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The Chair's Message for 2015-16

Dr. Frank Harvey, Chair



As my second and final year as Chair comes to end, I am thrilled to introduce our 2015-2016 Political Science Annual Newsletter. Our faculty and students have had another successful year that includes, among many other items, dozens of published articles, book chapters and manuscripts, several distinguished awards and an extraordinary collection of stories, tributes, testimonials and career updates that I am certain will impress and inspire everyone.

In the absence of the very generous support from alumni, many of these inspiring stories would be missing from these pages, as would the long list of conferences, guest lectures, seminars, social events, professional development activities, new courses, and travel and research grants. Your ongoing support is vital to our success and continues to make a substantial difference in the quality of education we can provide our students. On behalf of the department, I would like to thank you for your crucial role in making 2015-2016 such a success.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues for their steadfast dedication to teaching, research and administrative support. It has been such pleasure to work alongside so many of Dalhousie's best professors and most accomplished scholars.

A very special and heartfelt 'thank you' is reserved for Tracy Powell, the department's amazing Administrative Assistant. Tracy's unwavering professionalism, relentless dedication to the well being of political science students and faculty, and her remarkable work ethic are unparalleled. It has been a genuine privilege to work with Tracy, and I will always cherish our partnership and her friendship.

I am very pleased to announce the selection of David Black as the incoming Chair. As many of you know, David is an outstanding scholar, teacher and administrator - he received the FASS Award for Outstanding Teaching and the FASS Award for Outstanding Service. There is no question the Department is in great hands.

As you read through the newsletter it will become very clear that Political Science remains one of the strongest departments at Dalhousie, despite having to face increasing pressures from shrinking university budgets, a serious decline in faculty appointments, and a drop in provincial support to higher education. Your contributions are essential to sustaining the high quality education befitting one of the very best universities in the country, and we are all very grateful for your help. Please stay in touch!

Have a great summer!

Faculty News

Dr. Peter Arthur was on sabbatical leave during the 2015/2016 academic year. During that time, his work, "The State, Infrastructure and Capacity Development as Instruments for Promoting Socioeconomic Development in Contemporary Africa," was published in *Global Development Studies*, 7 (3-4): 1-36. Also, his co-authored article with Emmanuel Arthur, "Tertiary Institutions and Capacity Building in Ghana: Challenges and the Way Forward," was accepted and is forthcoming in *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 54 (3). He also wrote articles on "ECOWAS and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)," as well as on "Financing Political Parties in Ghana's Fourth Republic," which are currently under review at various journals. He is currently working on articles relating to mobile phones and their impact on small-scale enterprises, as well as on the importance of good governance in attaining the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Africa. Furthermore, he supervised two MA students, who successfully defended their theses. He also served as the external examiner for a PhD thesis at the University of Ghana, and will be doing so again for a PhD thesis defence at the University of Alberta. Finally, he served as a reviewer for two journals: *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, and *African Studies Review*.

Dr. David Black has had a full year with several writing and research projects. In August, he returned to South Africa for work with a colleague at Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg, Jacqui Ala, on disability and development in that country—part of an ongoing IDRC and SSHRC funded research project on Disability and Global Development. In early September, he returned to the southern hemisphere for a workshop of the Leverhulme Trust funded project on Leveraging and Legacies of Sports Mega-Events in Sao Paulo, Brazil (see picture of the workshop participants—and note that David is clearly the least fit of the bunch!). Recent publications include a special issue of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, also co-edited with a Wits colleague, David Hornsby, on "South African Foreign Policy: Identity and Directions through Bilateral Attachments," and the forthcoming second edition of his co-edited collection, with Stephen Brown and Molly den Heyer, on Rethinking Canadian Aid. In April 2016, he was awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant (with several co-applicants) on "Canadian Development Cooperation and the New Politics of 'Partnership'." This coming June, he will deliver the keynote address at the International Sociology of Sport Association World Congress in Budapest. Clearly, David continues to suffer from academic attention deficit!



Dave Black and colleagues from the State Strategies for Leveraging Sports Mega-Events network, funded by the Leverhulme Trust



Dr. Brian Bow is continuing work on three major projects. The core project right now—"Regional Security Policy Coordination in North America"—looks at the mechanisms for political management of networks of government officials working together to coordinate internal security policies (counter-terrorism, organized crime, border security, etc.) across the US-Canada and US-Mexico borders. This project is funded by a three-year SSHRC Insight Grant, and involves research trips to interview government officials and law enforcement officers all over North America. In the current phase of research, he has been conducting interviews in the Pacific Northwest, and maintains an affiliation with the Borders in Globalization project at University of Victoria. This is a modular, multistep project, and the next phase (starting 2017-18) will extend the theoretical and research framework to internal security policy coordination in the European Union. Working with Frank Harvey and Ruben Zaiotti, he is organizing a workshop on security policy coordination in North America and Europe, to be held in Halifax in August 2016, with financial support from a new SSHRC

Connections grant (see below). For the second project — "The Making and Unmaking of North America"—he is writing a book on the discursive construction and demolition of North America as a regional integration project, during and after the NAFTA debates. The research for that book, funded by his last SSHRC Insight Grant, involved dozens of interviews with government officials, business associations, NGOs, and opinion leaders in three North American countries. The third project— "Generations"—is a new one, which looks at the sources and evolution of experts' ideas about foreign and defence policy in Canada. This project is being planned around a pair of workshops, featuring many of Canada's leading academic experts on international politics, and will lead to a series of linked publications. In November 2015, he started a three-year term as the new editor-in-chief at International Journal (https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/journal/international-journal). Within Dalhousie, he continues to serve as the Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (see below), and as chair of the department's curriculum committee; he will take over as Coordinator for the Honours program in July 2016.

Dr. Louise Carbert has, for the past three years, taught Poli 3224: Canadian Political Parties, which included an experiential learning component. Each year, students were required to attend an all-candidates debate during an election (2013, 2015) or attend a party's nomination meeting to select a candidate (2014). Students completed an assignment grid (Candidates Debate grid) as a component of their final grade. The candidates and their campaign teams all welcomed the students as potential recruits at these events.

In 2015, students were required to become involved in the national elections. Most students were employed by Elections Canada which operated a pilot program on university campuses to encourage youth voting. These students were employed as Information Officers, Special Ballot Coordinators, and Registration Officers at the special polling station for Dalhousie. A few other students volunteered for a candidate of their choice instead of working for Elections Canada. Students completed an Elections Admin grid as a component of their final grade.

The Returning Officer in charge of the Dalhousie polling station was tremendously impressed by the abilities of the POLI 3224 students. With very little training, students learned how to operate the Elections Canada software and master the rules on identification for voter eligibility set forth by the new Fair Elections Act. Before the students even fully understood the software and the legislation, they were put to work immediately. They quickly learned to manage a large crowd of impatient and confused voters. A few of the students did it all in French, to the relief of Elections Canada staff who had worried about Dalhousie's ability to offer bilingual services.

Finally, the students have seemingly enjoyed these assignments tremendously. Many students are shy to attend political events, and so they make plans to go together, forming friendships, and thus contributing to cohesion in the Political Science Department.

Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck had a very busy year, giving talks and attending conferences such as IPSA (Milan, July) and European Social Observatory (Brussels, January). Dr. Fierlbeck also presented to the Canadian Network of Observation Drug Effect Studies (December), as well as closer to home talks at the Halifax Central Library (October), Setting Standards Workshop for the Technoscience and Regulation Research Unit (January,) and the Department of Community Health & Epidemiology (December).

In addition, Dr. Fierlbeck also completed a manuscript on NS's health care system for McGill-Queen's University Press, and published articles in the Journal of Interprofessional Care in March and Comparative Health Care Federalism (Ashgate) to be published in June. Dr. Fierlbeck received a contract for a book on health care governance from University of Toronto Press, was a regular contributor to Policy Options blog, and has other articles coming out later this year in the Health Reform Observer and Healthcare Papers. You can follow her on twitter: @kfierlbeck.

Along with presentations and publications, Dr. Fierlbeck was the Graduate Coordinator before starting a one year sabbatical leave beginning January 2016.



Town Hall located in Grand Place, central square of Brussels



Dr. Robert Finbow spent his sabbatical year researching the Canada-European Union Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), especially the evolution of the social dimension and investment provisions. He extended his comparisons to the US-European Union Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with research trips to Washington, Toronto, Ottawa and Europe. He was a participant at the United States Trade Representative, Stakeholder Forum during the thirteenth round of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations held in New York in April.

He completed an article on "Restructuring the State through Economic and Trade Agreements: the Case of Investment Disputes Resolution" for the *Politics and Governance* Special Issue on "Supranational Institutions and Governance in an Era of Uncertain Norms,"

Cogitatio Press, Vol. 4, 2016. This is hopefully the first of a series of articles and working papers which will explore the implications of major transnational economic deals for domestic politics.

He presented a paper to the European Consortium for Political Research conference in Montreal entitled "Adjusting to Asymmetry: Changing European Calculations in Trans-Atlantic Economic Negotiations" highlighting the alteration of the EU's position on investment disputes, settlements and arbitration in CETA and especially the complications arising from the start of Europe's TTIP negotiations with the US. His paper for the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association meetings on "Civil Society, Trade Agreements and Government Competencies: A Case Study from EU-Canada Investment Relations" examined the role of non-governmental and corporate actors influencing the EU position on investment and the achievements and limitations of social and labour groups' lobbying efforts on this aspect of the agreement. This will be retooled as a working paper for Dalhousie's European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE). His paper on "The Investor Rights Dispute Shuffle: EU, CETA, TTIP and the Future of Investment Arbitration in Trans-Atlantic trade" was presented at the 2016 European Community Studies Association Biennial Conference at the EUCE in May.

Dr. Finbow also organized a one-day workshop for Dalhousie's EUCE on CETA on the Brink: Post Election Politics and the Finalization of the Canada-EU Deal. This very interesting event brought together academics and stakeholders to discuss how this Transatlantic trade agreement would affect policies and prospects in areas like pharmaceuticals, environment, investment, intellectual property and agriculture. He also participated at workshops and roundtables with the Centre for International Governance Innovation on investment dispute resolution; the Canadian International Council and Halifax Partnership on TPP's implications for Atlantic Canada; and with the Trade and Investment Partnership and Trade Justice Network in Ottawa on CETA, TPP and investment arbitration.

His chapter on "Atlantic Canada in the 21st Century: Prospects for Regional Integration" again appears in Peter Russell et. al. (eds), Essential Readings in Canadian Government and Politics (2nd Ed). With four chapters completed this year, his section on Nova Scotia in the Canadian Annual Review of Politics and Public Affairs is now caught up to 2015.

Dr. Marcella Firmini (LTA) continued to teach (POLI 1100X; POLI 2410/POLI 2420; POLI 1050; POLI 1055; POLI 2220) and work on her forthcoming book based on her thesis. She also published an article for the *Journal of Canadian Studies* (Vol. 49.1: 2015) entitled *Classical Republican Theory and the Political Thought of Pierre Elliott Trudeau*. She is currently working on—and very excited about—a collaboration project for an upcoming publication celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. The article will detail the constitutional role of the Crown in Canada.



