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Antoinette **HANDLEY**

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2018 marks the 130th anniversary of the original Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto. A great deal has changed since then. The original Department has spawned no less than three successors, the departments of Commerce, Economics and of course, Political Science. Further afield, the world has transformed in unexpected ways. We've seen the end of formal empires around the world, the beginning of the commercial production of the automobile, a global flu pandemic, the destruction wreaked by two world wars and the Cold War, the rise and fall of communism, the devastation of the Great Depression, the passing of the Industrial Age and the dawning of new revolutions in technology, Artificial Intelligence and robotics, as well as the emergence of global warming. What has not changed is the abiding importance of understanding power, what it is, who holds and wants it, how it is wielded, and how it is challenged. The study of politics has never been more important and this department is superbly well placed to help our students and the broader society understand and navigate this world.



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The big news for the UTM department this fall was our move into a new home in what is still being called the "New North" Building. We also acquired a new colleague - Martha Balaguera Cuervo, whose research interests are all too relevant these days, as President Trump continues to try to stoke up hysteria about refugee migrants. As is to be expected, we are still reeling from the shock of Lee Ann Fujii's untimely death last spring. A terrific workshop was held on the St. George campus in late September to honour Lee Ann's significant contributions to the discipline. Also, the American Political Science Association (APSA) is re-naming a travel grant fund in her honour. For those interested in donating to the effort, donations can be made at the following website under the entry for Lee Ann Fujii Minority Fellow Travel Grants:

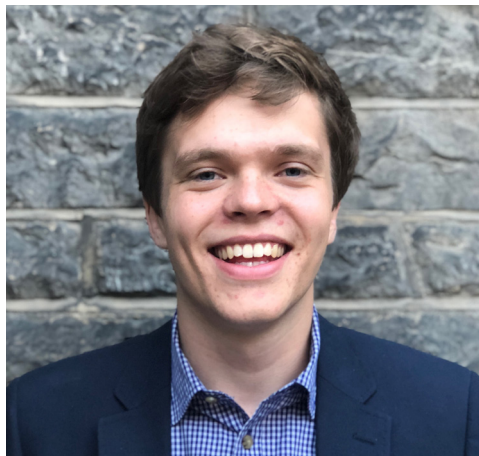
<https://www.apsanet.org/Donate-Now>.

It's been extremely rewarding for me to step into the role of Graduate Director to find a thriving graduate program. Our applications are on the rise, and we are recruiting top students domestically and internationally. This Fall, we welcomed 34 new PhD and 27 new MA students - a total of 13 new international students (6 PhD and 7 MA). 59 of our students hold major awards, including 2 Vanier scholarships, 15 doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships, 6 SSHRC doctoral awards, 3 Trillium awards, and 2 Connaught awards. More than twenty PhD students received internal grants for dissertation research. We've launched our 2018 - 19 series of workshops on professional development and I'm also holding Town Hall meetings with students and supervisory committees to discuss best practices and arising issues. Finally, our students are engaging with faculty in new initiatives such as the Conflict and Security Research Group and the Comparative Politics faculty/student workshops.

Yet another busy and exciting semester for the undergraduate program. We welcomed new students into the program during our annual "first year (re)orientation" event jointly organized with the Association of Political Science Students. We selected the first recipients of the David Rayside and Frank Peers Undergraduate Scholarships, both supported by a generous donation from the estate of Professor Frank Peers. New courses on a variety of topics offered by colleagues who joined us this year are enriching the curriculum. The semester began with an all-day faculty retreat focused on the review of the undergraduate curriculum. The Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee is fully engaged and will soon begin consultations with faculty, students and alumni on a revised curriculum that will embody our collective vision of the best undergraduate education in the discipline. We look forward to your active participation.

As enrolment in our political science courses and programs climbs, we have introduced new initiatives to enhance learning and career opportunities for our students. Our summer 2018 'Beyond the Classroom' paid students a modest stipend for 80 hours of volunteer work, while honing skills relevant to their Public Policy program. A pilot project in Paralegal Studies, launched this fall, enables students to complete their BA alongside a postgraduate certificate in paralegal studies from Centennial College. This fall, we are also welcoming our newest Political Science colleague and UTSC Principal, Dr. Wisdom Tettey, an expert in African politics and communications. Professor Diana Fu, winner of both article and book awards this year, is hosting TVO's *China: Here and Now*. Aisha Ahmad won the Mershon Center's Furniss Book Award for her *Jihad & Co*. Physically, the department moved into the just-completed Highland Hall.

STUDENT Q & A



James **CHAPMAN**
UNDERGRADUATE

Why did you decide to study political science and urban studies? When I started at the University of Toronto, municipal politics were a hot topic. The city had just survived a tumultuous four years under the leadership of Mayor Rob Ford, and in a contentious municipal election a year prior, a record number of ballots were cast. I know these events led directly to the selection of my programs of study. Out of a desire to learn about both the history of city building in Toronto, and the politics around city council and the Mayor's office, I knew that the urbanist nature of the urban studies program, and the Canadian-studies focus of a degree in Political Science would match my interests.

