Upcoming Events

25th IPSA World Congress of Political Science (Brisbane, 21-25 July 2018)

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) will hold its 25th World Congress in Brisbane (Australia) from July 21-25, 2018. We invite you to share your research on issues to which political science can bring important insights. It is an opportunity to once again demonstrate the relevance of political science to political practice. To help make this 25th IPSA World Congress a world success, please disseminate the Call for Proposals below. Your help, as well as your participation, will surely contribute to making IPSA's activities a reference point in the field of political science.

Call for Proposals Now Open!

The Congress theme “Borders and Margins” will be featured in specially organized topical sessions and events. Proposals for panels and papers on any subject within political science are welcome.

Proposal Submission Deadline:  10 October 2017

Anyone can submit a proposal for a panel or paper. Proposers do not need to be a member of IPSA. If you do not currently hold an IPSA account, you will be asked to create one before submitting your proposal for a panel or paper.

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For more information about the 25th IPSA World Congress, visit wc2018.ipsa.org.
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Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference (October 5-6, 2017)

The Department of Political Science at Concordia University, in partnership with the Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, and the Political Science Graduate Students’
Association, Concordia University, presents the inaugural Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference. The conference will be held from October 5-6, 2017, in H1220. The theme is: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Africa: Politics, Society and Economics. Organizers received more than 100 applications from Masters, PhD students and Post-Doctoral fellows.

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**Recent Publications**


Grants and Fellowships


The department would like to welcome Dr. Kyuho Lee, a Horizon Postdoctoral fellow who joined the department on August 1st. He will be here for the next two years contributing mainly to the funded research project entitled the Politics of Social Gerontology. He is co-supervised by Patrik Marier and Meghan Joy.

Antwi Boasaki and Mark Frimpong, doctoral students in the Department, along with McGill graduate Mohamed Sesay, received funding from the School of Graduate Studies Graduate Community Building Fund in the amount of $5000 to organize the First Concordia-McGill African Studies Conference

Conference and Roundtable Presentations


Bilodeau, Antoine. 2017. “A tale of two liberalisms? Understanding support for restrictions on minority religious symbols in Quebec and the rest of Canada.” School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University, June 22nd.


2017


Graham Dodds was a member of a symposium on “Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC)/Writing in the Discipline (WID): Meaning, methods and making learning active,” which was part of the sixth annual conference of SALTISE: Supporting Active Learning & Technological Innovation in Studies of Education, held at Concordia on June 5, 2017.

Marlene Sokolon presented a paper “Does it matter if you Opt in or Out: Organ Donation Policy in the UK, US, and Canada” at the Third International Conference of Public Policy (ICPP) at National University of Singapore from 28th--30th June 2017.


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Awards

Congratulations to Marianna Callocchia who was awarded the Renee Vautelet Prize for Political Science
in 2016-17.

Congratulations to Stephanie Paterson, Patrik Marier, and Felix Chu (MPPPA alum) for winning the J.E. Hodgetts Award! The J.E. Hodgetts Award goes to the finest article in English appearing in the Canadian Public Administration journal. See their article “Technocracy or Transformation: Mapping women's policy agencies & orienting gender (in)equality in the Canadian provinces” here.

Public Talks


Kudos

The following TAs have been selected to receive the Teaching Assistantship Award for the Fall and Winter Terms of 2016-17:

Fall 2016: Sterling Perkins, based on his dedication and hard work in POLI 206 with Dr. Ed King

Winter 2017: Amanda Cinquino, based on her dedication and hard work in POLI 204 with Dr. Antoine Bilodeau and Prof. Eleni Panagiotarakou

Please join me in congratulating Sterling and Amanda. The Department would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the TAs for their hard work this past year.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Congratulations to Daniel Salée for being selected as Concordia’s Newsmaker of the Week (June 12th) for his media coverage around his participation in the Viens commission.

Congratulations to Mireille Paquet for being named Concordia Newsmaker of the Week in August for coverage of her research in the New York Times.

Congratulations to Graham Dodds for being named Concordia’s Newsmaker of the Week on May 24 and again on August 23, both for various interviews about U.S. politics.

Since April, Graham Dodds has been interviewed about U.S. President Donald Trump and various other aspects of U.S. politics on national and local television 13 times, on local radio 16 times, and in “Le Devoir” once.
In August, two Botswana newspapers, Mmegi and the Weekend Post, featured Amy Poteete’s analysis of an in-progress split of an opposition party.

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**Recent Talks and Events**

**Amy Poteete** directed a three-day, multiple-instructor induction course on the political economy of Botswana for the UNICEF country representative in Botswana on behalf of the Rift Valley Institute, 28 – 29 June and 6 July 2017, Gaborone, Botswana.

**Csaba Nikolenyi** directed the Azrieli Institute - Hebrew University Summer School that took place in Jerusalem in the month of July. One of the courses offered was POLI 322: Israeli Politics and Government. The following 2 pictures were taken in Netiv Ha-asarah on the Gaza border and in the Knesset.
Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations to Matthew Le Blanc who has successfully defended his Internship Report on August 31st, 2017 entitled “From Integration to Inclusion, Political Agenda Setting, Framing and the Bureaucratic Agenda: The Case of Multiculturalism in Canada” under the Supervision of Dr. Brooke Jeffrey, second reader Dr. Graham Dodds and Chaired by Dr. Francesca Scala.

Congratulations to Janet Akins who has successfully defended her Internship Report on August 31st, 2017 entitled “Because It’s 2015: And We Still Don’t Understand GBA + The problem of implementation for gender policy in the Government of Canada” under the Supervision of Dr. Stephanie Paterson, second reader Dr. Francesca Scala and Chaired by Dr. Graham Dodds.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Yakimchuk who has successfully defended his Internship Report on August 31st, 2017 entitled “Making a Case atop a Soapbox (and not from the Witness Stand): The Politicization of Evaluation in Canadian Government” under the Supervision of Dr. Harold Chorney, second reader Dr. Antoine Bilodeau and Chaired by Dr. Francesca Scala.
July 2017 MPPPA Interns and Alumni, with Internship Coordinator Eve Pankovitch, meet up at Milestone’s on Sussex Drive in Ottawa, to share stories and to connect. The conversations were fruitful - almost all of them related to helping each other. We can be proud of our graduating and graduated students. With the support and training they receive during their graduate studies, they continue to impress through their work in the federal public service and elsewhere. In doing so, they have become wonderful ambassadors for the MPPPA program.

Alumni Corner

Department of Political Science alumnus, and former CSU president, Lex Gill, BA 13, GrDip 14, will be off to the Supreme Court of Canada, to begin clerking in September 2018.