Greetings From Department Chair

Hello and welcome back to campus!

We are proud to have had two majors intern in Washington, DC this summer, and two at the Ohio Legislature! Internships related to your major provide great “value added” to your resume and network of contacts, so definitely consider this opportunity in your junior or senior year. Professors Filipic, Feldmeier and Leonard can assist you in exploring the many options offered by the department.

The Ohio Senate and House of Representatives recorded an official commendation to the Wright State Model United Nations Team (2013-14), now proudly on display in 321 Millett Hall. Part of our mission in political science is to educate our majors to become globally aware, engaged citizens. Model UN students, who hail from a variety of majors, have demonstrated this capacity! Model UN is recruiting NOW for the 2014-2015 year; please come to one of our information sessions September 18, 25 and 26; or e-mail the team’s Head Delegates for more information wsumun2014@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Professor Matt Filipic, who will retire at year’s end.

We thank you for sharing your wealth of insight into American politics, especially Ohio politics. We wish you all the best as you and Louise enjoy your new home in the Washington, DC area...a great venue for watching the 2016 campaign!

Congratulations also to Professor Vaughn Shannon, who was named as Malone Fellow by the National Council on US-Arab Relations (NCUSAR). Dr. Shannon will spend several weeks in the Middle east region as a member of the program.

Welcome back to Professor Paul Leonard! Former Mayor of Dayton and Lt Governor of Ohio, Professor Leonard will offer classes on political leadership, American Politics, and a seminar on animal rights in Spring semester.

Enjoy the fall semester, and be sure to vote!

Donna M. Schlagheck, Chair

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Faculty Office Hours for Fall 2014

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Dayton Council on World Affairs

If you are excited about world events, plan to attend lectures organized by the Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA). It is one of the best intellectual forums in the country and has been providing exciting programs for sixty years. World famous experts in a wide range of fields come to Dayton to present free lectures on an array of vital interest areas.

These include the fields of international politics, economics, and social issues. DCOWA embraces people “with common interests in understanding diverse points of view and cultures.” The atmosphere is warm and welcoming.

For membership information and a list of upcoming events go to www.DCOWA.org.

NOTE TO THE WISE:

No matter what your major, be sure to put the extra effort into your foreign language courses. They are building blocks for courses, and a poor performance one semester only means headaches later.

Semester Graduation Dates

Please note, if you are a PLS Major/Minor, you will need to sign up for an appointment (just outside of 321 Millett) with Dr. Schlagheck for a Grad Check. For IS Majors/Minors, you will need to schedule an appointment with Dr. Green for this important step of the graduation process. You will be given a graduation slip at your appointment that you will submit with the Graduation Application to the Office of the Registrar in E244 Student Union. See the following application filing periods:

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**For Faculty Advising: See Departments for Office Hours**

**ATTENTION COLA STUDENTS!** Need to discuss issues not related to registration? Call 937-775-2601 to schedule an appointment

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TAKE A JOURNEY INTO CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND LEARN ABOUT THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE WHILE VISITING HISTORICAL LANDMARKS, ENGAGING IN A SIT-IN REENACTMENT AND TRAVELING ACROSS THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE.

TRIP: Price includes transportation, lodging, some museum admissions, and meals. A $50 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Registration begins August 25 and closed at 45 participants.

COURSE: PLS 4940/6940-01 Available as a three-credit course, this innovative course highlights some of the critical leaders and unsung heroes and heroines of the American Civil Rights Movement, while discussing the global impact of the movement and its present-day implications. This class will be taught by Dr. Tracy Snipe and meets on Mondays from 4:40-7:10 p.m.

COST:
- $250 for students enrolled in PLS 4940/6940-01: Modern Civil Rights Movement: Pilgrimage. Class is scheduled for Spring 2015.
- $300 for students not enrolled in PLS 4940/6940-01
- $500 for community members

More information and a tentative itinerary can be found at: wright.edu/bolinga

Contact Nycia Bold at nycia.bold@wright.edu or (937) 775-5645 for more information.