As a fourth year student, what have been the most rewarding and challenging experiences thus far? My most rewarding experiences

as an undergraduate student have come from the opportunities granted to me through the university's location in Toronto and its vast extra-curricular communities. I have been privileged to be able to apply the lessons I've gained from courses with professors like Sylvia Baskevkin, Rodney Haddow, and Nelson Wiseman, directly to the field. With the university's easy access to City Hall and Queen's Park, I've been able to work at both. Through the university's support of campus clubs, I've also been able to get up close and personal with politics, as the co-chair of a campus party club, and as an active participant in the student politics of Innis College. Balancing classroom work with activities outside school continues to be a challenge, but I know many professors' interest in providing students with a diverse university experience has made my work in both possible.

What do you plan to do after graduation? I hope to return to either Queen's Park or City Hall to continue with a more applied education in the field. I continue to enjoy academia and hope to eventually pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy, or research focusing on Canadian Political Culture, Ontario politics, or Canada's reconciliation project.

What did winning the J. Stefan Dupré Book prize mean to you? Since starting in the department, my interests have evolved from purely municipal politics to include Canadian political parties, cultures, and partisan communications. Winning the J. Stefan Dupré Book prize reaffirmed my love for Canadian politics. Professor Dupré's own career, which I learned about on the night of the award ceremony, exemplifies the impact an academic career in Canadian politics can have.



Scott **MCKNIGHT**
GRADUATE

Please explain your research and its main findings. My research focuses on relations between oil-producing governments and their national oil companies (NOCs). Since the oil industry is inherently global, this question then rests in the blurred area of comparative politics and international relations. My fieldwork has taken me to Brazil, China, Ecuador and Mexico, where I discovered just how diverse the universe of state-owned oil is. On one extreme, states may grant considerable autonomy. On the other, states keep tight control over the NOC, so that it either serves as a multi-purpose instrument for the country's development or as an ATM for a venal elite. From the 100+ interviews I conducted with oil executives, ministers, and oil professionals, I've developed a multi-level theory that tries to explain why a state decides that it's NOC is used as a commercial, developmental or rent-seeking vehicle - and whether the NOC does a good job at it.

Why did you decide to research this particular area? While living in China from 2008-14, I saw firsthand how the state could harness certain economic activities to enhance state power. Within its national economy, NOCs are invariably the biggest companies. They're often the biggest tax contributors, the most technologically advanced, and employers to many thousands. Oil companies absorb shocking amounts of capital, with the upside of generating enormous profits, which is something that makes them too valuable for the state to leave to private companies.

What has been the most challenging aspect of this project? The oil industry is notoriously opaque, owing to the stunning amount of money and corruption involved. But in the realm of state-owned oil, secrecy is taken to a whole new level. That made it very difficult getting people to talk, especially among those still inside the companies and government, particularly in authoritarian states.

Another major challenge was being able to connect the many dots that go into an ambitious project of this sort. Oil is a major force behind much of an oil-producing country's politics, economy, and institutional development. Distinguishing an interesting factor from a genuinely causal one was also a real challenge.

What impact do you hope your research will have? I hope my research informs people on the political aspects that oil has on a country's development. I also hope my theory helps make sense of a universe of oil-producing states that, given their incredible diversity, otherwise may seem like a jumbled mess of 'every country is different,' without any overarching themes connecting them.

Future plans? Becoming a professor would be amazing but this industry has many possible paths. I'd love to continue to do fieldwork and write prolifically on the topic.

FOCUS ON EMERITUS

The scholar leaves the academic but the scholarly life continues.



H. Donald **FORBES**

Don Forbes was born in Regina, the child of a French Canadian mother and a Scottish Canadian father. He grew up in Winnipeg, where he attended St. Paul's College and the University of Manitoba before going to Yale for graduate studies. There he and future Departmental colleague Richard Simeon were classmates and roommates. In 1969, while still working on his PhD, Don joined the old Department of Political Economy, with a cross-appointment to the Institute for the Quantitative Analysis of Social and Economic Policy, a recent offshoot of the Department that linked econometricians with IT specialists. On the politics side of the Department, his task (along with Paul Sniderman) was to give it a more modern profile by teaching courses on political behaviour and quantitative methods. In the 1970s and 1980s, however, he transitioned from trying to explain political behaviour to trying to understand the behaviour of politicians. He shared the teaching of the major courses on Canadian politics and developed new courses on political thought in Canada and the philosophy of social science. He was particularly fond

of teaching a fourth year and graduate seminar on multiculturalism. While still teaching, Don began renting a summer cabin near Goderich, a town of about 8,000 on the shore of Lake Huron. Taking a liking to the town, which was founded in 1827, the same year as the U of T, he bought a house there, his "urban cottage," to which he then retired. He also has a pied-à-terre in Toronto. Don volunteers with the Maitland Trail Association which hosts dozens of hike and ski/snowshoe outings throughout the year. His two adult sons live in the United States; one is a Silicon Valley engineer living in New York City, the other is a machinist in Oakland, California. In addition to four books, some book chapters, and a few articles and reviews in scholarly journals, Don published a number of lengthy review articles in periodicals such as *The Idler* and *Books in Canada*. He is currently working on a book about multiculturalism in Canada to be published next year by Palgrave, in a series edited by former colleagues Tim Burns and Tom Pangle. Don has shown that the scholar may leave the academy, but a scholarly life can continue.

