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Dr. Frank Harvey, Chair



It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the 2014-2015 Department of Political Science Newsletter. As you will see from the many good news items peppered throughout this edition of our annual update, our faculty, students and research fellows have had a very productive and successful year. Generous support from alumni contributions was critical to the success of the conferences, guest lectures, seminars, social events, professional development activities, awards and courses described below. Your help continues to make a substantial and meaningful difference in the quality of education and support we can provide to our students and faculty. On behalf of everyone in the department, I would like to thank our alumni for their important role in making this year such a success.

As the department's new Chair my comments will focus primarily on thanking a few people and highlight-

ing some of the many reasons we had to celebrate this past year. The obvious starting point is to thank **Bob Finbow**, our past Chair, for the enormously important role he played in advancing our reputation as one of the strongest programs at Dalhousie and among the most well respected political science departments in the country. I encourage everyone to read through Bob's 2013-2014 message as outgoing Chair (<http://www.dal.ca/faculty/arts/politicalscience/news-events/newsletters.html>). It provides a superb summary of why we should be so proud of our relatively small department, particularly in light of the many outstanding contributions over the years by so many distinguished scholars and teachers. During our first transition meeting I distinctly recall being more than a little intimidated reading through the long list of tasks and responsibilities attached to the Chair's role. As I read through this multi-page, colour-coded file of responsibilities, one thought immediately came to mind - Bob completed these tasks, over two terms (six years) as Chair, without any fanfare, with a selfless yet relentless dedication to the success of the department and to the welfare of its full-time and part-time faculty members, and often at the expense of his own demanding research and publication schedule. Thanks, Bob, for everything you've done and continue to do to sustain and strengthen our long and distinguished legacy - your commitment is inspiring

and, to be honest, more than a little humbling.

I would also like to thank **Tracy Powell**, the department's wonderful administrative assistant. It has been such a pleasure working with Tracy this past year, as it was working with her on the graduate program from 2010-2013. Steep learning curves are typical during most administrative transitions and are often pretty daunting, but Tracy has been so incredibly efficient at walking me through the various tasks that she has made the transition seamless, at least from my perspective. Tracy's dedication to keeping the department running so smoothly is awe inspiring, to say the least: tracking time lines for numerous graduate scholarships, making sure students remain aware of pending deadlines, helping students work through any number of administrative requirements or personal anxieties, monitoring the health risks tied to construction projects on our floor, pushing to ensure new faculty members get computers, graduate students get new furniture in the PhD office, faculty offices get new blinds or much-needed repairs, and



Administrative assistants Tracy Powell and Shannon Langton

the list goes on. Tracy does all of this while successfully juggling so many other core responsibilities tied to managing the curriculum, scheduling courses and juggling room assignments, administering the graduate admissions process, and that particular list goes on as well. In the midst of managing these responsibilities, which Tracy always completes with a smile, she still insisted on hosting the department's Xmas party, despite silently dealing with her own daughter's very serious health issues.

Speaking of exceptional staff, **Shannon Langton**, our energetic and dedicated administrative assistant for the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, has been enormously helpful to Tracy. "In addition to her role for the Centre," Tracy points out, "Shannon's continued support around the department, in particular, dealing with the department's website, Honours program, seminar series, graduate student symposium, professionalism in supporting faculty and students, reception, and, I must add, technical difficulties that arise, are all invaluable. It's always a great pleasure working with Shannon!"

Words cannot describe how privileged I feel to serve as Chair of a department surrounded by such remarkable staff and colleagues.

Our full-time and part-time faculty continue to excel in teaching and research. We are very happy to announce that both **Anders Hayden** and **Ruben Zaiotti** have been promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure. The recommendations from the department's tenure and promotion committee, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Professional Development Committee, Dean Robert Summerby-Murray, and all external reviewers were unanimous

in praising both colleagues for their important research, teaching and administrative contributions. As President Florizone noted in his letter of promotion, "the granting of tenure is tangible recognition of the excellence of your work. Without fine teaching and research, there are no great universities. Promotion recognizes work of this caliber." Allow me to add just a few more reasons to celebrate these outstanding scholars.

A significant part of **Anders'** teaching load has been in the College of Sustainability (COS). In light of these substantial contributions to COS, Dr. Lawrence Plug (the current Director of the College) provided the following assessment of Anders' contributions to teaching:

"Anders came into the course when it was well-established but has continued to shape it and make contributions that include topics such as work-time-reduction, the politics surrounding anthropogenic climate change, introductory economic concepts, and too many others to list. Some of these are 'bread and butter' undergraduate topics, with the significant difference that they are woven together and with natural science in SUST1001; to me, Anders' most surprising (in a good way!) contributions have come through distilling my and visitors' lectures in ways that connect them to the rest of the course, and that challenge me and the students.... One realizes, in a class like this, how easy - perhaps automatic is a better description - it is to resort to treating interdisciplinary teaching as an exchange of messages between traditional disciplinary silos, instead of the more ambitious and meaningful process of actually getting into one another's si-

los. Message exchange is an easy way out. Anders' ability to thrive in an interdisciplinary teaching environment makes him a great colleague and educator."

All four external reviewers who were asked to assess Anders' tenure and promotion file were glowing in their praise for his latest book - *When Green Growth is Not Enough* (McGill Queen's University Press, 2014). They all agreed the manuscript makes an important, multidisciplinary contribution to central debates in environmental studies, with one reviewer highlighting the book's "distinct and original contribution to the field" that will "cement Hayden's reputation as a rising force in environmental analysis and thought." Another commented on the multidisciplinary features of Anders' scholarship and his mix of empirical investigation and theoretical discussion and insights. This kind of balanced comparative analysis is, according to another assessor, "especially important in the environmental context when over the past decade environmental performance, debate, and scholarship have tended to diverge." One reviewer emphasized how lucky Dalhousie is "to have a scholar of his scope, originality and dynamism", and another described the new book as "clearly organized and beautifully written....Dr. Hayden's use of three approaches to addressing climate change - business as usual, ecological modernization, and sufficiency - works extremely well and enables him to tease out the political dynamics of climate change policy in Canada and the UK, two extremely well-chosen case studies for the analysis."

Anders has also been very productive this year as the department's new undergraduate advisor spearheading

multiple efforts to enhance recruitment to our program. Thanks largely to his efforts we have run two very successful recruitment campaigns, one in October and another in February, and are hopeful these efforts will translate to even higher numbers of political science majors next year.

The external reviews of **Ruben's** tenure and promotion file were equally impressive. One assessor commented on the quantity and quality of Ruben's publications exceeding that of others at a similar stage of their careers and positioning Ruben in the "upper echelons" of his cohort. Another described Ruben as "one of the leading scholars on Europe's border regime and the security dimension of the Schengen Zone," and a "productive scholar who consistently produces original and high-quality academic work" that is "prolific, yet at the same time rigorous, consistently demonstrating theoretical and analytical sophistication." Ruben's decision to take on the Directorship of the EUCE was a difficult one for him to make; he was understandably concerned about the significant challenge of balancing his commitment to the EUCE with his academic obligations to continue to produce a competitive research and publication record. As we now know, Ruben has done an outstanding job working with colleagues to draft a successful re-submission to sustain the EUCE after Finn Larsen's retirement. The EUCE has emerged as one of the most active research centres in the Faculty, in large measure due to Ruben's leadership. As one reviewer noted, "Ruben Zaiotti's active involvement in various collaborative research networks is a clear indication of the scholarly respect that he has earned over the past years." Ruben's growing repu-

tation in the Canadian EU Studies community was reinforced even further through his selection (in May 2014) as Vice-President of the European Community Studies Association.

I cannot recall a single instance when Ruben has declined a request (in his mind, opportunity) to serve on a departmental committee or graduate thesis committee. In fact, despite all of his other commitments, Ruben agreed this year to take on the additional task of organizing the department's seminar series, and continues to serve on the PhD SSHRC and Killam scholarship committees administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

David Black and **Katherine Fierlbeck** have had another very productive year completing several externally funded research projects and producing an impressive list of publications (described in more detail later in the newsletter). **Brian Bow** was awarded a major research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant program to study "Security Policy Convergence in North America" (\$108,000). In addition to Brian's research awards and publications, he has also done a tremendous job on two other fronts: as the new Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and as Chair of the department's Curriculum Committee. As someone who has worked very closely with Brian on both files I know firsthand how much time and effort he has devoted to spearheading a number of important projects. With respect to his CFPS directorship, for example, Brian worked very closely with Eric Lerhe (CFPS Research Fellow), Ian Wood (CFPS Defence Fellow) and Aldo Chircop (Professor, Faculty of Law)

on a university-wide proposal to the new Canada First Research Excellence Fund - a \$1.5 billion investment by the Government of Canada to help “Canadian post-secondary institutions excel globally in research areas that create long-term economic advantages for Canada.”

“The Canada First Research Excellence Fund (the Fund) helps competitively-selected Canadian post-secondary institutions turn their key strengths into world-leading capabilities. The Fund helps institutions: compete with the best in the world for talent, for partnership opportunities, and to make breakthrough discoveries; seize emerging opportunities and strategically advance their greatest strengths on the global stage; and implement large-scale, transformational and forward-thinking institutional strategies.”

Brian helped draft the Oceans Governance and Maritime Security section of Dalhousie’s submission. Hopefully our next newsletter will include a very positive update on the outcome of Dalhousie’s proposal.

Margaret Denike organized a forum on “Misogyny: Transforming our Campus and Strengthening our Community” and has included a note on the roundtable below. These two important events were very well attended and served as an excellent opportunity for university-wide debate and discussion of gender and race issues.

Marcella Firmini (PhD 2015) recently defended her excellent PhD dissertation and was awarded the department’s first Peter Aucoin Prize in Canadian Politics. In the interest of providing a bit of context, the prize was established with the help of

alumni contributions and funds from a 2009 conference organized by Herman Bakvis to honour and celebrate the scholarship of Peter Aucoin, a former Chair of the department who passed away in July 2011. Over 30 of Canada’s most distinguished scholars of Canadian politics and public administration (e.g., Donald Savoie, Ken Carty, André Blais, Guy Peters, Grace Skogstad, Bruce Doern, Ken Kernaghan, and many other notable experts) accepted Dr. Bakvis’ invitation to come to Halifax to discuss Peter’s writings (and warnings) about the emergence of a “New Political Governance” and its effects on the erosion of an impartial public service and associated decline of democratic governance.

“With the direct participation of partisan political staff in governance, the onset of permanent election campaigns heavily dependent on negative advertising, and the expectation that the public service will not only merely implement but enthusiastically support the agenda of the elected government, we are experiencing a new form of political governance. The late Peter Aucoin (1943-2011) has argued that traditional norms of impartial loyalty have been displaced by partisanship on the part of civil servants and that the political executive is keen on directly controlling all aspects of communication and interaction between government and citizens.”
(From New Public Management to New Political Governance: Essays in Honour of Peter C. Aucoin - edited by Herman Bakvis and Mark Jarvis, McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2012).

