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# Department of Political Science

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**Dear Alumni & Friends,** Forty freshman will enter Truman this Fall declaring Political Science as their primary major. Another nineteen freshmen have declared Political Science as a second major. Our primary majors enter with an average ACT score of 27.33. With another five transfer students also entering in the Fall, the department welcomes 64 new students into the program. I hope you enjoy our new department newsletter. Please stay in touch by letting us know what you have been up to so that we may share it in the next newsletter. –Dr. Randy Hagerty, Chair

#### <u>'80's</u>

Phil McIntosh ('89) became a proud father on February 25th to Makayla Ouray Vogt McIntosh weighing in at 7 lbs. 7 0z. and 19.5 inches. "Mom" is Mary Vogt McIntosh, History major, '91.

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#### '90's

Mike Brink ('92) went on to receive a Master's in Public Administration from Indiana University Bloomington in 1995. He first worked as an Analyst in the Mayor's Office of the City of Indianapolis from 1995-1997 and has since spent time as a Project Manager with General Electric (1997-1998), as a Partner in a small consulting firm specializing in public sector clients (1998-2002), and as a VP with ACS, a Xerox Company that provides business processing outsourcing services (2002-2010). Last May, he resigned from Xerox in order to begin independent consulting, focusing again on public sector clients seeking to maintain or improve service quality while reducing costs. One of the major drivers of his decision was his desire to get more involved in public sector issues again, and to help state and local governments dealing with major budget challenges

Chris Ketcherside ('94) still lives in Virginia Beach and is transferring this summer to the Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group, where he will deploy with teams to train foreign military forces

#### <u>'00's</u>

Joy Jackson ('01) is a Partner at Faber & Brand, LLC law firm in Columbia, MO. Her husband, Jim, is a Professor in Fulton, Mo at Westminister. They live in Columbia with their 6 year old daughter, Sophia, and their 3 year old son, Jack

Kiyoko Balk ('02) graduated from Drake Law School in 2010 and then began attending a fellowship program in China, attending Southwest University for Political Science and Law (SWUPL)

James Knowles ('02) was elected Mayor of the City of Ferguson, Missouri in the April elections to a three year term. Ferguson is one of the top ten largest communities of the ninety one communities that comprise the St. Louis region. At 31, James is the youngest Mayor in Ferguson's history

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tional Field Director and Political Director at the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, and lives in Washington, DC

Kristen (Pingel) Lizek ('04)

after graduation from Truman

**Jessica** 

('02) is

the Na-

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worked in Governor Matt Blunt's office as Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs until 2006, when she moved to Georgia, where her husband was attending medical school. In Georgia she taught elementary school. She taught special education there for one year before the family was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia where her husband is a Navy doctor. Kristin continued to teach elementary school (3rd grade) in Norfolk, and changed to teaching preschool this past year while working on her Mas-

Sarah Brown ('05) still lives in Washington, DC. She left the Department of Housing and Urban Development this past winter and took a job with the Department of Commerce, working as a Program Analyst for

ters in Education. This past year

she stayed at home and played

mom to her newly born daugh-

This is the second year in a row Truman won the Best Delegation Award

# **Model UN Team Wins Best Delegation Award**

Truman's Model
United Nations Team
won the award for
Best Delegation at the
21st annual American
Model United Nations
(AMUN) conference in
November, 2010.

This year, Truman's team represented the General Assembly Ple-

nary for the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Truman competed against more than 1,500 students from domestic and foreign universities such as Yale University, the University of Arizona, Georgetown University and National Chengchi University in

Taiwan.

This is the second year in a row Truman won the best delegation award. The Model United Nations Team has already been slotted to represent Morocco and Iran in next year's competition.

# **Political Science Majors Compete in Mock Trial**



Dan Hammond wins
Outstanding Attorney Award

The Truman Mock Trial team finished 8th out of 24 teams in the opening round of national competition the weekend of March 11th -13th. Truman was the only non-Division I school to place in the top ten regional

competition.

Three Political Science majors were members of the squad: Dan Hammond, Amanda Nehrkorn, and Anne Frydrych.

Dan won the "Outstanding Attorney Award" in the competition. Amanda earlier won an "Outstanding Attorney Award" at the regional competition.