- Nelson Wiseman

FOCUS ON PHD RESEARCH

Student Kevin Edmonds discusses his PhD dissertation.



Kevin **EDMONDS**

Please explain your research and its main findings so far? My dissertation examines the relationship between the elimination of preferential trade policies in the banana industry and the rise of widespread cannabis cultivation in the Eastern Caribbean islands of St. Vincent and St. Lucia. Based upon eight months of fieldwork and interviews, it's clear that the income and employment from illicit cannabis provides a lifeline to many impoverished communities that has filtered into the formal economy. Due primarily to a lack of alternatives, the Vincentian government has adopted

an unconventional approach to cannabis growers, turning a blind eye to their cultivation, in what can be considered the creation of a state sanctioned protection racket. These findings complicate the polarized debate surrounding legalization in the region. Weak, indebted states are forced to mediate between increasingly powerful foreign cannabis corporations that are seeking a foothold in the Caribbean, and the social movements rooted amongst the poor and historically disenfranchised, who are determined to fight for a dignified place in the emerging industry.

Why did you decide to research this particular area and what intrigues you about it? My mom's family is from St. Lucia and I spent a lot of time there growing up on my grandfather's banana farm which provided a livelihood for my four uncles and cousins. The killing of the banana trade was equivalent to the de-industrialization of a one factory town - massive unemployment and poverty - but in this case there is nowhere to go and the government has no resources. Migration (often illegal) and petty crime like cannabis cultivation were the only options available. The theory we are taught here is that in time everyone will be better off which simply isn't true.

What has been the most challenging aspect of this project? Keeping my focus on writing while balancing work and other responsibilities. Everyone thought

the fieldwork would be tough and potentially dangerous, but all of the growers, dealers, and traffickers were very open, helpful, and generous. They are just regular people in very challenging situations.

What impact do you hope your research will have? The outcome of my research is pretty pessimistic. Illegality is a distortion in the market that raised prices, like protectionism under bananas. When it is removed through legalization, it will compound existing class inequalities domestically and internationally. I hope it provides a sobering thought to Caribbean governments that the naive idea that full legalization will bring transformative change to all levels of society. Based on the value of large companies like Canopy and Tilray, cannabis is already bigger than bananas ever were, and without creative, pragmatic, and unconventional policies in place, there is a real risk of losing cannabis too and the alternatives out there are much worse.

Future plans? I missed the boat by not applying to a supply management position at the Ontario Cannabis Store. Now I'll have to try and get a job that pays enough to stay alive. I'm hoping one of those jobs will be as Francis Fukuyama's research assistant now that he is calling for a return to socialism. And graduate!

FOCUS ON FACULTY

Linda White discusses her new role as Associate Chair, Special Projects.



Linda **WHITE**

Describe your new role. I took this new role on in the spring. I believe it's the first time someone has served formally in this capacity, although staff and colleagues have provided a lot of support over the years, including reviewing draft proposals as well as nominating and writing letters of reference for internal and external awards. So, while the position may be new, the Department has

had the great fortune of having Chairs and colleagues serve as champions of colleagues' awards and grants success.

Why and how did your new role come about? Chairs and other heads of units, as well as the university as a whole, are keenly aware of the importance of continuously demonstrating research excellence. This endeavor has been enhanced as the Province of Ontario has been negotiating a series of Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMAs) with the universities that seek to differentiate the contributions and profiles of Ontario's universities. We anticipate that we will eventually shift to a new funding framework, in which a portion of enrolment-based funding will be moved into a differentiation envelope tied to performance in certain key priority areas, including research excellence and impact. We also know that the university already uses grant funding as a measure of research excellence success in obtaining Tri-council funding – both SSHRC Insight as well as Partnership Development and Partnership Grants – and other prestigious external awards, and that the success in garnering major Tri-council funding affects eligibility for other research opportunities such as Canada Research Chairs. Finally, we know that the

benefits of winning major external and internal awards extends beyond that of the individual faculty member to enhance the reputation of the Department as a whole.

How do you hope the department will benefit? I've been trying to get a sense of what supports faculty would find most useful as they think about their funding applications. I spent the summer meeting with some colleagues one-on-one and surveyed faculty more formally in October. The next stage is for the tri-campus Chairs and the department to think about ways we can support research beyond the current pools of research funds available to faculty on the various campuses (such as the Faculty of Arts and Science Bridge Funding Program; SSHRC Institutional Grants; and Connaught Early Researcher Awards).