Dr. Kristin Good is looking forward to field research trips to Toronto and Vancouver 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 University of Toronto Press in 2017. Dr. Good's work on the nonpartisan tradition in Canadian municipal government will appear as a book chapter entitled "Municipal Political Parties: An Answer to Urbanization or An Affront to Traditions of Local Democracy?" in Alain-G. Gagnon and

A. Brian Tanguay's edited volume Canadian Parties in Transition (4th edition). Dr. Good continues to serve as the series editor (with co-editor Martin Horak, Associate Professor and Director of the Local Government Program, Western University) of a series published by McGill-Queen's University Press entitled Studies in Urban Governance.

Dr. Anders Hayden has been working on a project investigating the political impact of alternative measures of wellbeing and prosperity, which included research last summer in Britain. He completed an article on the Canadian experience with "Beyond GDP" measures, a version of which will appear in an upcoming book on Wellbeing in Politics and Policy. He also had a chapter entitled "'Beyond GDP' Indicators: Changing the Economic Narrative for a Post-Consumerist Society?" accepted for publication in an upcoming book on *Sustainable Consumption and Social Change.* He presented findings from this research in the UK (at the European Society for Ecological Economics in Leeds and a Politics of Wellbeing conference in Sheffield), at a workshop of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative in Boston, and at an on-campus event hosted by the European Union Centre of Excellence. His work on climate change included: a chapter on "Climate Change, Growth, and Sustainability" to be published in the Handbook of Growth and Sustainability; participation in the Charlottetown Initiative on the Maritimes' Sustainable Energy Transition, which brought together environmental activists and academics in the region to develop climate policy proposals; and participation in a College of Sustainability lecture series event assessing the outcome of COP 21 in Paris. His ideas on sustainability and an ethic of sufficiency were the subject of an hour-long video interview with writer Silver Donald Cameron to be posted on the Green Interview website. He completed a four-year teaching cross-appointment in the College of Sustainability and has been serving as the department's Undergraduate Advisor.



Dr. Steven Seligman (LTA) joined the department in August 2015, having previously taught at Bishop's University and the University of Western Ontario, where he received his PhD in 2014. His research interests include international relations, Canadian foreign policy, the United Nations, human rights, NGOs, and the politics of Sri Lanka. He is thrilled to be a part of the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie due to its strong focus on international relations and foreign policy studies, as well as its welcoming and supportive environment.

Hailing from southwestern Ontario, Steven is happy to be living in Halifax where he can see the ocean from his office window! Although he may still need some time getting used to the wet winter

weather (and wet spring weather), he wasted no time getting to love the city's great seafood. And a visit to Peggy's Cove last fall inspired him to spend the summer seeing more of the province's great natural beauty.

At Dalhousie, Steven spent the past year teaching courses in Canadian foreign and defence policy, American foreign policy, and human rights. He looks forward to the opportunity next year to teach an experiential course—the brand-new Model UN course.

In addition to an article examining the politics of the UN Human Rights Commission and Council, Steven has a forthcoming article examining Canadian foreign policy toward Sri Lanka and is currently working on other research projects involving Canadian foreign policy and the United Nations. He looks forward to an exciting year ahead!



Besides his role as Director of the European Union Centre of Excellence, Dr. Ruben Zaiotti has continued to pursue his research interests on migration and border control in Europe. Not surprisingly, given what has been going on across the Atlantic in the last few months, he has been very busy responding to media requests and writing posts for his blog on European borders (schengenalia.com). He has also published an edited volume on the topic: Externalizing Migration Management: Europe, North America and the Spread of 'Remote Control' Practices, Routledge, 2016. The book examines the practice of extending border controls beyond a country's territory from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, focusing on 'remote control' initiatives in Europe and North America. It highlights how in recent times these practices have become more visible,

complex and widespread than ever before, raising various ethical, political and legal issues for the governments promoting them.

Newly Funded SSHRC Research Grants

Title: Canadian Development Cooperation and the New Politics of "Partnership"

PI: David Black Co-applicants: Stephen Brown, John Cameron, Liam Swiss Collaborators: Shannon Kindornay, Molly den Heyer

Faced with an array of acute development challenges—persistent extreme poverty, widening inequalities, zones of recurrent violence, a growing flood of migrants—the world's governments and other 'stakeholders' have renewed calls for intensified partnerships as they pursue a new grand bargain for global development through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in September 2015. We ask: What are the effects of Canada's pursuit of new forms of development partnership on outcomes in developing countries and on the 'ownership' of the development process?

Our hypothesis is that intensified partnership politics has led to both more effective 'outcomes', with measurable advances on specific issues, and diminished local and national 'ownership', with local priorities compromised by increasingly complex collaborations among international, governmental, private sector, philanthropic, and civil society organizations. More specifically, we will examine: 1) How Canadian development actors—governmental, civil society, and private sector—are adapting to this new politics of development partnership; and 2) How Canadian development cooperation efforts should be restructured to operate more effectively within these complex dynamics and enhance their responsiveness to recipient country priorities.

Title: Regional Security Policy Coordination in North America and the European Union

PI: Brian Bow Co-applicants: Ruben Zaiotti Collaborators: Brian Bow, Frank Harvey, and Ruben Zaiotti

Three of the department's International Relations specialists recently secured a grant from SSHRC's Connections program, to fund a workshop on regional security policy coordination in North America and the European Union. The workshop will be held at Dalhousie in August 2016, and will feature presentations and discussion among prominent academic specialists from North America and Europe on counterterrorism, organized crime, migration, and emergency management. The workshop is expected to lead to the publication of a themed special issue in a major academic journal and a coedited volume. This project builds on ongoing research by Bow on security policy coordination in North America, by Harvey on political debates over counter -terrorism and the management of risk, and by Zaiotti on the evolution of the Schengen regime and the ongoing migration crisis in the European Union.

Doctoral Awards

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral (CGSD)

Andrea Lane, 2nd year PhD Supervisor: Frank Harvey

Michelle Legassicke, 2nd year PhD Supervisor: David Black

Susan Manning, incoming PhD Supervisor: David Black, tentative

Master's Awards

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Master's (CGSM)

Callee Luddington, incoming MA Supervisor: Kristin Good, tentative



Political Science-Gender and Women's Studies (GWST) Initiatives in Equity and Diversity at Dalhousie

Margaret Denike, GWST Coordinator

Faculty in the Department of Political Science has engaged in several productive collaborations this year, playing a leading role in advancing equity and diversity at Dalhousie. As the Coordinator of the Gender and Women's Studies Program, Margaret Denike has teamed up with other groups and offices on campus to lead a series of public events and campaigns in the wake of the Dentistry incident, to facilitate an open discussion engaging students, faculty and any interested members of the community, to take up the challenge of eradicating 'rape cultures' from our campuses, and profiling the expertise on sex and race-based equality on the Dal campus.



In September 2015 Denike organized a Public Forum, Backhouse and Beyond: Rape Culture and the Future of Dalhousie. The aim of this forum was to open the school year with a

forward-looking public dialogue, engaging students, faculty and members of the Dal community on the report of the External Task Force on Sexism, Racism and Homophobia in the Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie. It provided an opportunity to discuss the work that has been done—and that we hope to see be done—to address rape culture and other forms of discrimination on campus. The forum featured speakers that included faculty, students and community leaders and members of the administration at Dal, each of whom discussed ways that we may animate the recommendations made in the "Backhouse Report." The event was co-sponsored by the Dal Student Union, and the Office of the President, and attended by over 300 participants.

In November 2015, Denike teamed up with the Office of Human Rights, Equity and Harassment Prevention to launch our involvement in the Campaign of "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence," which ran from November 25 (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) through to December 10 (International Human Rights Day).

This campaign was initiated in 1991 by the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University and has since become an international event that runs every year,

with growing participation from hundreds of organizations around the world. While this is the first year that Dalhousie has participated in this



campaign, the remarkable interest and support that has been expressed by many factions of the community in response to our 'call for participants' has made it clear that the work of teaching, profiling and eradicating gender and race-based violence and discrimination—and related issues of equity and diversity—remain a priority and shared commitment of countless members of this community. So too does it throw into relief one of the points that Professor Constance Backhouse emphasized in the "Report of the External Task Force on Misogyny, Sexism and Homophobia in the Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie:" that there is a wealth of "existing internal expertise" on these issues at Dalhousie, however pressed we have been to effectively consolidate, coordinate, support and engage it.

Over 30 organizations took part in this campaign, which included 'teach-ins,' workshops, public lectures, discussion panels, film showings, socials, vigils and performances. Several faculty opened their classes to the public during this period, while providing either a lecture or discussion panel related to the campaign's theme. Among these was a teach-in lead by General Romeo Dallaire of the Child Soldiers Initiative

In celebration of International Women's week, Denike again



teamed up with Shakira Weatherdon in the Office of HREHP to put together a week-long calendar of events, which again drew on the expertise of the community. These events included a panel of (local) experts on the law and politics of sexual assault trials—and particularly the trial of Jian Ghomeshi—hosted in Denike's 3rd year class, Sex and the State. The highlight of the week was the keynote

lecture by Professor Sherene Razack (Critical Race, Gender and Citizenship Studies in Education, U of T) who spoke to an audience of over 250 on Dying from Improvement: Inquests and Inquiries into Indigenous Deaths in Custody.

Centre for Foreign Policy Studies News

Brian Bow, Director

The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) has gone through a number of important changes over the last few years, in terms of its fellows roster, research foci, and funding model, and it is time now for the Centre to recast and restructure itself to better reflect its profile and priorities. The Centre's core faculty fellows have been working out some significant changes to the CFPS' profile and direction, and we look forward to 're-launching' the Centre some time in the next few months. Keep an eye out for a new website, new research and outreach activities, and a series of high-profile events through the summer and fall.

The whole Centre community warmly congratulates Shannon Langton—our dedicated Administrative Secretary—on the upcoming addition to her family, and welcomes Lori Lawton, who will fill in for Shannon during her maternity leave.

Centre-affiliated faculty, students, and fellows had a very busy and successful year, as outlined in the pages of this newsletter. We are proud of their accomplishments, and look forward to continuing to support research collaboration, public outreach, and professional development.

In keeping with established traditions and priorities, Centre fellows have been closely following the roll-out of the new government's Defence Policy Review, officially announced by the Minister of National Defence on 6 April 2016. We look forward to participating in the public consultations that will inform the review, and are planning a number of relevant events and public events over the next few months.

The Centre also has an ongoing interest in development policy questions, as reflected in a number of recent CFPS events and publications by Centre fellows. We look forward to building closer ties with the International Development Studies department, other Dalhousie units, and other organizations working on development issues, particularly in and around the intersection of security, development, and environment.