This trip is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement with support from: Bolinga Center, University Center for International Education, College of Liberal Arts, and the Political Science Department.

For additional Black History Month events, please review our website at wright.edu/bolinga
Welcome to the new semester. Whether you took the summer off for other pursuits or whether you stayed here with us this summer and removed some items from your to-do list, Fall always feels like the beginning of something new.

One change this semester is that some of you may have a new adviser. At last count, International Studies was up to nearly 130 majors—which makes your major one of the largest in the College of Liberal Arts, by the way. As much as I enjoy advising, 130 advisees had become a challenge for me to handle alone, and so last year a few dedicated IS professors stepped up to the plate to help with the advising. Dr. Susan Carrafiello (235 Millett), the Director of the Honors Program and a History professor is now advising many of you who are Honors students. Dr. Carlos Costa (319 Millett), my neighbor in Political Science, is also in his second year of advising a handful of IS majors. Two new additions are Dr. Nancy Broughton (330 Millett), professor of Modern Languages, who will be assisting some of you who have that dual major, and Dr. Aaron Wolpert (365 Millett), a professor of Classics, who will pitch hit for us, advising majors with a variety of interests. If you’ve received an email notifying you of such a change, please seek out your new adviser and introduce yourself. No news from me means that you’re like the vast majority of IS majors, and I’ll still be your adviser.

With that said, I just have a few reminders for you. While you’re here in college, you should keep in mind your next step. Now more than ever, grads looking to enter the workplace will need to distinguish themselves from the rest of the pack. Find out how to do this by attending our career workshop on September 25 at 4:00, which is designed just for IS majors (225 Allyn Hall).

Or, graduate with honors. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (and a 3.5 in the major) who are willing to produce a 20 page honors research paper qualify to graduate with departmental honors in International Studies. See me early in your senior year if you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity.

Another way of distinguishing yourself from the rest of the pack is to go on a study abroad trip or to do an internship. Check out the University Center for International Education’s website (http://www.wright.edu/ucie/abroad/) to learn about the assortment of trips available during Summer term (there’s even one to India during Winter break this year), as well as longer term trips to study at universities around the world.

In addition, there are the Washington Center internships, in which you spend a quarter living in DC and getting your foot in the door (while receiving credit toward graduation) in one of a wide variety of governmental or non-governmental organizations. Talk to a counselor in the Office of Career Services (334 Student Union) about this tremendous opportunity. Whereas our internship offerings in the Dayton area are much more limited, we do have relationships with a handful of organizations. If you have a 3.0 GPA or better, please contact me in your junior or senior year about these possibilities.

Finally, let me remind you that you must apply for graduation months ahead of time (for example, if you’re planning to finish up the Spring, you must apply by January 24). As part of the application process, all IS majors must meet with me to receive a grad check well before that deadline. At our meeting, we’ll go over your file one more time, to ensure that there are no last minute surprises, and (in an effort to assess and improve the IS program) I’ll conduct an exit interview with you—to hear your views on the strengths and weaknesses of the major. You’ll also be given the opportunity to express your views anonymously, through a survey that I’ll send out to you in your last month here. At the time of the grad check, every graduating senior needs to bring along a copy of a research paper, which will be analyzed (keeping your identity confidential) for assessment purposes.

So, if you’re interested nailing down that graduation date—and in putting off pesky family members always interested in hearing when that day will finally come—make an appointment with your adviser. As always, don’t hesitate to come for advice if you have any questions at all about navigating what is surely not the simplest of majors.
Are you an International Studies major
(or considering the major or a dual major)?