But the 2012 McGill-Queen’s book was not the only product of the 2009 conference - there was a small residual fund that remained in the accounts despite constant requests

from the Dean’s office to find an appropriate use for the funds. The answer came to us in the form of the external examiner’s glowing report on Marcella Firmini’s PhD dissertation entitled “Retrieving Trudeau: Republican Affinities in the Political Thought of Pierre Elliot Trudeau.” Marcella’s nomination for the first Peter Aucoin Prize in Canadian Politics was unanimously endorsed by her external reviewer, Dr. Stephen Brooks (University of Windsor), and by every member of her dissertation committee (and many other members of the department). The \$500 prize and framed certificate were presented to Marcella at a reception on March 30th, a few weeks after her excellent dissertation defence. In part, the prize recognizes the very high quality of Marcella’s research and writing, her willingness to challenge entrenched conventional wisdom, and the careful attention she devoted to constructing her arguments and defending her original and very provocative thesis. When combined with her strong and sustained teaching record and her passionate commitment to completing her dissertation despite having to struggle through her own health issues, it was obvious to all of us that she would be a most deserving recipient of an award honoring Peter’s legacy.

Many faculty and students attended the March 30 reception, but we were all particularly honored to welcome **Margot Aucoin** and three former department Chairs and Professors Emeriti - **Denis Stairs**, **David Cameron** and **Gil Winham**. Their attendance made this very special event that much more poignant and memorable.

The reception also served as an excellent opportunity to celebrate **Gil Winham’s** recent news. Princeton

University Press just announced the launch of Princeton's Legacy Library. "The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905." Essentially, PUP is re-publishing the classics across various fields. We were all thrilled to learn that Gil's book, *International Trade and Tokyo Round* (1987), was selected for the first round of re-publications. The book is described as the "definitive history and standard account" of the Tokyo Round (1973-1979), "the largest and most significant multilateral trade negotiation since the founding of the GATT in 1947." The book's central contributions are summed up nicely in William Diebold's glowing review published in the prestigious journal *Foreign Affairs*:

"This impressive book adds substantially to the history of the troubled 1970s by giving us a very full account of the major multilateral trade negotiations that occupied much of the decade. In addition to analyzing these events in the detail that is necessary to do a proper job, Professor Winham of Dalhousie

University devotes a good deal of space to the historical and economic setting. He makes effective use of his special skills as a student of the negotiating process (including the domestic processes in the major countries). This will be the standard work on the subject at least until memoirs are written by arm twisters and twistees - and perhaps even then." The fact that PUP is republishing Gil's book is very high praise and pretty clear evidence that it remains the standard account of these crucial negotiations. Congratulations, Gill!

We are very happy to announce that **Aaron Ettinger**, one of our outstanding Limited Term Appointments (teaching Canadian Foreign Policy, Canadian Defence Policy and US Foreign Policy) will be moving to the Department of Political Science at the University of Waterloo. He will be joining his wife, Andrea, who has just been offered a tenure track position in Waterloo's Department of Environment and Resource Studies. We are obviously very sorry to see them go, but we are thrilled to see them both land positions at such a distinguished university.

Brittany Humphrey, our first-rate student assistant (a position partially supported through alumni funds) who has been so consistently helpful to Tracy and Shannon over the past two years is moving on. Brittany is graduating with an honours degree in Sociology and Social Anthropology and has accepted an offer from the University of Laval to complete her MSc in pharmaceutical epidemiology. In addition to receiving a very impressive graduate scholarship, Brittany was also invited to join a breast cancer research team at Laval University studying the socioeconomic effects of breast cancer on women and their families. We wish her all the best in her academic studies.

As I noted at the outset of my comments, many of these activities would not have been possible without the generous support from Dalhousie alumni. As we continue to face pressures from shrinking budgets and declining faculty appointments, we are very grateful for your ongoing support. Please stay in touch and let us know how you're doing - we would love to profile your accomplishments in our next issue.

Faculty News:



Peter Arthur

Peter Arthur completed his role and position as undergraduate Honours Coordinator in the 2014-15 academic year. Ten out of the eleven Honours students successfully defended their theses. He will be presenting a paper "Infrastructure and capacity development as instruments for promoting socioeconomic development in contemporary Africa" at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies scheduled to take place at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa from June 3 - 5, 2015. He hopes to further research and write on these issues during his sabbatical leave that will be taking place in the 2015-16 academic year. His work, "New Regionalisms in Africa: Approach, progress, challenges, opportunities and implications," in Kobena Hanson (Editor), *Contemporary Regional Development in Africa*, pp. 47-49, was published by Ashgate. Also, his co-authored article with Emmanuel

Arthur, "Local content and private sector participation in Ghana's oil industry: An economic and strategic imperative," appeared in *Africa Today*, 61, pp.55-77.



David Black



The Scott-Black family in South Africa

Dr. David Black and his family spent a six-month sabbatical based in Johannesburg, South Africa from July–December 2014 (three of five are pictured here in front of the KwaMuhle museum in Durban – formerly the city’s infamous “Native Administration Department” headquarters). David was a Visiting Researcher at the University of the Witwatersrand – one of South Africa’s leading research universities – while his wife Heather was evaluating the National Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (the maternal death audit program) for the Department of Health and his kids were navigating two new school systems. He learned at least as much about health care policy in South Africa and the tribulations of its disparate educational system as he did about the past and future of Canada-South Africa relations and the aftermath of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Twenty years beyond the end of white minority (apartheid) rule, South Africa remains an extraordinary story of accommodation and reconciliation, but also persistent racial and socioeconomic inequalities. Johannesburg is the economic epicenter of the country (and indeed of the Southern African region), and a very dynamic and cosmopolitan city of nearly 8 million in the metropolitan area – including many tens of thousands of Africans from elsewhere in the continent, as highlighted by recent outbreaks of xenophobic violence. Halifax seems pretty quiet (and cold!) after this.

David also published a new book entitled *Canada and Africa in the New Millennium: The politics of consistent inconsistency*, and was co-editor of a second book, *Rethinking Canadian Aid*. His current work includes participation in a new project on Disability and Global Development (with an international workshop scheduled for Halifax in June), and a project on the legacies of Sport Mega-Events – along with continued work in Canada and (South) Africa.

Dr. Katherine Fierbeck has had another busy year, her second year in the role of Graduate Coordinator. In addition to keeping grad students on track, she was able to publish her book, *Comparative Health Care Federalism*, Ashgate Press (May 2015). She also wrote an article “Breaking the Deadlock: Towards a New Intergovernmental Relationship in Canadian Healthcare” (with William Gardner and Adrian Levy). It is the lead article and a response to commentators which will be published in *HealthcarePapers*, currently in press. And as if that wasn’t enough, she also contributed chapters to several books, including: “Health Care in the Provinces,” in Christopher Dunn (ed.), *Provinces: Canadian Provincial Politics*, 3rd ed., University of Toronto Press; “Mon Pays, C’est l’Assurance-Maladie,” in Keith Banting, Richard Chaykowski and Steven Lehrer (eds), *Policy Thinking Outside the Box: Papers in Honour of Thomas Courchene*, McGill-Queen’s University Press; “Three Approaches to Cost Containment in Health Care Federalism,” in Greg Marchildon and Livio de Matteo (eds), *Bending the Cost Curve*, University of Toronto Press. And, she wrote a review of a book edited Harvey Lazar, John Lavis, Pierre-Gerlier Forest and John Church, *Paradigm Freeze: Why Is It So Hard to Reform Health Care Policy in Canada?* which was published in *Canadian Public Administration* (September 2014).

Katherine gave talks at the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Montreal, in July 2014, and at Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy, Regina, Saskatchewan, in March 2015. She participated in several workshops, including: European Union Centres of Excellence Workshop, “Opening Up Canadian Federalism the European Way: Health Care” (co-sponsored by Halifax and Victoria EU Centres of Excellence), May 16, 2014; and “Re-thinking Pharmaceutical Policy,” European Observatory, Venice, Italy, July 2014.

Her current project is a book on Nova Scotia’s health care system, to be published by McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2016.

Dr. Robert Finbow returned to full-time teaching after his years as Chair and committed much of his energies to the modernization of classes. He continued his research on the elusive Canada-EU Economic and Trade Agreement (details of which are still in process), with research in Brussels and Ottawa, funded by Dalhousie's European Union Centre of Excellence. He is working on articles and working papers on the dimensions of the CETA relating to intergovernmental relations in Canada and the EU; on the complications arising from the start of Europe's TTIP negotiations with the US; and on specialized policy areas such as the treatment of food products. He presented on "Regional and federal implications of CETA" at the European Union Centre of Excellence at the University of Victoria; and he has a journal article under review on constitutional implications of CETA for federal-provincial relations in Canada. He will present on "CETA, TTIP and Investment Disputes: Comparing multilevel governance implications in the EU and North America" to the European Consortium for Political Research Conference in Montreal in August. He continued assisting with the catch-up of the Canadian Annual Review of Politics and Public Affairs, writing chapters on Nova Scotia. He is looking forward to a much-needed sabbatical next year.

Dr. Kristin Good is looking forward to field research trips to Ottawa and Montreal this summer to collect data for her SSHRC-funded research project entitled "The Politics and Governance of Immigration and Multiculturalism in Canadian Cities." She is also working on a textbook (with co-author Dr. Robert K. Whelan, University of Texas, Dallas) on comparative urban governance that is scheduled for publication by the University of Toronto Press in 2017. Dr. Good was asked to serve as a series editor (with co-editor Martin Horak, Associate Professor and Director of the Local Government Program, Department of Political Science, Western University) of a new series published by McGill-Queen's University Press entitled *Studies in Urban Governance*. The series' official launch is scheduled for the fall. More information about the series can be found online at the following address: <http://www.mqup.ca/our-series-pages-178.php>

Dr. Ann Griffiths, part time faculty member, continued to teach and edit in 2014. She taught World Politics (POLI 2520), Exploring Global Conflict and Violence (POLI 3596) and Building Peace and Democracy (POLI 3520). She also continued editing Canadian Naval Review, now in its 11th year of publication through the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. She served as Co-director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies in the Fall 2014 term. Publications include an article in the Royal Navy's *The Naval Review* (Vol. 103, No. 1). As well, Dr. Griffiths spent a month in The Hague in summer 2014 taking a course on International Law.



Ann Griffiths

Dr. Anders Hayden was granted tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor. His second book, *When Green Growth is Not Enough: Climate Change, Ecological Modernization, and Sufficiency*, was published in November by McGill-Queen's University Press. He had an article, entitled "Bhutan: Blazing a Trail to a Post-Growth Future? Or Stepping on the Treadmill of Production?," published in the *Journal of Environment and Development*, and was invited to write a chapter on "Climate Change, Growth, and Sustainability" for the *Handbook of Growth and Sustainability*. He was also invited to be a keynote speaker on the theme of "Green Growth and Beyond" at the Local Prosperity Conference in Annapolis Royal. He is currently working on a research project investigating the political impact of alternative economic indicators (i.e. alternatives to GDP). He presented initial results to a conference in Norwich (UK), and will spend time in Britain this summer conducting further research. He also took on the role of Undergraduate Advisor in the department.



Anders Hayden

E-Interview with Aaron Ettinger, *Outgoing International Relations LTA*

What did you study in university and where?

I studied political science and history as an undergraduate at the University of Waterloo. After that, I moved to Queen's University for my Master's degree. I then spent two years in Toronto at a small public engagement firm. In 2009, I returned to Queen's to begin my PhD and I defended my dissertation in September 2013.

How did you come to be hired at Dalhousie University?