## Three Majors Present at Illinois Research Conference

Three Truman Political Science Majors presented papers at the 19th Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science on the campus of Illinois State University-Normal on April 8.

Jenny Johnson presented her work on "Political Islam and Gender Inequality" and won best paper. The paper has also been accepted for publication in an undergraduate research journal. Syed Zaidi gave his paper on "Islam and Democracy in Asia."

Sarah Backhaus presented her paper entitled "Defense Pacts and Their Influence on Nuclear Proliferation." She also chaired the panel on "Confronting The Islamic World."

the CFO of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Her work focuses on a combination of performance management and congressional relations

**Kevin Chase ('06)** finished law school at St. Louis University in May

Josh Jones ('06) is finishing a two-year staff clerkship at the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals this summer

**Laura Keck ('06)** is finishing a two-year clerkship with Michael Wolff of the Missouri Supreme Court

Grant Mulkey ('06) graduated summa cum laude from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in May. He will sit the Virginia Bar Exam this summer. For the last 2.5 years, he worked as a Law Clerk at Katz & Ranzman, P.C., in

Washington, DC. This fall, he will return to the firm to work as an attorney

Ellen O'Leary ('06) graduated with a JD from the University of Kansas School of Law this May. This spring will also witness the publication of a textbook that she has coauthored with one of her professors entitled Islamic Law (Sharia). Ellen worked on the research for this book for the last two years

**Keith Schnakenberg ('07)** continues work on a Ph.D. in Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis. He enters his third year of graduate studies this fall

Gregory Thompson ('07) just completed his second year of coursework towards a Ph.D. in Political Science at UMSL. He has one more year of coursework before he sits for comprehensive exams and begins the dissertation process Hanne Bursch ('08) currently lives in Berlin, where she is completing an internship with the State Department. She works at the Economics desk. This fall she is returning to Georgetown University to complete work on a Masters in German and European Studies. She is the President of the Georgetown Women in International Affairs Organization. While at Georgetown she also has interned at the Council of Foreign Relations, and worked with a human rights group to help form the Sindhi American Congressional Caucus in Congress to work toward improved Pakistani rights.

Samantha McClure ('10) will start law school at Florida State University in the fall. She also was accepted to law schools at lowa, Connecticut, Indiana in Indianapolis, Villanova, Cincinnati, and Case Western Reserve.

**Aaron Miers ('11)** is going to work as a Girls' Education Extension Agent starting this September for the Peace Corps

#### **Outstanding Student & Senior in Political Science**



Amanda Nehrkorn has been selected by the Political Science Faculty as the Outstanding Student for 2011, as well as, the Outstanding Senior for the year.

Amanda has served as President for the Pre-Law Club and Vice-President for Mock Trial. She received the Outstanding Attorney Award for Defense at the Loras College Invitational and the Outstanding Attorney Award for Defense and Plaintiff at the Wash-

ington University Regional Tournament this past year. It is noteworthy that the team attended Nationals this year and placed 8th overall.

Amanda will be attending Penn State School of Law in the fall where she received the Dean's Scholarship.

#### Department Honorees Announced

Department Honors were awarded to Amanda Nehrkorn, David Scott, Elizabeth Hatting and to Allison Coffelt.

Department Honors are noted on the recipients' transcripts and in the commencement program. Honorees must have an overall GPA of 3.65, a political science GPA of 3.75, and distinguish themselves in two of three categories involving a research presentation at an organized conference, a significant off-campus learning experience, or demonstrated excellence in a university activity.





Cole Rakow ('10) receives full tuition to the Martin School in Kentucky

#### Student Experiences

#### Michael Baharaeen

('13) returns to Washington, D.C. this summer to intern for Congressman Sam Graves.

Martha Cruse ('12) spent the spring semester interning with The Climate Institute in Washington, DC. Her work included researching and writing numerous reports on climate change and clean energy.

JoEllen Flanagan ('11) in the fall will be attending The University of Missouri at Kansas City to begin work on both a J.D. and a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Daniel Giddings ('12) spent the fall semester interned as a Deputy Campaign Manager for Congressman Scott Eckersley in southwest Missouri.

Janee Johnson ('11) will be attending Boston University Law School in the fall where she received a scholarship award in the amount of \$35,000 per year.