You’re Invited
to a
Career Workshop
Led by Lisa Dulce, Asst. Director for Career Services
Wright State University
Thursday, September 25, 2014
From 4:00—5:00 p.m.
225 Allyn Hall
Refreshments will be served

Please R.S.V.P.
E-mail: renee.harber@wright.edu or call: (937) 775-2833
Fall is always such a busy, yet exciting time. We have a number of students completing their M.A. theses, interviewing for jobs and internships, and wrapping up their coursework in the program. On the other end of the spectrum, we are happy to welcome our newest students as well. In early August, we were thrilled to welcome our 14th cohort of students to the M.A. program; 15 students from 10 universities and 6 different countries.

We also hope all ICP students will become active members in the newly formed graduate student organization for the Department, the Grad CORPS (see information below.)

Have a great Fall Semester, and keep in touch! Please remember to update us on any changes in jobs, educational experience, or addresses. And don’t forget to follow us on social media: Facebook (Wsu Icp MA Political Science) and Twitter (@WrightState_ICP).

Dr. Luehrmann
Orientation Panel

This year’s orientation was even more action-packed and informative than ever, thanks to all of the many faculty and staff members from across the university who assisted by sharing their insight and areas of expertise. This includes, in addition to members from the Department of Political Science, Mandy Shannon (University Libraries); Stephanie Cheeseman and Sarah O’Connell (University Center for International Education); and Kathleen O’Brien (Career Services). Thank you also to the second year ICP students who staffed the ever-popular “I Survived the First Year” panel: Christopher Dias, Kuyer Fazekas, Caitlyn Banis and Jonathan Maze.

Upcoming Events

Be watching the ICP Facebook Page (Wsu Icp MA Political Science) and your e-mail for announcements of upcoming events, including the Study Abroad Fair (Wednesday, October 8th, from 11am-2pm in the Student Union Atrium) and the Graduate School Open House (Wednesday, October 15th, from 5:00-7:00pm in the Apollo Room, Student Union). Also, all ICP students should mark their calendars for the 2015 University-Wide Celebration of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities, scheduled for Friday, April 10th. Last year, we had a record number of students presenting Political Science research, and we plan to top last year’s figures in 2015!
Want to join us?

All potential applicants to the ICP M.A. program should plan to attend the Wright State Graduate School Open House on Wednesday, October 15th, in the Apollo Room, Student Union, from 5:00-7:00pm.

Please note: the priority application deadline for Fall 2015 is March 1, 2015. Assistantships and scholarships are available: apply by March 1st for consideration. Personnel employed full-time at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, including family members of full-time personnel, are eligible for up to $2500 in scholarship assistance per semester. See the Graduate School’s webpage (http://www.wright.edu/graduate-school/admissions/apply-now) for details.

We look forward to receiving your application!
We are happy to report that the ICP M.A. Program now has an official student organization: the Graduate Central Organization for Research in Political Science (Grad. C.O.R.P.S.) We are focused on three main principles, which center on:

1.) Advancing the interests and educational experience of graduate students in the I.C.P. program;
2.) Proving professional networking opportunities along with social functions to improve each cohort’s experience;
3.) Raising the profile of the Wright State I.C.P. program within the Wright State community and surrounding area.

We welcome all interested undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty, and alumni to attend our meetings.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or would like to learn more about the Grad C.O.R.P.S., then please feel free to contact us via email (WSUGradCorps@Gmail.com).

The officers for the inaugural academic year 2014-2015 are:

**President:** Jonathan W. Maze – 2nd year I.C.P. Graduate Student  
**Vice President:** Kuyer Fazekas - 2nd year I.C.P. Graduate Student  
**Director of Internal Affairs:** Caitlyn Banis - 2nd year I.C.P. Graduate Student  
**Director of External Affairs:** Hannah Collins - 2nd year I.C.P. Graduate Student
Congratulations to our Recent ICP Graduates:

**June 2014**

**Brandon Boyd**, “Assessing the Prospects of Turkey’s Accession to the European Union” *(Dr. Donna Schlagheck)*

**Jeffrey Fourman**, “When Insurgents Go Terrorist: The Role of Foreign Support in the Adoption of Terrorism” *(Dr. Vaughn Shannon)*

**William McIntire**, “The Role of Information Technology and Identity in Post-Dayton Bosnia: Reconstructing a Post-Conflict State: Mending or Deepening the Ethnic Divide” *(Dr. Laura Luehrmann)*.