What you are enjoying most about your new role and what do you hope to achieve? The main objective is for Political Science faculty to be successful and productive in their research. Anything that the Department can do to assist in the achievement of that goal is a win. I'm really enjoying talking with colleagues about their research plans and thinking about ways that productive research collaborations can be encouraged and supported.

Kate Neville tells us about her latest research.



Katie **NEVILLE**

Can you tell us what you are currently working on? Among my current projects, I am co-editing a special journal issue on global environmental politics and Indigenous politics, focused on the transformative potential of diverse water governance arrangements and political economies. The collected articles highlight the tensions between settler-colonial and Indigenous understandings of land, wa-

ter, ownership, and law, and examine how existing and reclaimed Indigenous governance structures can reshape social and political relationships across territories.

How are you hoping your research will affect environmental issues at a time when the world at large seems to have its head in the sand? I think many people are overwhelmed by the scale of social and environmental injustice: from climate change to the concurrent loss of biodiversity, cultural diversity, and language to income inequality and racism – especially when those who benefit from existing systems work to perpetuate them. The problems seem insurmountable. In response, environmental politics research can offer ways forward – by exposing the dominant power structures and forms of economic and political control, such work can illuminate the possibilities for change. By identifying and tracking the longer-term consequences of collective mobilization, I also hope my work counteracts the powerlessness associated with slow or seemingly unsuccessful efforts for change.

How do you stay inspired in an area of research that looks so bleak? "People have always been good at imagining the end of the world, which is much easier to

picture than the strange sidelong paths of change," writes historian and social activist Rebecca Solnit. I think that imaginative possibility is at the heart of transformation. For motivation and courage, I turn to art and to the wider, non-human world.

With art: brave, provocative, and sensitive visual creations, music, poetry, and literature offer new perspectives on old challenges and remind me of the wide and diverse communities who work towards more just and equitable futures.

With the wider world: unplugging from human-created, technologically dominated places (as my POL413/2213 students know, thanks to their enthusiastic engagement in a screen-free exercise) tunes us into the world in different ways. Best of all are the places where humans are peripheral. I have, as Barry Lopez writes, "an unquenchable desire to immerse myself in landscapes still owned by their resident animals." But really, anywhere can be a place to fall in love with the world – and to be reminded of why this work matters.

UPDATE FROM ABROAD

PhD candidate Lama Mourad updates us on her fellowship.



Lama **MOURAD**

Lama Mourad is currently at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs where she is a 2018-19 fellow at the Middle East Initiative.

Please expand on your area of research. I study migration politics in the context of large-scale displacement, and how it interacts with questions of local governance and state capacity. My dissertation focuses on the role of Lebanese municipalities in the governance of the Syrian refugee influx since 2011. More broadly, I am interested in local governance and migration issues in the Middle East/North Africa.

What will be your main focus while at Harvard? I plan to turn my dissertation into a

book project, and to expand my methodological skillset through workshops and training at the Kennedy School. I will be participating in a number of workshops and public events related to the Middle East and will present my work to scholars who know the region incredibly well. I have already benefited greatly from feedback on my research in the context of the Middle East Initiative workshops and look forward to many more opportunities! I am also working on a co-authored project on the politics of visibility in local governance with two other fellows at the Kennedy School.

What are you most excited about both professionally and personally about the fellowship? I'm very excited to

work alongside some of the best junior scholars working on the Middle East, and to be part of a rich and tight-knit community of scholars who are part of the Middle East Initiative. I'm also very happy to be part of the first all-female cohort of incoming fellows who I will have the opportunity to learn from, as well as senior scholars, namely Tarek Masoud and Melani Cammett, who have built an incredible and diverse community committed to strengthening the place of Middle East scholars in the field. I anticipate that the relationships I make here will continue beyond this year and will stay with me for the rest of my career.

SCHOLARSHIP STORIES

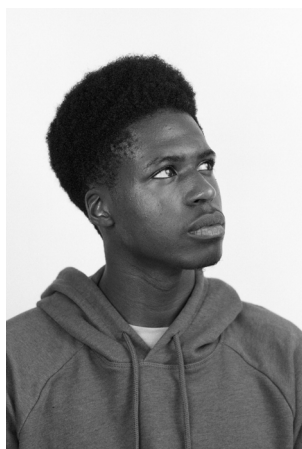
Award recipients tell us what the scholarships mean to them.

Akinjide **ALAGA**

The David Rayside Undergraduate Scholarship (est. 2017) is an award for students enrolled as a major or specialist in Political Science. Selection is based on academic achievement with a preference for students who have demonstrated commitment and leadership while promoting greater public understanding of social and cultural diversity.

"I'm extremely honoured to be a recipient of the David Rayside Undergraduate Scholarship. I'm grateful for both the numerous opportunities I have been given to promote diversity among individuals, and for being recognized for doing my part. Promoting the principles of humanism, equality, and inclusion is a noble and necessary task that we must each play our part in advancing. I think that doing this through civility and reason can have a monumental impact.