Cole Rakow ('10)
This fall Cole will be attending the Martin School in Kentucky where he received a

research assistantship covering full tuition along with a \$9,000 stipend. He was also awarded an additional fellowship for \$3,000.

Daniel Ritter ('12) interned with Asst. Majority Floor Leader Rep. Jeanie Riddle this last spring. This summer Daniel is interning with the Department of Defense at the Pentagon.

Julius Wright ('11) begins Webster University's Masters program in Human Resources Management this fall at St. Louis.

# Consortium of Grad Schools in International Affairs Coming To Truman

This fall on Wednesday September 21st a consortium of graduate schools in International Affairs will be visiting Truman's campus. The schools represented include Tufts University (The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy), Princeton University (The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs), Georgetown University (Walsh School of Foreign Service), Columbia University (School of International and Public Affairs), and Johns Hopkins University (School of Advanced International Studies). These sessions are intended to provide specific information to students about their graduate degrees, as well as general information about applying to graduate school and potential careers in international affairs. Specific times for the event will be announced at a later date.

### Faculty Noteables

#### Professor Rudy Accepts Tenure Track Position



The Department is pleased to announce that Michael Rudy has accepted a tenure track position as an Assistant Professor

of Political Science. Professor Rudy has served the university as a Temporary Visiting Assistant Professor since 2009 in a position that was only renewable up to four years. Mr. Rudy has taught all of the major's required courses except for Pols 345 Public Policy, and he offers a wide variety of electives including Peace and Security, Model UN, The Politics of War, and The Politics of Europe, among others. This last fall he presented a paper entitled "Explaining Why Initiators Lose" at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies AssociationMidwest Conference in St. Louis. He also served as the chair and discussant for another panel at that meeting. This past academic year saw him as a panel member on four issue-related forums on campus, and he also served the Department and the university on three committees. He chaired the Political Science panel at this spring's Truman Student Research Conference. and also mentored the research projects of four students who presented either at the SRC or at offcampus conferences. He is now the faculty advisor for Phi Sigma Pi and for the Political Science Students Association. Mr. Rudy also received a nomination or Educator of the Year.

The Department looks forward to Mr. Rudy serving the university for many years to come.

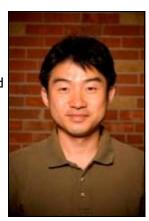
**Dr. Paul Parker** was a discussant on the panel Legal Theory and Practice in War and Conflict, and presented his paper "Outclassed: How Black Farmers Have Fared Better Than American Indians in

Class Action Lawsuits Against Federal Agencies" at the Midwest Political Science Association held in Chicago in April 2011

#### Dr. Jaekwon Suh Leaves Truman

The Department has accepted, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Jaekwon Suh from Truman State University. Dr. Suh has been with the Department since the Fall of 2008. Dr. Suh has opted to remain in Korea to be closer to his family. His wife has accepted a tenure track position as an art historian at The Pohang University of Science and Technology.

We thank him for his contributions to the program and wish him well in his future endeavors.





#### Dr. Galina Zapryanova as Visiting

Dr. Galina Zapryanova has accepted a position as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science in the department. Dr. Zapryanova has a Bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College, and received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh. She is currently a Research Fellow in the Max Weber Postdoctoral Programme at **the European University Institute** in Florence, Italy. Her fields of specialization are Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Methodology. She also is trained to offer electives in the Politics of The European Union, Eastern Europe and Russia, Latin America, Media and Politics, International Organizations, and Model UN among others.

# sympathetic imagination, contribution to the survival of the experiment of popular democracy, the exultation of the human spirit: that's what's borne in this chariot. And frugal it is, compared with no chariot and no soul." -Phi Betta Kappa Secretary John Churchill Weekly Blog

"Critical thinking,

#### Pi Sigma Alpha Inducts New Members

The Theta Tau Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha inducted 17 new members at its 34<sup>th</sup> annual induction ceremony held on April 4. Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honorary society for undergraduate and graduate students of political science. To be inducted into the organization at Truman, a student must have a cumulative GPA that puts the student in the top third of his or her class, at least junior

class standing, and a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher in at least 12 political science hours with a significant portion of these hours taken at Truman State University.