Dalhousie came calling in May 2014. At the time, I was teaching a single class in my home department and, like most new PhDs, I was eager to get my academic career started. I'd applied to many places and had my share of rejections, but when Dalhousie invited me for an interview I was especially excited because of the Department of Political Science's strong reputation in foreign policy and international relations. A week or so later at the annual Canadian Political Science Association conference I was sitting in an ill-advised choice of motel room with unreliable Wi-Fi, and opened the email containing good news. Anxious to reply but fighting the uncooperative internet connection, I managed to relay my excitement to Bob Finbow, who was Chair at the time. Over the next few months, my partner Andrea Collins and I readied ourselves for the move out east.



Aaron and wife Andrea at Peggy's Cove,
November 2014

Despite the long winter we have had, what was it like adjusting to life in Halifax?

Adjusting to life here in Halifax was remarkably easy. We took an instant liking to the city with all of its quirks and neighbourhoods. It's a very walkable city which is a feature we really enjoyed, though once the term got started it was all business. Of course, my arrival just happened to coincide with a once-in-a-generation winter. For me it was mostly good fun, and since I walk to campus, the snow was only a minor inconvenience. But by April the novelty started to wear off.

You spent 10 months with us in Political Science at Dalhousie, what was it like teaching here?

Teaching here has been extraordinarily hectic and rewarding. I had been forewarned that the first year of lecturing is a whirlwind, but it turned out to be much more demanding than I had anticipated. It was my great fortune that the Department of Political Science has such a supportive atmosphere. On a daily basis, I could look forward to working in an environment with open office doors and faculty members ready to share their wisdom with the new guy. This was a big help to me as I tried to navigate a new department and a new student population.

What interests were foremost in your dealings with students?

I want each course I teach to be the best one my students ever take. Yes, this is an absurdly high bar to set but it captures how I feel about undergraduate teaching. The impulse comes from my own experiences with outstanding professors that I had as an undergraduate. Those courses illuminated unseen worlds of politics and history and made me excited about attending each class. I figured if I could be half the lecturer they were, then I'd be doing something right. How you get there is a whole other story. As with most things, I'm reminded of a line from *The Simpsons* which, to paraphrase, suggests that a good teacher is half P.T. Barnum and half B.F. Skinner (a joke that took me 20 years and a PhD to understand). In practice, this means putting students through a rigorous social science curriculum while at the same time making the subject, no matter how obscure, seem exciting. That's just the classroom side of things. To me, the best learning takes place during office hours when you can marshal your full attention and expertise in the service of one student's needs. To me, there is nothing more rewarding than when you can see the dawning moment of comprehension in a student's face. That is when you know you've done your job well.

As an outgoing LTA, do you have any advice for someone new coming here who has never taught at Dalhousie?

To the next LTA, I suggest making every effort to get to know your students. Take part in undergraduate events like film screenings or political science pub night. Hold open office hours to encourage students to drop by at their convenience. The point of all this is to make yourself approachable and break down barriers between student and teacher. Once that happens, you can engage on a higher level of trust. Also, figure out how to work the data projector technology in the classrooms before you step into the classroom. When it happens, you'll understand.

What is taking you away from Political Science at Dalhousie and what are your plans over the next few years?

I'm leaving Dalhousie for reasons that are both exciting and completely unexpected. In February, my partner Andrea was hired onto the tenure track in the Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo. She followed me to Halifax with a post-doctoral scholarship and now I am doing the same with her new position. As luck would have it, UW has a generous spousal-hire policy. So I was interviewed with the Department of Political Science – the very department where my political science education began twelve-and-a-half years ago. Over the next few years I plan on building my teaching and research portfolio. I want to continue sharpening my teaching skills and continue my research into American foreign policy since 2001.

Is there anything you will miss in Political Science at Dalhousie or Halifax?

More than any other academic experience I've had, I will miss feeling a part of a community of people. My daily encounters with everyone who is a part of Political Science at Dal made working here a wonderful experience. I'm going to miss the daily encounters with my colleagues in the hallways. I will miss the casual conversations in the lunchroom waiting for the kettle to boil. Working here these past few months was much more rewarding than I could have hoped.

Forum on Misogyny: Transforming our Campus and Strengthening our Community

Margaret Denike, Associate Professor, Political Science and Coordinator for the Gender and Women's Studies Program and Minor in Law and Society



In the wake of the Dentistry Facebook ordeal, Margaret Denike organized a public “Forum on Misogyny: Transforming our Campus and Strengthening our Community” on January 15, 2015. The forum featured two panels of speakers drawn from faculty, students, and community support service providers from Dalhousie and other local universities. The aim of this initiative was to step back from the questions that preoccupied the media and the campus protests (i.e., what should happen to the men involved in the situation, and whether the university administration was taking the right approach to them) to the broader questions of what enables such misogyny - and other forms of systemic discrimination - to thrive on campuses in the first place.

In light of the remarkable interest and attention to the Dentistry matter, speakers addressed the question of whether we have arrived at a distinctive historical moment that reflects the possibility of significant cultural and political change around sexual and racial politics. Other guiding themes included assessing how we think of ‘justice’ and the appropriateness of its applications; how we might best support the services that deal with these seemingly extraordinary events as an ordinary feature of their daily lives; and how we might continue to strengthen the momentum and harness the collective interest to enact the transformations that we are pursuing - for instance to provide an appropriate corrective to ‘#dalhousiehateswomen’, and to cultivate and implement a ‘culture of respect’?

The event was attended by over 700 participants and it was webcast live to over 6000 viewers. It is currently on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDKIHqYG92E>

Centre for Foreign Policy Studies News (CFPS)

Brian Bow, CFPS Director

2014-2015 - the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies' 44th year - was a time of renewal and revitalization, starting with a new director, Brian Bow, who was assisted in the fall semester by interim co-director Ann Griffiths. Doctoral student Andrea Lane joined as deputy director in January, while administrator Shannon Langton provided some welcome continuity and ensured that the transitions were as smooth as possible. While the Centre continues to face funding challenges, Fellows and staff have worked together to meet them with creativity and new strategic partnerships. This year's successful seminar series is an excellent example, with many lectures being co-sponsored with the Department of Political Science, the European Union Centre of Excellence, various faculties within Dalhousie, and the Halifax branch of the Canadian International Council. Highlights from this year's series included Doug Saunders' talk on the current state of the European Union; the annual Glyn Berry memorial lecture, delivered by Vice-Admiral (Ret'd) Glenn Davidson and reflecting on his time as Canada's ambassador to Syria and Afghanistan; Professor John Kirk's analysis of the unfreezing of US-Cuba relations; and US Consul Richard Riley's musings on a career in diplomacy. Other popular seminars examined international crime, terrorism, Scottish devolution, and the crisis in the Ukraine. Continued cross-disciplinary engagement will be a priority for the coming year's seminars, in order to showcase the breadth of the Centre's research areas and the diversity of Fellows' expertise.

One aspect of the revitalization process - and the concurrent overhaul of the Centre website - has been a re-thinking of the Centre's traditional research pillars, building upon traditional strengths in defence and security policy, and broadening to support exciting research being undertaken by faculty and other Fellows, on global challenges such as development aid, human rights, and environmental policy.

The Centre further developed its long standing support of graduate students, introducing a new professional development fund to provide for students' conferences and research travel. In March the Centre organized a new roundtable event, at which five of our doctoral fellows debated "The Biggest Challenges to Global Order over the Next Twenty Years". The roundtable was a great success, and the Centre plans to make it a new annual (or perhaps biannual)

tradition. This year's annual Graduate Symposium, co-sponsored with the department and the EUCE, was titled "System Breakdown?: Critical Reflections on the EU in Crisis." The provocative title prompted the EU Ambassador to Canada, Marie-Anne Coninx, to accept an invitation to speak at the conference, and attendees benefitted from her spirited defence of the EU's accomplishments and resiliency.

The Centre continued its partnership with the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (RDCSI), which embarked upon a number of exciting new projects in 2014-15, including a \$150,000USD annual grant from the Carnegie Foundation to support security sector training in Uganda. (See also the item on RDCSI's UNICEF project, also in this newsletter.)

The Maritime Security Policy



NSPS workshop participants

pillar had another successful year, and looks forward to its own process of renewal. The CFPS community is sorry to lose Defence Fellow Ian Wood, who is moving on to a new position in Washington. In collaboration with other MSP fellows, Cmdr. Wood organized two very successful workshops on issues relating to the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, both of which led to Maritime Security Occasional Papers published by the Centre. The second event, in November 2014, focused on “Human Capital and the NSPS,” and enjoyed considerable support from both industry and government. Another, smaller event is planned for June, and long-term planning is underway for the 2015-16 events. The CFPS-published *Canadian Naval Review* continues to be the preeminent journal in Canada on maritime security issues, and Centre fellows are active both on its Editorial Board and in its pages, with several doctoral fellows publishing articles in *CNR* last year.

Canadian Naval Review (CNR) Update

Dr. Ann Griffiths, Editor, CNR

The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies continues to publish *Canadian Naval Review*, which is now in its 11th year of publication. *CNR* is Canada’s leading journal for matters relating to maritime security – which is broadly defined to include, among other things, the environment, resources, crime at sea – and maritime defence. In addition to subscribers it is sent to members of parliamentary committees and government, industry leaders, senior military officials, the media, thinktanks and academic institutions. The journal is edited by Dr. Ann Griffiths and has an Editorial Board made up of distinguished academics and retired military officers.

Every issue includes a variety of articles, commentaries, book reviews and photos. In the past year, *CNR* has published articles debating whether the future of the Arctic will be cooperative or competitive, and articles about how Canada needs to pay more attention to the Indian Ocean, how the Ocean Tracking Network tracks fish, how to make the new Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships more capable, whether North America should create its own OPEC, and what crew sizes work for new classes of ships to name just a few.



Doug Thomas, Executive Director of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust and Past-President of the Nova Scotia Naval Association, is presenting the cheque to Lt (N) Jonathan Douglas, RCN

Every year *CNR* holds an essay contest, and unlike previous years when students have won the prize, the 2014 contest was won by a serving naval officer. Lieutenant (N) Jonathan Douglas took first prize for his essay “Beyond Counter-Terrorism: The RCN and Canadian Interests in the Indian Ocean.”

In 2007 *CNR* established an online discussion forum called BroadSides (www.navalreview.ca/broadsides-discussion-forum), which is moderated by Ken Hansen a CFPS Fellow and former Defence Fellow. This site is a popular place to go for discussion about all matters relating to maritime security and defence, and it has had over a million visits in the few years since it was created.

Academic-Military Cooperation Defence Fellow

Commander Ian Wood, Royal Canadian Navy and CFPS Defence Fellow

The Royal Canadian Navy has had a seconded Defence Fellow at Dalhousie's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) for over 15 years. I began my duties two years ago and I am the fifth Fellow to-date. During my tenure I assisted the faculty by advising the Coordinator of the Maritime Security Program at the University on areas of relevant research and I also stimulated collaboration between the RCN and peer Navies, national and international organizations and academia to allow for greater sharing of knowledge about the maritime domain. This research met both the academic needs of the university and assisted those developing strategy in our Navy.

I will be leaving the CFPS this summer and proceeding to our embassy in Washington DC for Naval Attaché duties. Unfortunately due to some personnel challenges the navy will not be able to replace me as the Defence Fellow this summer but the MOU between the navy and Dalhousie will remain in place allowing the fellowship to be manned again when staffing permits. I am however happy to report that the RCN's support to the *Canadian Naval Review* (CNR) will continue.