I have noticed that when people initially attempt to take on ambitious tasks they look at the scale of the problem, measure it against the intensity of their efforts, and instantly become pessimistic. I believe this pessimism is groundless. Recent



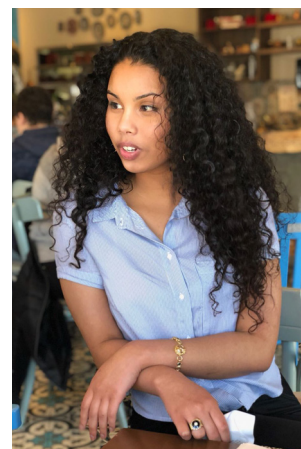
data suggests that the world is – contrary to popular belief – better than ever before. The number of democracies are higher, self-reported happiness levels are higher, the number of interstate wars since World War II and the number of deaths from genocide since World War II are lower. This is all evidence of a trend that can be linked directly to the efforts of localized individual actors simply doing their best to enlighten their peers about the fact that we are all fundamentally the same. To me, this scholarship reminds people that the endeavours of the common person can have tremendous impact and I'm glad to have been chosen as an example of that."

Ninar **FAWAL**

The Frank Peers Undergraduate Scholarship (est. 2017) is awarded to a student entering their second year of undergraduate studies in Arts and Science, having successfully completed one first year Political Science course.

"To receive the Frank Peers Undergraduate Scholarship is an immense honour for me both as a student and as an individual. The fact that this scholarship is specifically for political science students is very meaningful as I'm very dedicated to what I study. This program has expanded my opportunities and has given me the chance to study what I love, and explore yet further what I am passionate about within the discipline.

My family moved to Canada five years ago from the UAE so that my brother and I could pursue better education and have a better life. My parents worked tirelessly to make sure we were comfortable and confident in pursuing our goals. I'm currently in my second year, studying political science and international relations. After my schooling, I hope to pursue human rights law and diploma-



cy. Because of this scholarship, I will not only be able to direct all of my energy to doing well in my classes and achieving my goals, but also be better prepared financially for the future. In this sense, the Frank Peers Undergraduate Scholarship is not only an award, but an opportunity to further excel in my academic career. On a personal note, this scholarship is enormously meaningful to me because it made my parents so happy. Knowing everything they have sacrificed for my education, I'm glad that they are confident that I'm close to financing my academic future as a result of this scholarship."

ALUMNI PROFILES



Doly **BEGUM** (BA 2012)

MPP Doly Begum is a Canadian politician, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in the 2018 provincial election. She represents the riding of Scarborough Southwest as a member of the Ontario New Democratic Party.

Why did you decide to study Political Science and how do you think it benefitted your choice of career? I completed a Specialist in Political Science and Minor in Writing and Rhetoric. The decision to specialize in Political Science was made after taking Comparative Politics with Professor Jeffrey Kopstein. Having an education in Political Science provided me with a deeper understanding and theoretical perspective of the political debate that takes place in our different legislative bodies.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in politics? I've lived in Scarborough Southwest most of my life, and it's a community of deep inequality. The decision to pursue elected office as a way to drive change was a reflection of my own experience and upbringing. I was also inspired by working in different communities across Ontario as the Coordinator for the Keep Hydro Public campaign. Both in my home community and across the province, there is a need for easier access to more efficient health-care and better public services. The previous government's decision to sell Ontario's electricity system was the final catalyst for me to step up and seek the NDP nomination for provincial election. During the election, the biggest goal of our local

campaign was simply to encourage youth and the community to be politically engaged, raise their voices and influence Government policy. That's what my journey in politics has been about.

What does your job entail and how does it differ from what you think the public see as your role? A typical day doesn't exist as an MPP! But some essentials include: Reading the newspapers; listening to the radio; question period at Queen's Park; meeting with constituents, community organizations, community leaders, and advocacy groups; meetings of the Standing Committee on Social Policy at Queen's Park; attending public events; catching up on correspondence and preparing for debates; meeting with stakeholders in the childcare and early learning sectors about policy and issues within my portfolio as Opposition Critic for Child Care and Early Learning.

What advice would you give a student hoping to become an MPP? They should first ask why they want to become an MPP. Members of all levels of Government have one job, and that is to represent the interest of their constituents. For those hoping to become an MPP, it is important to know the issues and become involved in the community.

What do you enjoy most and least about your job? I enjoy meeting people from all backgrounds, and being able to use the office to which I've been elected in order to find solutions for people seeking help. I also enjoy working on my Early Learning and Childcare portfolio, which enables me to focus on helping children across the Province. Working with a government that shuts down debate has been difficult. With a majority, the Ford Government has been able to limit public committee meetings and the public voice. This means that we have to be creative in how we make a difference on legislation, and rely more than ever on the power of the people to speak out and make their voices heard.