The Centre hosted a number of thought-provoking public lectures on various international policy questions as part of its ongoing seminar series. As in previous years, many of these events were made possible by close collaboration with cosponsoring Dalhousie units, particularly the European Union Centre of Excellence, Political Science, International Development Studies, and the Law School, and with the Halifax branch of the Canadian International Council. Among the highlights this year were a roundtable on the Syrian

refugee crisis, featuring Glenn Davidson, Amal Ghazal, and Ruben Zaiotti (17 Sept 2015), and presentations by Russell Trood, from Griffith University, on Australia's successful bid for a seat on the UN Security Council (20 Nov 2015); Kim Richard Nossal, from Queen's University, on Canada's defence procurement problems (24 Nov 2015); Adam Chapnick, from Canadian Forces College, on the role of parties and parliament in Canadian foreign policy-making (24 Feb 2016); Ben Zyla, from University of Ottawa, on burden-sharing in NATO (9 Mar 2016); and the Polish Deputy Minister of National Defence, Robert Kupiecki, on the upcoming NATO summit in Warsaw (15 April 2016). Other subjects explored in



this year's seminar series were the US embargo of Cuba, Europe's response to migrants and refugees, Canada-China relations, disability rights and development policy, the evolution of development policy, the evolving priorities of the Royal Canadian Air Force, GDP as a measure of political and economic progress, the Canadian military's contributions to disaster response after the Nepal earthquake (as illustrated in the photo), Canada's military training mission in the Ukraine, and the complex political implications of falling commodity prices for Africa. In collaboration with CIC-Halifax and the Halifax Partnership, CFPS organized a panel discussion on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and its implications for Canada, which attracted an audience of local business and government representatives (23 March 2016). And as part of its ongoing interest in Canadian defence policy, the Centre hosted a successful roundtable event on the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, featuring Dan Middlemiss, Eric Lerhe, and Jonathan Simms, which attracted a large and lively crowd of faculty members, students, active and retired military officers, and local industry representatives (10 Feb 2016).

The Centre is the institutional home for the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and proudly supports RDCSI's many impressive accomplishments. And the Centre continues to publish Canadian Naval Review, the leading professional journal examining a wide range of maritime security issues from a Canadian perspective. CNR has an extra issue planned for the coming year, to focus on the Defence Policy Review (see below).



CFPS Fellows Visit Irving Shipyard

Ann Griffiths, CFPS Fellow

On Wednesday, 6 April 2016, a few Centre and CNR people met at Irving Shipyard for a tour. This tour was arranged by Dr. Ann Griffiths after she talked to one of the Irving participants at the CFPS NSPS roundtable held in February. Everyone in Halifax has seen the massive Irving Assembly Hall building that has been constructed on Barrington Street, and it will be a key facility as the shipbuilding program

proceeds. And Centre people got to see inside it. Their tour took them through the various stages of construction of the first Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship, from a sheet of steel to the modules that are joined together to form the ship. The tour clearly illustrated the complexity of building a modern ship.

Canadian Naval Review Update

Ann Griffiths, Editor, CNR

The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies continues to publish Canadian Naval Review, which is now entering its 12th 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, think tanks 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.

In spring 2016, CNR will produce a special issue devoted to the examination of maritime/ naval matters to be considered in the government's Defence Policy Review. The special issue will include articles from defence policy experts. It is sponsored by the Naval Association of Canada.

Every issue of CNR includes a variety of articles, commentaries, book reviews and photos. In the past year, CNR has published articles on migrants crossing the Mediterranean into Europe, maritime issues in the Arctic, Russian and Chinese naval procurement, the NSPS and naval procurement in Canada, historical accounts of the Canadian Navy, the naval technology and many other matters.

Every year CNR holds an essay competition – now in its 8th year. The 2015 competition was won by Ryan Dean, a PhD candidate at the University of Calgary. The winning essay was entitled "Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships: Adrift in Inflationary Waters."

In 2007 CNR established an online discussion forum called Broadsides (www.navalreview.ca/broadsides-discussion-forum), which is now moderated by Peter Haydon, a CFPS 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 from around the world in the few years since it was created.

European Union Centre of Excellence News

Andrea D'Sylva, EUCE Coordinator

It is a year of celebration for the European Union Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie. We officially turn 10! After a decade of activities involving students, scholars, practitioners and members of the public, the Centre has become a recognizable presence on campus, and it is constantly expanding its reach. Recent events in Europe such as the Euro and migration crises and the terrorist attacks in France and Belgium have made front page news around the world and increased the profile of the Old Continent in Canada.

The EUCE has tried to capture this renewed interest by organizing various events on topics related to the European Union and its relations with Canada. We hosted a symposium on migration organized by Pauline Gardiner Barber and a workshop on CETA organized by Robert Finbow, both last fall. This year we have hosted talks on GDP and Well-Being organized by Anders Hayden, a talk on COP21, the Paris Climate Change meetings, presented by Anders Hayden and Meinhard Doelle. Meinhard also did a talk on offshore renewable energy with his colleagues at the Marine and Environmental Law Institute. Jon Penney from the Schulich Law School chaired a panel discussion on the ruling in the EU titled: The Right to be Forgotten in April.

One of the highlights of the year was the European Community Studies Association Canada conference which the Centre hosted in May. The event, which for the first time was held in the Maritimes, brought together around 80 scholars and students from Europe and North America to discuss the EU and its challenges. The conference's theme was: The European Union and North America: An Inevitable Partnership?

We continued our outreach into the community by hosting an activity titled Day of Debate with International Baccalaureate high school students in April. We hosted 80 students from four schools. The students debated current



Ruben Zaiotti with Emmaline English and Jenifer Smith, scholarship winners

topics related to the EU such as Brexit, terrorism and open borders, the migration crisis and whether Turkey should join the EU.

The Centre has also continued to support our students. The Centre awarded Master's student, Jennifer Smith, the EUCE Graduate Scholarship for her work that examines the growing strength of civil society in post-Maidan Ukraine. We also supported Graduate students, Andrew Bergel and Michelle Legassicke, as they did a dry run of their paper "Rush to the Border: Internal and External Stresses of Migration on the European Union", before heading to the Millennium Conference at the London School of Economics in London, England last fall. And, Master's student, Emmaline English, was awarded the EUCE Best Essay Prize for "A Process of Migrant Marginalization: Explaining the Shift to the Right in Sweden through a Corporatist and Historical Neo-Institutionalist Framework".



Andrew Bergel and Michelle Legassicke in London

The Centre's current funding ends on August 31, 2016. We have applied for a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence grant, and should our application be successful, we will start September 2016 as a Jean Monnet Centre. A Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence is a focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects. Centres of Excellence have a project duration of three years.

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, Visiting Professor at Quaid-i-Azem University in Islamabad, Gender Roles in an Era of Transition: Pakistani University Students Today, Sept. 16, 2015

Brian Bow & Scott Burbidge, Current Foreign Policy Issues Roundtable, Sept. 16, 2015

Glenn Davidson, Amal Ghazal & Ruben Zaiotti, The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Canada's Response, Sept. 17, 2015

on Cuba, Sept. 23, 2015

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Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative News

Josh Boyter, Communications Officer, RDCSI

Over the past year, the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative has continued to produce ground-breaking and innovative work towards its mission of progressively ending the use of child soldiers through a security sector approach.

Research



With the support of the Swedish government, we launched a major training effort with women security sector leaders from across the East African region between August—

December 2015. The trainings were conducted in Uganda and included specific focus group sessions to examine the experiences of women security sector actors to advance prevention solutions. The research was included in the journal *PRISM*, Vol 6, No. 1: "Women, Peace, and Inclusive Security," http://bit.ly/1YrA6BH.

Training

In 2015, more than 100 members of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) were trained in courses codelivered by UPDF ToT (Training of Trainer) graduates



and our staff. The trainings were conducted as part of the UPDF Junior Staff and Command College training program. The UPDF have requested the Dallaire Initiative training become a standard offering in the Junior Staff and Command training program.

Advocacy



At the request of the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, we conducted four roundtables with former child soldiers in Somalia, Sierra Leone, Colombia, and in Halifax with youth from seven countries. These roundtables were held to provide input to the International Criminal Court's draft policy on children and armed conflict that will be released in late 2016.

Education

As part of our work with the security sector, we developed playing cards that feature information and facts related to child soldiers as a tool to reinforce training in soldiers' 'down time'. This



tool presented an unexpected benefit in South Sudan, serving to help former child soldiers identify and open up about their experiences.

Select Opinion Articles

Ottawa Citizen: "It is time to put the blue Beret back on," December 10, 2015

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New Courses: Expanding Opportunities for Experiential Learning

Margaret Denike

POLI/GWST 4390: Practicum in Public Policy: NGOs and Government Services

The Department of Political Science is pleased to announce that, beginning in the 2016-17 academic year, we will be offering a practicum placement course (POLI 4390), which will be available for credit to 4th year undergraduate students. Professor Denike received an Academic Innovation Award to develop this course, which we hope to have as model for experiential learning across the social sciences. This course is designed to grant students the opportunity to gain practical experience by working for 7 hours per week at a government or non-government organization or service that is instrumental in shaping public policy, advancing human rights, pursuing educational and social justice initiatives, or providing support services to members of the community. Through a dedicated volunteer placement, it will enable students to learn about the services, projects, and campaigns undertaken by a specific government office or non-government organization in the community; apply and share the knowledge that they have gained from their academic studies; and become familiar with the day-to-day challenges of employment in the organizations and community services that engage public policy at a practical level.

This initiative will benefit not only students, but also every participating organization or service, strengthening relations between the university and community. While student volunteers can assist in meaningful ways with the general work and the day-to-day administration of the organization, they may also provide invaluable support with the planning and implementation of new projects, or campaigns, including, for example, research, educational outreach, planning workshops or conferences, assisting in front-line support and daily administration.

POLI 3532: Model UN



Also in 2016-17, the Department of Political Science is introducing a Model UN course to provide students with the opportunity to understand the operation of the UN system through preparation for Model UN meetings and the political issues that influence the positions at the UN of various countries. The course is designed for students who are participating in Model UN meetings and aims to help students prepare effectively for those meetings. Through their preparatory research for the meetings, students will learn the politics of UN voting practices of various countries and the relationships among domestic politics, international politics and UN voting records. This course will also enable students to understand the internal dynamics of

the UN General Assembly and committee systems, how UN meetings operate, and the professional skills involved in drafting and negotiating the text of resolutions.

Learning is experience. Everything else is just information.

-- Albert Einstein



Undergraduate Coordinator News

Anders Hayden, Undergraduate Advisor

As Undergraduate Advisor, much of my work involves advising students on course selection and how to navigate their way through their degree choices, but an increasingly important role is recruiting students to Political Science and retaining them. This year's recruitment events have included the Open House in October for high-school students, the Academic Fair in January for current Dalhousie students considering program options, and the King's Advising Luncheon in February for King's College students. One challenge in attracting and retaining students is the increasingly common but erroneous idea that an arts education does not provide a foundation for a successful career. If both the current prime minister and his main advisor can be running the country with degrees in English literature, then I'm inclined to think there must still be value in an arts degree. (For more fully developed arguments on this issue, see the recent article in *University Affairs*: http:// www.universityaffairs.ca/news/news-article/universities-collaborate-to-win-public-support-for-the-liberal-arts/.) In any case, we continue to revamp our departmental promotional material, including working with the Career & Leadership Development Centre to revise a document on "What to do with a degree in Political Science?" At recent recruitment events, I've found that some of our best ambassadors are current students who are very good at conveying their enthusiasm for Political Science and explaining the various ways that it has expanded their horizons. Also extremely valuable are the stories of past students for whom a Political Science degree has been the springboard to a successful career, whether in government and politics, law, business, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia, or other fields. If you have your own experience about the value of a Political Science degree that we could share with prospective students, please send me your thoughts (anders.hayden@dal.ca).