I have enjoyed tremendous support from the University and in particular the hard working folks in the Department of Political Science and the CFPS. I have had the pleasure of being involved in numerous research activities during my short time here at Dalhousie. The CFPS has undertaken two very successful workshops that examined the challenges and opportunities associated with the

National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, announced in June 2010. The first NSPS Workshop at Dalhousie entitled "Charting the Course" was held on June 6, 2014. This workshop was well-attended, and included an update on the progress of the NSPS and a look forward at the future classes of Royal Canadian Navy ships. The expert presentations were very informative and important public policy issues such as the new defence procurement system were discussed in detail. I acted as the Chair for the second workshop undertaken on 14 November 2014, which was titled "Human Capital and the NSPS." The one-day workshop tackled the issues along three main topics: Building, Crewing and Sustaining our NSPS fleets. By breaking out the discussion into three themes we were better equipped to understand the various human demands of the new classes of government ships. The panels explored the following issues: regeneration of the labour and skills needed in the shipbuilding sector in Canada; exploration of new trends in

the crewing of modern warships; and building and retaining the 30+ year shipbuilding workforce.

Both of the workshops were well supported by corporate, federal and provincial government sponsorship and donations. I also edited Maritime Security Occasional Papers for each of the events. In each of the papers I have given a detailed assessment of the risks and opportunities that lie ahead for the NSPS and also suggested areas that future scholars might want to consider. I am also particularly pleased that we were able to involve graduate students in the organization and execution of the workshops.

I was also fortunate enough to author two separate articles in *Canadian Naval Review* that proposed solutions to the risks associated with the delivery of the Navy's next classes of modern warships. In this way I feel that I have contributed to both the policy development in the RCN and the scholarly work at the University.



Commander Wood and David Smart undertaking outreach on behalf of the CFPS

The CFPS is an excellent example of effective academic-military cooperation, due to its efforts to bring academics, government, and industry together to provide a more complete view of maritime affairs.

Arguably, this collaboration could be very valuable to the RCN as it enters one of its most intense periods of recapitalization and transformation. I leave the Defence Fellowship pleased with the contribution that

I have made but at the same time I hope that someday soon other naval officers will have a similar opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and make their own impact on both the University and the Navy.

European Union Centre of Excellence News

Andrea D'Slyva, EUCE Coordinator

The EUCE at Dalhousie has had a busy year with the EU Ambassador, Marie-Anne Coninx and the Polish Ambassador, Marcin Bosacki speaking to capacity crowds in September. This was followed by a Symposium on Border Management organized by Director, Ruben Zaiotti (Department of Political Science). Other Centres hosted talks focused on an analysis of the September Scottish Referendum, health care in the UK, the EU and the Arctic and the UN Convention against Transnational Crime regarding trafficking and illicit drugs in Eastern Europe and Russia, to name a few. We also welcomed Doug Saunders, the Globe and Mail columnist for international affairs, to speak on the current situation in Europe.

The Centre hosts public lectures as part of its outreach into the community, however, our focus is also on students to foster an understanding of the EU. In this regard the Centre offered, for the first time in 2014, a Graduate Scholarship for students at Dalhousie who work on any aspect of the EU. The Committee divided the \$2000.00 scholarship between two students, Andrew Bergel, from the Department of Political Science and Katie Harris, from the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology. Their awards were presented by the EU Ambassador. The Centre also funds an annual Essay Award.

In addition the Centre offered four students financial support towards the EU Study Tour and Internship offered every May by Capilano University and will do so again in 2015. We support student and faculty exchanges as well a faculty member from Kiel University in Germany will be spending the Spring at the Centre to further her work on gender and diversity in the EU and Canada.

The Centre was pleased to partner with the Department of Political Science to fund the 10th Annual Graduate Symposium in March. Despite the challenges of doing so during the heaviest snowfall of the season, the organizers were able to present several panels that examined the theme of "System Breakdown? Critical Reflection of the European Union in Crisis."

Our Associates, who conduct research funded by the Centre, are the backbone of what we do and their research varies from LGBTQ retirement choices to offshore renewable energy. This fall we plan to host a workshop on CETA with Associate Robert Finbow from the Department of Political Science. In addition, a panel discussion is planned on the new privacy law in the EU titled the "Right to be Forgotten" with Associate Jon Penney from the Schulich School of Law.

The funding of the Centres by the EU Commission is undergoing change and this coming year will be the last for the Centre in its current configuration. We plan to continue our work in 2015, to ensure that the opportunities and challenges present in the EU are analyzed from an Atlantic Canadian perspective and presented to a wide audience.



EU Ambassador, Marie-Anne Coninx (centre), presents the EUCE Graduation Scholarship to Andrew Bergel (left) and Katie Harris (right)

Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative News

Lisa Nociforo, Account Executive Administrator, RDCSI

The Dallaire Initiative Commences New Partnership with the African Union and UNICEF

Through the secondment of Captain Musa Gbow - former Dallaire Initiative training participant - African Mission in Somalia peacekeepers will be better prepared in the protection of children from the abuse they face from armed groups such as Al-Shabaab.

Captain Musa Gbow, of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF), is participating in this groundbreaking program that will develop the child protection framework in Somalia for the United Nations. The knowledge generation, monitoring and evaluation, and strategic recommendations managed by this Dallaire Initiative/UNICEF partnership will advance the child rights guided by the principles enshrined by the Convention on the Rights of a Child and mitigate the abuse and exploitation of children in combat zones.

On the coast of East Africa the country of Somalia borders both Ethiopia and Kenya, and they all share the common goal of defeating the insurgencies of Al-Shabaab, the Islamist militant group that is battling the UN-backed government in Somalia, and has carried out a string of attacks in neighbouring Kenya. Their most recent attack in Nairobi claimed the lives of 147 university students.

Al-Shabaab is a notorious user of children to supplement its cause and strategic operations. Throughout its ranks, children are used as combatants, spies, porters, wives, and whatever function that they can serve. Regardless of method or reason for indoctrination and recruitment, the violence that these children are exposed to is abusive, abhorrent and unjust. The international community in response has increased its focus on policy that addresses the humanitarian crisis that undermines the overall child protection in the continent - the use and recruitment of child soldiers.

The secondment of Captain Musa Gbow is the latest manifestation of the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative's mission to progressively eradicate the use of child soldiers through a security sector approach. Based at Dalhousie University within the Centre of Foreign Policy Studies and led by Executive Director Dr. Shelly Whitman and Deputy Director Tanya Zayed, the Dallaire Initiative achieves its objectives based on three programmatic pillars - training, research, and advocacy. The Dallaire Initiative is proud to be setting the stage for child protection in Somalia in 2015 as it continues to actively participate in the positive side of world politics.



Pre-deployment for AMISOM

If you would like to learn more about the child soldier issue please register for Dr. Whitman's summer course which is listed on the IDS timetable. You can visit its website at www.childsoldiers.org

Seminar Series

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

David Jones,

Pakistan - Failing State or Work in Progress?, September 10, 2014

Marcin Bosacki,

Poland: 25 Years of Freedom and Success, September 17, 2014

Don Bowser,

Corruption and the Future of Ukraine, September 24, 2014

Marie-Anne Coninx,

The EU and Canada: A Strategic Partnership - Stronger than Ever, September 29, 2014

Graham Steele,

What I Learned about Politics, October 8, 2014

Alan Trench,

The UK's Four National Health Services after Devolution: Divergence without Structure, October 20, 2014

Alan Trench,

The Referendum on Scottish Independence and After: The UK on the Path to Quasi-federalism? October 22, 2014

John de Graaf,

Shifting from a Politics of GDP Growth to a Politics of Well-being, October 23, 2014

US Consul Richard Riley,

Reflections on a Diplomatic Life, October 29, 2014

Kim Nossal,

Don't Mention the War: Domestic Politics and Canada's Afghanistan Mission, November 4, 2014

William Fenrick,

Prosecuting War Criminals in The Hague, November 5, 2014

Brigadier-General Nicolas Eldaoud,

The Canadian Army... Over the Horizon, November 12, 2014

EUCE PhD student,

EU and the Arctic, November 26, 2014

Shelly Whitman,

New Approaches to Preventing the Use of Child Soldiers: A Case Study in the DRC, January 8, 2015

Stephen Blank,

Infrastructure: Can We Get There from Here?, January 9, 2015

Clive Schofield,

Advances in the Spatial Governance of the Oceans in Europe and Beyond, January 16, 2015

Dr. Leo Panitch,

Whose Crisis: Capital, State and Labour Today, January 21, 2015

John Kirk,

US-Cuban Relations (Finally) Normalized: The Significance of Recent Events, January 22, 2015

Glenn Davidson,

Diplomatic Experiences in Syria and Afghanistan, January 29, 2015

Ken Hansen,

What's the State of the Military / or Navy?, February 5, 2015, CIC – Politics at the Pub

Doug Saunders,

Bad Wine in a Sturdy Bottle: How Europe Became a Place of Dysfunctional Resilience, February 12, 2015

Sara Greenblatt,

How the UN Convention against Transnational Crime and the Protocols Thereto Assist in Combating Illicit Trafficking in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, March 5, 2015

Grad student roundtable,

Steel Cage Death Match, March 12, 2015

Brian Tomlinson,

Trends in Official Development Assistance: Financing the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals, March 26, 2015

Jon Penney,

Canada's Anti-Terrorism Policy: Security vs. Rights – Striking the Right Balance, April 2, 2015

Howard Epstein,

A Third Party in Power, April 15, 2015

Honours Essays

Emma Gill-Anderson

United Nations Human Rights Treaties and the Mistreatment of Aboriginal Women in Canada

Supervisor: Margaret Denike

Nicole MacLean

Political Campaigns of the Quebec and Scottish Referendums

Supervisor: Ruben Zaiotti

Georgia MacIntyre

Controversy and Compromise: Granting Amnesty to FARC in the Colombian Peace Negotiations

Supervisor: Ann Griffiths

Helen Hanbidge

A Problem of Politicization: An Examination of the Difficulties of Defining Terrorism and the Importance of a Single Definition

Supervisor: Ann Griffiths

Rachel Morgan

We're Tired of Being the Dump: Exposing Environmental Racism in Canadian Communities

Supervisor: Margaret Denike

Matthew Musgrave

Improving the State of Canada's Federal Political Market: The Negative Externalities of Political Marketing Practices in Canadian Federal Politics

Supervisor: Kristin Good

Alyssa Warias

The Death of Human Rights in the State of Exception: Post 9/11 US Counterterrorism

Supervisor: Aaron Ettinger

Kendra Wilcox

Dueling Dichotomies: The Effects of Political Identity on Political Mobilization in Northern Ireland, 1998-2015

Supervisor: Aaron Ettinger

Buket Tatlidil

The Transition of Turkey Since 2002: An indicator of Positive Change for Muslim Women in a Muslim Society

Supervisor: Florian Bail

Ellen Fowler

From Asylum to "Illegals": Bill C-31 and the Erosion of Asylum in Canada

Supervisor: Margaret Denike

Undergraduate Student Award/Prize Winners

Rebecca Steele (currently enrolled in the BA with a major in Undeclared Arts) has been awarded **The Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy**.

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.*

Ellen Fowler (graduated May, 2015 BA Honours in Political Science and History with a Minor in French) has been awarded the 2014-15 **Eric Dennis Gold Medal Award** and **The James Aitchison Award**.

