Plenty has happened over the summer.

You may have noticed some changes around here. For one, after 30 years at Wright State (and more than a decade as PLS chair), Dr. Donna Schlagheck has retired. She is taking some time to write and travel, and has promised to return to teach a course sometime soon. We’ll keep you updated, because (as anyone who has taken a course with her knows) you’re in for a treat.

Admittedly, I’m feeling a bit like Trevor Noah. Over the last few months, I’ve made the transition from director of International Studies to PLS chair. Dr. Pramod Kantha has taken over for me in leading IS.

Meanwhile, a new faculty member has joined us. Dr. Lee Hannah, a recent Ph.D. from Penn State, is an Americanist. In the upcoming year, he’ll be teaching courses on American government, the legislative process, campaigns and elections, and Ohio politics. He’s also the coordinator of our internship program, which is booming, by the way.

Speaking of internships, we’ve dramatically increased the options available to PLS majors, in campaign offices and local and state government, as well as in judges’, prosecutors’, and public defenders’ offices. This is valuable, real world experience (and the chance to network) as well as course credit that applies toward the major. You never know what it might turn into. If you have a 3.0 GPA or better, please see Dr. Hannah (317 Millett) asap to plan for the Spring semester.

In addition, PLS has a new relationship with the Advanced Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), a not-for-profit organization that prepare graduates to serve as entry-level intelligence analysts and cyber security analysts. PLS and IS seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA can apply to participate in their analyst boot camp and internship program. It runs full time for one semester, but students receive 12 credit hours that apply toward the major. Successful participants also receive a top secret security clearance and help with placement as intel analysts working in the public or private sector. Admission to the program is competitive and is also open to graduate students. We are accepting applications for Spring. If you’re interested, please see me.
In terms of upcoming events, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we’ve been working with the Asian, Hispanic, Native American Center to prepare for a visit by Elaine Díaz Rodriguez, a Cuban blogger, journalist and professor at the University of Havana. She has just finished her one-year fellowship at Harvard University and will be speaking about the US reestablishment of full diplomatic relations with Cuba for the first time since 1961—and what that means. Please join us on September 24 at 12:30 (Millett Atrium).

Later this semester the city is getting ready to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords. Most events are planned for mid-November, including a variety of panels on which our faculty will serve, a film opening, and various receptions and galas for guests from around the world. The organizers would love to involve students in volunteer positions. Please let me know if you’re interested.

If you’re beginning to think about next summer, or considering studying abroad, Dr. Fitzgerald will be teaching his Environmental Law course in Lunenburg, Germany with USAC and invites WSU students to come along to take it for credit.

So, plenty has happened — and is happening — but much remains the same. The PLS faculty and staff are here for you, so feel welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Dr. December Green

Upcoming Events
Friday, October 2, Millett 399, 1:25-2:20 pm, Public lecture: “Does the Media Cover the Economy Fairly? And Does it Matter?”

Amanda Parks (B.S. Bowling Green, M.A. Penn State) is a doctoral candidate at Pennsylvania State University. Her research and teaching interests are centered around public opinion and political communication, with a particular focus on the institutional reasons for media distortions and its effect on citizens’ evaluations of policies and candidates. Other research interests include deliberative citizen engagement and the effects of new media on political communication. Amanda is a proud Ohio native and earned her B.S. in Journalism at Bowling Green State University, as well as an M.A. in political science from Penn State.

Wednesday, October 14, Student Union Discovery Room, 6:00-7:30 pm: The Department of Political Science will be sponsoring a provocative talk from Security Studies scholar Dr. Robert Farley, entitled "Do We Still Need an Air Force?"

Dr. Farley is a Senior Lecturer of political science at the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. He is author of the 2014 book, Grounded: The Case for Abolishing the United States Air Force (U. Kentucky Press, 2014). His newest work, The Battleship Book, is out this fall by Wildside Press.

Free to the public. Contact Dr. Vaughn Shannon for more details at (937) 775-5767 or vaughn.shannon@wright.edu.

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Want to Intern or Work at the U.S. Department of State?

Department of State Diplomat in Residence Michelle Jones will host a Q & A Session and Information Session on internships and careers in the world of diplomacy – summer, fall or spring assignments in Washington or at embassies and consulates across the globe.