Undergraduate Student Award/Prize Winners

Abigail McLatchy (BA, Political Science degree in progress) has been awarded:

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

Jeremy Ryant (BA, Honours in Political Science with a Minor in International Dev Studies) has been awarded: **The 2015-16 Eric Dennis Gold Medal Award:** Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, this medal will be awarded upon graduation to the student who stands first among those taking First Class honours in Government and Political Science. This is the University Medal in Political Science.

Jeremy Ryant (BA, Honours in Political Science with a Minor in International Dev Studies) has been awarded: **The James H. Aitchison Award:** In 1979 colleagues of Dr. J.H. Aitchison established a fund from which an annual prize would be awarded in recognition of the best undergraduate honours essay. The fund was established to honour Professor Aitchison who was instrumental in founding the Department.

Report on McGill Model United Nations

Mohammed Elgayar, DUPSS President

On January 28th, 2016, the Dalhousie Model United Nations society sent a team of 26 delegates to the McGill Model United Nations conference. The team had been preparing for 3 months, meeting regularly to go over simulations and set up training sessions. The team was lead by Ashley Wile, Jack McLean, and myself.

This was the first time Dalhousie had ever sent out a full delegation to a globally recognised and established conference. Despite not winning awards, delegates expressed their desire and passion to attend McMUN again, as well as other conferences, so that we may begin to build a stronger team. Our goal will be to develop stronger teams, attend more than one conference per year, and to begin winning member awards at every conference. We had a variety of committees with seats being held in the United Nations Security Council, the General Assembly, and special crisis committees (such as Lucasfilm Board of Directors).

Our attendance received great feedback as we were the only maritime university at the conference.

The conference was a great experience for everyone who went. From the panels themselves to the McParte, students experienced what is sometimes a once in a lifetime opportunity by attending McMUN. Delegates learned the proper rules and procedures applied at the United Nations and the difficulty of logistics within institutions. They used diplomacy tactics taught in class and want to apply those in their learning experiences (an example would be Professor Brian Bow's Diplomacy and Negotiations class). Students began networking and creating enemies and allies within the conference but also friendly rivalries. These connections became the bridge for new friendships beyond the committee sessions.

None of the above would have been possible without the support from the Political Science department and society. From allowing us to use the Political Science lounge to help fund the trip, the department provided what proved to be the foundational pillars in DalMUN's success. It is also worth noting the great help from Professors Denike and Zaiotti for their efforts in increasing awareness of DalMUN in the faculty and around the university. The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society played a great role in organizing and helping to coordinate general meeting times and advertisement. Finally, I would like to thank every delegate who attended this conference and made it a great experience



Dalhousie's delegation members at the Model UN conference

for myself and everyone else. They deserve full recognition for doing the university proud and upholding the name: Dalhousie University.

What's Next?

The most important goal of DalMUN must be to keep consistency within the society; to keep attending conferences would be the easiest way to achieve this. This would ensure that Dalhousie keeps receiving invitations to other conferences.

The next important step would be for the society to host a conference at Dalhousie. The conference should aim to build and grow and expect to work based on reputation as other large conferences do. DalMUN must begin on a small scale, growing and developing an annual conference that will hopefully be recognised universally.

DalMUN must aim to work with organizations around the university. One thing learned from the McMUN conference is that it helps when the society is held under a department; they held theirs under what would be the equivalent of the Centre of Foreign Policy Studies. This allows for better outreach and also for better communication with students and other universities. Furthermore, this will help in attracting universities to attend the DalMUN conference and help the department and centre as a whole. It can be a tool for the department but also a way to increase the diversity in classes taught through the Political Science program.

Honours Coordinator Update

David Black, Honours Coordinator

This year's honours cohort included 14 excellent students. It has been a real pleasure for Katherine Fierlbeck (Honours Coordinator in the fall term) and I to observe the growth of these researchers, and to witness the excellence of the final results and the poise with which these students presented their ideas. As always, this year's honours group has written about an extraordinary range of issues and topics. The list of titles includes:

Allyn Boyes

From Past to Present: Historical Considerations of Mental Illness and Current Consideration of Mental Illness in the DSM-5. Supervisor: K. Fierlbeck

Erik Fertsman

From Spoiler to Promoter? Russia, the European Union and Democracy Assistance to Ukraine. Supervisor: R. Zaiotti

Hamzeh Hadad

Has Democratization in Iraq Failed? Supervisor: F. Harvey

Anika Heinmaa

Normative Power Europe? Explaining the Failure of European Union Anti-Corruption Policy in Ukraine. Supervisor: R. Zaiotti

Katherine Higginson

Following the Leader: An Analysis of Post-Crisis Political Rhetoric. Supervisor: L. Carbert

Camille Horton-Poole

Intergovernmental Relations in Canada: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Supervisor: K. Good

Liam Hunt

The Anchor of the System: The Iran Deal and the Decline of Realism in US Foreign Policy. Supervisor: F. Harvey

Samantha Kolb

Representing Los Desparecidos in the Visual Jenna Schiller Landscapes of Trauma in Argentina and Chile. Supervisor: M. Denike

Andrea Kowalski

Building the Bilingual National Imaginary: The Marginalization of Indigenous Peoples through Language Policy. Supervisor: M. Denike

Raylene Langor

The Politics of Big Soda: How Coca-Cola Circumvents the Government to Forward the Sugary Agenda. Supervisor: K. **Fierlbeck**

Emma Morris

Managing Motherhood: A Critical Examination of Canadian Foreign Policy and its Gendered Implications. Supervisor: D. Black

Jeremy Ryant

Primus Inter Pares: Reimagining Prime Ministerial Power in Canadian Federal Cabinets. Supervisor: K. Good

Concealing Dishonour: The UN's Systematic Failure to Address Sexual Misconduct in Peacekeeping Missions. Supervisor: D. Black

Rebecca Yampolsky-Sheids

Terrorists, Criminals, and Fanatics: Racializing Islam in Modern America and the Fallout for Syrian Refugees. Supervisor: M. Denike

Congratulations to all, and best of luck in your next steps.

David Black





News from the Podium of the Undergraduate Society

Mohamed Elgayar, DUPPS President

Another fantastic year for the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society! The end of the academic year is upon us, and what a year it has been for DUPSS. It brings me great pleasure to have worked with such an amazing executive for the past few months.

DUPSS kicked the year off with a candidates meet and greet for the federal elections at the Grad House. Dalhousie students from all departments and faculties got a chance to meet candidates and bring up issues they thought the candidates should hear; this also gave the opportunity for students to interact with the candidates and increase their political involvement. As the DUPSS society, we believed it is our job to ensure that student engagement increases on campus.

With the federal election taking the spotlight in this year's events, DUPSS continued its engagement by co-hosting the DUPSS and DSU Elections Result Party. We had a great turnout at the Grawood Campus Pub where students had a chance to debate the issues Canada faces—and will face in the future.

The debates at the Grawood helped us theme our DUPSS traditional 'PoliBeers.' Both students and faculty members were given the opportunity to discuss what to expect from the new government, in terms of both foreign and domestic policies.

I would like to take a moment to recognise the outstanding work done by Cody Couture and Amiya Taylor-Walters. For the second year in a row, DUPSS managed to publish their Podium, again with great success, and it could not have been done without their hard work in dealing with room bookings and preparing the publication of the journal.

Finally, we capped our year off with our Annual General Meeting and a post-meeting PoliBeer where students got a chance to vote for their new executive (and eat free pizza!!!). At the AGM, DUPSS motioned to have a Dalhousie Model United Nations representative as a means of bridging the gap between the two societies and the department.

In terms of events and involvement, the year was a great success! However our most notable accomplishment was the starting of the DUPSS Mentorship Program. The DUPSS President hosted office hours in the Political Science lounge and students had the chance to come and ask questions, study, help pick classes, or even just talk politics. The program gave the society feedback to relay to the department; it was our way of offering a helping hand to the students.

I would like to end this by thanking the department for all their help, in and out of the classroom! I hope that our collaboration and cooperation can continue throughout the years, as none of what we achieve can be done without their leadership.

Third Year Undergraduate Student Working on Parliament Hill



Margaux McCunn (3rd year Bachelor of Arts: Major in Political Science)

I am a third year Political Science student here at Dalhousie University. Working on Parliament

Hill, at the center of Canadian politics, has always been a dream of mine. My passion for politics and the classes I have taken in my past three years at Dalhousie such as, Structures of Canadian Parliamentary Government and Canadian Foreign Policy, inspired me to apply to the summer Parliamentary Guide Program. Interviews for the program are held across Canada for bilingual Canadian university students. My interview took place at the Province House in Halifax and involved a rigorous three-hour process in which we wrote a

40-minute exam on Canada's legislative process and parliamentary history, answered questions in both official languages, and presented in front of the group. Prior to the interview, I was asked to prepare and memorize a 3-minute speech on any given topic other than Parliament. I chose to present on the importance of a liberal arts education, as this is a position I often find myself defending. This proved to be challenging once I arrived at the interview, as the recruiters then asked us to pick our 'audience,' i.e, children, seniors, Americans, out of a hat and present to the other candidates as though they were the audience we had chosen. Thankfully, I drew seniors. I'm unsure whether my memorized speech on the value of higher education would have resonated with third graders! I am truly looking forward to beginning my employment this summer at such an iconic location and meeting visitors from around the world.

Graduate Coordinator Update

Kristin Good, Graduate Coordinator

We began this academic year by welcoming four new MA students – **Kirt Goodridge**, **Alex Laxton**, **Scott Leighton**, and **Jennifer Smith**. These four students made excellent MA poster presentations in March that included formal public presentations in front of a large group of faculty members and students followed by informal interaction. The event was a huge success and faculty members were impressed with the quality of the students' research and posters. Faculty members also remarked on the students' poise in front of a much larger group of faculty members (and other participants) than are present at formal MA and PhD defences.

We are pleased to report that we will have five MA students graduating this May after successfully defending their theses including: **Meghan Carter** (Louise Carbert); **Chad Curtis** (Frank Harvey); **Alex Ripley** (Brian Bow); **Emmaline English** (David Black); and **Tricia MacLennan** (Peter Arthur).



