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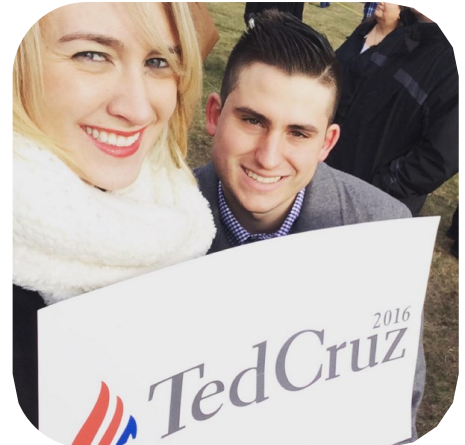
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Greetings from the Chair

Dear majors, minors, and interested students,

In the newsletter you will find information about our fall classes and what we hope to offer as electives next spring. You will also see club information, events, internships, the Washington Semester Program, student and faculty accomplishments, and other news.

I'm happy to report that we have had success with student work being accepted to conferences such as the competitive National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) as well as regional Political Science association meetings. Last year we had two presentations, one at NCUR and one at the New York State Political Science Association Meeting; this year we will have a total of four NCUR acceptances and four regional acceptances. Congratulations to our Capstone, Honors, and Methods students who had their original research work accepted.


A reminder that the Political Science Common Area is SH 321. You can use the coffee maker, make some tea, or have a place to sit, eat, read, or meet with other students. The two computers have MAXQDA, SPSS, and other software on them for your use.

Seniors: by this point you should be up-to-date with your graduation requirements. However, if something comes up, work your advisor and myself as soon as possible.

As always, stop by my office to talk about ideas, concerns, problems, or events you want to plan. You are the folks who help us improve our Political Science community! I welcome the discussions we have together.

My office hours are TTh 10-12:30pm and W 2-4pm -- I am around more than this so do stop by anytime. I have my espresso machine for those who could use a jolt of caffeine.

Best wishes,
Dr. Laurie Naranch (Chair)

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POSC Major Course Sequence

Freshman Year			
Fall	POSC 100 - Contemporary U.S. Politics	Spring	POSC 130 - Political Theory
	POSC 130 - Political Theory		and/or POSC 150 - World Politics
Sophomore Year			
Fall	POSC 140 - Comparative Politics	Spring	POSC 178 - Political Research I
	POSC 178 - Political Research I		or POSC 182 - Political Research II
	POSC 130 - Political Theory		POSC 130 - Political Theory
			and/or POSC 150 - World Politics
			portfolio review for sophomores
Junior Year			
Fall	POSC 182- Political Research II	Spring	POSC 495 - 1 credit
	electives		electives
Senior Year			
Fall	POSC 495 - 1 credit	Spring	POSC 497 - Senior Capstone Course
	POSC 497 - Senior Capstone Course		electives
	electives		

Courses in grey must be taken at these times

Student Conference on U.S. Affairs

My experience at the Student Conference on US Affairs has been the highlight of my time here at Siena College. It was an incredible experience, and I am very grateful and honored to have been chosen to represent Siena College and our Political Science Department at this level. The most impressive lecture for me came from Dr. Madeline Albright, the first female Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton. During the four-day conference, I was able to hear many high-level thinkers and domestic and international policy makers here in the United States discuss the topic of Inequality, which was the theme of SCUSA 67. For the conference itself, I was placed on the climate change table, with 13 other students, 4 cadets from West Point, and 2 co-chairs. I would highly recommend this conference to any students here at Siena who are interested in pursuing any kind of law or graduate degree that deals with international law and/or US foreign policy.