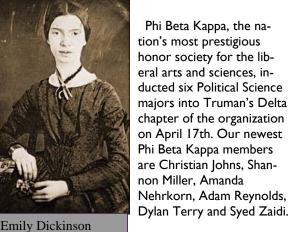
This year's inductees are: Michael Baharaeen, Amanda Ciecior, Alex Feurer, Joshua Foster, Norah Friel, Christian Johns, Samantha Maerz, Shannon Miller, Ryan Mueller, Kyle Olmstead, Clair Reynolds, Isaac Robinson,

Julie Quinn, Amanda Shelter, Clee Shy, Dylan Terry, and Abigail Twenter.

This year's inductees join existing members: Jordan Bucheit, Zachariah Buckler, Allison Coffelt, Adam Crews, Rachel Dicke, Daniel Giddings, Daniel Hammond, Kristin Marshall, Amanda Nehrkorn, Aaron Miers, Adam Reynolds, Daniel Ritter, David Scott, and Syed Zaidi.



# Phi Beta Kappa Inducts Six Political Science Majors



Truman is only the second public Missouri university so honored and joins Phi Beta Kappa ranks with the University of Missouri-Columbia, Washington University in St. Louis and Saint Louis University.

Phi Beta Kappa is the na-

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest undergraduate academic honor society in the liberal arts and sci-

ences. It was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA and now has a total of 270 chapters.

Here is information about eligibility for membership in Phi Beta Kappa. <a href="http://pbk.truman.edu/eligibility.html">http://pbk.truman.edu/eligibility.html</a>

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#### Majors Present at Undergraduate Research Conference



Five Political Science majors presented papers at Truman State's Undergraduate Research Conference on April 12th.
Christopher Wilcox, men-

tored by Dr. Candy
Young, gave a paper entitled "The Effects of Inequality on Social Tolerance."
Aaron Miers, mentored by
Professor Michael Rudy,
gave his paper on "The
Culture of War." Clee Shy,
also mentored by Professor Rudy, presented
"Partial Democracies: The
Achilles' Heel of Democratic
Peace Theory." Elizabeth

Hatting, mentored by Dr. John Quinn, gave her paper on "Veto Points and Corruption." Sarah Backhaus, also mentored by Professor Rudy, gave her paper on "Defense Pacts and Their Influence on Nuclear Proliferation."

# Truman Participates at Midwest Undergraduate Research Conference

David Scott and Dr.
Randy Hagerty participated at the Twentieth
Annual Midwest Political
Science Undergraduate
Research Conference
on the campus of Coe
College in Cedar Rapids,

lowa, April 15-16. David presented his paper entitled "Insights into the Nature of Political Evolution: The Competing Cases of Hayek and Marx." Dr. Hagerty served as the chair and discussant

for the panel on "Environmental Politics and Policy."

# International Studies Association-Midwest Conference Call for Papers

The Department encourages students wishing to present their independent research or to present a research project developed as part of a class assignment to consider applying to attend the International Studies

Association Midwest in St. Louis from November 10-13

at the Ballpark Hilton. The department has been pleased to fund a number of student participants to this event in the past.

Students considering presenting at this event must first contact Professor Michael Rudy at rudym@truman.edu or

Dr. John Quinn at <a href="mailto:iquinn@truman.edu">iquinn@truman.edu</a>.

The deadline for applications is July 1.

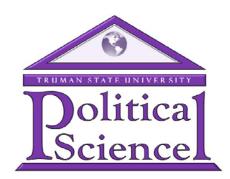


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If you know a student who would like to learn more about Truman State University, e-mail his or her name and address to admissions@truman.edu



The Department is please to unveil its new Department logo. The logo will be prominently displayed on banners, flyers and other recruitment materials used to advertise Department activities and to recruit new students. Thanks go to Kathryn Koenig for the design of our new symbol.

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In February 2012, Dr. Candy Young will serve as a Program Chair for the American Political Science Association's Teaching and Learning Conference in Washington, D.C.

She currently serves the Chair of APSA's Study Group on Assessment and this last year was appointed to the Missouri Department of Higher Education's Committee on Curriculum and Assessment.

"The Politics of Rights"
2011 APSA Annual Meeting
Seattle, WA | September 1-4, 2011