik. Many times, they have helped me adjust to the challenges of a Canadian graduate term, by giving me feedback on my academic work and proofreading my texts. Dalhousie University and the Department of Political Science are honoured by having such committed and formidable students who not only manage their high academic workload, but also manage to have a job, be socially engaged as volunteers, and manage a private life. I honestly believe that one's commitment is influenced by the people who surround you. Callee, Susan, Nick, Liam and Erik constantly managed to motivate and challenge me, to give my best and to never give up.

Special thanks goes to Tracy and Kristin who helped me through the very long admission process and always supported me during my time at the Department. During my time there I felt a sense of social cohesion within the Department, which you should preserve, with Tracy being

the good soul of the Department.

My last term with classes started in April at the University in Lüneburg, and in October I will have to start with my Masters thesis. Beside studying, as Vice-President of the Young European Federalists, I am very engaged in the current events of EU politics. In March, I attended the celebrations of "60 Years of the Treaty of Rome" and the #MarchForEurope, a demonstration with around 10,000 young pro-Europeans from all over Europe in Rome.

Killam Postdoctoral Fellow

Alexandre Baril

Alexandre had a busy year, involved in different research projects, giving talks, and attending conferences, such as the 3rd International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology (Vienna), Trans*

Studies: An International Transdisciplinary Conference (Tucson), and the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress (Toronto), where he presented papers to four different associations (Sexuality Studies; Women's and Gender Studies, Philosophy, Disability Studies). He also presented his work at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Mount Allison University, Université Laval, and Dalhousie University, offering his reflections as part of Dalhousie's Feminist Seminar Series, as well as a workshop on trans issues organized by the Centre for Learning and Teaching, an event that attracted more than 40 people from the Dalhousie community. In addition to his main research project situated at the intersection of trans and disability politics, Dr. Baril recently joined a research team funded by a SSHRC Insight Grant undertaking a project titled "Digging Beneath the Surface: An intersectional investigation of the diversity of trans youth experience." Thanks to the Killam fellowship, Dr. Baril had a productive publishing year: in addition to two papers recently submitted and under review (*Somatechnics*; *Revue Philosophiques*), two new translated articles forthcoming in French (*Canadian Journal of Disability Studies*; *GLAD! Revue sur le langage, le genre, les sexualités*), one chapter forthcoming in an edited book, he published three articles in 2016 (*Medicine Anthropology Theory*; *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Literary & Cultural Disability Studies*) and has four additional articles forthcoming (*Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*; *Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture & Social Justice*; *Enfances, familles, générations: Revue internationale*; *Revue Recherches sociologiques & anthropologiques*). Passionate about social justice, Dr. Baril



continues to sit on various committees, to lead workshops, and do outreach activities to raise awareness about multiple forms of violence and discrimination experienced by trans and disabled people. You can follow his work on academia.edu: <https://blessonv.academia.edu/AlexandreBaril>

Alumni News

Sarah Dobson (BA Honours Political Science, Minor in Economics, 2017)



I never fully understood what drew me to study Political Science - but whatever it was, I'm grateful that I decided to make my home at Dalhousie within the Political Science Department. When I began my degree, I had

trouble deciding what part of political science I was most interested in. I began working as a page in the legislature, and found myself becoming more interested in and involved in local politics - and yet in Dr. Harvey's World Politics class I was enthralled with the concepts and theories about international relations. That's the beauty of politics, and of the department at Dalhousie in particular - I was able to spend my degree being involved in politics at all levels.

My professors and peers here at Dalhousie have inspired and encouraged me to pursue opportunities both within and outside of the classroom. I owe a great deal to Dr. Harvey, who not only sparked my interest in world politics in second year, but later worked with me on my Honours thesis and provided me a great deal of guidance. Other professors, such as Dr. Carbert, encouraged me as I pursued opportunities like travelling to Ottawa this March with *Daughters of the Vote*, a historic gathering of women in the House of Commons to mark one hundred years of some women getting the vote. As I leave the department to pursue graduate work, the main thing I've been reflecting on about my time in Political Science was the quality of the teaching and the vast amount of opportunities available for students to partake in. I can't write this piece without thanking Dr. Firmini for all she does for students, and all the encouragement she has given me over my time here.