Ryan Kelleher
Sophomore

Alumni Update

Being a Legislative Assistant to Assemblywoman Solages has been a unique and rewarding experience filled with many opportunities. The Assembly is truly the house of the people--we are dedicated to truly understanding the needs of the community and addressing the issues in the best way that we can. Assemblywoman Solages is a forefront fighter in many issues that are pertinent in New York State. Students are struggling to pay their exponentially increasing student loan debt, people are unable to take off time to take care of their families, and workers are struggling to make ends meet. These issues are not easy to solve without ramifications, but this year we are working on comprehensive bills and resolutions to address these concerns. Starting with student loan debt, we have supported two major initiatives to help alleviate this burden. —Alicia Munian '15



Fair Trade Update

Hello friends of Fair Trade:

Members of the Fair Trade Steering Committee visited Guatemala over February break to speak with and learn from Mayan women involved in sustainable weaving cooperatives, campesino/farming organizations, and fair trade groups. The experiential learning trip was co-led by Drs. Eccarius-Kelly and Naranch, providing five Siena students with amazing opportunities to examine the impact of fair trade among rural Mayan communities. The participating students were Amanda Knipple, Michele Humbert, Jenner Alarcón, Annie Pryor, and Jordan Wood. All students will be presenting some of their findings at this year's 5th Annual Fair Trade Conference (see Events on the next page).

"The most profound moment was when I listened to the stories of indigenous women losing their husbands and sons due to the Civil War. It was deeply moving to see their entrepreneurial spirit in the face of such loss and oppression." — Jordan Wood



Upcoming Events

Date	Description	Time	Location
4/8 (F)	Pizza & Politics: Obama & Counterterrorism (Dr. Leonard Cutler)	12:35-1:25	217 Siena Hall
4/14 (Th)	Adriana Cavarero: "The Pleasure of the Ear: Listening to the Voice of Others"	5:00-6:30	Maloney Great Room
4/15 (F)	Fair Trade Conference	11:30-2:00	SSU Atrium
4/22 (F)	Prof. Matthew Jacobsmeier (West Virginia University) on Race & the 2016 Elections	12:35-1:25	Molinari Room (SSU)
5/3 (T)	Capstone Presentations — Dr. Ausra Park & the Class of 2016	9:30-11:00	308 Siena Hall

ACE/CPI Update

The [Community Policy Institute](#) (CPI) is a student-led public policy research organization whose mission is to build capacity surrounding policy within the Capital Region. CPI provides policy research and analysis to non-profit partners and the broader community, enabling them to implement best practices and advocate for policies to address the challenges across a range of issues in the region – including Education, Healthcare, Homelessness, Hunger, and Justice. Housed in the Center for Academic Community Engagement (ACE) and supported by the Political Science Department, the CPI is made up of a specialized group of undergraduate Siena College students fellows who exhibit a strong interest in social justice, the nonprofit sector, research, and policy. CPI Fellows track and disseminate current policy news, research issue important to our community partners, and provide clients with in-depth policy analysis. CPI's policy research is regularly posted as part of a growing network of student-lead policy organization around the country on <http://www.policyoptions.org/albany>. The CPI is now recruiting for summer internships and the 3rd cohort of Student Fellows for the Fall 2016 semester. The program includes a POSC 485 Public Service Internship in the Spring, a funded Intensive Internship in the Summer, POSC 265 Public Policy in the Fall, and other independent research and educational opportunities. Interested students should contact Dr. Daniel Lewis (dlewis@siena.edu), the CPI Faculty Fellow, Emma Bettiol (ebettiol@siena.edu), the CPI Postgraduate Coordinator, or Brittany Drollette (bm08drol@siena.edu), the CPI Student Fellow Coordinator.

With ten [student fellows](#), the CPI team is working on a variety of projects this semester under the able leadership of the four Founding Fellows. Megan Grace is leading a project, in conjunction with NEXT, assessing the capacity of the non-profit network that provide services to the homeless in the Capital Region. Ryan Viskocil is heading up a team researching after



school school programs and poverty for the Afterschool Works! Project. Robert DeFillippo is leading a project for Capital Roots to provide research to aid in the development of a Food Policy Council in the region. Lastly, Gabrielle Treiling's team is developing a series of issue briefs on Restorative Justice for CETL.