Future political aspirations? To continue to serve the people of Scarborough Southwest and to inspire young people of diverse backgrounds to become politically engaged.



Mark **HOLLAND** (BA 1996)

MP Mark Holland is a Canadian politician and current Chief Government Whip. In the 2004 federal election he was elected to the House of Commons, as a candidate of the Liberal Party in the Ontario riding of Ajax-Pickering. Holland was subsequently re-elected in the 2006, 2008, and 2015 federal elections.

Why did you decide to study Political Science and how do you think your education in Political Science benefitted your choice of career? I knew I wanted to go into politics since I was a child. Studying it, was another matter. Given how involved I was volunteering in politics, I thought I would take courses in other subjects such as anthropology and history to explore other areas. After a year, I knew political science was home and that it was what I wanted to study. The practical and theoretical elements that I studied are still relevant today. The historical context to decisions and introduction to varied political thought provided an essential foundation to where I am today. The teachings of Keynes and John Kenneth Galbraith still influence me today.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in politics? I saw in politics a way to change the world around me. I was raised in a family where civics and social justice were incredibly important and I knew that was how I wanted to spend my professional life; fighting for what I care about. As I got involved, I met people that I admired and that deepened the desire. Today, I feel deeply

fortunate to fight for what I care about while serving my community.

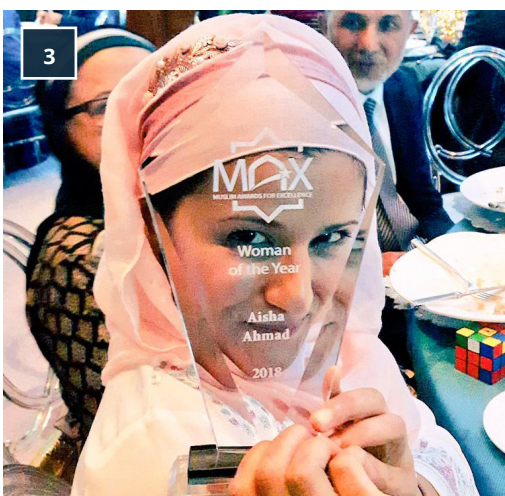
What does your job entail and how does it differ from what you think the public see as your role? My day changes daily in Ottawa. Currently I am Chief Government Whip which involves a great deal of parliamentary strategy and tactics but it is mostly about people. How to bring people together on an issue, how to motivate our team and support them, how to manage the human resources needs of more than 1,500 political staff. I think the piece people miss is how much of the job happens when the House isn't sitting. Listening to constituents, trying to solve their problems, attending events, working with local stake holders, and businesses; it takes as much if not more of our time than our work on the Hill.

What advice would you give a student hoping to become an MP? Get involved! If you want to represent your community, you have to understand it. Get involved in causes you are passionate about. Find out what you want to change and find candidates that think like you. There is no better education or preparation than working on a campaign.

What do you enjoy most and least about your job? I love people. I love getting to know so many different and diverse perspectives and getting a chance to help, support, and understand their aspirations. This job involves huge amounts of time away from the people you love and that can be very difficult.

Future political aspirations? I love being Whip! I'm very happy in my current role and feel honoured to serve.

POLITICAL SCIENCE *events*



1. Undergraduates Emily Chu & Stefan Rus at the Fall Campus Day.
2. Mentees (L-R) Angie Khayan, Zi Qing Huang & Adrian Huntelar at the Mentorship Lunch.
3. Aisha Ahmad wins 'Woman of the Year' at the 2018 MAX awards.
4. New PhD Khalid Ahmed with his committee members Judith Teichman and Bob Matthews.
5. Minister of Finance Bill Morneau chatted with students at a Canadian Club of Toronto event.
6. Members of the Political Animals softball team at the beginning of term.
7. Courtney Jung with alumna & MPP Mitzie Hunter who was a guest lecturer for POL101.

POLITICAL SCIENCE associations



JERRY ZHU
PRESIDENT
Association of Political Science Students (APSS)

The undergraduate Association of Political Science Students (APSS) is excited to kick off another great year with several exciting events. In October, the Association and its students were fortunate enough to be granted the opportunity to tour City Hall with councillor Mary Margaret McMahon. Students left the tour with a renewed interest in municipal politics and a better understanding of the function of City Hall. Further in the academic sphere, APSS hosted a November joint panel with the International Relations Society, Contemporary Asian Studies Student Union, and European Studies Student Association on China-EU relations. Our semester will conclude with a panel on gun control in Toronto as well as a semi-formal which should be lots of fun. APSS is extremely grateful for the students, faculty, and alumni that make all our events possible! 'Like' us on Facebook at Association of Political Science Students-APSS and visit our website at utapss.com. General inquiries can be directed to president.utapss@gmail.com.