**Rana Odeh**, “The Impact of Changing Narratives on American Public Opinion Toward the U.S.-Israel Relationship” *(Dr. Vaughn Shannon)*

**Monique Scott**, “Does a Retributive Approach to Transitional Justice Contribute to Greater Instability?” *(Dr. December Green)*

**Summer 2014**

Macklin Everly, “Multicultural Public Policy and Homegrown Terrorism in the European Union” *(Dr. Liam Anderson)*
Charlene Preston, Outstanding Graduating Graduate Student in Political Science

Charlene defended her thesis, “Rwanda: (Limited) Effects of the First Female Parliamentary Majority in the World” in December of 2013. Her research builds upon feminist theory, the literature on post-conflict situations and failed states. She examined the interesting dichotomy of semi-authoritarianism and democratic practices in Rwanda, a state that continues to deal with the legacy of the 1994 genocide. Her research contributes to the debate on Rwandan transitional justice by demonstrating that, despite unexpected and historic opportunities for women to enter politics (a record 64% of the Rwandan members of Parliament are female), patriarchy endures. She concludes that the increased numbers of women in Parliament has been politically expedient for the Rwandan Patriotic Front, and that Rwandan women remain in a precarious situation: they owe their opportunity to participate in democratic institutions to a political party that runs an authoritarian state. Her thesis director was Dr. December Green.

Jill Pohl, Graduate Student Excellence Awards

Jill defended her M.A. thesis, titled “Al Qaeda’s Propaganda War: A War for Hearts and Minds” in November 2013. In this study, she examines Al Qaeda’s use of mass media propaganda, including analysis of the decline in support for the organization’s anti-Western goals, as reflected in Arab Public Opinion Surveys. Her thesis director was Dr. Vaughn Shannon.

Before enrolling at Wright State, Jill earned a B.F.A. in Writing for Film and Television from the University of Southern California. Currently, Jill serves as the Military Spouse Program Coordinator at “Hiring Our Heroes,” an agency within the US Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Kevin, reside in Washington, D.C.
Kathleen Davis-Siudut, Outstanding Alum Graduate Student in Political Science:

Kathleen has spent the past decade working in the fields of human trafficking and sexual assault, ranging from policy advocacy to direct victim assistance. She has authored reports on human trafficking; provided subject matter expertise to local, national, and international government entities and nongovernmental organizations; and served on federal and state taskforces, developing specialized training and curriculum, consulting on public and private sector projects, and drafting legislation. Kathleen estimates that she has trained and educated more than 3000 Ohioans on human trafficking, and worked with the U.S. Attorney’s Office to train military leaders from 45 countries. Additionally, she developed curricula now studied by law-enforcement recruits for the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy.

Having worked for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the Polaris Project, Kathleen presently works for the United States Marine Corps’ Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Kathleen currently lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and young daughter.
Devin Babcock began his 13-month internship at the Legislative Services Commission in Columbus. Devin joins recent ICP alums Carrie (Kellar) Arblaster (Class of 2010) and Jacquelyn Schroeder (Class of 2012) in receiving this prestigious position.

Hannah Collins is one of three ICP students working at the Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management (DISAM) as research assistants, under contract with Lockheed Martin. She has been assigned to the Asian Region, and has been regularly briefing cohort members attending intensive training sessions at DISAM. She has had the opportunity to present her research on human trafficking in Asia on a recurring basis to personnel. Hannah's research, "Human Trafficking in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region" was recently published in The DISAM Online Journal of International Security Cooperation Management The article can be found at http://www.disamjournal.org/articles/human-trafficking-in-the-indoasiapacific-region-1437.