2014-15 Eric Dennis Gold Medal Award: *Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, this medal will be awarded on graduation to the student who stands first among those taking First Class honours in Government of Political Science. This is the University Medal in Political Science.*

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 funding the Department.*



News from the Podium of the Undergraduate Society

Liam Connor (BA: Major in Political Science and Economics, May 2015;
VP Internal, Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society)

With the end of another academic year upon us, now seems as appropriate a time as ever to reflect on what has been a fantastic year for the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society (DUPSS).

DUPSS maintained a busy schedule of social, academic, and professional events throughout the year. One of the early highlights was a private information session for political science students held at Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law, where our undergraduates were able to interact with current students and professors from the law school. We continued our strong record of collaboration with the department to help co-host several events, of which the well-attended January panel discussion on how Political Science graduates can make the most of their degree in the private sector stands out as being particularly memorable. For next year, we have ongoing plans to host tutoring and mentoring sessions for lower-year students to help ease their transition into life as a political science student.

Our numerous 'PoliBeers' provided opportunities for students and faculty members to discuss current affairs and political issues in a relaxed environment, and featured several guest speakers. A particular highlight was our well-attended January co-presentation with the Dalhousie History Society that featured professors from both of our departments discussing the history behind - and the possible future trajectory - of ISIS's rise. Continuing on the academic side of things, we

were exceptionally proud to publish our journal, *The Podium*, for the first time in more than 5 years. *The Podium* provides an outlet for political science students to showcase some of their finest work and offers many students their first opportunity to publish. To commemorate this achievement, we held a well-attended gala dinner in the University Club on March 31st.

In addition to our events, this year saw the rebirth of a revived Model UN Society and a Canadian Studies society as sub-societies under DUPSS administration, providing even more opportunities for political science students to get involved and gain leadership experience outside of the classroom. As a society, we are quite excited about the launch of "The Soapbox," an online platform for contributors to write about relevant and controversial political issues; several of our Soapbox pieces garnered significant attention on social media and helped spark important discussions on campus about politics. All in all, it was a very busy but rewarding year and these

were just a few of the highlights. While we faced administrative and weather-related difficulties that complicated some of our planned events, these small moments of adversity ensured that the non-graduating society members gained valuable practical experience and a better understanding of the university's bureaucratic environment that should prove invaluable for next year's society.

As students, we want to thank the faculty for their ongoing commitment to providing us with an amazing learning experience, both in and outside of the classroom. The spirit of collaboration and cooperation demonstrated by the faculty's leadership made things much easier on our student society. With student interests now to be formally represented in faculty discussions by a society member, we look forward to strengthening the relationship between the society and the department in the years ahead, and we are very confident that our newly elected leadership team will only build and improve on this year's accomplishments.



DUPSS social at University Club

Political Science Undergraduate Students Travel to Northern Ireland

Kendra Wilcox, BA Honours in Political Science with a Minor in Law and Society

February 2015 marks the fourth year the Dalhousie Northern Ireland Dialogue for Peace Society has taken a group of students on a study trip to Northern Ireland to learn about peace and reconciliation, conflict resolution, and restorative justice. The organization is led through Dalhousie University and the United Church of Canada, with the intent to create a ‘dialogue for peace’ within Nova Scotia and subsequently Canada. The group of students was selected in late September, and the group coalesced in the beginning of October. Led by Program Coordinator Martha Martin, and two Student Leaders - Kendra Wilcox and Bridget Graham - 12 participants came from varying academic disciplines, including Canadian Studies, Sustainability, History, Neuroscience, International Development, and Nursing. Four par-

ticipants were political science students – fourth year Honours students Kendra Wilcox and Nicole MacLean, and first year students Emma Ryan and Moriah Brennan. Starting in October, the group met every other week for team-building, fundraising, and education sessions. After the break, the group met weekly to prepare for departure, and focus on fundraising. This project is designed to be as accessible as possible, so the \$24,000 cost is fundraised by the group. This year, the Society was pleased to receive institutional support from Dalhousie, including a generous donation from the Department of Political Science (through Alumni funding).

The trip took place over reading week from February 12th-23rd. Students spent their first weekend in Belfast, learning about the history of conflict

and violence during The Troubles. The group took a ‘Hop-On, Hop-Off’ tour of the city, visited the Crumlin Road Gaol, the Ulster Museum, and took a private black-taxi tour of Belfast. Programming conducted in Belfast served as a firsthand view of contentious life in the region, and allowed for participants to engage with local residents to hear their stories. On Monday, the group travelled to Corrymeela, a world-renowned peace and reconciliation centre located in Ballycastle, along the north coast.

Programming at Corrymeela was facilitated by former Centre Director Paul Hutchinson, in conjunction with two volunteers, AJ from Arizona, and Juan from Colombia. On Tuesday, Paul led the group in an intense session involving a role-playing scenario, wherein participants caught a glimpse of what life was like in the height of The Troubles. Tuesday afternoon, the group met with Sean Pettis, who explained the segregated education system and the work that Corrymeela does in Northern Ireland schools. Wednesday morning the group met opposing ex-paramilitary members Alistair Little and Gerry Foster, who gave a candid account about their activity during The Troubles, and subsequent imprisonment. The two gentlemen now work internationally in peace and reconciliation, and engaged the participants in an intense, challenging discussion. Wednesday evening, the group watched the film “Bloody Sunday” in preparation for their trip the next day. On Thursday they



Back Row, L-R: AJ Arvizu (Corrymeela Volunteer from Arizona), Kelly Lucas, Paul Hutchinson (Former Corrymeela Centre Director, Program Facilitator), and Siobhan Takala

Middle Row, L-R: Juan Alberto Cardona (Corrymeela Volunteer from Colombia), Sam Picken, Bridget Graham (Student Leader), Martha Martin (Campus Chaplain for the United Church of Canada, Program Coordinator), Nicole MacLean (4th year POLI Honours student), Lauren Yeomans, and Jacqueline Smith

Front Row, L-R: Emma Ryan (1st year POLI student), Kendra Wilcox (Student Leader, 4th year POLI Honours student), Aliya Rubin, and Moriah Brennan (1st year POLI student)

travelled to Derry/Londonderry, the site of the Bloody Sunday shootings in 1971. Owen Donnelly, who led the tour of the city, ended the journey at the Peace Bridge, which connects the Catholic side of the city to the Protestant side of the city. The idea of ‘bridging’ was the focal point of the final reflection led by Paul. He encouraged the group to consider what conflict needs to be ‘bridged’ in Nova Scotia, as well as in Canada. The group left Corrymeela on Friday, and the trip concluded in Dublin, wherein the participants got to explore the history and culture of the Republic’s capital.

A trip of this calibre takes enormous dedication and support from the institution and the community. For the past number of years, the Society has sought to return to Nova Scotia and disseminate the information learned to local schools, groups, and organizations in order to foster a dialogue about peace and reconciliation in our own province and country. Support for this project continues to grow, and without the help of bodies like the Political Science Department, this endeavour could not be realized.

Overall, this year proved to be another insightful, challenging, motivating journey for the Dalhousie Northern Ireland Dialogue for Peace Society, and we look forward to the next expedition.

A goodbye from Brittany Humphries

Brittany Humphries, BA Honours in Social Anthropology with a Minor in French (May 2015); Outgoing Student Assistant



Brittany Humphries

When I first arrived at the Department of Political Science, it was for an interview - and I was 20 minutes late. I remember apologizing to Tracy and asking her to take a chance on me despite this blunder. She ultimately did and I remain grateful.

Though not a political science student, my time in the department has inspired within me a love of politics. This is a vibrant and wonderful place to get an education. Between the weekly guest speakers, the Graduate Symposium, Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and *Canadian Naval Review*, there is always something going on and something new to learn. This may be a small department but it has a lot to offer.

This fall I will begin my MSc in Pharmacy at the University of Laval. I would like to thank the Department of Political Science for their advice as I navigated the graduate admissions process, and for all the support over the past two years.

Student Excellence in the Study of Canadian Federalism

Kristin Good

Every year Dr. Kristin Good encourages her students to publish their POLI 2210: The Dynamics of Canadian Federalism papers in a journal entitled *Federalism-E*, an electronic journal that publishes undergraduate essays on topics related to federalism, multi-level governance and inter-governmental relations. The journal is a collaborative project between Queen’s University and Royal Military College of Canada. It is edited by two undergraduate students at these universities and supervised by Dr.

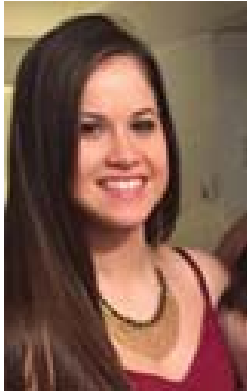
Christian Leuprecht, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Royal Military College of Canada and Associate Professor in both the Dept. of Economics and Political Science at Royal Military College and the Department of Political Studies and School of



Conor Lewis
Currently enrolled in Political Science (Honours) with a Minor in Law and Society

Policy Studies at Queen's University.

This year three of the department's students will have their essays published in the journal's 16th annual volume: Conor Lewis, Abigail McLatchy and Brianna Wolfe. All three papers were produced for POLI 2210, which was offered in the fall term and taught by Dr. Good. Conor's paper, "Urban Governance and the Future of Canadian Federalism," examines the case for greater jurisdictional responsibilities and powers of taxation for some urban municipalities.



Abigail McLatchy
Currently enrolled in BA
Major in Political Science
with a Minor in
Economics

Abigail's paper, "A Collaborative Method to Overcome the Difficulty of Constitutional Amendment," argues that the federation's constitutional challenges have been addressed through non-constitutional means in ways that meet citizens' expectations.

Brianna's paper, "Open Federalism: A Balancing Act of Multi-culturalism Concerns and Fiscal Imbalances," compares Harper's 'open' approach to federalism with the approaches of past prime ministers as well as with one might expect of current party leaders.

Conor and Abigail also served on the journal's editorial board which is tasked with peer reviewing and editing submissions to the journal. Both found the process extremely valuable. As Conor describes the experience:



Brianna Wolfe
Currently enrolled in BA
Major in Political Science
with a Minor in Law and
Society

"it was an opportunity to develop my critical analysis skills" and "reviewing works submitted by my undergraduate peers showed me unique ways to improve my writing ability." Abigail also found that the process provided "valuable skills to edit [her] own future essays" and knowledge about the publication process.

Like many political science students, Conor, Abigail and Brianna plan to pursue a law degree after their political science training. Conor and Abigail would also like to study public

administration. Ultimately, Conor would like to be elected to Parliament. Studying Canadian political institutions including federalism provides an excellent foundation for a variety of areas of study including law and public administration as well as for understanding how to contribute to Canada's political life as a citizen.

Brianna's interest in political institutions began in high school. She sees federalism as the 'glue' that holds the system together.

Abigail is fascinated by regionalism and is interested in learning more about how the Canadian federation compares with other federations in the world.

Conor developed a particular interest in local politics and has connected his practical experience working on political campaigns with the material covered in POLI 2210 and another class taught by Dr. Good entitled POLI 3232: Local Government in Canada. In Conor's words:

"I have always been interested in Canadian politics and the institutions that guide the creation of national and provincial policy. It was Dr. Good's class, however, that really got me thinking about the role that urban municipalities play in our modern world. Last summer, I volunteered on a municipal campaign in inner city Hamilton where I was able to see how impactful innovative urban leadership can be at the ground level. The candidate I was working for was crafting policy to deal with issues such as: affordable and liveable housing; immigration settlement; and effective programs aimed at deterring violence in his ward. The course taught by Dr. Good gave me the theoretical grounding to understand how to possibly implement some of these pressing social policy objectives. Dr. Good's passion for local politics inspired me to do more research about the future role of our global cities in our modern world."

