The Henri Habib Distinguished Speakers Series, March 4, 2015. Jean Chretien gave this year’s Henri Habib Lecture, titled “Canada: Its own flag, its own destiny.” Tickets sold out within 15 minutes. The lecture was followed by an equally well-attended reception.

Jean Chretien with Dr. Henri Habib and Dean André Roy

Gemma Acco (PSSA president), Sheila Anderson (Department Administrator), Daniel Rhodes (Political Science Student), Yann Grand-Clement (Political Science Student) and Fiona Schlumberger (VP Communication, PSSA)
MPPPA Alumni Event, March 18, 2015. A friendly crowd of MPPPA alumni, faculty, and interns gathered at the lounge at Milestone’s in Ottawa. MPPPA Director Brooke Jeffrey and Internship Coordinator Eve Pankovitch hosted the standing room only event. Dr. Ara Karaboghossian travelled in from Montreal to join his fellow alumni. All was a-buzz.

A good time was had by all!

Concordia Roundtable on the rule of law went viral in Central Europe, March 5, 2015. The Department of Political Science and the School of Community and Public Affairs sponsored a roundtable discussion on challenges to the Rule of Law in the European Union, organized by Daniel Salée and Andrew Göllner. The Roundtable was chaired by Daniel Salée, and included presentations by Andrew B. Göllner (Concordia U.), Kim L. Scheppele (Princeton U.) and András Bozoki (Central European U.). The event went viral in Central Europe after a senior diplomat from the Hungarian Embassy in Ottawa tried to disrupt the proceedings. By the time the furor subsided more than a million people had either read about the event or seen a video on YouTube showing the clumsy efforts of the Hungarian diplomat to discredit the scholars on the Concordia panel. Hungarian media reported favourably on the presentations of the three scholars who spoke at the event and heaped scorn on the unprofessional conduct of their country’s representative.

North American Transnational Environmental Governance Symposium, February 17, 2015. The Department helped host a symposium organized by Peter Stoett, Director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre and the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation, featuring speakers from the United Nations, the CEC, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, and others. Many of the papers will appear in a volume edited by Dr. Stoett and Owen Temby (The
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley) to be published by SUNY Press. Department Chair Marlene Sokolon addressed an afternoon session of the symposium, welcoming attendees to the 12th floor.

Publications

Brooke Jeffrey, accompanied by McGill-Queen’s University Press, launched her book *Dismantling Canada: Stephen Harper’s New Conservative Agenda* to a packed conference room at the Department of Political Science on March 24th. Dr. Jeffrey entertained the crowd with anecdotes and reflections on the rise and peculiarities of the Harper government. Wine and cheese were served and Brooke Jeffrey signed copies of her book for appreciative politicians, faculty, staff, and students.


**Upcoming Events**

**April 24, 2015 8:00AM H1220**

The Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) in conjunction with the Department of Political Science is pleased to invite you to its 4th Annual Graduate Student Conference. The theme of the conference is *Political and Economic Crises and their Implications*. There will be thirteen student presenters and Dr. Kimberley Manning will be the guest speaker. The conference will be held on Friday, April 24th, 2015 from 8 AM to 5 PM in H-1220. The conference is open and free to all students, staff and faculty at Concordia University as well as any other university. Please RSVP at concordia.psgsa.conference@gmail.com with your name and department. Please join us in making the conference a success once again this year!
May 8, 2015

Centre for Research and Expertise in Social Gerontology (CREGES) will hold a workshop titled “De la perte à la reconstruction: l'expérience du deuil chez les aînés” at Concordia on May 8th, 2015 in the Hall Building. We will be hosting 400 professionals for this event. For more information and program visit www.creges.ca.

Kudos

Our SSHRC postdoctoral fellow Stephen White will start as a tenure track assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Carleton University on July 1st.

Our Visiting Researcher and CRC postdoctoral fellow Jaylene Liang (working with Patrik Marier) will start as a tenure track assistant professor at the University of Louisana at Monroe on August 1st.