Tuesday, September 29
9:30-10:30 a.m. Coffee with a Diplomat / Q & A Session
3:30-4:30 p.m. Information Session
Location: Millett Hall Atrium
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science

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Interested in contributing to WSU's winning tradition? Wright State's award-winning program travels annually to New York to attend the Model UN Conference (pictured above with President Hopkins).

Interested in the Middle East?

Open the door to diplomacy, networking, internships, and so much more by joining the WSU Model Arab League team, which won Outstanding Delegation at the 2015 Ohio Valley Conference at Miami University.

For more information on either program, contact Faculty Adviser Dr. Vaughn Shannon at vaughn.shannon@wright.edu
Dr. Lee Hannah, the newest addition to the PLS faculty, is originally from Salem, Virginia and has moved to Dayton since receiving the job of Assistant Professor at Wright State. Dr. Hannah coordinates internships for the Department of Political Science. After receiving his B.A. from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia in History and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Hannah earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Penn State. His research focuses on state politics and secondary education. His hobbies include playing tennis, biking, running and playing guitar.

**Which class are you most excited to teach this fall?** “State Politics. State governments are critical and influential in our daily lives and there are so many opportunities to learn from the different policies states implement.”

**What is the most memorable class you ever took?** “My senior year of high school I took an English class with Mr. Emmerson that was not only fun, but also made me fall in love with writing.”

**What is your best advice to students?** “Come to class and advocate for yourself. Get to know your professors.”

**What’s your favorite sport? Favorite team?** “I love to play tennis but my favorite sport to watch is football. I’m a tortured Virginia Tech Hokies fan.”

**What do you like most about Dayton so far?** “I like the energy and excitement here. I see a lot of pride in the community and really creative efforts to renew and develop the city.”

**And about Wright State?** “I really like the enthusiasm of the faculty and all the opportunities available in the community for internships. The students are very friendly.”

**What’s your favorite TV show?** “Arrested Development.”

**If you could have any superpower, what would it be?** “I would want to be Superman!”

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**INTERNSHIPS**

We were able to offer internships with over 20 different organizations in the Greater Dayton area and Columbus this semester. Visit our [website](#) to see a list of the internships we offered (many will be available each semester), the application and more information. Please contact Dr. Hannah for internship opportunities in Spring 2016.
The 2016 presidential election is likely to be one of the most important, and maybe even most entertaining, elections in America’s history. And the Wright State University Political Science faculty is preparing to bring the election, and surrounding campaign events, into a classroom near you.

Two “sister-courses” are going to be offered in 2016. In the Spring 2016 semester, Adjunct Professor Paul R. Leonard (former Dayton Mayor, State Legislator, and Ohio Lt. Governor) will be teaching the first course entitled, “2016 Presidential Primaries & Caucuses.” The course will focus on the 2016 presidential campaign and nomination process from January through the end of the Spring semester. The candidates, their political strategies, fundraising activities, and the various state laws that govern presidential primary and caucus elections in America will be featured.

In the Fall 2016 semester, Dr. Lee Hannah, the newest addition to the Wright State Political Science faculty, will cover the general election for America’s next president. His course will begin with a review of the Parties’ 2016 Summer conventions, the choices for candidates’ running mates and the strategy behind those decisions, and will cover the race for the coveted 270 electoral college votes together with discussion about the campaign strategies including advertising, grassroots mobilization, and the latest in polling analytics.

Both classes will be taught as seminars with a limit of 25 students in each class. The seminar format allows for more personal attention from the instructor, in-depth discussion and debate, and a closer look at the American campaign and election process. If you have room in your schedule, you ought to give thought to taking both courses. Guaranteed---this will be American politics “from soup to nuts.” And it should be fun, and entertaining, along the way.

More information about these two “sister-courses” can be obtained from either instructor. Feel free to contact them with questions and comments. Students do not have to be Political Science majors or minors to register for either or both classes. Both will be taught in a way that a novice---someone who is just curious, or just beginning to form an interest in politics---will no doubt, find these courses to be educational and enjoyable. You may never see, in your lifetime, a presidential campaign like the 2016 election season promises. Now is the time to save room in your 2016 class schedules.
Dear International Studies Majors and Minors,

As the new Director of the program, I welcome all of you, new as well as continuing majors and minors, to Fall semester 2015. I take the leadership of this program with great appreciation for all the hard work and leadership that the previous directors, especially Professor December Green, have exemplified in making International Studies as one of the most sought after majors and minors in the college. I am also very thankful to Dean Kristin Sobolik for her leadership and support to continually improve the International Studies program. I will do my best to continue doing what has served our students well while exploring new dimensions to enrich our students’ experience in the program. As you begin your semester, here are some tips that I would like to share with you.