The Department of Political Science congratulates Conor, Brianna and Abigail for their initiative and success in publishing their work on Canadian federalism. The department is fortunate to have such bright students who are willing to go beyond their course requirements to contribute to inter-university dialogues about improving Canada's political institutions and democracy.

Information about *Federalism-E* as well as recent volumes of the online journal are available online: <http://www.queensu.ca/iigr/pub/Ejournals/federalismE.html>

Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) News

Benjamin O'Bright, President, DPSGS and PhD Candidate Political Science

Another year has come and gone, although for most students in the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science, the days may seem to have blurred together under the mountains of snow poured onto Halifax streets, campuses, and sidewalks over the past winter. As I write this, we may finally be seeing a glimmer of hope; rays of sunshine and prospective double-digit temperatures are being reported by local weather stations. Excitement is in the air!

I was honoured with the privilege of serving as President of our graduate society this year, and what a year it has been! We welcome, this year, into a warm embrace, the newest members of our political science family, a large cohort of three PhD and eight Masters Students. With their arrival, we founded a new tradition for our society: an annual retreat. This year's retreat was held in October, at a weather-worn, gothic novel-esque house perched on the

cliffs of Canada's Atlantic Coast. The retreat was a bonding experience, a way to immediately and decisively break down barriers between all our students. While we may have gone into the retreat an eclectic group of colleagues, we emerged 3 days later as close friends. It is my sincerest hope that the next executive continues this tradition as, by all accounts, it was a (if not *the*) highlight of the year!

The DGSPS was also the primary recruitment hub for a winter season intramural dodgeball team. Once a week, a team composed of alumni and current students, staff and friends came together for the excitement that only a competitive, adrenaline-pumping dodgeball match can bring. The group plans to form another team in the spring, once again representing the department in the greater Halifax sports community, and it is hoped that they will continue to do so long after my time at this university is over. To them, I recommend always remem-

bering the 5 Ds of dodgeball: Dip, Duck, Dive, Dodge, Dalhousie!

We were also fortunate enough to have had another Dalhousie Graduate Symposium this year! I want to give my particular congratulations to Andrew Bergel, Emmaline English, Alex Ripley, and all members of the organizing committee for pulling off an event in what could only be described as apocalyptic February weather conditions. As the City of Halifax fell to the ground, unable to find footing on icy covered sidewalks, you all stood tall, faced the storm head on, and like those of the Nights watch, never left your posts when confronted with the coming of winter. Congratulations on a job well done!

I would like to take an opportunity to equally thank Tracy and Shannon for their continued help and support with the organizing of events and activities for the Society. A thank you as well to all faculty members, the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the European Union Centre of Excellence, the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, the Canadian International Council, and many more, for the incredible program of speakers throughout the year, as well as all the contributing support they give, day in and day out.

In my experience, and humble opinion, tradition matters. Indeed, as I conclude here, I am in the midst of planning several more traditions for our Society. I see them as a gateway to community formation, a means by which to tighten the bonds of friendship within and between the students of our department. I hope that my time as President has laid the

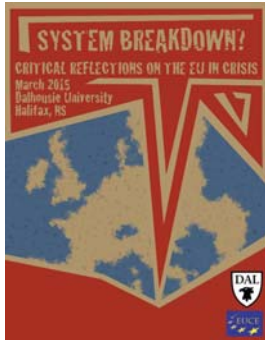


Graduate student discussion group

ground work for some new traditions, new activities that can be carried on (and adjusted) by others in the future. Traditions, like those started this year, will give to students memories that last a lifetime. They provide a sense of family with those in their department (including for us future alumni!), connections to draw upon in the future. To return many years from now and see that they continue may very well be the hallmark of my greatest personal accomplishments. Best of luck to all our students in every future endeavour!

10th Annual Political Science Graduate Symposium

Andrew Bergel (PhD Candidate - Political Science) and Emmaline English (MA Candidate - Political Science), Co-Chairs, 9th Annual Graduate Symposium



The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science, in partnership with the European Union Centre for Excellence, were pleased to host this year's graduate student research symposium, entitled "System Breakdown? Critical Reflections on the European Union in Crisis." Held on March 19-20th, this symposium constituted an interdisciplinary event that featured graduate research students from both Canada and abroad whose work focused on the current challenges facing the European Union. Drawing upon political science, economics, international law, anthropology, sociology, international development, and gender and environmental studies, this conference offered a multi-faceted forum for researchers to come together and connect over the current state of the EU across a wide range of topics.

Attendees presented research on migration, transnational crime, economic austerity packages, foreign policy (especially as it relates to recent issues in the Ukraine), social investment, and EU security policy. Participants drew upon varying methodological approaches, theoretical perspectives, and original field work to deliver innovative and informative analyses of dilemmas preoccupying Brussels. Presentations were done in formal panels where each panelist received constructive questions and feedback from both the panel discussant and members of the audience.

Despite a blizzard that brought most of Halifax to a halt during the two days of the symposium, the event was also attended by the European Union Ambassador to Canada, Ms. Marie-Anne Coninx, who formally opened the symposium for those able to attend. Ambassador Coninx also made herself available on the last day of the conference for an open question session on the greatest obstacles facing the European Union. This interaction allowed participants to directly engage with policy-makers, and gain better insight into the approaches currently underway in Brussels to address many of the issues that they discussed in their research while also allowing the Ambassador to, likewise, comment on the research presented by graduate students at the symposium.

The organizing committee would like to thank and recognize all those who took part, especially given the bitter weather underway during those two days. Furthermore, a special recognition should be given to the European Union Centre for Excellence, for its generous financial and logistical support, as well as the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, and the Dalhousie Political Science Graduate Society for their tremendous logistical support. The symposium also received much appreciated financial and logistical support from the Department of Political Science, President's Office, Dalhousie Student Union, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Together, these organizations, both inside and outside the University, have become an integral part of Political Science Graduate Symposiums over the last 10 years, and we hope to build upon these relations in the years to come!



Luncheon with EU Ambassador during the Symposium event

Graduate Coordinator Update

Katherine Fierlbeck, Graduate Coordinator

This past year has seen the successful defence of MA theses by Emily Robinson (Brian Bow), Emma Wilson (Katherine Fierlbeck), Eladeh Noledan (Samar El-Masri and David Black), and Ben Bissett (Louise Carbert). Ben has also been nominated for the Governor General's Gold Medal Award for the most outstanding graduate in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division. At the PhD level, Marcella Firmini (Katherine Fierlbeck) defended her thesis on republican theory and the political thought of P.E. Trudeau. The exceptional quality of this thesis also won Marcella not only the Peter Aucoin Prize in Canadian Politics, but also the FGS Doctoral Thesis Award for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Several graduate students have also been successful in winning external grants. Andrew Bergel was recently awarded a prestigious Killam doctoral award, and John Mitton received a new SSHRC doctoral award. Incoming MA student Jennifer Smith will be bringing a SSHRC MA into the program with her. Current MA student Kathleen O'Brien was awarded the Women in Defence and Security (WiDS) scholarship, which was presented to her at a ceremony in Ottawa.

Ongoing PhD students David Morgan and John Mitton have both completed their comprehensive exams, and are working on their thesis proposals.



Katherine Fierlbeck and Emma Wilson (MA POLI Graduate at the May 2015 Convocation)

Kathleen O'Brien, MA student named the 2015 Women in Defence and Security Scholarship Recipient

Kathleen O'Brien

In March, I had the pleasure of being named the 2015 Women in Defence and Security Scholarship Recipient. My thesis will focus on the deliverance of mental healthcare services within the Canadian Forces and I was selected on the basis of this work. WiDS is an organization that promotes the advancement of female leaders within the defence and security industries across Canada. Each year, the WiDS Memorial Scholarship is presented to a woman who is pursuing studies related to the national defence and security interests of Canada. The scholarship is named after a servicewoman who fell in the line of duty serving her country. Every year, the scholarship is named after a different extraordinary woman. This year, I was honoured to receive this scholarship, which commemorated the life and service of Master Corporal (MCpl) Kristal Lee-Anne Giesebrecht. MCpl was a medical technician who paid the ultimate sacrifice while on her second tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2010. While at the scholarship reception in Ottawa, I had the pleasure of spending the evening with her family and learning about her life and legacy. It was humbling to accept this award that honoured such a strong and brave young woman.

The experience of accepting this award, surrounded by incredible members of Canada's defence and security sectors, was one that I will never forget. I would not have been able to have such an opportunity had it not been for the support of the entire Political Science department at Dalhousie. Special thanks and recognition goes to both Dr. Fierlbeck and Dr. Ettinger who have assisted me so much with both this scholarship and research.



Kathleen O'Brien and Jana Lee Murray, president of WiDS

What have some of our Doctoral Students been up to?



David Beitelman

David Beitelman, PhD Candidate - Supervisor: Dr. Brian Bow

Dave presented a paper, “Survival Signals: Realism and Strategic Trust in US.-China Relations,” at the International Studies Association (ISA) 56th Annual Convention, February 18 - 21, 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended a two-day workshop on Strategic Foresight at the Conference Board of Canada, March 18-19, 2015, in Ottawa and received financial support for both of these activities (ISA, DAGS, and Frank Harvey paid for ISA; Frank Harvey and Brian Bow for Ottawa). Dave contributed a short piece to the *Canadian Naval Review*: “Sending Signals: Canada Needs to Get Serious About Asia-Pacific,” *Canadian Naval Review*, Vol. 9, No. 4 (Winter 2014). He was a panelist during the Steel Cage Match CFPS event, March 12, 2015. He gave two lectures (one in the Fall, one in the Winter) and is looking forward to having his own course with

John Mitton (PhD Student) next Fall on Comparative Foreign Policy Simulation. He is working on finalizing preparations for his dissertation proposal, which he hopes to have completed by mid-June. He is acting as a peer-reviewer for *International Journal* (reviewing submitted articles); working on a book review for the *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*; a journal article for the *Canadian Review of American Studies*, as well as some short pieces for the Conference of Defense Associations (CDA) Institute.

Andrew Bergel, PhD Candidate – Supervisor: Dr. Ruben Zaiotti

Andrew completed his BA degree at Columbia University in the City of New York in 2003, with Dean’s List recognition. After this, Andrew pursued a career in international finance in New York where he first worked as a portfolio manager at Fortune 500 financial companies, and later as a propriety hedge fund trader, specializing in fundamental, technical, and risk mitigation strategies for equities and commodities, particularly those related to the global oil and natural gas sector. Andrew later returned to academia in the fall of 2008, earning a Master’s of Science degree in Global Affairs at NYU, Summa Cum Laude/With Distinction. His Master’s work, at NYU, examined geo-political and economic risk, as it relates to energy and environment. Currently, Andrew is in the second year of his PhD at Dalhousie’s Department of Political Science, as well as acting as a PT Instructor of Global Governance and International Political Economy at Dalhousie’s College of Sustainability. This year, Andrew received the level 2 Killam Scholarship, as an international graduate student, to assist him in completing his ongoing PhD research on how both climate change and market volatility in essential commodities might contribute to future migration, especially both into and within the EU.