MA students presenting their thesis

At the PhD level, Glenn Graham (Robert Finbow) defended his thesis "Regionalism on the Celtic Fringe: How a Peripheral Community Resists, Negotiates, and Accommodates Political and Economic Integration". The thesis is an important contribution to several bodies of academic literature and offers an optimistic message about the possibilities of political agency in a peripheral region adapting to the forces of globalization. According to Glenn, "Regional cultures and institutional actors can resist, accommodate and offset globalization-related pressures and, through incorporating regional preferences, identities, and institution-building, have an 'indigenizing' effect on region-building and development." Glenn's supervisor Robert Finbow describes his dissertation as such: "Glenn's dissertation makes a strong contribution to the literature on sub-provincial regionalism in Canada. It features an impressive empirical investigation of the evolution of political economy, public policy and cultural

community in Cape Breton, tracing changes in socioeconomic conditions and public policies from pre-colonial times through industrial, welfare state and liberalizing periods in recent decades. It is particularly innovative in documenting the internal cultural diversity of a community founded on first nations, Gaelic and Acadian roots and assessing the contemporary challenges of bringing these communities together to navigate global economic, technological transformation and demographic decline. It brings to bear theories of new regionalism and neoinstitutionalism to help chart potential strategies for advancing the interests of the diverse communities in Cape Breton by harnessing local cultural and economic resources". Our continuing PhD students have passed several milestones and had many successes as well. **Ben O'Bright** (David Black) passed his comprehensive exams in January. John Mitton (Frank Harvey) received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship in April and will be heading off to the School International Relations, University of Southern California, in August for his final year to complete his PhD dissertation. John was also awarded the 2016 Bernard Brodie Prize < http:// contemporarysecuritypolicy.org/about-csp/the-bernardbrodie-prize/> from the editors of Contemporary Security Policy for the best article published by the journal in 2015 -"Selling Schelling Short: Reputations and American Coercive Diplomacy after Syria." In addition to these achievements, John received an \$8,000 subvention from the Awards to Scholarly Publications Program to publish a book manuscript (co-authored with Frank Harvey) on reputations in international politics, which will be published in the Fall by University of Toronto Press. John was also selected to make a presentation on the Faculty of Arts and Social Science's Cross -Currents panel—an event meant to showcase some of the faculty's brightest graduate students and where the Provost, Carolyn Watters, announced a new Special Alumni-Provost Scholarship. John represented the department exceptionally well by making an engaging and compelling presentation of his Brodie Prize winning article. He did so with the finesse of a seasoned academic. John also made it through to the final round of the University's Three-Minute Thesis competition, the only remaining FASS student."

The department has also had a great deal of success in securing external funding this year. Most notably, two of our continuing PhD students—**Andrea Lane** and **Michelle Legassicke**—were both offered the prestigious Killam Predoctoral Scholarship, as well as securing SSHRC CGSD scholarships.

Our incoming cohort of MA and PhD students looks very promising (see below). A couple of highlights include an incoming PhD student, Susan Manning, who was offered one of FASS's Special Alumni Provost Scholarships (SPA), a four year special FASS scholarship to attract excellent students and that guarantees a minimum funding package of \$20,000/year for four years as well as a SSHRC CGSD. In addition, incoming MA student, Callee Luddington, was awarded multiple awards including a SSHRC Master's award and a Killam Predoctoral Scholarship. Callee also received a special FASS 150th Anniversary Scholarship.

Welcome New MA and PhD Students for 2016-17

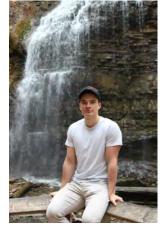


Erik Fertsman (MA Candidate) I am delighted to be returning to Dalhousie after recently completing my undergraduate studies here at the Department of Political Science. As a Ukrainian-born Haligonian, I've been proud Halifax is home to such a key and recognized academic institution, so I decided to return for graduate studies. Once the year begins, I intend on putting my business ventures aside to focus on the complex triangular relationship

between the EU, Ukraine, and Russia. I am interested in the EU's external policy, democracy promotion, and enlargement. How these components influence trade, geopolitics and finance is absolutely fascinating.

Liam Hunt (MA Candidate) I look forward to doing research on comparative health policy, specifically as it relates to the delivery of mental health services across the Canadian provinces and territories. This will include taking a critical approach to the 2012 Mental Health Commission Strategy. I chose to return to Dal because the faculty is fantastic to work with, the students are friendly and supportive, and because of the culture of

collegiality and respect that I've found here.



Callee Luddington (MA Candidate) I applied to Dalhousie for many reasons, most importantly because I am very passionate about my research and I know that this amazing Political Science Department will provide unbeatable support and expertise. Staying in my beloved home province is also a plus! Through Canadian case studies pertaining to environmental consultation, my



research at Dalhousie will examine the effectiveness of the duty to consult, as well as the exclusion of Aboriginals in policy making. I hope to highlight some of the recurring inimical factors that obstruct consultation and to make practical suggestions for a way forward.



Susan Manning (PhD Candidate) I am starting my PhD in Political Science at Dalhousie University. My research is exploring how resource extraction regulatory processes can better identify and mitigate the negative impacts often experienced

by communities near resource extraction sites. Dalhousie appealed to me because of the program's small size and faculty expertise in Canadian politics and international development studies.

Nicholas Phin (MA Candidate) I graduated from Mount Royal University with a Bachelor's in Policy Studies. After spending a year refining my research interests at UBC, I chose to attend Dalhousie with the objective of researching comparative immigration policy. With constantly changing global affairs, Europe's handling of the Syrian refugee crisis, and the



election of a Liberal government in Ottawa, there is an ideal opportunity to pursue research that will explain recent changes to immigration policy and prepare society for the impacts of changing policy.

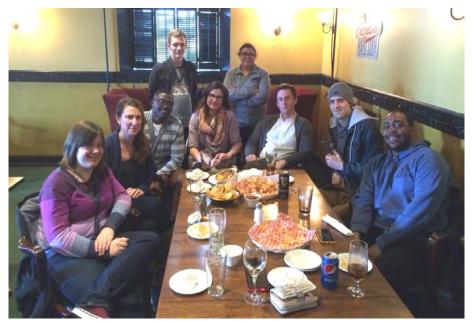
Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science Update

Michelle Legassicke, DGSPS President

The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science was thrilled to welcome four new MA students to our cohort. This year, we had students at various stages of their programs. Our new MAs were working hard on their coursework and developing their theses topics. Our second year MAs have done a great job successfully defending their theses! Many of the PhDs in the program were working on some aspect of their comprehensive exams, while the others have begun work on their dissertations. This made for a dynamic group of students to work with and plan activities for, but often meant that there was only a small group that was around Halifax at any given time.

While we had a small cohort, we would regularly meet up for monthly meetings and get-togethers. This allowed us to catch up and socialize as a group. Our adventures at the start of the term were mostly off campus, which allowed us to enjoy some Halifax hangout spots. As the year became more busy for members of DGSPS, we localized these get-togethers on campus. The university pub became our go-to meeting space.

We are hoping this spring/summer to put on our second annual graduate society retreat. We attempted twice this year, in November and February, to make it out to a house on the east coast. Both times, the weather in Nova Scotia had different plans



and we were snowed out. The retreat is a great opportunity for members of our society to create a lasting connection that will stay with our members long after they all graduate.

The DGSPS would like to thank Tracy and Shannon for all their help and support over this year. Furthermore, we would like to say a big thank you to all faculty members, the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the European Union Centre for Excellence, The Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, the Canadian International Council and everyone else who have helped put on programs and had many great opportunities in which our members were able to participate during their time in Halifax.

Graduate Student Award Winner

Jennifer Smith, MA candidate

The Doris Boyle Prize for Best Graduate Essay: The prize is awarded for the best essay written by a graduate student in the area of international relations. Doris Boyle served for many years as Administrative Secretary of the Centre for 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. Jennifer is currently working on her PhD in Political Science.

Glyn Berry Scholar: Ben O'Bright (PhD Candidate)



Every year since my beginning at Dalhousie University, I have eagerly awaited my opportunity to author this bout of remembrance. Remembrance both of the milestones that I have passed during the last twelve months, but also remembrance of the reasons

why I endeavour to pass them. This write-up is an opportunity for self-reflection and evaluation, a sitrep if you will, on my honouring of Dr. Glyn Berry as his memorial scholar.

Academically, I achieved much this year with the unabated support of my supervisor and colleagues. Completing both my second and third comprehensive exams (written and oral respectively) marked my transition towards the dissertation component of this Political Science programme. I credit these exams both for my now wider breadth of knowledge on both international relations and comparative politics theory, and my simultaneous loss of hair. The former only to grow while the latter will likely continue to recede.

The past year was also the first where I could input my own name into a Google Scholar search and not have it return a message reading "No Results Found." I expect to have four peer-reviewed journal articles published in 2016 on a wide range of topics, including private sector engagement in international development, Islamic faith-based organisations as prospective partners for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in sub-Saharan Africa, the maturation of Sino-African relations, and an analysis of social cohesion in both Chad and Burundi. Additionally, I will have three book chapters made publically available this year: the first on the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation and its approach to humanitarian aid; a second for the SAGE Handbook of Social Media Research Methods on the use of big data for predictive political science; and, a third on aggregating indicators of climate change impact for improved sustainable development. Beyond the above, I am proud to have coauthored several conference papers on my own passion of science and technology policy, including the use of virtual and augmented reality for peace education (to be included in a forthcoming journal special edition), and the application of information and communication technologies for civilian selfprotection, while also acting as a peer-reviewer for a number of academic journals.

While 2015-2016 may be the year that I handed off my duties as President of the Dalhousie Political Science Graduate Society to another, this certainly does not mean that my life outside of pure academic research and writing has been dull. I continue to engage as a researcher in a multi-year research project on sustainable investment opportunities in sub-Saharan Africa, a position which will take me to Liberia and Guinea in the coming months. In February, this year I spent several days in Sierra Leone with the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative as a doctoral researcher, providing support for the monitoring and evaluation of their in-country education programming. By April, I will be hard at work on a new research project with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, one long in the making, which will conduct natural resource supply chain mapping in several countries.



As I begin my dissertation research, I cannot help but be thankful for all the opportunities that I have been afforded over the last year. I am thankful to Dalhousie University for its trust in me as the recipient of the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship, thankful to my friends and family for their never ending support as I worked through hundreds of pages of exam notes, thankful to my supervisor (David Black) for his patience as I try to find my research niche (at least for the next few years), thankful to my colleagues and mentors inside and outside of Dalhousie who continue to provide avenues to further my non-academic education. It has been an exceptionally exciting few years thus far, and I look forward to seeing what comes next.

Graduate Student Updates



David Beitelman (PhD Candidate) presented a paper entitled "Survival Signals: Strategic Trust in U.S.-China Relations," at the Research on China Conference, October 28, 2015, Carleton University, Ottawa. He was also fortunate enough to present

another paper, "Strategic Trust in U.S.-China Military Relations," at the International Studies Association (ISA) 57th Annual Convention, March 16-19, 2016, Atlanta, Georgia. For the Atlanta conference, he received support from the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Brian Bow's SSHRC grant, and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS). He has also published an article in the Autumn issue of *On Track* on Canada's Asia-Pacific policy and response to China's rise, as well as reviews for *H-Diplo* and *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*.

Andrew Bergel (PhD Candidate) was excited to accept his Killiam Scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic calendar, and has continued his work on migration, its relationship to economic factors and political decision-making. He and Michelle Legassicke were invited to present on the Syrian Refugee Crisis at the

annual Millennium

London School of

Conference hosted at the



Economics in October of 2015. Michelle and Andrew also presented papers on this topic for the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University, as well as for the European Union Centre for Excellence at the University of Victoria in May 2015 and again in May 2016 (proposal submitted, pending approval). Andrew also attended the Smart City Expo in Barcelona, Spain in November 2015. Andrew, along with his co-author Alexander Ripley, have also been invited to attend the International Studies Association

Conference in Hong Kong, June 2016. Andrew also continued to teach courses on global governance, part-time for Dalhousie's College of Sustainability, and supervised two undergraduate Honours theses in this capacity. Finally, Andrew was also one of only two students appointed to the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy, now housed at Dalhousie University.