There is always space to take lessons learned in the

classroom and apply them in the outside world. As mentioned, I worked as a legislative page, which opened a great deal of doors for me getting more involved in party politics here in Nova Scotia. I worked for the Public Service Commission as a policy intern, and this summer I worked campaigns for candidates in the Nova Scotian election. I also had the opportunity to be a Student Refugee Program Coordinator for Dalhousie's chapter of WUSC, and a volunteer literacy tutor for Frontier College, where I have gotten more involved with the immigrant community here in Halifax. And of course, I had the pleasure of attending two Model United Nations conferences in Montreal and *Daughters of the Vote* in Ottawa.

What I've learned in the classroom has forever changed me. It has opened my mind to perspectives and ideas that have challenged me and forced me to become a more critical, diverse and understanding student and person. What I've done outside the classroom has touched my heart, and I will forever be a different person for having met the people I've met and experienced the things I've experienced. I will carry all I've learned here with me throughout my next degree at the Schulich School of Law, and the rest of my life.

Mohamed Elgayar (BA Honours Political Science, 2017)



I am proud to be returning to Dalhousie University to be a part of the MA program. After completing my Honours degree in Political Science, I look forward to continuing my research in international relations and foreign policy here at Dalhousie. Born in Egypt and being there for the Egyptian revolution of 2011 I have found a passion in how politics shape the world and the impact of global politics on various levels of politics within and outside of states. My

work focused primarily on US-China relations and power transition's effects on the balance of power. I look forward to advancing my research with a focus on how greater power politics affect various regions - specifically the Middle East and North Africa region.

Jordan Guthrie (BA, Political Science, 2006 (McGill); MA, Political Science, 2007 (Dal); PhD, Political Science, 2014 (Toronto))

After completing the MA program at Dal under the supervision of David Black, Jordan went on to doctoral studies at the University of Toronto, focusing on



comparative political economy. His dissertation explored the impact of local structures of communal authority on the exercise of state power in agrarian societies, and drew on extensive fieldwork in East Africa. During his doctoral work, Jordan was a Junior Fellow at Massey College, William Beattie Doctoral Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Resident Researcher at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He also taught courses in political economy at the University of Toronto.

He completed his doctorate in 2014, and was recruited to the federal public service the same year through the Recruitment of Policy Leaders program. He is now Deputy Director, International Economic Strategy, in the Strategic Policy Branch of Global Affairs Canada. His work includes policy development and economic diplomacy, and often cuts across foreign affairs, international trade and international development portfolios. Jordan acts as a 'Sherpa' for the Recruitment of Policy Leaders Program and, when in Ottawa and not at the Pearson building, can be found sailing racing skiffs on the Ottawa River.

Rachel Morgan (BA, Honours in Political Science and IDS, 2015, First Class Honours)



Since March, I've been living and working in Kosovo. I work for a fast-growing, local NGO called TOKA. TOKA's mandate is to improve Kosovar society by using educational experiences to shape young people into agents of positive change.

To give some context, it's 16 years after the war, development money is drying up, relations with Serbia are tense, and Kosovo is struggling with corruption in the highest levels of government. It has the youngest population in Europe, yet the school system is falling short of properly educating these young people. The school structure is authoritative, and it isn't uncommon for kids to be beaten in the classroom. In this context, TOKA is trying to provide an alternative model for education based on respect and learning through fun.

At TOKA I'm the lead program designer and trainer, which means I develop the experiential learning programs and train our 20 or so local staff in how to lead them. To give you an idea, in the spring we completed 14 weeks of

programs in three schools, with a total of 500 students. They are now part of the school curriculum.

This past summer TOKA also ran five summer camps, where I acted as program director. We modelled the programs off Canadian style camps, but we put more emphasis on environmental education and community service. The intention was for the kids to experience a values-based culture, and to learn about the importance of nature conservation and giving back to their communities. The whole thing was very successful, with many kids calling it "the best week for their lives."

All that to say that one option for what to do after graduating is to throw yourself into a different culture, in a fairly senior position, and to learn as you go. My story isn't necessarily a conventional next step after a Political Science degree, but I thought it would be interesting enough to share.

Shelley Robinson (BA, Major in Political Science, 2000)

If I had to do it all over again, I would be a better, more diligent student. Woo boy, would I. And I would take Prof. Harvey's SPSS class (I was too scared.)

That's about it. Other than that, there's nothing I would change. Taking Poli Sci at Dal taught me how to think. It showed me how to analyse arguments, pick my own position, and how to back down from that position gracefully if you change your mind.

It also introduced me to fellow students and professors I think about more often than seems possible given that I graduated 17 years ago.