Marty Kalfas attended the Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit on the campuses of Duke University and the University of North Carolina last spring. This program invites 120 delegates from across the US and China to gather to hear important speakers discuss Sino-US relations, and to build networks for budding young professionals. Of the U.S. delegates, half of the students are selected from the campuses of UNC and Duke, and half selected from elsewhere. We are honored that one of our students was chosen to be part of this prestigious international gathering. Marty’s attendance at this conference was supported by the College of Liberal Arts, UCIE, and the ICP Program Fund. Marty also recently arrived in Taiwan where he will be studying Chinese language at National Taiwan University during the academic year, supported by a Ministry of Education Hanyu Scholarship from the government of the Republic of China.

Missi McCarthy, current ICP-MPA Dual Degree student, had her paper, “Voices of Dissent: Women’s Human Rights in China” accepted for presentation at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs in Lawrence, Kansas, October. This research is part of her M.A. thesis research which compares compliance with human rights documents in Taiwan and PRC. Missi’s travel is supported by the ICP Development Fund.

Monica D. Morales, a Public Affairs Specialist in the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) Public Affairs Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, accompanied the AFMC commander to Boston after planning several speaking engagements at MIT for the four-star general. As part of Monica's travels, she attended the MIT Security Studies Program's 2014 Gen. Doolittle Award Dinner where she had the opportunity to meet former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe. Additionally, Monica spent a week in June serving as aide to the Director, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs. In this role, Monica prepared the general's meeting briefings and acted as liaison between the general and her Pentagon office.

Hanna Tarbert presented her paper, “Family Planning and Human Trafficking in China,” at the “Race, class, Gender, Sexuality Symposium” at Wright State last February. This year’s theme of the symposium, presented by the WSU Women’s Center, Women’s Studies Program and African and African American Studies Program, was “De/Constructing Social Justice: Past, Present and Futures”.
Brandon Boyd (Class of 2014), recently accepted an offer from Indiana University (Bloomington) for a position as Academic Adviser to International Students. This was his top job preference!

Kyleigh Clark (Class of 2011) received multiple offers for funding in Ph.D. programs, ultimately deciding to enroll in the Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice at the University of Massachusetts – Lowell. She was accepted into all three doctoral programs to which she applied, and she also received a full teaching assistantship for the duration of her program at U Mass. After graduating in 2011, Kyleigh accepted a position with the School for International Training in their Study Abroad office, and lived in Brattleboro, Vermont. Kyleigh’s M.A. thesis was directed by Dr. December Green, and she was named the outstanding graduate from the ICP program in 2012.

Joshua Cummins (Class of 2012) had an article that grew out of his M.A. thesis accepted for publication in the DISAM Journal of International Security Cooperation and Management (May 2014). His article, “Public Opinion and Security Cooperation in the Middle East and Central Asia,” (co-authored with Dr. Carlos Braziel), examines whether the ability to build relationships and enact diplomacy is affected by the negative views of the United States in the Middle East and Central Asia. Josh currently serves as a Lockheed Martin Regional Research Assistant at the Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management. The article can be found at http://www.disamjournal.org/articles/public-opinion-and-security-cooperation-in-the-middle-east-and-central-asia-1322. Josh defended his M.A. thesis, “Hearts and Minds: U.S. Foreign Policy and Anti-Americanism in the Middle East,” in the Fall of 2012. His thesis advisor was Dr. Vaughn Shannon. Josh was also recently hired as an Assistant Director of the 2015 National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference in New York City. He was assigned to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and he recently started a position as adjunct professor in the Department of Political Science at Sinclair Community College.