Andrea Lane (PhD Candidate) her second year in the PhD program, was all about developing her skills on the 'professional' side of academia. To that end, she was pleased to be able to attend several very useful conferences, including the mentoring-focused



Women in International Security—Canada conferences in Kingston (2015) and Halifax (2016), as well as the enormous International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting in Atlanta, GA (2016.) ISA is the 'big tent' conference for those who study international relations, and her first time presenting there was one part overwhelming, two parts incredibly professionally rewarding. It was an exciting opportunity to meet other people studying similar things, and to really develop a sense of the wider academic community to which she has begun to belong.

Closer to home, her work at the CFPS has exposed her to the ins and outs of SSRHC grant applications. Learning to plan a conference, to successfully pitch it to grant adjudicators and participants alike, coordinating publication venues—all skills that will no doubt come in handy in the future! With several upcoming CFPS-related conferences, workshops, and edited volumes in the pipeline, she feels confident that by the time she graduates, she will have a well-equipped academic toolbox from which to draw on as she begins a career. As well, she is grateful to have been selected as a Killam scholar and SSHRC CGSD for the 2016-2017 academic year. These awards will allow her to really focus on the next year's work of writing her comprehensive exams, preparing articles for publication, and writing her dissertation proposal.

Michelle Legassicke (PhD Candidate) was pleased to receive a Level 2 Killam scholarship and a SSHRC CGSD this year to

help fund her research on the political structures of rebel groups. Michelle was also the recipient of the Dallaire

scholarship for 2015-2016. She presented her paper "Still in the Shadows: How Rebel Group Re-integration **Affects Peace** Prospects," at the 34th **Annual Sudan Studies** Conference held in



Minneapolis. She will also be presenting a paper on Canadian foreign policy in South Sudan at the Canadian Political Science Association 2016 conference. Straying a little from the study of rebel groups, Michelle explored the politics of weak states and state crisis in presentations and papers coauthored with other graduate students in the department. Along with Andrew Bergel, Michelle presented on various aspects of the migration crisis into the European Union, including presenting a paper at the Millennium Conference at the London School of Economics, giving a talk for the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University, and presenting papers to the European Union Centre for Excellence at the University of Victoria in May 2015 and May 2016. Michelle will also be travelling to the International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Conference in Hong Kong with Alexander Ripley, where they will present the paper "Challenging the State: The Kuomintang in Post-Colonial Myanmar" in June 2016.



John and Heather (girlfriend) at the family farm

John Mitton (PhD Candidate) had his Killam pre-doctoral scholarship renewed for the 2015-16 academic year. He also received a SSHRC doctoral fellowship (2015-17) to support his dissertation research on international rivalry and civil conflict. In the

fall, he served as a panel discussant at the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association (APPSA) conference hosted at Mount Saint Vincent University. His article "Selling Schelling Short: Reputations and American Coercive Diplomacy after Syria" was published in Volume 36, Issue 3 of Contemporary Security Policy and was subsequently shortlisted for the 2016 Bernard Brodie Prize. Also in the fall, he co-taught (with David Beitelman) Political Science 3525 Comparative Foreign Policy Simulation, his first teaching experience. With supervisor

Frank Harvey, he published another article, "Fighting for Credibility: US Reputation Building in Asymmetric Conflicts from the Gulf War to Syria (1991-2013)" in Volume 48, Issue 3 of the Canadian Journal of Political Science. In February 2016, he was invited to present a paper at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) Cross-Currents Panel at Dalhousie. In March, he was a Heat winner and subsequent Finalist at Dalhousie's Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. Also in March, John presented two papers at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in Atlanta, GA, USA. Together with Professor Harvey, he has signed a book contract with the University of Toronto Press for Fighting for Credibility: US Reputation Building in Asymmetric Conflicts from the Gulf War to Syria, which they hope to see in print some time in the fall. John also has several forthcoming publications, including a book chapter with Professor Harvey, "Whose Norm is it Anyway? Mediating Contested Norm Histories in Iraq (2003) and Syria (2013)" which will appear in Alan Bloomfield and Shirley V. Scott (eds.) Norm Antipreneurs: The Politics of Resistance to Global Normative Change (Taylor & Francis), and a book review "Knowing the Adversary: Leaders, Intelligence, and Assessment of Intentions in International Relations", by Keren Yarhi-Milo which will appear in Canadian Foreign Policy Journal.

David Morgan (PhD Candidate) This past year of the PhD program has been perhaps the busiest to date. David

successfully defended his dissertation proposal, "The Humanitarians: Understanding the Crisis of Humanitarian Action," in September 2015. He then promptly left for 2.5 months of research in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was based at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. During his time in Geneva, he conducted archival research, completed over 30 interviews with representatives of the UN, Red



Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and various international NGOs, and even squeezed in a quick ski trip to the Austrian Alps. Upon his return, he began the first stage of his dissertation writing and presented some preliminary findings at the World Conference on Humanitarian Studies in Addis Ababa, and the annual ISA conference in Atlanta. He is now busy preparing for his return trip to Geneva in Spring 2016, during which he will most likely be interning with the Canadian Permanent Mission to the UN. Throughout his PhD, he has been appreciative of the support of friends and colleagues and the Trudeau Foundation funding that has enabled these great research experiences!

Jennifer Smith (MA Candidate) Jennifer's year of coursework at Dal has been an excellent chance to immerse herself in reading and learning—a real indulgence after 15 years in the workplace! The small seminars were an ideal setting in which to work through theory in an intensive and conversational way. She is very grateful to the department, SSHRC and the EUCE for the support that allowed her to undertake this year of study. Being awarded a Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela was especially meaningful.

She is looking forward to helping with the European Community Studies Association Canada conference in May, and hopefully presenting her research-in-progress at the EUCE student conference. In the fall she will return to Germany to finish her LLM in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and is hoping that the combination of a research-based and a professionally-oriented degree will be an advantage as she attempts to transition into international work in the field of democratic development.

Carla Suarez (PhD Candidate) In August 2015, Carla completed eight months of field research in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo for her dissertation

focusing on civilian agency in the context of rebel governance. Since then she has been transcribing and analyzing her data, writing her dissertation and presenting at national and international research centres such as the Conflict Research Group at Ghent University and the Centre for Refugee



North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Studies at York University. Carla has also presented at such academic conferences as the European Conference on African Studies and the International Studies Association. Her most recent article, "The Memorialization of Narratives and Sites among Indigenous Women in Ayacucho: Resilience in the Aftermath of Mass Volence and Atrocities," was published in *Resilience: International Policies, Practices and Discourses* in October 2015.

Elikem Tsamenyi (PhD Candidate) A major part of his second year has been spent preparing for his first comprehensive exam, which comes up in early May. He is currently coauthoring a paper entitled "Poverty Reducing Strategies in Developing Countries: The Case of Mass Cocoa Spraying in Ghana" for the *African Journal of Agricultural Research*. He

hopes to see this published by Fall 2017. Additionally, he has gained some valuable teaching experience with Dr. David Black and Dr. Kristi Kenyon, who have both given him the opportunity to guest lecture in their classes on a number of occasions. He looks forward to having his own course, Political Worlds: the Global Domain with Michelle Legassicke next winter on the back of these experiences.



Elikem has also been working hard to finalize his dissertation proposal, exploring the use of sanctions by African regional organizations aimed at addressing the various security and governance challenges the continent faces. By using sanctions as his lens, he hopes to evaluate the unique conception and understanding of international society on the continent. On a related note, he has been working with the Global Leadership Institute-Africa (GLI-Africa), where together with senior African research fellows, they have been exploring ways to design appropriate programs aimed at training participants from various sectors across the African continent. The end result is to enable participants to effectively respond to economic development and leadership challenges in Africa. He hopes to write a progress report on the program later this year. This report can be accessed on the website of GLI-Africa.



New Killam Postdoctoral Fellow

Alexandre Baril

It is an honour to begin my next research project as an Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellow this September. Not only is Dalhousie University's Department of Political Science the perfect place to pursue

my research due to its international reputation in the fields of social and public policy, but I am also very excited to work under the supervision of Dr. Margaret Denike. Her expertise in human rights, feminist and queer philosophies, biopolitics, and the political activism of sexual minorities perfectly complements my research on similar topics, including trans and disability politics and policies. As an interdisciplinary scholar with ten years of training in philosophy and a Ph.D. in Women's Studies, I am grateful for this unique opportunity at Dalhousie University.

I currently hold a limited-term appointment as Assistant Professor with the Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies at the University of Ottawa. Previously, as a postdoctoral researcher funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), I was Visiting Scholar and Assistant Professor in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Wesleyan University (2014-2015). My most recent research investigates dominant norms related to the body, health, identities, and sexualities and examines exclusionary practices and policies (re)produced in society and social movements. From an intersectional, feminist, transactivist, queer, antiableist approach, I study negative discourses surrounding marginalized identities, bodies, and practices to reveal the norms and oppressive structures that inform them. The research project I will pursue as a Killam Postdoctoral Fellow titled, "Unthinkable Intersections, Unthought Opportunities: Rethinking Trans and Crip Politics," aims to deconstruct the presumed exclusivity of trans and disabled categories and analyze the heuristic value of theorizing the similarities and continuities between trans and disabled people's experiences, as well as the intersections between trans and crip/disability studies. Connections between these fields will be explored through three research streams: crip and trans temporalities; prosthetics and technologies in trans and disabled people's lives; and cultural representations of trans and disabled bodies/identities in the media.

I am delighted to be moving to Halifax. I have friends and family in the city, which will make the move go more smoothly. I am passionate about nature, green spaces, and hiking, and Halifax has a lot to offer. I am looking forward to meeting everyone who has been so kind and supportive. I would like to thank Dieter Pelzer, Danielle Pottie, Frank Harvey, Margaret Denike, Tracy Powell, and the entire department for their invaluable help.

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow

Kristi Kenyon



It has been a busy and wonderful year. I spent 2 months in South Africa and Botswana conducting fieldwork on my research project, "Localizing Rights: **Emerging Conceptions of Human Rights in Southern**

Africa." While my last trip focused on national-level advocacy organizations in urban areas, on this trip I worked with smaller sub-national groups. During my time there I taught on several MA/LLM programs through the University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights, and gave talks at the University of

Botswana's Centre for the Study of AIDS and the University of Pretoria's Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender. As a scholar of activism, I was in South Africa at a particularly fascinating time; massive student protests were taking place at universities across the country targeting rising tuition fees, access to university education, and language of instruction.