Shortly after graduating I went to Northern Ireland where I was the editor of a community newspaper on the peaceline in West Belfast. My first issue blandly glorified the Good Friday agreement in a place where people weren't at all sure how they felt about it. I got better, later focusing on social and cultural issues that brought people together rather than dissecting their differences.

After two years I came back and was Station Coordinator

at CKDU-FM where every day was a blend of awesome music, broadcasting regulations, and the joys and rigours of small-scale democracy. (Having also worked for the *Dal Gazette* and with the Canadian University Press, let me put in a plug here for the value of independent campus media: we take that freedom for granted.)

That took me to Afghanistan, where I worked with a women's community radio station in Mazar-i-Sharif and then ended up working for the United Nations on the 2005 Parliamentary and Provincial elections in the Northeast region.

My degree never felt more salient than when we were sorting out the implications of the Single Non-Transferable Vote system while aggrieved warlords-cum-candidates threatened to burn down the vote counting centre if they didn't get to watch every ballot go by. I thought about a class I took with Prof. Denis Stairs so often when I was there.

Then I moved to Rwanda for eighteen months where I ran a project that brought Canadian journalists to teach at the National University of Rwanda School of Journalism and an internship program for Canadian students in local media outlets and NGOs. I miss it every day.

Once back in Canada I settled in Ottawa as Executive Director of the National Campus and Community Radio Association, representing more than 85 stations across Canada. While there I presented to Parliament's Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, the Copyright Board, and to the CRTC many times.

Now I run a not-for-profit Internet Service Provider called National Capital FreeNet where we work to ensure everyone in the region has access to the internet, meaning they can afford it, understand how to use it, and feel safe online.

I mourn the things I didn't study hard enough, but appreciate the patience of all my professors (many of whom are still there!) and can't imagine what I would be doing if I had chosen another path.

Susan Thomson (MA, 2004 and PhD, 2009)

In April 2017, I was awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor at Colgate University, in the Peace and Conflict Studies Program. It marked the end of more than a decade of research and writing that started at Dalhousie. In 2002, I returned to my hometown of Halifax from Rwanda, where I had worked with the United Nations and the United States Agency for International Development since 1996. I wanted to take some time to think deeply about my human rights work in a structured and academic way. David Black and Sandra MacLean were the mentors I needed, pushing me to critically assess Rwanda's transition from genocide to democracy. During my Master's degree, I acted as Katherine Fierlbeck's



teaching assistant, gaining a confidante and co-conspirator in the process. By the time I was ready to start my doctoral fieldwork in the spring of 2005, I had a team of Dalhousie cheerleaders, including Jane Parpart and Tim Shaw. Working together with David Black and Stephen Brown (of the University of Ottawa), I had a kickass committee of political scientists and historians with a shared commitment to African studies and my success as their student.

The result of my dissertation was more than my doctoral degree. I emerged in May 2009, ready to take on a tough conference circuit and a terrible job market. Members of my doctoral committee shaped my professional and personal path in innumerable ways, including providing moral and emotional support as well as publication opportunities and advice, along with writing letters of recommendation. My external examiner, Catharine Newbury of Smith College, urged me to apply for postdoctoral awards in the United States. In June 2010, I took a Mellon Fellowship in African Studies at Hampshire College in Massachusetts. Here, with guidance from Catharine and others, I turned my dissertation into a book. *Whispering Truth to Power: Everyday Resistance to Reconciliation in Postgenocide Rwanda* published by the University of Wisconsin Press in November 2013. This is the book that helped me earn tenure, as many American schools require at least one single-authored book to be considered eligible for tenure review.

Dalhousie's influence followed me through the tenure process, as fellow Political Science alum Erin Baines (PhD, 2000) acted as one of eight peer reviewers of my case. My promotion comes with new opportunities and challenges. I've already been appointed the director of Colgate's Women's Studies Center for a three-year term beginning July 2017. Our campus is also concerned with the chilling effects of American President Trump's immigration policies, Muslim ban, and belief in fake news, and I'm active on various committees committed to academic freedom, combatting institutional racism in the US and tackling the prevalence of sexual assault on our campus. I will also continue my research on Rwanda, and continue to develop my study on the life trajectories of African-born refugee women and girls living in Nairobi and Cape Town.



Hannah Witherbee (BA, Major in Political Science, Minor in Journalism, 2015 (Dal/King's))

With a former reality TV star in the White House, politics and entertainment have never been more entwined.