Congratulations to Sara Hoff (Class of 2009) who defended her dissertation, Ritualized Rhetoric and Historical Memory in German Foreign and Security Policy," last March, from Old Dominion University. Dr. Hoff taught English for a year in South Korea after graduating from the ICP program. She was selected as the program’s outstanding graduate in 2009, and her thesis research was directed by Dr. December Green. Sara and her husband are currently living in Washington D.C. She recently received a Presidential Management Fellowship (a two year program that allows employees to rotate to different federal agencies), and she is currently employed as an analyst at the U.S. Energy Information Administration (the independent research arm of the Department of Energy).

Congratulations to Rachel Miller (Class of 2012) and Matt Normile on their wedding last April!
James Mosher (Class of 2010): After three years with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), James has made a bit of a shift by accepting a Foreign Service appointment with the State Department. He’s been hired as an Economic Officer, and his first two-year assignment, in Moscow, begins in October. He and his wife are excited to return to the region after a few years away (James completed a two year assignment with the Peace Corps in Ukraine during his time in the ICP M.A. program). They will welcome their first child in March 2015.

Morgan O’Brien (Class of 2007), a Foreign Service officer who oversees sports diplomacy for the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, recently travelled to China for the 5th Annual U.S.-China High Level Consultation on People-to-People Exchange. While in Beijing, Morgan organized sessions which brought together partners from the Special Olympics, U.S. Olympic Committee, Chinese Olympic Committee, National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball and the Chinese Basketball Association. Over two days, the representatives discussed the importance of access to sport for the disabled, the globalization of athletics, and future exchange opportunities.

Derrick Seaver (Class of 2013) is currently the Director of Public Policy at the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce in San Jose, California.

Crystal Whetstone (Class of 2013) received offers of admission and funding from the doctoral programs at the University of Kansas (Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program) and the University of Cincinnati (Political Science). She has accepted the offer from UC and plans to pursue the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate certificate. Her thesis was directed by Dr. December Green. Crystal was celebrated as the Outstanding Graduate of the ICP program in 2013.
Internship Opportunities

Students may wish to consider an internship during spring semester. Our students have recently interned with public defender’s offices, congressional district offices, state legislative offices, and political campaigns. We also have opportunities in the City of Dayton, the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, and other local government offices. Some students have found additional sites on their own.

An internship can be a wonderful opportunity to explore a possible future career path, to learn about the work of a government office or a political campaign, and to develop a network of contacts for possible future employment. It is also a way to obtain 3 hours of credit. A student may receive credit for up to two internships. Internships are generally unpaid.

A student must be able to work at least ten hours per week. Some internship sites may require more. A 3.0 GPA is required. Students interested in being an intern should contact Professor Filipic for an appointment at:

matthew.filipic@wright.edu or at 775-2903.

He will explain the details, help students identify potential opportunities that the student might wish to pursue, and help students apply to a work site. A student must obtain the approval of the Department and of the work site. Students should make arrangements at least several weeks before the beginning of the term for which the internship is being sought.
News from the Pre-Law Advisor:

So you’re thinking about a career in law? Possibly even attending law school? For many years, college students were advised that a legal education, particularly law school, was a solid choice and a good investment in their future. Most prelaw advising time was spent on helping students select a law school and providing them with basic information on taking the LSAT. After all, a law school education never hurt anyone, right?

But in recent years, with the downturn in the economy, prelaw advising has become a more complicated endeavor. Job prospects for attorneys and other legal professionals have substantially declined in many legal markets. And six-figure student-loan debts are an all-too-familiar reality for many law school graduates. As a result, students need to really consider many more adverse and consequential factors before pursuing a post-graduate legal education. Still, some students remain highly passionate about the study of law and see themselves doing nothing other than working in the legal profession.

Whether you are definitely applying to law school or just want to kick around the idea, I would be happy to sit down with you and discuss your decision. Please contact me at john.feldmeier@wright.edu.

Dr. John P. Feldmeier, J.D., Ph.D.
Pre-Law Advisor
315 Millett Hall
john.feldmeier@wright.edu

Announcing the Thompson-Hine Pre-Law Diversity Scholarship!