Some tips for success.

CoLA App: Stay current and engaged with CoLA by downloading the CoLA App on your phone. Search “Wright State Liberal Arts” in the App Store or Google play.

Study Abroad & Internships: Both the CoLA Dean’s Office and University Center for International Education (UCIE) have substantially increased scholarships for students to participate in Study Abroad and Summer Ambassador Programs. Contact the University Center for International Education (at 775-5745) to learn about the assortment of trips available (to just about anywhere---for a few weeks, a quarter, or a year). Internships are important to add to your academic credentials. Washington Center internship offers a valuable opportunity to spend some time in Washington, D. C. The “go-to” person for this is Carleen Beckerman in Career Services. Michelle Jones, a representative from the US State Department, is visiting Wright State to talk about internships and careers on Sept. 29 at 9:30 and 3:30 in the Millett Atrium. An IS senior has just finished up an internship this summer at US Dept. of State!!

Zhaleh Freels
Class of 2009

Congratulations to the IS 2015 Outstanding Alumna!
Advising: Make it a point to see one of the CoLA advisors to stay on top of your program either by making an appointment (775-2601) or by dropping in during their open advising hours to avoid any surprises in your degree completion schedule. Yes, I am always available to help you with any advising questions pertaining to your major or minor.

In order to help students achieve optimal success with their degree program, and career goals, CoLA has created the Center for Liberal Arts Student Success (CLASS). Do you need help writing or improving your résumé? Do you need to find an internship or explore job possibilities? Give the center a chance to help you.

Dunbar Library is offering a series of very useful programs to help with your research and using both print as well as web sources. Consider registering for some of them here.

Graduation: Seniors must get a grad check from me and apply for graduation months ahead of time (for example, if you’re planning to finish up in August, you must apply in May). At the time of the grad check, you must bring a copy of a research paper, which will be analyzed (keeping your identity confidential) for assessment purposes. To graduate in Fall 2015, you had to apply by September 11.

Internships: Do a Washington Center internship and spend a semester living in D.C. and getting your foot in the door (while receiving credit toward graduation) in one of a wide variety of governmental or non-governmental organizations. Impress your boss and you could be another one of our majors offered a job in D.C. upon graduation. Call Debra Wilburn in Career Services (775-2556) to learn about the process.

Honors Deadlines: If you are working on Departmental Honors and plan to graduate Fall 2015, please note that the Honors Degree Designation Application deadline is Friday, October 16. A Fulfillment of Departmental Honors Requirements Form, signed by the project advisor and department chair, is also due by Friday, October 16. Please note that if you apply to graduate in Fall 2015 and then change the graduation date, you must apply again to graduate with an Honors Degree Designation for the term you intend to graduate. Feel free to call the University Honors Program at (775-2660) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

September 25: Join Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA) for an evening of conversation with Cuban blogger Elaine Díaz Rodriguez at El Mesón, 903 East Dixie Drive, West Carrollton from 6-9 pm. Registration deadline is September 18. Click here to register.

October 5: DCOWA will host the Ninth Annual CHINA Town Hall Local Connections, National Reflection Panel Discussion with Secretary Robert Rubin (via webcast) on “Chinese Investment in the United States” on October 5 at 7:00 pm EDT. The local speaker will be from Fuyao Glass. The event will be held in Oelman 340. This national day of programming on China is organized by The National Committee on U. S.-China Relations.

November 18-21: Wright State University, in partnership with DCOWA and several other local and national organizations, is organizing the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords (DPA@20) that will be held in Dayton this fall, including a gala at Wright State. Formal activities run from November 18-21 but related activities will be taking place beforehand. If you want to volunteer in helping organize these activities, please let me know.
We love Fall! With this season arrives football and soccer season, pumpkin-spice flavored everything, and, of course, our newest graduate students in the M.A. program in International and Comparative Politics. This Fall, we welcome 13 new students as members of the Fall 2015 cohort, and what a great group of students they are. This year’s class includes students from 8 different colleges and universities, representing 3 countries. They are already settling in to the routine of their first year seminars, and even giving much thought to their desired thesis topics. Welcome aboard!