Andrew Bergel

Mohammad Ehsan, PhD Candidate – Supervisor: Dr. Peter Arthur

Mohammad published a chapter, “E-Governance as a Paradigm Shift in Public Administration: Theories, Applications, and Management,” (co-authored) in Edward Halpin et al. (eds.) (2014), *Digital Public Administration and E-Government in Developing Nations: Policy and Practice*, Hershey: IGI Global. He also completed conference papers, “Regulating Public Sector Conflict of Interest in India and Bangladesh: A Comparative Analysis of Parliaments and Bureaucracies,” paper presented in the Conference on Corruption and Anti-Corruption on January 12-13, 2015 organized by the Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK [An updated paper on the same topic will be presented in the upcoming Congress in June in Ottawa] and “The Curious Case of Corruption Control and Democratic Consolidation in Bangladesh,” paper to be presented in the First Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA) Specialist Group on Corruption and Political Misconduct, 27-28 August 2015 University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. He was nominated through a competition to attend The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) conducted Doctoral School from December 10-12, 2014 at the University of Ottawa. He was also nominated by the Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID), McGill University, to present the dissertation work in the Dissertation Workshop for PhD Students in Development Studies, May 21-22, 2015 McGill University. Mohammad is looking forward to defending his thesis this year.



Andrea Lane

Andrea Lane, PhD Candidate – Supervisor: Dr. Frank Harvey

My first year in the PhD program has been a blend of ‘survive’ and ‘thrive.’ I have really enjoyed finding my feet within the department. I did my MA at a large policy school, so it was a pleasant change to come back to the intimate atmosphere here at Dal. I found the coursework year intense, even scary at times, but I benefitted from the friendship and informal mentoring of those further along in the program. This year was a year of many firsts for me - first time TAing, first time lecturing, first time planning a conference, first time taking graduate theory classes - and it was great to be able to get advice from peers who had done it all before, as well as from faculty. Working as Deputy Director for the CFPS has been a great opportunity to see the nuts and bolts of a research centre from the inside, and great fun, to boot. Finally, I’m honoured to have been awarded this year’s Doris Boyle prize, and especially grateful to the donors for this prize. The recognition is a great confidence boost as I embark on a summer that already promises more ‘firsts’ for me, including presenting at an academic conference and preparing for my comprehensive exams.

Andrea Lane is the winner of this year’s Doris Boyle Prize

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 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. Andrea is currently working on her PhD in Political Science.*

John Mitton, PhD Candidate – Supervisor: Dr. Frank Harvey

John Mitton received a Killam pre-doctoral scholarship for 2014/15, and a SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship (2015-2017). He passed his Major (April 2014) and Minor (January 2015) written comprehensive exams as well as oral comprehensive (April 2015). In September 2014 he had an article entitled: “The India-Pakistan Rivalry and Failure in Afghanistan,” published in *International Journal* 69 (3): 353-376 and in June 2014, attended the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY. In November 2014, he presented a paper (“Schelling and his Critics: Understanding When, Why, and How Reputations Matter”) at the International Studies Association North East Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD. He chaired a panel at the conference on Contemporary US Foreign Policy. In February 2015 he chaired a Roundtable (The Study of Rivalry: History, Science, Synthesis?) at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. He is continuing his dissertation work on international rivalry and civil conflict, as well as ongoing research projects on coercive diplomacy and rational deterrence with supervisor Frank Harvey.



John Mitton



Carla Suarez

Carla Suarez, PhD Candidate – Supervisor: Dr. David Black

Due to growing concerns about security, Carla switched her research focus from South Sudan to the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) for her dissertation. She conducted field research for her dissertation in the eastern DRC from September to December 2014 and a second trip will be taken from April to August 2015. Her field research has been supported by the Trudeau Foundation, SSHRC, including the Michael Smith Foreign Supplement Grant. Carla will be presenting preliminary observations and findings at the 6th European Conference of African Studies (ECAS) from July 8-10, 2015 in Paris. She and her supervisor David Black recently co-edited a Special Issue *Surviving Violence: The Politics of (Self) Protection in Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*. This can be accessed: <http://www.stabilityjournal.org/collections/special/surviving-violence-politics-self-protection>

An Update from our Glyn Berry Scholarship Recipient *Benjamin O'Bright, PhD Candidate*

For 2014-2015, I once again had the honour of being Dalhousie University's continuing Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholar in International Policy Studies. As always, I am deeply humbled to be selected amongst countless students as a representative of the values, ideas, and impact that Dr. Berry had on the world around him. I can only continue to endeavour to fill what are incredibly large shoes.

This year marked as yet another replete with exciting opportunities and developments. I took the next step in my doctoral studies by writing the first of two comprehensive exams in International Relations, with a second to be completed by year's end. Work also continued on my own research, including a redefinition of my focus areas into a concentration on information technology and its use in pre-conflict resiliency and prevention, and post-event reconstruction. It is hoped that with a breadth of case studies, common themes, best practices, and timeless 'lessons learned,' can be pulled out and applied, despite the ever-changing nature of technology itself.



Benjamin O'Bright

As always, it seems that every time I pull my head up from the dusty pages of the library books and journal articles being studied for my exams, another exciting adventure presents itself. One would think that working as President of the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science, as an organizational committee member for the 10th Annual Political Science Graduate Symposium, and as both a teaching assistant and academic project research assistant, would be enough, but alas, I keep finding spaces to fill on my calendar. I did so in 2014-2015 with the Dalhousie University Social Media Lab as a doctoral researcher, as Director of Youth Outreach with the Halifax Branch of the Canadian International Council, with the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, as a Board Member for the Children's Rights Academic Network, and as a consultant on natural resource governance, sustainability and management with a number of international organizations, not-for-profits, projects, and foundations outside Canada.

So, what will 2015 and the next school year bring? It's hard to say, but from the way things are going now, I have no doubt the next 365 days will be filled to the brim with exciting learning, work, and research opportunities. Thank you again to Dalhousie University and the Department of Political Science for the distinction and privilege to represent both you and Glyn Berry in all that I do, and I look forward to once again carrying that banner with pride into the New Year.

Marcella Firmini completes her PhD and Receives Awards of Recognition

I am happy to report that I'm done!

My doctoral thesis "Retrieving Trudeau: Republican Affinities in the Political Thought of Pierre Elliott Trudeau" was an exciting and enlightening research project. Understanding Canada, its political thought, and its institutions has deepened my respect and appreciation for our great country. In addition, I considered it a privilege to share with students all that I've learned, and in return, I've been continuously inspired by what I learn from them. My greatest satisfaction comes from the prospect of instilling the same passion for political science that my professors instilled in me over the years. Professors can indeed touch students' lives in extraordinary ways. One special example comes to mind in this regard: Dr. Peter Aucoin.

Receiving an award that bears his name is a privilege and an honour because Dr. Aucoin was a true scholar. He was passionate and thought-provoking, continuously challenging us to question conventional wisdom; in other words, he

encouraged us to think. Dr. Aucoin's contribution to the field of political science leaves an indelible mark and his scholarship affects us all. He truly represents what all scholars try to emulate: passion, excellence, dedication to knowledge. I know I speak for all when I say that although we miss him, we are confident that his influence will continue to inspire many.

I was also honoured to have received The Dalhousie University Doctoral Thesis Award in Humanities and Social Sciences 2015.

My experience as a PhD student draws to a close, so I take this opportunity to thank my tireless and inspiring thesis advisor, Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck. Dr. Fierlbeck is an outstanding scholar ...and who could argue with that? But she is also a compassionate and caring individual, a dedicated mentor who gave freely of her time, advice, and expertise. Without her guidance and encouragement, I would never have made it. Dr. Fierlbeck's limitless knowledge gave me new perspectives about topics I thought I understood thoroughly. I learned more from her than anyone else in my entire academic career. I thank her for the valuable time she took to discuss anything and everything with me including my goals and the strategies to achieve them.

Special thanks also go to the members of my dissertation

committee: Dr. Jennifer Smith about whom volumes could be filled regarding her boundless expertise, enthusiastic support, and encouragement; Dr. Kristin Good whose review of my work sparked new ideas for future research; the external examiner, Dr. Stephen Brooks for taking the time to review and comment on my work; the Department of Political Science - in particular, Dr. Frank Harvey and Dr. Robert Finbow - for supporting and helping me tremendously during this experience; and of course, Tracy Powell who is a dedicated professional and a friend.



Dr. Frank Harvey (Chair) and Marcella Firmini

If I can give a word of advice to students: take advantage of the expertise in your respective departments. Professors care about you, they want to help and inspire you, and they want to see you succeed and achieve your goals.

And when you do set a goal - chart a plan, carry it out, and make it happen. Best of luck to you all!

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow Message

Kristi Kenyon

I joined the department as a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow in July 2014, swapping my view of Wolfville's dykelands for Citadel Hill. Having spent last year teaching at Acadia University, I've been fortunate to have some time to explore beautiful Nova Scotia. I come to the East Coast from British Columbia, and, having completed my PhD at UBC, am delighted to have managed to relocate to another university near the ocean.

I came to Dal to conduct research on evolving conceptions of human rights in Southern Africa - asking how these local understandings might be the same or different from those reflected in international treaties. My research, under the supervision of David Black, involves interviewing human rights activists in South Africa and Botswana. This research topic was sparked by my PhD research, which examined how and why African civil society groups conducting advocacy on HIV choose to frame their claims as rights.

In addition to my own research, which has me back and forth between Halifax and Southern Africa (where I am now), I've also appreciated getting to know students in the department - and their very interesting work - through the creation and coordination of the department's graduate student/postdoc writing group. This is such a committed group that we're even managing inter-continental meetings by Skype! I'm really enjoying my time at Dal and in Halifax, and can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown. Thanks to Dave, and to everyone in the department for making me feel so welcome. I'll do my best to bring back some warm weather from Botswana in time for summer!



Kristi Kenyon

Alumni News

Thanks to our Alumni support the Department of Political Science is able to offer the Foreign Policy and International Negotiation Simulation Course in 2015-16

For the first time since 2008, the department will be offering Poli Sci 3525, a Comparative Foreign Policy Simulation course. Once students become familiar with basic concepts, theories and decision-making frameworks developed within the sub-field of comparative foreign policy, they will apply what they have learned through participation in an interactive computer simulation involving other university teams from around the world. As part of the ICONS Project run out of the University of Maryland, the simulation allows students to work in small teams focused on a specific policy issue, while negotiating in real-time at organized on-line conference meetings via the ICONS digital interface. Combining theory and practice, the course offers a truly unique experience and we're very excited to be able to offer it once again. This course is being offered thanks to generous alumni contributions, allowing us to offer the sort of experiential learning that is increasingly popular with students. Without the support of our alumni, courses like this simulation would not be possible.

Dalhousie Political Science Alumni organize Springtide Better Politics Awards Ceremony *Louise Cockram, MA Political Science (May 2014)*

Over the past few months, Dalhousie Political Science alumni, Katelynn Northam ('14), Lisa Buchanan ('06), Joanne Macrae ('05) and Louise Cockram ('14) have been involved in organizing the Springtide Collective's inaugural Better Politics Awards. The Springtide Collective is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to bridging the gap between Nova Scotians and their democratic institutions and imagining ways of doing politics differently. Springtide created the Better Politics Awards to honor politicians, public servants, journalists, and members of civil society who have demonstrated the ability to inspire others as citizen role models. The following MLAs and community members won awards at the event: Most Open MLA Geoff MacLellan; Rookie (MLA) of the Year John Lohr; Legislator of the Year Chris d'Entremont; Most Knowledgeable MLA Maureen MacDonald; Most Collaborative MLA Sterling Belliveau; Story Shaper of the Year Bill Black, Herald Columnist and Blogger at

NewStartNS.ca; Public Servant of the Year David Darrow, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Secretary of the Executive Council; Advocate of the Year Norm Collins, Crosswalk safety advocate and founder of Cross-WalkSafety.ca.