Are you planning to attend law school?

Could you use at least $500 toward your last Wright State tuition bill?

Wright State students who have registered for the LSAC (Law School Admission Council) service are eligible to apply for this new scholarship.

Begin practicing your advocacy skills by making your most compelling “closing argument” in 500 words or less, explaining why you wish to attend law school and why you are deserving of a pre-law scholarship.

Submit your written petitions, along with proof of your LSAC registration, to:
Thompson-Hine Pre-Law Scholarship Committee
323 Millett Hall

Deadline for petitions is January 15, 2015.

Questions?

Refer to the Wright State Pre-Law website or contact Dr. John Feldmeier at john.feldmeier@wright.edu
Pre-Law Resources

LSAT (Law School Admission Test) Tests and Deadlines
http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/test-dates-deadlines/

Application Materials for LSAC (Law School Admission Council)
http://www.lsac.org/

ABA (American Bar Association) approved law schools
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/aba_approved_law_schools/in_alphabetical_order.html

Preparing for Law School
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law.html

Practical Realities of Going to Law School
http://www.lawschooltransparency.com/

Bureau of Labor Employment Outlook for Lawyers
http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Legal/Lawyers.htm

Writing an Effective Personal Statement
http://uwc.utexas.edu/node/94
http://www.law.berkeley.edu/5188.htm
Law School Planning Timetable

**September-October**
Get latest law school information from Pre-Law Advising Website and other sources.

Sign up for October Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) by September. Late Registration dates can be found at: [http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/test-dates-deadlines.asp](http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/test-dates-deadlines.asp)

Sign up for LSDAS as per the instructions found at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

Make an appointment to talk with your Pre-Law Advisor. Before this meeting, prepare a tentative list of law schools you are considering.

Secure application materials (including financial aid applications if necessary). Please visit the Law School Admissions Council website at: [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org) for information about electronic applications.

Take the LSAT if you have not already done so.

Make appointments to see law school recruiters as appropriate.

After receiving your application forms, write your basic essay or essays. If you wish, your Pre-Law Advisor will read these essays and make suggestions.

**October-November**
Give out recommendation forms to professors. You are strongly advised to use the Law School letter of recommendations service for all recommendations. These are sent directly to the law schools.

Get applications in.

After you receive your LSAT score (if taken in the fall) check with Pre-Law Advisor for additional suggestions, if necessary.

**December**
Finish up applications.

If you are applying for financial aid, use the FAFSA form online and fill it out. Keep a printed copy for your records.

**January-February**
Either with a letter, or a phone call, or online, monitor your files at every law school to which you have applied making sure all items, LSDAS reports, recommendations, etc. are in and your file is complete. If any item is not in, contact the appropriate agency/person. If you applied using the LSAC online account then you may check your file status online. Some law schools also have online file checking available.

**March**
Wait

When you have been accepted to a school that you wish to attend, notify other schools in writing that have accepted you that you will not be attending.

If there are problems or questions, or if you are waitlisted at your first choice school, see your Pre-Law Advisor.

**April**
Pay deposit to school you will be attending, or if you are on the wait list at your first choice school, make sure you have placed a deposit to hold your seat at your “second choice” school.

Order a final transcript from the Registrar's Office (showing graduation date) to be sent to the law school you will attend.

**May-June**
Please inform your Pre-Law Advisor of your final decision regarding law school.
Current Students in the News:

Angelica M. Loyd
Presents her poster at the APSA (American Political Science Association Meeting)

The Poster Session went really well for Angie and she received positive feedback. Angie was also able to connect with several Graduate Schools and reported back that this was truly an amazing experience for her.