In the past year I have published a book chapter, "Localizing the Global/Globalizing the Local: Reconciling Botho and Human Rights in Botswana," in Social Practice of Human Rights, edited by Joel Pruce (Palgrave Macmillan), and had two articles accepted: "Exploring Human Rights-Based Activism as a Social Determinant of Health: Insights from Brazil and South Africa" (with Regiane Garcia, Journal of Human Rights Practice) and "Bringing the Field into the Classroom: Methods and Experiential Learning in the 'Politics of Development" (Politics) alongside two book reviews. My current work includes several articles from my postdoctoral research and a book manuscript based on my doctoral dissertation.

I have been co-teaching POLI 2300 with David Black and have really enjoyed getting to know the undergraduate students, seeing some of them 'catch the politics bug.' I have also continued coordinating the department's writing group. With a membership that has included MA and PhD students in Political Science and IDS, and even the occasional postdoc, we have met in person and by skype every month or so over the past two years. The aim has been to provide a positive space to reflect on and share our writing, and get feedback towards improving it. Participants have presented work including thesis chapters and proposals, draft articles, conference papers, cover letters, blog posts and book proposals. The group has already produced results. In addition to successfully defended theses proposals, work presented has resulted in published articles and works in review, a book contract, and papers presented at ISA, the LSE's Millennium Conference, Dal's History across Disciplines conference, and the World Conference on Humanitarian Studies. The group will continue through the summer, and Carla Suarez will take up coordination in the fall. If you are looking for a place to share your writing, consider joining the writing group!

Finally, I'll be leaving Dal and Halifax at the end of June to take up a tenure-track position in Human Rights at the University of Winnipeg. I have enjoyed my time at Dal enormously and have really appreciated the diversity of experiences I've had here. While I'm <u>verv</u> excited to begin the next chapter of my career and life, I'll remember my time here fondly and hope to maintain the connections made here. Thank you to everyone in the department for your support and encouragement and to Shannon and Tracy for their endless assistance with my printing debacles!

Alumni News

Negotiating the International System: Learning by Doing in POLI 3525 (Alumni Funded 2015-2016)

John Mitton, PhD Candidate, Instructor

This past fall, fellow PhD student David Beitelman and I had the opportunity to co-teach **POLI 3525 Comparative Foreign Policy Simulation**, a course last offered by the department in 2008. Designed around an online, real time simulation developed and delivered by the ICONS project (based out of the University of Maryland), the course explores the intricacies of international negotiations, touching on important issues and challenges currently facing the international community, from the environment to border security to international trade and development. Teams from universities around the world participated (including as far away as Taiwan and Finland), each representing a different country within the simulation. Because of Dalhousie's strong performances in simulations past (going back to 2008 and earlier), the ICONS organizers were thrilled to offer our class the opportunity to represent the United States and China (arguably the two big players in any international negotiations).

As our first teaching opportunity, Dave and I were extremely excited to be a part of such an innovative and unique learning experience. The simulation itself ran for two weeks at the mid-point of the semester, before which students were busy preparing for their participation via research assignments and seminar discussions, and after which they were tasked with writing reports and papers evaluating their experience. We split the class in two, with one-half representing Team China and the other half Team USA. The teams were then further subdivided, with groups of 2-3 students taking ownership of a particular 'issue area' such as environment, border security, humanitarian emergencies, and trade & development, becoming experts on that particular topic and leading the negotiations pertaining to it. Each issue area team crafted a short position paper, which formed the basis for the 'proposal' they would seek to pass and ratify during the simulated negotiations. Once the simulation began, the teams communicated daily with their fellow negotiators around the world via the ICONS online system and also participated in over a dozen real-time conferences, debating the merits of particular plans and proposals and attempting to move talks in the direction they desired—applying the negotiation strategies and theories we had studied in the early parts of the semester. At the conclusion of the two-weeks, a brief voting period determined which proposals would be passed and implemented, with all the back-room deal-making and diplomatic intrigue one might find in real-word negotiations.

While success in the simulation was not entirely determined by proposals passed or diplomatic points scored, both Team USA and Team China excelled in the negotiations, displaying exceptional professionalism and knowledge, and generally doing Dalhousie (and the department) proud. As for Dave and I, we were thrilled with the student feedback we received and genuinely enjoyed guiding such a fine group through what was, for both us and them, a new and exciting experience.

Springtide Update

Lisa Buchanan, Chair

The **Springtide Collective** imagines ways of doing politics differently. They use education, research, and public engagement to bridge the gap between Nova Scotians and our democratic institutions. Political Science alum Lisa Buchanan (BA '06, LLB '09) has served as Chair of the organization since it was founded in 2012 by fellow Dalhousie grad Mark Coffin. In April, Springtide released "Better Choices", a discussion paper exploring alternative voting systems that could be used in Nova Scotia. Springtide is working with the province in running Local Decisions, campaign schools to prepare candidates for upcoming municipal elections. Springtide has also designed Common Futures, a workshop that helps participants understand power, navigate systems, and learn new approaches to civic engagement. Later in 2016, they will unveil Off Script, the result of exit interviews with former MLAs. Springtide also hosts



events throughout the year, including their annual Better Politics Awards. For more information about Springtide, visit www.springtidecollective.ca.

Ben Bisset (BA, Major in Political Science, Minor in Germanic Studies, 2007 (UVIC); MA, Political Science, 2015 (Dal))

Ben has moved from the Trade Desk at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Ottawa. He has taken a new position as a policy analyst with the Tsawwassen First Nation outside of Vancouver. The Tsawwassen First Nation recently completed the treaty process, signing the first modern urban treaty in BC. The treaty implementation process entails substantial public administration and policy work. Ben provides analysis and policy support on a wide range of files, including intergovernmental relations, natural resources, economic development, housing, and social services. Ben notes that his time at Dalhousie prepared him well for this position. He wrote a paper for the graduate Canadian politics seminar comparing Taiaike Alfred and Tom Flanagan, and those conceptual debates bear directly on the Tsawwassen case where, as part of their treaty, members were granted a form of fee simple ownership over their lands, but their institutions incorporate traditional values.



Jessica Davis (BA, Major in Political Science, Minor in Contemporary Studies, 2016 (Dal))

When I first started my studies at Dalhousie, I was convinced that Political Science would be my area of concentration. This did not change throughout my course of studies but, being at Dalhousie, allowed me to combine my Political Science major with a

minor in Contemporary Studies from the University of King's College. This unique combination provided me with a strong foundation in western social and political thought of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This past summer, at the suggestion of Professor Darryl Eisan, I applied for an Internship at the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C. I am confident that the education I received at Dalhousie and Kings, combining both theory and practical, provided the competitive edge needed as I was not only selected for the Internship but provided my choice of departments. Working within Media Relations at the Embassy was an experience of a lifetime. As Interns, we were considered part of the working team and expected to function as such contributing to strategic planning meetings, developing crisis management protocol, and providing morning briefings to the Ambassador. The politically engaged atmosphere of Washington alone was exhilarating, but the opportunity to live there and work within the Embassy in a contributing role

provided invaluable experience and friendships, not only on both sides of the border but internationally, that will last a lifetime. Since my return at Christmas, I have been actively volunteering with the Syrian Refugee Initiative Project through ISANS. In addition, as I await graduation, I am considering future internship possibilities that will build upon my Washington experience while preparing a research proposal for application to graduate studies in politics and communications. Dalhousie has certainly prepared me to be able to study and work effectively in this field of interest.

Ambra Dickie (BA, Political Science, 2004 (Simon Fraser); MA, Political Science, 2005 (Dal))

Growing up in a small town in the interior of British Columbia, I never could have even imagined where I'd end up. It was visions of practicing law that led me to pursue a BA (Poli Sci) at Simon Fraser University. After finishing my BA, I felt like I wasn't quite done with university (or apparently with the ocean) and so switched coasts to pursue my Master's in Poli Sci at Dalhousie.

Dal offered a smorgasbord of options to gain experience in a range of areas, and I took advantage of as many as came my way. I worked as a Seminar Series Coordinator at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and successfully competed for an annual Dalhousie internship at the US Consulate General in Halifax, which led to a full-time summer contract on top of TA positions, courses and my thesis. Somehow, I managed to finish everything on time (both Dr. Harvey and I might have been a little concerned there at the end) and graduated with my MA in 2005.

I then went on to intern at the Canadian Consulate in New York, during which time I also wrote the entry exams for the Foreign Service. In February 2006, I moved from New York to Ottawa to start work at Foreign Affairs.

My first assignment was as Departmental Spokesperson in the Media Relations Office. Once I got over the shock—and a healthy dose of trepidation—that Foreign Affairs would let a rookie like me talk to the media, I realized that media relations was absolutely fascinating. The pace was fast, the issues varied and interesting, and the opportunities endless. I travelled across Canada with Ministers and visiting Ambassadors, handled communications for several major incidents and natural disasters, and was involved in the organization of many major international events. I married a fellow Foreign Service Officer in 2007 and came back from my wedding to learn that, during my week-long absence, I had been reassigned to the Afghanistan Task Force at the height of our military mission and so I did media relations there, too.

From there, my spouse and I posted to Poland for 2 years, where our first child was born, and then returned to Ottawa for the birth of our second, followed by a year of Portuguese language training in preparation for a posting to Brasilia from 2011-2014. In Brazil, I reported on the record 2013 Brazil protests and the FIFA World Cup, supported the development of open government and transparency initiatives with the Government of Brazil, and managed the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, which gives small grants to local NGOs to run



Sitting with the children at play Photo by Ana Mello

projects on a range of priority areas. Enormously rewarding, this involved visits to projects in schools and daycares in disadvantaged regions, saw the launch of a Canadian-

funded HIV/AIDS awareness program for afflicted children in a public pediatric hospital, and a range of other amazing projects benefitting women, children and at-risk youth.

Because life in an Embassy abroad is never boring, I was also photographed for a top Brazilian foodie magazine with a homemade 'tarte au sucre' (or sugar pie) from the recipe of my Quebecois husband's grandmother, which I used as a hook to talk about Canada's bilingual heritage. I gave interviews to local media on 'strange' Canadian practices like pot-luck dinners, taking off your shoes in people's homes or guests helping the host wash the dishes after a dinner party, while drawing links to Canadian values of diversity, respect and equality.

Returning from Brazil, I saw an opportunity to go back to working on the same issues I studied back at Dalhousie—Canadian defence policy, Canada-US bilateral defence relations and BMD—and took a job in the Defence and Security Relations Division. That was 2 years ago. I have since participated in the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, had meetings at the Pentagon and NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs, and contributed to the formulation of Canada's foreign and defence policies on some of the most critical contemporary international security challenges. Coincidentally, I've also run into several other Dalhousie grads along the way.

I never could have imagined the paths that have brought me here, but Dal was a key step along the way. The unexpected path I've taken to get here has been half the fun, and the other half is knowing that no matter where I end up tomorrow, I'm fairly sure it will be meaningful, fun, and endlessly changing!



P. Emmaline English (BA, Honours in Social Sciences, Major in Political Science, 2014 (Ottawa); MA, Political Science, 2016 (Dal))

While writing my thesis last fall, I was fortunate to get a job as a legislative assistant for an MP on Parliament Hill.

In February, I transitioned to the Policy Shop in the Prime Minister's Office. In my role I am responsible for a variety of tasks including research for the policy advisors. It has been an incredible experience so far to be able to witness and assist the policy development process from a unique perspective and to understand the underpinning decision-making processes in our government.