Washington Semester Program

The Washington Semester Program provides students with exciting internship and academic opportunities across a wide range of disciplines and the chance to study and live in our nation's capital city. The Program features special seminars conducted by prominent Washington decision-makers and an internship experience, which could include an assignment to a congressional committee or office, an executive branch agency, an interest group association, a think tank, a private company or firm or a media group. In addition, students have the option to take an independent research tutorial with a faculty mentor, enroll in travel course, or take a regular course offered by American University. The program provides seminars in nine concentrations, covering a range of careers and fields of study:

- American Politics
- Global Economics and Business
- Foreign Policy
- Sustainable Development
- International Law and Organizations
- Journalism and New Media
- Justice and Law
- Religion, Politics, Peace, and Security
- Public Health



All interested students should contact Dr. Daniel Lewis, Political Science Department, 321B Siena Hall, dlewis@siena.edu. Further information can also be found at <http://www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/>. **Applications for the Fall 2016 semester are due April 1.**

Taylor Boucher — Currently interning with Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY-21)

“She is the youngest woman ever be elected to congress at age 30! I am giving tours of the Capitol and working closely with all of her staff to work on policies. I love the office and I love having the opportunity to get to see every crevasse of the Capitol.”

Alumni Update

In March, Dr. Cutler attended the "Barack Obama Presidency: Record and Legacy" Conference sponsored by the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron. While there, former student Chris Dolan — currently Professor/Chair of Political Science at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania — was the moderator for Dr. Cutler's presentation. As he says, "It was most gratifying to reunite with Chris and to hear the very complimentary comments that he offered with respect to my role as a professor/mentor in his life." Two years ago, Dr. Dolan was promoted to the rank of Full Professor.

The Con Con Initiative (Update)

This semester, CC17, the student group leading the ConCon Initiative at Siena College, has begun educating local college and high school students about the potential 2017 New York State constitutional convention. The students are beginning to develop presentations that focus on the various topics that have been projected to be discussed at a 2017 convention. For Spring 2016 they have been focusing on the debate regarding the Forever Wild clause, a clause in the State Constitution that ensures the Adirondack and Catskill park lands are kept “wild” forever. This issue is controversial because environmentalists want to preserve and protect the natural land, while mining and logging companies want to make use of it. It is further complicated because the beauty of the Adirondacks brings in tourists which boosts the economy, yet creating businesses or resorts on parts of the land could also benefit the economy. New York has a long legacy of protecting the environment, but some see the large piece of land as potential economic opportunities.

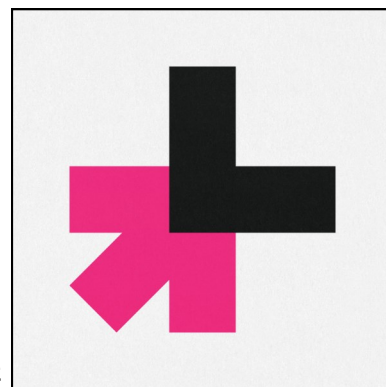
The students developed a mock convention activity where students debate this topic. Their model splits students into three groups: delegates, and two opposing lobbyist groups. After a brief presentation about the issue and constitutional conventions more generally, the students debate on the issue, each representing their lobbyist group. The delegates, who each represent different regions of New York State, then discuss the issue and make a final decision about the clause. The class then votes on the issue as New York citizens, rather than their assigned roles. CC17 has facilitated this activity in first year seminars and at a conference for the Albany Youth and Government Program. They will also be presenting in classes at Colonie Central, Shaker, and Lake George high schools during the remainder of the semester. Educating youth in this way is both engaging and interactive, and will help students make an informed vote. CC17 hopes to continue its efforts with more classes next year.

HeForShe

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls. Soroptimist is best defined as “the best for women.” In early January, the Soroptimist of Saratoga County held their annual Cabin Fever Luncheon which features national or local speakers. This year they featured Anna Therese Day, a columnist at “The Huffington Post” who was selected for The Progressive Women’s Voices Training by the Women’s Media Center. The Soroptimist club are committed to gender equality, empowerment, education, diversity and fellowship.

Like the Soroptimist women, there has been another organization that has recently been established, HeForShe. HeForShe is a UN Women solidarity movement for gender equality. I first learned about HeForShe when I watched the speech Emma Watson gave during a class. From that moment, it was always in the back of my mind. Last semester I decided I wanted to see HeForShe on campus so I got with a couple friends and worked to make it a club. HeForShe calls on men and boys to become advocates for gender equality because it is an issue that effects everyone, not just women. Our goal on campus is to become a voice for the movement, and bring attention to the different issues preventing gender equality.