*We are very proud of you! Great job Angie!*

Cody M. Smith’s Summer Internship in Washington, DC

I was very fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to intern in the office of Congressman Michael R. Turner in Washington this past summer, and it was an experience that I am not likely to forget. I learned so many valuable things while working for Congressman Turner and I am excited to be able to take the skills that I gained in the office and apply them to the rest of my time here at Wright State and my future career path. The majority of my duties as an intern were speaking with constituents and composing briefing documents for Congressman Turner before his meetings and committee hearings. One of the best parts of being an intern in a Congressional office is being able to walk around and give tours of the Capitol to constituents. I gained valuable new insight into the work of Congress, as well as some important new contacts through the completion of this internship. I would highly recommend this experience to anyone in the Political Science department who is looking to expand their knowledge of Congress, and I am very grateful to everyone who helped me secure this internship.

My first day on the job, I found myself with a familiar face from WSU’s Dept. of PLS! Renee Harber-Siervogel along with her husband Roger Siervogel, their granddaughter, Tatum Ruiz and an ALS Board Member, Debbie Lower. Renee & Roger are Rep. Turner’s constituents and were in DC for a meeting with him with their concerns for the ALS Association.
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Model United Nations

Are you interested in becoming a member of our award-winning Model United Nations team? Please come to one of our information sessions listed below.

Thursday, September 18, 2014
6:30-7:30 PM in 103 Oelman Hall

Thursday, September 25, 2014
6:30-7:30 PM in 103 Oelman Hall

Model UN Mixer
Friday, September 26, 2014
5:00-8:00 PM
In the Pathfinder Lounge
Student Union
We were delighted to have two of our retired faculty drop in for a visit in mid-September! Dr. James Walker, Emeritus was in town from Tucson, AZ. Dr. Mark Sirkin, Emeritus from Yellow Springs.
Nepal is known for its Himalayas—home to Mount Everest and eight of the world’s 10 tallest mountains. But the tiny Asian nation of 27 million people is also becoming a strategic jewel, snuggled between the rising powers of India and China.

And for the past few years, Nepal has been wobbling from a long-time monarchy into a democratic republic, trying to navigate a process that will result in a new constitution.

Pramod Kantha, Ph.D., associate professor of political science at Wright State University, just returned from a trip to his native Nepal to meet with parliamentarians, academics and citizens and take the country’s political pulse.

Kantha said he has learned that efforts to write a new constitution are essentially deadlocked because of the division over whether to give Nepal a strong federal government or a strong state system.

“The answers were not very encouraging,” he said. “There are so many conflicting interests that are trying to push their agenda.”

Kantha’s recent trip to Nepal—his third—is part of his project to write a book about Nepal’s political transition. He also plans to use the information he dug up in papers, talks and lectures to his students.

He has had a front-row seat to political developments in Nepal over the years. He grew up in Birgunj, Nepal, near the Indian border and actually attended high school in India. He was struck by the contrast of the two country’s political systems—the freedoms afforded by India’s democracy and the restrictions imposed by Nepal’s monarchy.

He became interested in political science, absorbing news accounts by the BBC and in The Times of India, The Economist, Newsweek and Time. He later obtained his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science in Nepal and in the late 1970s took part in college demonstrations against the monarchy system.

After a 10-year civil war involving the Maoist party, elections in 2008 abolished Nepal’s monarchy and established a federal multiparty representative democratic republic. Since then, there have been efforts to write a constitution that will dictate the political future of Nepal.

In 2010, Kantha wrote a chapter on Nepal’s peace process in the book The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal.

Kantha said that despite all the political chaos, Nepal continues to move toward democratization. His research and fact-finding trips look at how forces are able to sustain the democratic process in a relatively undeveloped country.

During his latest visit to Nepal, Kantha also met with officials from educational institutions in an effort to recruit Nepalese students to Wright State. The university currently only has a handful of Nepalese students, but its overall international student population is booming.

“When Nepalese officials look at the university profile here, they are really fascinated,” Kantha said. “It’s just that they didn’t know...