For the last few years, I have been the Evening Show Host at the newly rebranded VIRGIN Radio Halifax (formerly 101.3 The BOUNCE).

My time studying Political Science at Dalhousie University, and Journalism at the University of King's College, has laid a solid foundation of the skepticism and critical thinking skills needed to combat today's political climate. The tack my degree has given me has been especially important in a public and outrage-driven environment.

This background will undoubtedly become even more valuable in the coming years. A Prime Minister who is almost as much celebrity as he is politician, and a neighbouring country plagued by political confusion and caricature, means that talking about politics is now in my job description.

My role at VIRGIN Radio isn't solely the anonymous voice in your car asking if you want to "Pump it, or Dump it." I am also responsible for live broadcasts, public appearances, and content on all of our social media accounts. I've aided in large-scale fundraising events, such as the IWK Radiothon, that raised more than \$300,000 this year for the IWK Foundation.

The future includes further employment with Bell Media, as well as fill-ins for the Afternoon and Morning Shows in Summer 2017.

Where are they Now?

Kendra Coombes (MA, 2013) was elected as a new Councillor for Cape Breton's District 11 (Scotchtown) <http://www.capebretonpost.com/News/Local/2016-10-15/article-4664552/Three-women-elected-to-CBRM-council/1>

Liam Crouse (BA, 2017) out of a deep desire to ensure that the community and the province can properly invest in and facilitate the needs of the members of the Hants-East community ran as the NDP provincial Candidate in Hants-East for the 2017 provincial election. <https://www.facebook.com/liamcrousendp/>

Emmaline English (MA, 2016) has a new position as the Policy and Regional Affairs Advisor in the Office of the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-northern-affairs.html>

Hamzeh Hadad (BA Honours, 2016) has published his Honours thesis with Al-Bayan Centre for Planning and Studies, an independent, nonprofit think tank based in Baghdad, Iraq. <http://www.bayancenter.org/en/2016/06/792/>

Robert LeForte (BA, 2012) Completed a Masters in Political Management at Carleton University and now holds the position of Director of Government Relations and Campaigns at Impact Public Affairs. <http://impactcanada.com/team/>

Elaheh Nolehdan (MA, 2015) moved back to Iran and is an academic director at Aalto University (Iran) a Finnish University. She is running the Aalto EMBA program in Tehran from A to Z. <http://www.ibs.ir/en/emba.php>

Jeremy Ryant (BA, 2016) is currently pursuing his juris doctor degree at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie. As well, he has published several pieces in different National news outlets. <http://www.nationalnewswatch.com/2017/02/03/more-than-a-broken-promise-why-abandoning-electoral-reform-hurts-people-who-dont-care-about-politics-the-most/#.WJSjzFMrLIU>

<http://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/october-2016/parliament-hills-youth-paradox/>

Larry Swatuk (PhD, 1993) has been promoted to Full Professor in the School of Environment, Enterprise, and Development, University of Waterloo. <https://uwaterloo.ca/school-environment-enterprise-development/people-profiles/larry-swatuk>

Adam Wellstead (MA, 1993) Completed a PhD in Renewable Resources at University of Alberta. Now holds the position of Associate Professor of Public Policy, Social Sciences at Michigan Tech University. <http://www.mtu.edu/social-sciences/departments/faculty/wellstead/>

In the Spotlight

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DAL Hosts World Bank Report Event



Panel members (left to right): David Bulman, Marco Larizza, Nissim Mannathukkaren, Jennifer Llewellyn, David Black, Chidozie Okoye and John Cameron.

<https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/04/26/dal-hosts-release-event-for-world-bank-report.html>

Sarah Dobson one of the 2017 Dalhousie Governors' Award Winners

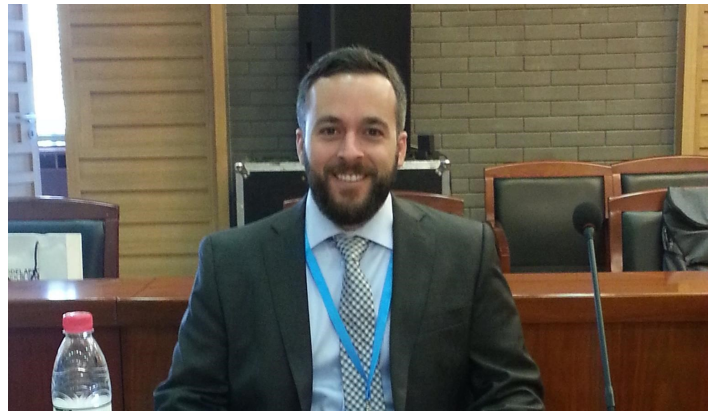


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<http://thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/1458605-novans-winners-give-back-to-nova-scotia>

David Beitelman on CTV Atlantic News



<http://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=992360&binId=1.1145729&playlistPageNum=1>
(at 2:25).