You can learn more about HeForShe and take the pledge to become an advocate for gender equality at their official website: heforshe.org. We have meeting on Tuesdays at 9:15pm in Siena Hall 119! Also, follow us on Instagram for updates on what we are doing on campus: @SienaHeForShe.



Moot Court/Mock Trial Update

The Honorable James P. King Moot Court Mock Trial Team had an interesting and eventful competition season. This fall we attended the 7th Annual Colgate Classic invitational and competed superbly. At an overall ranking of 6th overall, and a record of 4-4, the team did very well for our first competition. Attorneys Jerry Casertino and Alex Van Den Eynde also received individual awards for their work on the defense and prosecution respectively.

After several months of hard work and re-tooling of our case, we competed at the second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational Tournament at the College of St. Rose. We competed very well and were able to receive feedback from several judges and Assistant District Attorneys, including adopted son of Siena Judge Peter Crummey of Colonie Town Court.

In the first week of February we traveled to Central Islip, NY on Long Island to compete in our AMTA Regional competition. We had strong victories against Queensborough College and The US Coast Guard Academy, and competed well against top teams from Columbia and The College of the Holy Cross.

The team finished with a 4-4 record — just out of the running for nationals — and Joseph Gonyeau was awarded an individual Outstanding Attorney award for the defense. Captain Jerry Casertino was also recognized by the entire tournament for his quick action and use of EMS skills in attending to the needs of a competitor from another school who fell unexpectedly ill during competition.

The team would like to recognize the following seniors for their years of dedication to the team and wish them the best of luck as they continue on to Law School: Adam Durham, Anthony Bjelke, Joseph Gonyeau, and Alexander Van Den Eynde.

The team is also proud to announce the captain spot being vacated by Anthony Bjelke upon his graduation will be filled by Allison Mahoney '19.

Political Science Society

After an action-packed fall semester, the Political Science Society plans to keep up the momentum with a new club trip and a new club discussion installation.

After a successful trip to Washington D.C. last semester, the Political Science Society has decided to arrange another trip. This semester's trip will be to America's historic political capital – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On this trip, the Political Science Society intends to visit sites such as the World Heritage Site Independence Hall, Congress Hall, and the National Constitution Center. Fourteen members of the Political Science Society will be attending this trip during the first weekend of April.

Along with a trip to Philadelphia, the Political Science Society has created a new segment in order to create more political discussion on campus. This new segment, dubbed PoliChats, will take place biweekly on Wednesday nights. Each PoliChat has a different topic. In the past, discussions have been focused around abortion, environmental policy, the War on Drugs, and gerrymandering. Future discussion topics include college tuition pricing, gun control, religious freedom, the death penalty, and voter fraud.



The Political Science Society is continuing to facilitate monthly Town Hall meetings between the Siena Democrats and the Siena Republicans. Though these events mainly focus on debate and discussion between the two parties, all students are welcome at these events. The next Town Hall meeting will take place on April 20. All Town Halls take place in the Molinari Room in the Sarazen Student Union at 9:00PM.

Mary-Kate Browne
President, Political Science Society

Interdisciplinary Research Methods Certificate

The Interdisciplinary Research Methods Certificate program is an exciting new opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing either graduate studies or research related careers to build on the research and analytical skills that they acquire in their major and to strengthen their research methods background, taking a more comprehensive interdisciplinary approach. As analytical and research skills become more sought-after in a variety of fields - from campaigns to public policy to public administration - the interdisciplinary research skills covered in this program will certainly provide students with a key career springboard.