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**ANIKA GANNES & RACHAEL
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CO-CHAIRS
Graduate Association of Students in Political Science (GASPS)

The Graduate Association of Students in Political Science (GASPS) has had a great start to the year! We are working closely with the Political Science Department to update the graduate work spaces, with particular attention to the 'Fish Bowl' (SS3050) and computer lab spaces. GASPS is also working in collaboration with the Department and the Faculty of Arts and Science to host relevant workshops and panels for graduate students, such as professionalization and job market preparation, conflict coaching, mental health, and understanding and accessing health benefits and coverage. In addition to supporting collaboration and communication with the department, GASPS is continuing to work closely with the Women's Caucus on taking steps towards a diversity committee and implementing a survey on workspace atmosphere. Finally, we would like to welcome this year's executive committee and thank them for their work so far: Alix Jansen (Treasurer), Emma Gill-Alderson (Secretary, CUPE Steward), Salar Asadolahi, Jasmine Chorley Foster and James Ankers (CUPE Stewards), Anna Johnson, Justin Patrick and Mitchell Hajnal (GSU Representatives), Jason VandenBeukel and Reut Marciano (Social Convenors), and Amir Abdul-Reda and Isabela Dos Santos (Room Managers). We are looking forward to a full and engaging year ahead! For more information on GASPS, visit the association's website at: <http://gasps.chass.utoronto.ca/>.



ANTHONY FERNANDO
ALUMNUS
Political Science Alumni Association (PSAA)

On November 14th, newly appointed US Consul General Greg Stanford and his wife Francoise welcomed almost one hundred political science alumni and students to a reception at their beautiful home. This intimate networking reception provided an opportunity for alumni, students, department staff, and U.S. government officials to connect and discuss the recent mid-term elections, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and President Donald Trump. The Political Science Alumni Association organized this event in coordination with the U.S. Consulate in Toronto. Our alumni were able to sample superb appetizers, California wine, and craft beer from Virginia. Throughout the reception, Greg Stanford chatted informally with students and alumni. He is an accomplished career foreign service professional, having served in Kabul, Tokyo, Bangkok, Bogota, Hanoi, Manila, London, Dublin and Nouakchott. Our alumni association is planning several more events in 2019. To get involved, please contact Anthony Fernando. He can be reached by phone: 416-559-1269 or by email: anthonyfernando@gmail.com.

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FACULTY

- **Aisha Ahmad** won 'Woman Of The Year' at the 2018 MAX (Muslim Awards for Excellence) awards.
- **Dickson Eyoh** received an African Scholar Award.
- **Erin Tolley** was awarded the 2017/18 Annual UTM Research Prize in the Social Science Category.
- **Egor Lazarev** won two APSA Awards - the 2018 Women and Politics Research Section Best Paper Award and the 2018 Comparative Democratization Best Field Work Award.
- **Yasmin Dawood** (cross-appointed with the Faculty of Law) was named as a member of the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.
- **Sara Hughes** received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada Insight Development Grant.
- **Diana Fu's** article 'Disguised Collective Action in China' (2017) was selected as co-winner of the best paper published in the journal *Comparative Political Studies* (CPS).
- **Robert Vipond** was awarded the Ontario Historical Society's 2017 Brant Award for his book *Making a Global City: How One Toronto School Embraced Diversity*.
- **David Cameron** was appointed to the Order of Canada.
- **Diana Fu's** book *Mobilizing Without The Masses* won the Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Book in Comparative Politics from the American Political Science Association (APSA).
- CPSA Award Winners included **Aisha Ahmad** (CSPA Prize in Comparative Politics), **Peter Russell** (Donald Smiley Prize) & **Sylvia Bashevkin** (Jill Vickers Prize).

STUDENTS

Awards

- **Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral:** Anna Johnson, Isaac Lawther, Nidhi Panwar, Georgios Poulakidas.
- **Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters:** Michael Law-Smith.
- **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship:** Emma Lecavalier.
- **Ontario Graduate Scholarship (PhD):** Timothy Berk, Zachariah Black, Sophie Borwein, Alexandre Fortier-Chouinard, Jonah Goldberg, Elena Goracinova, Busra Hacıoglu, Anna Kopeck, Sara Lee, Steven Loleski, Ryder McKeown, Schuyler Playford, Kristen Pue, Michael Sabet, Justin Savoie, Thilo Schaefer, Omar Sirri, Ella Street, Vanessa van den Boogaard, Binfan Wang.
- **Ontario Graduate Scholarship (MA):** Justine Hamilton-Arvisais, Jacob Winter.
- **New PhDs:** Dr. Khalid Ahmed, Dr. Safiyyah Ally, Dr. Shaukat Ansari, Dr. Geoffrey Cameron, Dr. Yi-Chun Chien, Dr. Rachael Gibson, Dr. Matthew Hamilton, Dr. Jonathan Kent, Dr. Christopher LaRoche, Dr. Jonathan Melchiorre, Dr. Heather Millar, Dr. Michael Millerman, Dr. Alexandre Paquin-Pelletier, Dr. Lior Sheffer, Dr. Semir Teshale, Dr. William Clifton van der Linden, Dr. Matthew Wilder.