Springtide received a lot of positive feedback about the Better Politics Awards, which took place on January 21, 2015. Many event attendees hailed the awards as a step towards fostering a more collaborative and open political climate in Nova Scotia. We look forward to organizing the second annual Better Politics Awards in 2016!

The funds raised at the Better Politics Awards will help to support Springtide's ongoing projects, including Make Democracy Better, a province-wide conversation about building a better democracy for Nova Scotia. At a time when participation in elections is at an all-time low, trust in governments is evaporating and meaningful public engagement is



Members of Springtide Collective Better Politics Awards Organizing Committee, from left: Lisa Buchanan, Sarah Simpson, Joanne MacKinnon, Mark Coffin, Katelynn Northam and Breton Cousins, (missing from photo: Louise Cockram)

rare, the Springtide Collective and partner organizations are inviting Nova Scotians to join a conversation, on the ground, and online, about the democracy we want to build.

Other projects Springtide is continuing to offer and plan for are the Open House website and the MLA exit interviews project, please see a description of these projects below. Those interested in supporting Springtide's work can do so at springtidecollective.ca/donate.

OpenHouse.ca - Springtide's OpenHouse.ca provides an unofficial record of the proceedings of the House of Assembly. This pilot focuses on making the debates of the

House of Assembly easier to search and browse. Among other planned features, we would like to allow you to subscribe to email alerts, so that you can be notified when a bill changes status, when you can give input on bills to committees, when your MLA speaks, or when issues you care about are discussed in the House.

MLA Exit Interviews Project -

Inspired by a similar project conducted by Samara Canada, Springtide plans to interview former MLAs to gather reflections about their time in the Nova Scotia legislative assembly. Compiling these stories will provide a snapshot of the Nova Scotia legislative assembly. What is effective? What can be improved? These interviews will be coded and analysed through a series of reports

to be shared with the public.

You can read more about Springtide at www.springtidecollective.ca/. You can also find us on Twitter @Springtideco and at facebook.com/springtideco.

If you are interested in becoming involved or would like to support Springtide's work, contact Mark Coffin at info@springtidecollective.ca

Jen (Helsing) Cooper, BA, History (Hons), 1996 (King's); BA, Political Science (Hons), 1998, (Dal); MA, International Affairs, 1999, NPSIA (Carleton)

As I write this I am speeding west across the Ukrainian countryside on one of the high speed trains procured for Euro 2012. My destination is the city of Lviv where I will chair the annual steering meeting for an agriculture project on behalf of the Canadian Embassy.

I still find it hard to believe that this is where I have landed mid-career. Certainly it's not where I imagined my Poli Sci BA would lead me back at Dal in 1998 (ouch, is it really that long ago?). I guess I figured it would be more practical than the history degree I had been working toward at King's; though that it would translate into a development job in Ukraine was not at all on the radar.

Canada has a pretty tight relationship with Ukraine. There are 1.2 million Ukrainian Canadians (meaning there is an excellent chance that you are one, or at least know of one). Also, our countries are both rich in agriculture. Our government has recognized these ties through its support for the Ukrainian people and efforts to help them achieve peace, economic prosperity and a sturdy democracy. Towards this end, Canada has sent military clothing, boots, sleeping bags, night vision goggles and other useful but 'non-lethal' stuff to support the Ukrainian military, given millions of dollars in humanitarian assistance to help the internally displaced people (IDPs) and others affected by the conflict, as well as direct financial support to help the country avoid financial collapse. The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, through the Embassy in Kyiv, also runs a large long-term development program in Ukraine, the value of which was approximately \$50 million last year. My job is Deputy Director and Chief of Operations of this program in the field.

How I ended up in Ukraine is a bit happenstance. After Dal I completed an MA in International Affairs at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University in Ottawa, and then three weeks after completing my thesis defence, set off to Sofia, Bulgaria on a government-funded youth internship with the UN Development Program (UNDP). Two and a half years later, thoroughly Balkanized, able to read the Cyrillic alphabet, I returned to Ottawa for a government job with the Dept of Fisheries and Oceans. Despite my years in Halifax, domestic aquatic-related policy (saltwater, freshwater and don't forget bracken) was not my preferred subject matter, and using my Bulgaria experience as leverage, I managed to wrangle an assignment as a junior program officer within CIDA on the Ukraine desk. Fast forward another few years and I got married, completed a two-year stint as a policy and program analyst at the Treasury Board Secretariat, got a couple promotions and had two kids (not all at the same time). In 2010 I found my way back to CIDA, working as an advisor in the President's Office, and then when the place was rolled into Foreign Affairs and Trade, I won a job on the Ukraine desk again, this time as Deputy Director.

And then, in early November 2014, a week before former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich failed to sign the



Jen (Helsing) Cooper standing in front of the regional (*Oblast*) parliament (*Rada*) building in the eastern city of Dnipropetrovsk.

European Association Agreement (which sparked the Euromaidan protests, and you probably know the rest...) I was offered a posting to Kyiv, and agreed to move myself and my young family to what was to become, shall we say, a bit of an iffy situation. However, Kyiv is more European than people think, and removed from the conflict 500 km to the east. That being said, there is certainly a sombre mood about the place, as people stand on street corners collecting for the military (ATO - the Anti-Terrorist Operation), and unfortunately still seldom a day goes by when Ukraine is not in the international headlines.

And my job? Despite the troubling political context, it's marvellous. I manage a dynamic team of Canadians and Ukrainians to deliver over 25 multi-year and multi-million dollar projects. Since arriving last August I have visited

Odesa, Kherson and Mykolaiv in the south, Dnipropetrovsk in the east, and am now heading for Lviv, the jewel of western Ukraine. On these trips I get to meet Ukrainians who have benefitted from Canadian tax-payer dollars, and I can see real economic improvement in their lives – be it better farming techniques and inputs, loans to grow their businesses, or their ability to participate in a functioning democracy. This is definitely feel-good work.

So the fast train is now arriving in Lviv, and I am off to the Ukraine Dairy Cooperatives Support Project's annual steering committee, a \$10 million project implemented by a Quebec-based organization SOCODEVI. Flashing back nearly twenty years to Poli Sci seminars in the A&A, maybe it does feel like a long time ago when I look at the distance I've come.

Sarah Dunphy, PhD Political Science, May 2014 (Dal)

Sarah Dunphy is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and a Research Associate for the Cross-Border Institute (CBI) at the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada. Her research interests focus on international political economy, international and Canada-US trade and negotiations, international trade law, international relations, comparative politics, economic development, and public policy. Currently she has been working on research related to international trade agreements, international trade negotiations, and border management and operations.



Sarah Dunphy

Sarah recently published an article “Cross-Border Labour Mobility in the Windsor-Detroit Region: The Case of Nurses,” *The Estey Journal of International Law and Trade Policy*. Volume 16, Number I, 2015, pp. 14-38. See full article at <http://law.usask.ca/research/estey-journal/index.php>

In 2014 she completed her PhD at Dalhousie University in Political Science with a major in international relations and a minor in comparative politics. Her dissertation examined the increased role of developing countries in the global trade regime during the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations from 1986 to 1994 when many began to embrace liberal trade policies as a result of the exhaustion of import substitution industrialization. Currently she is editing her dissertation to become a published book through Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

Since 2010 she has been a sessional professor at a variety of Canadian universities including Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Guelph, Dalhousie University and the University of Windsor, instructing courses on international relations, international political economy, government and business, international trade, law and policy, Canadian politics, Canadian federalism, collaborative federalism, and politics and democracy.

In the summer of 2009, she worked as a researcher for a Canadian Senator conducting a ‘Comparative Ports Study’ on why various ports around the world have relocated their facilities or expanded their current operations to meet the demands of global container trade. These findings were applied to the Port of Halifax to assess the potential political, economic and social implications of moving this port to a new location due to increased trade volumes. From April 2005 to July 2008 she worked for the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Secretariat at Wilfrid Laurier University of in Waterloo, Ontario assisting the Executive Director and acting as the volunteer coordinator. Sarah also works as a research analyst for Global TV, a division of Shaw Communications Inc. in Toronto, Ontario, Canada during the federal and provincial elections in Canada.

Vassy Kapelos, MA, Political Science, 2006 (Dal)

Vassy was highlighted in the Winter 2015 Dal Alumni Magazine. She is currently in Ottawa as Global National's parliamentary correspondent. To view her story please visit <http://alumni.dal.ca/stay-informed/dalhousie-magazine/>



Colin Knight, MA, Political Science, 1996 (Dal)

Colin recently completed his second novel *Public Service*. A description and many positive reviews of his book can be found on his website at www.colinknightbooks.com

Alex S. Wilner, MA(2004) and PhD (2008), Political Science (Dal)

In July 2015, Dr. Alex Wilner will be joining The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University as an Assistant Professor (Intelligence and Security). Since completing his PhD at Dal in 2008/09, Alex has worked and lived in Zurich, Switzerland, Washington, DC, and Toronto and Ottawa. He is currently a Policy Researcher at Policy Horizons Canada, an innovative government lab that uses strategic foresight and scanning to identify domestic and global changes to our social, geo-strategic, political, and economic environments - 15 years out - in order to anticipate potential future challenges to Canadian public policy. Alex joined the Federal Public Service in October 2014 through the esteemed Recruitment of Policy Leaders program. Between 2013 and 2014, Alex was a Visiting Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, and taught 'Global Security' through the Masters in Global Affairs program. Before then, between 2009 and 2013, he was a Senior Researcher at the Center for Security Studies at the ETH Zurich and lectured at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. He joined ETH after having been awarded the Trans-Atlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security. Alex is also a Senior Research Fellow with the Macdonald Laurier Institute and was a visiting fellow at The

National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland, in 2012.

Alex's research has been awarded numerous scholarships and grants from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Department of National Defence (DND), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), and the US National Science Foundation. His research applies traditional theories of coercion to less-conventional contemporary threats, like terrorism, insurgency, and cyber-based security challenges. His book, *Detering Rational Fanatics*, was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in 2015. His co-edited volume, *Detering Terrorism: Theory and Practice*, was published by Stanford University Press in 2012. His second co-edited volume, *Deterrence by Denial: Theory, Practice, and Empiricism*, is currently under development (2015/16). He has published articles in the disciplines top journals, including *Journal of International Law and Politics*, *International Security*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Comparative Strategy*, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, *Canadian Naval Review*, *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, *International Journal*, and elsewhere. He has organized and chaired two major international

conferences, including Detering Terrorism at the ETH Zurich (2009) and Deterrence by Denial at the University of Toronto (2013). His op-eds have appeared in the BBC, *The Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, *Embassy*, *Ottawa Citizen*, and other outlets. In 2010, he gave Expert Testimony before the Special Senate Committee on Anti-Terrorism in Ottawa. He was awarded the Amos Perlmutter Prize in 2011 and received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013. Alex lives in Ottawa with his wife, Kate, and two infant daughters. Kate, who is also a Dalhousie PhD graduate, and Alex met on campus (via the old Grad House) while completing their graduate studies!



From left, Kate, 2-month old Miriam (tucked in her mother's coat), 3-year old Noa Tili, and Alex, enjoying a cold walk in Ottawa, February 2015

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