The certificate requires a minimum of 18 credits. No more than nine credits in one department will count towards fulfilling the requirements for the program. Students are required to take:

- PHIL-330 (Philosophy of Science);
- a qualitative research course (POSC-178 or SOCI-306);
- a culminating experience requirement (0 to 3 credits):
This can be a credit or a non-credit learning experience that involves the use of qualitative and/or quantitative research methodologies. Upon completion, students must submit a report that discusses in detail their learning experience and its relevance to program learning goals. If the learning experience is taken for credit, the credits can be applied towards fulfilling the 18 credit requirement of the program. Examples of culminating experiences include: a capstone course in the major, an honors thesis course; participation in the Siena Summer Scholars Program, independent study, and an experiential learning (e.g., a Siena Research Institute internship, a CPI fellowship, or other research-based internships)
- 9 Elective Credits:
ATDV—110 (Statistics for Social Science), ECON—430 (Econometrics), ENVA—210 (Environmental Research Methods), MATH—371 (Probability for Statistics), MATH—470 (Mathematical Statistics), MGMT—336 (Management Research Methods), MGMT—425 (Leading Change), MRKT—336 (Marketing Research Methods), MRKT—437 (Applied Research Methods), POSC—182 (Political Research II), POSC--325 (Public Opinion), QBUS—200 (Business Statistics I), QBUS—210 (Business Statistics II), SOCI—304 (Research Methods I).

Interdisciplinary Research Methods Certificate for Political Science Majors

This program may be a particularly attractive option for Political Science students. Students in the major can count three of the required POSC courses (178, 182, & 497) toward the program, leaving just three more courses left to fulfill the certificate requirements. For example, a political science student could take PHIL 330 - Philosophy of Science, ATDV 110 - Statistics for Social Science, and MATH 371 - Probability for Statistics to earn the certificate. For further information, contact Dr. Salvatore Lombardo (lombardo@siena.edu) or Dr. Daniel Lewis (dlewis@siena.edu).

International Studies Updates

1. Prof. Dirk de Jong, Ms. Ewa Sobczynska and Mr. Gregory Jabaut took a contingent of 25 students from The Introduction to Globalization Studies (ILTS100) class to the 11th Annual Concordia-Siena Conference on Globalization held in Concordia University, Montreal during November 5-6, 2015. The conference theme was “Social Action, Biodiversity and Sustainability”. Students had a unique opportunity to discuss this important topic with their peers in Concordia University. Students also made presentations based on their research in the class.
2. International Studies is proud to co-sponsor the 2nd Annual Modern Languages & Classics symposium and the 4th Sociology Undergraduate Research Symposium.
3. International Studies Minor along with Career Center and Center for International Programs held the “International Experience @ Work” seminar. Siena alum Keva Luke talked about her experiences while studying abroad. Students had an opportunity discuss their own study abroad experiences.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate (LACS)

Drs. Eccarius-Kelly and Balabarca (Modern Languages Department) are the new academic co-advisors for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificates (LACS). This certificate program is an interdisciplinary course of study that promotes intellectual discussions, research, and teaching about Latin America and the Caribbean by focusing on its people, languages, cultures, histories, and politics. Please see one of us if you want to learn more about LACS; and stay tuned for the POSC fall course on Latin American Politics and Society.

Interning with the Mayor - Samantha Holmes

Samantha Holmes, a Senior Political Science Major, worked as an intern in the office of Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan.

“Working with the Mayor has been a truly inspirational experience, she is strong, determined and smart. However the greatest characteristic I've had the pleasure to witness is her unprejudiced decision making. She truly looks to advance the collective good of Albany, NY and does extensive research to ensure not one group is favored or catered over another.” - Samantha Holmes



Faculty Updates

Dr. Laurie Naranch - Chair

Dr. Naranch's essay on Sojourner Truth will appear this spring in *Fifty-One Key Feminist Thinkers* in a series from Routledge Press. She will be on a Roundtable about the book at the Western Political Science Association Meeting at the end of March where she also organized the Women and Politics section. She will present her ongoing research, "So Long American Dream!: Debt, Embodiment, and Democratic Violence" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities at Connecticut College of Law, April 1-2, 2016. Dr. Naranch was happy to travel with the Fair Trade group to Guatemala over the winter break and learn collaboratively with the students (four Poli Sci majors and one Physics major), the trip leader Dr. Eccarius-Kelly, and the Mayan women weavers groups, widows group, and the CCDA coffee cooperative

Dr. Leonard Cutler

Dr. Cutler has appeared on the BBC on several occasions in the late fall and winter to discuss President Obama's Counterterrorism policy and the attempted closure of the Guantanamo Bay prison facility. He was a presenter at a national conference in Akron, Ohio in March to assess the Obama Presidency: Record and Legacy, where he focused on the president's counterterrorism policy in Afghanistan, 2009-2016. The conference paper is scheduled to be subsequently published by *PS: Political Science and Politics*, and as part of a book in coordination with the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics later this year.