I defended my thesis in March 2016, and I intend to pursue a PhD in the future, expanding on my thesis to focus on the financing of global health initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Hannah Forsyth (BA, Major in Political Science, Minor in Economics , 2015 (Dal))

In March, I was thrilled to be chosen as an intern for next year's Ontario Legislative Internship Programme (OLIP). The programme offers practical experience with the daily workings of the Ontario Legislature and the opportunity to supplement university training

through regular academic discussions and an academic paper. What particularly drew my attention to OLIP is the unique opportunity to work with both government and opposition MPPs and the chance to visit other legislatures in North America for comparative study. With my background in sport, I am specifically interested in working on public health and wellness initiatives in Ontario. As I aspire towards a future in policy formation and analysis, the close work with MPPs will offer a unique hands-on learning experience. I am very excited to begin the internship at Queen's Park this September and I would like to extend a special thanks to Professors Darryl Eisan and David Black for their assistance and support in my application.



Glenn Graham (BA, Honours in Political Science, 1996 (SFX); MA, Canadian Studies, 2004 (SMU); PhD, Political Science, 2016 (Dal))

Glenn has taught introductory, Canadian, and comparative courses as a part-time faculty member at St. FX over the last few years as he

worked towards completion of his doctoral dissertation. Supervised by Bob Finbow and one of our adjunct professors, Jim Bickerton of St. FX, the dissertation is titled "Regionalism on the Celtic Fringe: How a Peripheral Community Resists, Negotiates, and Accommodates Political and Economic Integration." It is an in-depth case study of Cape Breton Island that explores how political and other institutional actors have tried to build and develop this 'informal' region in response to globalization processes. Glenn successfully defended the dissertation in February and will be graduating in May. He has accepted a Canadian Politics Limited Term Appointment at St. FX University commencing in September 2016, and will also be working toward publishing opportunities.



Liam Hunt (BA, Honours in Political Science, 2016 (Dal))

Political science has a knack for systematizing how the world works in a way that doesn't reduce it to mere '-isms' or '-ologies'. I've had a fantastic experience discovering this during my time in the Honours program at Dal, working both under and alongside some of the most

exceptional professors and young scholars in the field.

After having fallen just short of the required credits for a minor in philosophy, and having taken a diversity of electives in Mandarin Chinese, computer science, and the performing arts, I can honestly say that the Political Science faculty have been among the most insightful and challenging that the university has to offer. It's been an absolute privilege learning under their tutelage over the past four years. Although I could go into detail about the merits of so many of them, I have to extend specific thanks to Dr. Frank Harvey to whose supervision and guidance I owe a considerable amount.

At the start of writing my Honours thesis, I knew little of international relations theory and was essentially detached from the debates and discussions ongoing in the literature. Thanks to some direction from Dr. Harvey, only six months later I now feel like I'm capable of making a contribution to

the field. In February, some of my commentary on Iranian-American nuclear relations was featured in The Chronicle Herald and later this month I plan to submit an article to a number of global policy journals for peer review.

Though I think I'll always have a soft spot for IR, I look forward to pivoting to comparative health policy during my time in the Master's program. Specifically, I'd like to explore potential links between political cultures, healthcare services, and mental health outcomes. As it relates to this field, like before, I have minimal working knowledge of the theoretical trends and intellectual puzzles extant in the literature. However, if my experience is to tell me anything about the ability of the faculty to guide my learning and scholarship in the right direction, I know that I'll come out of the program having gained a world of experience and understanding in this exciting new branch of study. http://thechronicleherald.ca/ opinion/1339337-iran-nuclear-agreement-this-is-how-itmight-fail



Jeremy Ryant (BA, Honours in Political Science, Minor in International Development Studies, 2016 (Dal))

It is funny how some of the most life altering decisions you make are completely by coincidence. As it happens, I did not know what political science was when I first arrived at Dalhousie four years ago. However, I did

know that I wanted to look beyond a periodic table of elements or a Punnett square to understand how the world worked. With the notion firmly entrenched in my mind that society—and not a pristine room full of beakers—would be my laboratory for my undergraduate, I decided to sign up for as many 1000-level sociology and anthropology courses that I could get my hands on. As such, I was disappointed to learn that a scheduling conflict precluded me from taking an Introduction to Anthropology course. The only other option during that time slot: political science.

As I look back on my four years at Dalhousie, I sometimes wonder what my experience would have looked like had political science not fallen into my lap. Political Science at Dal has, quite simply, challenged every idea that has passed through my head since first year. It has given me the ability to think critically, evaluate, understand, and incorporate a diverse range of worldviews into my own thought processes. It has forced me to open my mind to concepts that are often misunderstood or misrepresented by societal elites. It has demonstrated to me the power of an idea and it has enabled me to explore what a fair and decent society ought to be characterized by.

Beyond the aforementioned lessons, political science has also given me a number of 'hard skills' (contrary to what my friends in other more 'pragmatic' programs claim from time to time). Over the past four years, I have developed the ability to analyze policy, navigate complex international negotiations, read political philosophy without falling asleep (still working on that one), research just about any topic under the sun, work with others, work on my own, speak in front of a crowd with ease, and lecture my friends on the importance of political engagement.

Fortunately, I have had ample opportunity to apply what I have learned in the classroom to the 'real world.' Most notably, last summer I had the unique privilege of travelling to Uganda, where I worked as a Food Security Policy Intern with the Food Rights Alliance—a nationally acclaimed NGO. What is more, this summer I look forward to applying the lessons I learned at Dal to my experience on Parliament Hill as a Jaimie Anderson Parliamentary Intern. From Ottawa, I will start my legal education in the fall and hope to work my way into public life in the years to come.

Happy accident or fate, political science will continue to be an integral part of me for the rest of my life—and that is entirely thanks to the first rate professors and peers that have been at my side since my first days on campus. Ultimately, I leave Dal with a heavy heart, an open mind, and far more questions than answers.

http://www.dal.ca/news/2016/01/20/all-around-accomplishment--from-the-pool-to-the-poli-sci-classro.html



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Shingirai graduated with his MA in Political Science at Dalhousie University in October 2015 as one of the two Southern African Student Education program (SASEP) scholars accepted in 2014. Dr. Peter Arthur supervised his thesis, with Drs. David Black and Robert Finbow as second reader and as external examiner, respectively. His thesis investigated the extent to which local communities in resource-rich African states may control high value mineral resources independently of the state, through a critical analysis of the case of the South Africa's Royal Bafokeng community.

He is currently a first year PhD student in International Development at the University of Ottawa, where he holds one of the five Ontario Trillium Scholarships awarded in 2015. His thesis will focus on the political economy of new oil deposits in East Africa's 'frontier states' with Dr. Rita Abrahamsen's supervision and he works closely with Dr. Timothy M. Shaw as well.

His recent and upcoming academic activities include presenting a paper entitled, "A Critical Analysis of Decentralisation and Participation Through Indigenous Governance Structures In Extractive Natural Resource Governance," at the University of Massachusetts Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance in Boston in April 2016. He will present another paper entitled, "A Natural Resource Boom, Or Impending Doom? Analysing The Effects Of New Oil Discoveries in Kenya And Uganda," at a workshop organised by the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University, Kingston in May 2016. Over the summer, Shingirai will head to Bowdoin College in Maine, United States for a second stint as a graduate instructor for the annual Andrew W. Mellon-funded Mellon Mays Summer Fellowship.

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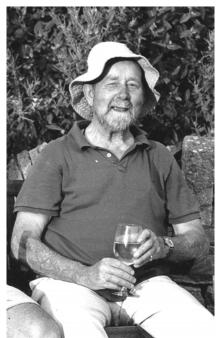
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In Memoriam: Michael Kane MccGwire (1924-2016)

Department and Centre faculty, students and fellows mourn the passing of Michael Kane MccGwire (1924 - 2016).



Mike was an expert on international relations, best known for his research on Cold War geopolitics and Soviet naval strategy. After a notable career as a sailor and naval intelligence officer, he retired from the Royal Navy at age 42, and embarked on a new career as an academic, serving as a professor at Dalhousie, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and later, a visiting professor at the University of Cambridge. He was highly regarded as an expert on Soviet naval strategy and a well-known critic of nuclear deterrence theory.

Mike studied at University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and then worked for a year as a lecturer in Aberystwyth's postgraduate Strategic Studies programme. In 1970, he was appointed Professor of Maritime and Strategic Studies at Dalhousie University, where he played a leading role in founding the modern study of Soviet naval power and published three edited books on related topics. An active and well-regarded scholar, he played an important part in consolidating Dalhousie's reputation as a leading centre for the study of international relations in Canada.

Mike's former Dalhousie students and colleagues will remember him not just for the intellectual vigour he brought to discussions in the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and more generally in the Political Science Department, but also for his perceptively empathetic interest in the welfare of everyone around him. His kindness, generosity, perennial

good humour, impatience with the occasional academic habit of trying to count boring angels on the heads of dull pins, and the close attention he paid to encouraging his students and reassuring them when they were suffering from angst, self-doubt, or persistent attacks of writer's cramp—all these and other qualities like them were legendary. The MccGwire home was not just a place of comforting warmth and gracious hospitality. It was also a refuge, and it hoisted the spirits of all who entered it. Like the finest of naval officers everywhere, Mike was constantly attentive to the needs of the "crew," and indeed the entire ship's complement. His creative wit, moreover—always a source as much of fresh ideas and ways of seeing things as of entertaining conversation—was in a class of its own. It was he, for example, who famously observed after only a few months of exposure to the Canadian experience that Canada's defence problem was that it had no defence problem, for it was this, rather than pressing evidence of clear and dire peril, that made the setting of security priorities in Ottawa so difficult.

It was thus an enormous loss both to Dalhousie and to maritime security studies in Canada at large when, in 1979, Mike became a Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution, the highly respected Washington think-tank. At Brookings, while US-Soviet relations were sliding into a "second Cold War," he carried out research and worked on the writing of his most important book, Military Objectives in Soviet Foreign Policy. Whereas most studies at that time tended to explain Soviet policy in terms of Western interests and vulnerabilities, Mike dug directly into his subject matter by focusing on Soviet perceptions and decision-making, based on extensive analysis of Russian-language sources. The book was published in January 1987, the same month as Gorbachev's speech outlining glasnost and perestroika to the Communist Party Plenum. Military Objectives in Soviet Foreign Policy traces the causes of this historic shift back to the deep flaws in Soviet polices, Gorbachev's "new thinking," and concerns about the strains that military spending imposed on the Soviet economy.

In the early 1990s, Mike shifted into semi-retirement, and was appointed a visiting professor at the University of Cambridge, where he continued to study and comment on naval strategy, nuclear deterrence, and security studies.

Mike was married to Helen, formerly an occupational therapist and author. They lived in Dorset, UK, and had five children: Scarlett MccGwire, a writer and adviser to Labour Party leaders; Lucinda Neall, an author and communications consultant; Katrina Higham, an advisor to the Citizens Advice Bureau; Rory MccGwire, a business publisher; and Paddy MccGwire, a corporate financier. http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/05/19/commander-michael-mccqwire--obituary/

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