Brighter Future for Women in Politics: Lydia Swiatkowski and Sarah Dobson



<https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/03/08/building-a-future-for-women-in-politics.html>

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Black Power Hour on CKDU with Ntombi Nkiwane



[https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/05/04/activism-on-the-airwaves.html?](https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/05/04/activism-on-the-airwaves.html?utm_source=Today@Dal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dalnews)
[utm_source=Today@Dal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dalnews](https://www.dal.ca/news/2017/05/04/activism-on-the-airwaves.html?utm_source=Today@Dal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dalnews)

John Mitton takes Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Southern California



<https://www.dal.ca/news/2016/10/20/fulbright-scholarship-takes-dal-graduate-student-to-california.html>

Brian Bow and David Beitelman with Global News on US Election



<http://globalnews.ca/video/3053388/u-s-election-day>

FINDING HIS PLACE: Student Zac Smith takes advantage of new Dal practicum course

Matt Semansky - April 20, 2017

Sometimes love makes you do the unexpected. Zac Smith, for example, only intended to stay in Halifax for the duration of the Foundation Year program at the University of King's College. But then the city captured his heart. "The combination of falling in love with Halifax - and meeting great professors in the Political Science department at Dalhousie - convinced me to stay," says Zac, who was raised in Toronto. Zac graduated this spring with an Honours degree in Political Science, a certificate in Indigenous Studies and a long list of classroom and experiential learning experiences that he'll take with him to Harvard Law School next fall. He credits his professors for providing the guidance and support that have helped him achieve his academic goals. "I've made a connection with a number of profs and gotten to know them well," says Zac, citing Indigenous Studies professor Diana Lewis as one of his faculty mentors. "That really makes a difference when you're pushing yourself and finding challenges."

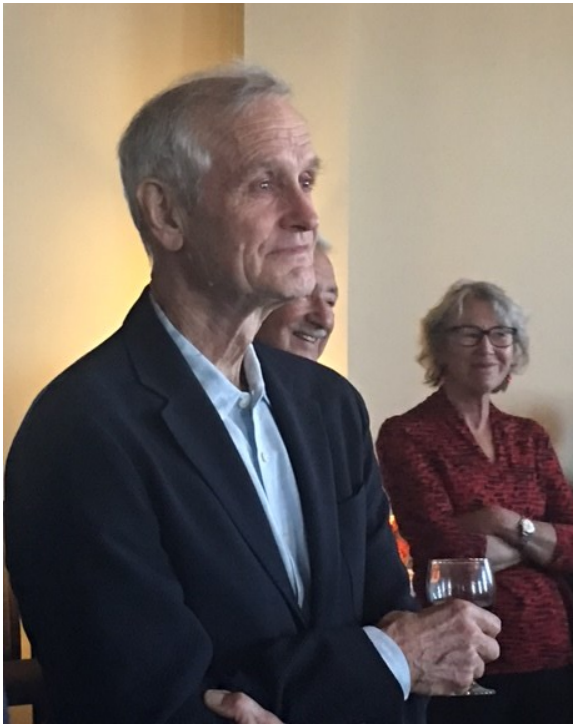
Real-world experience

Another difference-making experience for Zac came in the form of the new practicum placement course offered to Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies students. Introduced in the 2016-17 academic year, the POLI 4390 course gives fourth-year undergraduates the chance to obtain real-world experience working for government or non-government organizations in the public policy sphere. The opportunity to gain exposure to the policy world while earning an academic credit was perfect for Zac, who has been interested in politics and policy for as long as he can remember. "It might be hereditary. My grandfather is a political scientist," he says. "I remember being seven years old and doing cut-outs and scrapbooks of elections." After taking a Master's-level course in policy at Dalhousie's School of Public Administration last summer, Zac did his practicum placement at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA). "I was working one on one with the head of CCPA for Nova Scotia. It was super cool and I think was an opportunity I wouldn't have had in Ontario or Quebec, just because Nova Scotia is a smaller community." The practicum allowed Zac to make a meaningful, tangible contribution to an important policy project. "I was working on the Halifax Living Wage Report, which needed to be updated. We looked at costs of living and what people actually need to live. When I was done, the CCPA had a report that I was instrumental in writing."