Dr. Daniel C. Lewis

Dr. Lewis continued his research on public attitudes toward transgender rights and policies, presenting initial results of two national surveys at a "Pizza & Politics" talk here at Siena in November. In January, he presented a study from this project, "Testing Contact Theory and Attitudes on Transgender Rights," examining how familiarity with transgender people affects support for transgender rights, at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, he presented study from a separate research project at the SPSA Conference examining the effects of ballot initiatives and referenda on levels of economic inequality in the U.S. entitled, "Direct Democracy and Economic Inequality in the American States." Also in January, Lewis won a Faculty Fellowship with the Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation (ENACT) from the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University. Through the ENACT Fellowship, he will develop a new experiential learning course that will allow students to directly advocate for policy change in the NY state legislature.

Dr. Salvatore Lombardo

Dr. Lombardo oversaw the completion of the Fall 2015 senior capstone projects, culminating with presentations in December. He also helped create the new Certificate in Interdisciplinary Research Methods. This semester, he is leading the Department's Program Review efforts.

Faculty Updates (Continued)

Dr. Ausra Park

Dr. Park published two articles recently. The first one, titled “A Society of Departure in post-communist Europe: socio-political reasons behind mass Lithuanian emigration,” was published in *East European Politics* (Vol. 31, issue 4, December 2015). Her second article “Lithuania’s Foreign Policy Under Grybauskaite: Change or Continuity?” focuses on a psychological profiling of the first Lithuanian female president and her foreign policy initiatives and appeared in *The Journal of Contemporary European Studies* (vol. 24, issue 2, February 2016; co-authored with Milda Paulionyte).

Dr. Jack D. Collens

In January, Dr. Collens led the POSC 450: Presidential Nomination Campaigns class to Manchester, NH, where students volunteered for the campaigns of their choice, attended rallies and town halls, and met with experts on New Hampshire’s “first in the nation” presidential primary. During the Spring semester, he is overseeing the Political Saints blog (<http://politicsaints.siena.edu>), where students in the Presidential Nominations course provide content, including predictions and analysis of the 2016 nomination contests. He is also continuing research on congressional primaries, including the role of Tea Party support in driving voter turnout in primaries and the obstacles women candidates face in these races. He is also finishing work on a project related to the effects of House district population on representatives’ desires to run for the Senate in the era before House districts were required to be uniform in size (i.e., before 1964).

Dr. Vera Eccarius-Kelly

Dr. Eccarius-Kelly completed a semester of research related to the Syrian war, the refugee crisis, and Kurdish political activism in the region. She spent several months outside the country, visited Jordan, Turkey, and Iraqi Kurdistan before travelling to Germany to meet up with recently resettled Syrian refugees. Over the past several months, Dr. Eccarius-Kelly offered invited talks on Islamophobia and the Refugee Crisis including at the University of Wisconsin Madison and the Committee on Foreign Relations in Wisconsin. In March she will be speaking about the plight of the Kurdish population in Turkey at The College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, MA (MCLA). In April she will be featured as the main speaker for the Turkish Cultural Center’s Annual Friendship Dinner in Albany, NY. Among her recent publications in print is a journal article entitled “The imaginary Kurdish museum: Ordinary Kurds, narrative nationalism and collective memory,” which appeared in *Kurdish Studies* vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 172-191