Thanks to all who assisted with orientation this past August – as always, it was a day packed with lots of advice, helpful information, and meet-and-greets. We want to especially thank CoLA Dean Dr. Kristin Sobolik and PLS Department Chair Dr. December Green for welcoming the students first thing in the morning, as well as Ms. Mandy Shannon from University Libraries, Ms. Becca Salay from the Center for Liberal Arts Student Success, Ms. Monica Ratliff and Ms. Catherine Hernandez from the University Center for International Education, and of course, Drs. Liam Anderson and Vaughn Shannon, for each leading a session with the students. Once again, we were fortunate to welcome back the most seasoned experts of all, the second year M.A. students who put on a very informative and helpful panel titled “I survived the first year.” Special thanks to Rahimullah Akrami, Alysa Birdsall, Mike Gross and Dan Zook for serving on this panel and sharing their insights with the first year students.

Please continue reading for some of the exciting happenings of our students. To all of you who are considering joining us next year – please stop by our table at the Graduate School Open House on Thursday, November 12th, from 5-7 pm in the Apollo Room of the Student Union. Please note that our priority deadline for new student applications is March 1st, 2016. We look forward to receiving your application!

Dr. Laura Luehrmann
The Department of Political Science had a great turnout at last year’s Celebration of Research and Scholarly Activities. First year students presented their research designs and preliminary plans for their M.A. thesis, and advanced students presented their findings. Congratulations to all who participated – mark your calendars now for the 2016 conference on Friday, April 15, 2016!
CoLA Internship Breakfast

We have a number of graduate students who complete an internship as part of their degree. At last year’s CoLA Internship breakfast, two of our students, Hannah Collins and Kuyer Fazekas, presented about their experiences serving as Research Assistants at the Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management (DISAM).

Congratulations to our Recent Graduates!

Spring 2015 M.A. Grads:

Monica Morales, A Multi-Disciplinary Analysis of Web 2.0 Technology Use in Egypt and China, 2005-2010, directed by Dr. Laura Luehrmann

Samantha Rigg, Sex and the State: Gender and the Impacts of Birth Planning Policy in China Over Three Decades, directed by Dr. Laura Luehrmann

Summer 2015 M.A. Grads:

Lauren Bowen, Free to Hate Freedom: The Survival of Liberalized States Confronting the Emergence of Political Islam: Effective State Solutions to the Rise of Islamic Political Violence in Democratic Societies, directed by Dr. Donna Schlagheck

John Davis, The Defense Expenditures of Great Powers and Correlations to Conflict and Aggression, directed by Dr. Donna Schlagheck

Sean Duffy, Why The Rise in Drones?, directed by Dr. Vaughn Shannon

Arch Grieve, Understanding Paths towards Strategic Success in NVR Campaigns: A Comparison of Palestinian and South African Resistance, directed by Dr. Vaughn Shannon

Hanna Michelle Tarbert, Self-Determination in the People’s Republic of China: Elite Responses, 1949-2012, directed by Dr. Laura Luehrmann
Save the Dates!

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 11 am-4 pm
UCIE Study Abroad Fair
Student Union Atrium
(Every Friday, the UCIE hosts a scholarship workshop from 11 am-2 pm in E190 Student Union to help students apply for scholarships, including the $800 travel assistance scholarship for WSU students traveling on WSU approved programs.)

Thursday, November 12, 2015; 5-7 pm
Wright State University Graduate School Open House
Student Union Apollo Room

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Priority application deadline for Fall 2016 ICP M.A. students

Friday, April 15, 2016 (all day)
Celebration of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
Student Union

News from the Pre-Law Advisor

The fall semester is upon us, so that means law school season is here! For some students, this is the ideal time to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and begin filling out law school applications. For others, fall semester brings a renewed sense of urgency to start asking, “What am I going to do after college?” As the University’s Pre-Law Advisor, I’m tasked with addressing both ends of the law school spectrum – as well as all other stages in between.

It’s true that, in recent years, the downturn in the economy has adversely impacted employment opportunities in the legal profession. But it is also true that, because of this downturn, applications to law schools have declined, thereby increasing the odds of acceptance by good law schools – in some cases substantially. In short, while there have been much better times to be a lawyer, there has rarely been a better time to apply and gain acceptance to a quality law school.

Whether you’re absolutely certain you want to go to law school, and need help with LSAT preparation or writing your personal essay for your applications, or whether you’re just toying with the idea of becoming a lawyer, I would be glad to meet with you. Please contact me at john.feldmeier@wright.edu.