A dedicated volunteer

The practicum placement was by no means the only experiential learning exercise in Zac's university career. As a volunteer, he has dedicated himself to literacy programs for new Canadians and inmates at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside. His commitment to public service also continues this summer, as he'll intern with a Member of Parliament in Ottawa before heading off to Harvard. From his interest in policy to his appreciation for his adopted hometown, Zac has found success by following the things he loves. "I think undergrad is what you make of it," he says. "And I've had a great time." <https://goo.gl/HSGgG5>

Florian Bail Retires, April 2017



When I first came to Dalhousie on a muggy August morning in 1972 as a 'visiting student' from the University of Alberta the only person in the department was David Braybrooke. He had been typing away since seven in the morning but immediately set about to maximize my utility. And so within less than an hour I had my marching orders for the rest of the year: logic, stats, the PPE seminar, a course on Kant's 'Groundwork' - I could choose the rest. And so I chose Bill Mathie's minutely structured class on Aristotle and Hobbes, Murray Beck's seminar on Canadian politics, and Peter Aucoin's uproarious seminar on systems analysis.

David's PPE seminar on Rawls turned out to be one of the most intense and methodical classes I have ever taken, in part because the whole Philosophy Department took part in it. Peter's class was small but included Jim McNiven and Jim McGuire who, like Peter, thought that system's analysis was a riot at best. Bill had come to politics by way of George Grant and Leo Strauss and turned theory into philosophy. Murray was funny, even, and dryly astute - a superb teacher balancing a rich narrative with curt analysis. They set the tone, the pace and the range for an incredibly happy 45 years of learning and teaching at Dal.

During the first term I quickly met Ken Heard, Tim Shaw, Roger Dial, David Cameron, Dale Poole, Denis Stairs, Dan Middlemiss, James Eayrs, and Bob Boardman - socially rather than as teachers. Jennifer Smith soon joined the department as a PhD student. What struck me right then was that despite considerable temperamental and intellectual differences this was a department at peace with itself (unlike the five departments I had experienced before). The politics were civil and the thinking uncommonly sound. It took a little longer before I met Jim Aitchison. He was struggling with his new Mac and I complimented him on that. So we talked, not about politics really but about his wife's piano playing. Then as on so many other occasion he set the record straight: Chopin was a much more accomplished composer than Beethoven!

In 1975 I applied for Bill Mathie's position because he was leaving for Brock. The job went to Bob Eden. But in August 1987, three weeks before the start of the fall term, Bob left in a hurry and David Braybrooke approached me asking whether I could fill the gap. I was then teaching part-time at Acadia but the schedules were compatible and so I applied and actually was accepted to teach 2410/20 and Marxism. Gil Winham was chair then and Paulette Chiasson was at the controls. It was a fabulous start because Gil was such a strong captain in the department's navigating the sea change in Europe, and not only there. One needed to be a bit ahead of the curve as the department proved in innumerable lively Friday lunch-bag discussions - on the new political economy, human rights, the Culture Wars, Meech Lake, South Africa, Central America, Eastern Europe, the former Yugoslavia, and the Middle East.

I was subsequently invited to teach European politics as well as to put the newly created writing class, POLI 1103, into gear. Given the immensely liberal spirit of the department I was allowed to turn 'writing' into 'political' writing.

The finest teaching experience came with supervising Honours theses and providing reading classes covering whatever had spiked a student's interest - from Anarchism to Zionism (no less).

Later political theory classes included courses on Plato and Machiavelli, eventually Roger Dial's creation: 'Politics through Film and Literature' and finally 'Contemporary Political Thought' focusing on the pathology of power.

All along, Jane Arscott, Katherine Fierlbeck, Brian Crowley, Margaret Denike, and Marcella Firmini were expanding the traditional boundaries of political thought to explore the horizon beyond Bentham and Aristotle while Canadian, comparative, and environmental politics, international relations, the Centre and JMEUCE searched and sometimes found that fine balance between political realism and melancholy idealism we look for in our politics.

Thank you all for an unforgettable experience of collegiality and confident analysis!

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