New Hampshire Travel Course

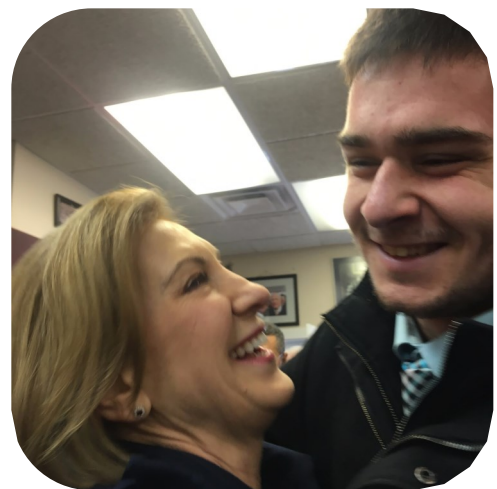
Students in POSC 450: Presidential Nomination Campaigns spent a week in January in Manchester, NH, where they worked for the candidates of their choice, attended candidate rallies and town halls, and met with experts on New Hampshire's "first in the nation" presidential primary. Students worked for Hillary Clinton, Marco Rubio, Bernie Sanders, John Kasich, Ben Carson, and Martin O'Malley. They also attended rallies and town halls for Sanders, Rubio, Jeb Bush, Donald Trump, Rand Paul, Carly Fiorina, with other events featuring Bill and Chelsea Clinton. Upon returning to Siena for the Spring semester, students learned about the presidential nominations process more generally, relating political science research to the 2016 cycle via the Political Saints blog (<http://politicalsaints.siena.edu>).

Kaitlyn Krolik: "The class has encouraged me to follow the election more closely; I now actively search who is winning primaries and watch the commentary. In addition, the course has provided me with a better understanding of what is going on. I know what the election pundits are talking about and understand the rules better."



Eric Brower: "It is really interesting to learn all the moving parts behind a party selecting its nominee. The class gives a really good look at who runs, for what reasons, and the chances they'll have of winning the nomination. The trip to New Hampshire was a great experience. It really allowed one-on-one interaction with candidates who you otherwise only see on TV. Working with the campaigns offered first-hand experiences of all of the hours of work that go into supporting the efforts of a candidate."

Amanda Knipple: "It was very rewarding to be able to contribute to a campaign that I felt passionately about. The experience helped to solidify my interest in the political process."



Fall 2016 Course Offerings

Required political science courses this semester include 3 sections of POSC 100 (1 freshmen only); 2 sections of POSC 130; 2 sections of POSC 140; 2 sections of POSC 150; POSC 178; POSC 182; POSC 495; POSC 497. The Fall 2016 schedule also includes various subject areas as follows:

POSC 265 (Public Policy) - 2 sections cross list with ENVA 305

HSMR

Prof. Daniel C. Lewis

This course is a survey of the field of public policy, with particular emphases on public policy evaluation and analysis. The course will cover both theoretical perspectives and practical skills relevant to careers in public policy, public administration, community development, and politics. The course material will not focus on any particular policy areas (e.g., environmental policy), though students will be immersed in a specific policy area of their choice through the course assignments. In addition, the course will draw on the Community Policy Institute (CPI) and the Policy Options website as a way to apply the lessons of the course to public policy in the Capital Region. The course is required for all CPI Student Fellows.

POSC 315 (U.S. Congress)

AMSB

Prof. Jack D. Collens

A 2013 Public Policy Polling survey found that more Americans support the band Nickelback than the U.S. Congress. Also beating Congress were head lice and traffic jams, but the national legislature narrowly beat the Kardashians in a head-to-head matchup. If this is true, why do so many members of Congress win reelection? This course will examine this and other important topics related to our nation's legislative branch, including congressional elections, legislative behavior, the legislative process, relations between Congress and the president or the courts, and more.

POSC 347 (Latin American Politics)

WSTU, MULT, LACS

Prof. Vera Eccarius-Kelly

This course offers a critical analysis of Latin American and Caribbean political patterns and social norms. The readings and media assignments focus on the predominant themes within Latin American societies by examining emerging voices in protest and civil society movements; and students will have the opportunity to pay particular attention to questions of ethnicity, race, gender and sexuality in a range of cultural contexts. Specific country case-studies highlight variations across different regions and cultural communities.

Cross-listed with MULT, LACS (Latin American & Caribbean Certificate), and WSTU/WGSS (Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies)

POSC 359 (Foreign Policy of Great Powers)

MULT, ILST

Prof. Ausra Park

Why do states do what they do in their dealings with other countries? Why do countries choose particular policies, i.e. go to war, issue threats, invade, rupture diplomatic relations, recall their ambassadors, or implement economic sanctions? What factors explain how states conduct their foreign policies? In an effort to answer these complex questions, this course will examine the multitude of factors that influence foreign countries' policy behavior and foreign policymaking. Students will familiarize with different countries such as the UK, Germany, Russia, China, Japan, South Africa, India, Brazil, and Iran.