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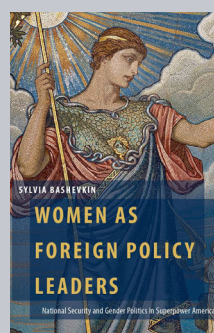
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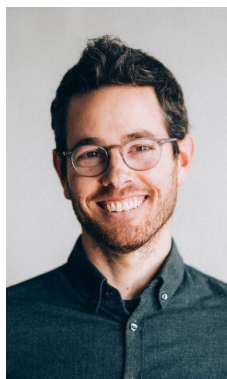
CORA BAIN

Cora, our new receptionist, has a background in fine arts and is a part-time goldsmith and jewellery designer hailing from Kapuskasing in Northern Ontario. Making Toronto her home for more than 15 years, Cora uses the city as inspiration for design, and enjoys exploring all it has to offer. After attending both York University and George Brown College, she branched out into teaching, as well as education administration. Gaining knowledge from many departments including design, technology, I.T., and music, she is looking forward to a new adventure in the Political Science realm.



ZACHARY RICHER

Zach is a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Margaret Kohn. He comes to Toronto from the University of Maryland, where he completed his PhD. His doctoral research focused on the civic integration of immigrant and minority groups in the United States, examining the outreach strategies of ethnic community organizations. He has joined the Global Migration Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs as a Research Associate and is currently working on a SSHRC-funded research project on the role of ethnicity in political deliberation on salient policy issues in Canada.



LIOR SHEFFER

Lior is a postdoctoral fellow working in Peter Loewen's lab. He completed his political science PhD at the University of Toronto this summer, and continues his work on elite and citizen political behaviour, which involves large scale survey and field experiments. Lior is interested in the dynamics of cooperation, competition, and trust among legislators, and in the effects of emotions and cognitive biases on public opinion and voting behaviour. Lior is excited and proud to be working closely with the Loewen Lab which includes: senior postdoctoral fellows Roosmarijn De Geus (Rose) and John McAndrews, PhD students Md. Mujahedul Islam (Mujahed), Jonah Goldberg, and Blake Lee Whiting, and research associate Benjamin Allen Stevens.



FRANCESCO CAVATORTA

Francesco is a 2018/19 visiting professor. He is a professor of political science at Laval University, Québec. He obtained his PhD at Trinity College Dublin and taught at University College Dublin and Dublin City University until 2013 when he moved to Québec. His research focuses on the politics of the Arab world, paying particular attention to the dynamics of authoritarian survival and democratization and the role of Islamist parties and movements. During his stay at U of T, Francesco will work on two projects. The first examines the economic policy preferences of Islamist and Salafi parties and the second one analyses the convergence in governance practices between established democracies and authoritarian political systems.



MONICA SALOMON

Monica Salomon is a 2018/19 visiting scholar from the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), in Florianópolis, southern Brazil, where she is an Associate Professor of International Relations and a researcher with Brazil's National Research Council (CNPq). She completed her PhD at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in 1998, before taking up her position at UFSC in 2010. She has taught at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1994-2006) and at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (2006-2009). She has co-ordinated the Foreign Policy section at the Brazilian Political Science Association since 2014. Her research project while at U of T involves analyzing and comparing gender-sensitive dimensions of Brazilian and Canadian foreign policies: diplomacy; development assistance; south-south cooperation; and security.

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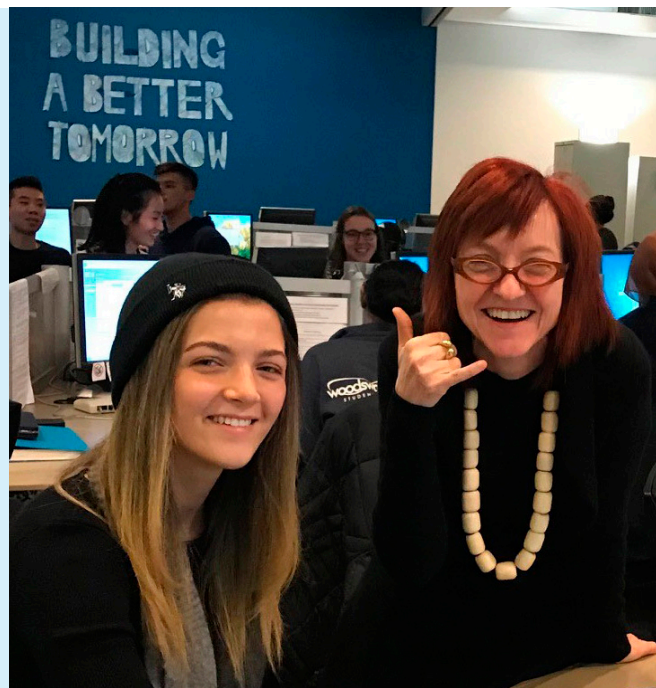
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