Brent Gerchicoff received a Graduate Research Award for Disarmament, Arms Control, and Non-Proliferation for his paper on "Bilateral Nuclear Cooperation Agreements." The award is a joint initiative of The Simons Foundation and the International Security Research and Outreach Programme (ISROP) of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD). He joined other award recipients in a Graduate Research Award debate at the DFATD headquarters in Ottawa on 20 February 2015.

Caitlin Robinson (MPPPA student) received the Dr. Everett M. Price Graduate Scholarship, which is based on academic merit.

Kimberley Manning joined the editorial board of the journal Pacific Affairs.

Kimberley Manning became Advocacy Committee Member on the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health.

MA student Daniel Dickson received an Aging+Communications+Technologies fellowship to attend the 2015 Graz International Summer School Program in Austria where he will be studying in the Seggau Castle.


Recent Presentations

Ozge Uluskaradag presented a paper titled “Democratic Deconsolidation in Turkey? Evidence from Gezi and Soma Protest” at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA, USA (February 18-22). She received a travel grant of $350 from ISA to participate in the conference.
Ozge Uluskaradag presented a paper titled “'Efficiency' is not so efficient in health service provision: Evidence from Turkey” at the International Political Science Association (IPSA) biennial conference in Montreal (July 2014).

Ozge Uluskaradag presented a paper titled “Policy Making In Canada: Social Capital as a Public Policy Tool” at the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual conference in May 2014, held in St. Catherines, Ontario.


Brooke Jeffrey and Stephanie Paterson participated in an invited conference titled "Women's Leadership in Public Policy and Governance," co-chaired by Clerk of the Privy Council Janice Charette and President of the Public Service Commission Anne-Marie Robinson at Carleton University, February 24, 2015.

Antoine Bilodeau participated in a Roundtable in Paris, France, titled “Quels outils pour une diversité apaisée dans nos villes et banlieue?” at the Centre culturel canadien, organized by the Canadian Embassy in Paris, March 17, 2015.

Antoine Bilodeau gave a presentation titled “Le Québec et les minorités ethniques: un double déficit?” at the Secrétariat aux affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes du Québec, on February 27, 2015.


Peter Stoett, presented a paper entitled "Drivers of Biodiversity Loss, Human Health Threats, and Global Governance" at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Consortium of Universities for Public Health at Boston University, on March 27, 2015.
Guy Lachapelle gave a lecture at Ball State University entitled "The Global Development of Political Science" on March 18th. Here is the article from the Ball State Daily:

Mireille Paquet and Daniel Salée participated in a panel titled ‘Projet Austerity: societal context & interdisciplinary perspective’ on March 30, 2015. This event, organized by Concordia’s Graduate Students Association (GSU) brought together professors from several other departments (Geography and Urban Planning, Women Studies) to discuss current trends in Quebec politics.

**Media Appearances**

Patrik Marier was interviewed on “Pas de midi sans info” with Jacques Beauchamp on employing age-related cost structures for municipal services on March 11.

Patrik Marier conducted 11 interviews across local radio stations in Canada on CBC Morning News programs on individuals working and planning to work past retirement age on February 19.

Kimberley Manning was the newsmaker of the week during the week of March 2nd.

Mireille Paquet was featured on CTV news to discuss Pierre Karl Péladeau’s declaration regarding immigration and Quebec sovereignty on March 20, 2015.

Ceren Belge commented on violence against women in Turkey to La Presse and gave a longer interview on the same topic to Le Journal International.

**Theses and Internship Defenses**

Congratulations to Curtis Bedwell, who successfully defended his Internship Report entitled: “Understanding Aboriginal Policy Change Through the Advocacy Coalition Framework: The Case of Aboriginal Education Policy in British Columbia,” on April 1st, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Antoine Bilodeau, second reader Dr. Daniel Salee and Chaired by Dr. Graham Dodds.

Congratulations to Maria Eugenia Yupanqui Aurich, who successfully defended her Master’s Thesis entitled: “Erôs in Plato’s Republic” on March 31st, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Marlene Sokolon, second reader Dr. Maben Poirier and Chaired by Dr. Amy Poteete.

Good luck to Curtis and Eugenia in all their future endeavors.