Fall 2016 Course Offerings (Continued)

POSC 370 (Civil Liberties I)

WSTU, AMSB

Prof. Leonard Cutler

In Civil Liberties we will examine individual rights in the Bill of Rights that have evolved to protect us from encroachment by the Federal and state governments. Focus will be given to economic interests, the right to privacy, the death penalty, freedom of association, speech, and press. The Socratic case law approach will be provided as it is taught in law school.

POSC 489 (Internship in Public Service and Policy Studies]

Prof. Leonard Cutler

This experiential learning course is designed to expose students to public policy making in New York State and allow them to participate in public policy formulation and execution at the state, sub-state, and not-for-profit level. Students must devote 120-150 hours during the semester performing duties and responsibilities determined by their supervisor in consultation with the faculty director. A joint evaluation of the agency director and internship professor will be the determinant for the final student grade. Please see Dr. Cutler if you have interest.

Summer 2016 Course Offerings

POSC 100 (Contemporary U.S. Politics)

May 24th- June 21st T, W, Th, 8:30am-11:30am

Majors can now fulfill a course requirement over the summer, while non-majors can fulfill the Core Disciplinary-Social Sciences requirement!

Tentative Spring 2017 Course Offerings

Prof. Laurie Naranch

I will have an opportunity to teach an upper-level elective, if you have a preference let me know:

POSC 218: Women and Politics (Gender, Power, Politics), or a special topics course in The Politics of Clothing (free speech issues, clothing discipline in school/public life, clothing as political resistance, sweatshop free actions), or special topics in Art and Democracy (music, monuments, and political memory), or POSC 308 Film and Politics

Prof. Jack D. Collens

U.S. Presidency (POSC 320)

Prof. Ausra Park

I am thinking of offering a travel course to Europe (either with focus on the EU or Eastern Europe/post-communist countries). That's in addition to POSC 250 International Organizations course, which is going to be a brand new offering.

Prof. Daniel C. Lewis

Either POSC 310 (Interest Group Politics) or POSC 205 (State & Local Government)

Prof. Vera Eccarius-Kelly

A course on Refugees and Migration Studies is possible

Prof. Leonard Cutler

Civil Liberties II

The Dr. Leonard Cutler Celebration Honorary Committee*
Cordially invites you to commemorate
Dr. Cutler's 45 years of service to Siena College
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
5:30 PM
Maloney Great Room
Sarazen Student Union
Siena College
\$125 per person
RSVP by April 11



Forty-five years ago, a bright young professor, Dr. Leonard Cutler, started what would become and still is a storied career at Siena College. Dr. Cutler has educated thousands of Siena students in the areas of law and government. Many of these students have gone on to distinguished careers throughout the Capital Region and well beyond.

Dr. Cutler created Siena's Model United Nations program, the Honorable James P. King Moot Court/Mock Trial Team, the Jurist-in-Residence program, and most recently established 4/3 programs with three law schools. Dr. Cutler also founded Siena College's [Summer Legal Fellows program](#). Unique in undergraduate higher education, Siena's Summer Legal Fellows program annually places 13 Siena students at six law schools where they receive hands-on legal training. These fellowships enhance the law school applications of these students and give them a head start on their legal education.

Proceeds from the dinner will support the Summer Legal Fellows program at Siena College. We are happy to announce gifts in honor of Dr. Cutler totaling \$235,000 have already been committed toward our \$500,000 goal.

We hope you will join us on **April 20th** to acknowledge the dedicated work of Dr. Cutler. **Those making a gift of \$1,000 or more will receive two complimentary tickets to attend the dinner.** Additional tickets may be purchased at \$125 each.

To purchase ticket(s) or make a gift online by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or a multi-year pledge, please visit www.siena.edu/cutler

To make a securities gift, please call [518-782-6919](tel:518-782-6919) for more details.

To purchase ticket(s) or send a gift by check (payable to Siena College; memo Dr. Len Cutler Celebration), please mail to Siena College, ATTN: Diane Benson, Development Event Director, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211

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