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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



From humble beginnings as a few courses in “Civics” and later “Government” in the university’s Department of History, today Texas State’s Political Science Department has grown to become the home to almost 600 graduate and undergraduate political science majors, and more than 25 full-time faculty. (This doesn’t even count the more than 300 undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Public Administration and Legal Studies who also call the department home, and the 15 full-time faculty members who teach in these programs).

As an alumnus of our department, please take a look to see what our faculty and students are up to these days. As you’ll see, the past year has been a busy time for us. On the faculty side, among many other things, in keeping with our longstanding commitment to teaching excellence, five of our faculty members were recognized as “favorite professors” by Texas State’s Alfred H. Nolle Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, one was recognized by the College of Liberal Arts for his scholarship, one published a book with Johns Hopkins University Press, another published a new edition of an award-winning textbook, one was awarded a prestigious Fellowship in Political Thought & Constitutionalism at the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University

of Missouri, and one was elected to San Marcos, TX City Council. This doesn’t take into account the many articles, essays, and book chapters they’ve published in the course of the academic year, invited talks they’ve delivered, papers they’ve presented!

As far as our students are concerned, they’ve been busy as well. Among many other things, our students have traveled to the Harvard Model United Nations in Boston, MA and Southern Regional Model United Nations in Charlotte, NC; dominated the awards at the 21st Annual Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States (ESMOAS); organized a conference on voter engagement; in the fall traveled to Texas A&M and in the spring to UT-Austin to participate in seminars sponsored by the Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues; organized a new student group, Supporting Women in Political Science; presented at Texas State’s 9th annual International Research Conference for Graduate Students; and participated in the 63rd Annual Student Conference on National Affairs at Texas A&M in College Station, TX.

No account of what we’ve been up to here would be complete without a mention of our ongoing Discourse in Democracy (DiD) project. Still going strong after more than fifteen years, through lectures, panels, film showings, and other events, DiD connects our students with the broader world of politics and political science, and helps them to engage with America’s ongoing civil conversation. This past year’s DiD speakers included Admiral Bobby Inman (former Director of the National Security Agency and Deputy Director of the CIA and currently the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas), Cornell University’s Dr. Gustavo Flores-Macias, SUNY Albany’s Dr. Stephen Wasby, Dr. Tonya Golash-Boza of the University of California-Merced, Dr. Bradley Watson of St. Vincent College, and Dr. James R. Stoner, Hermann Moyse, Jr. Professor of Political Science at Louisiana State.

The 2018-2019 DiD speakers will include Dr. Keith Whittington (William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics at Princeton University), Dr. Bruce Frohnen (The Ella and Ernest Fisher Chair at Ohio Northern University’s College of Law), Dr. Daron

Shaw (University Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Texas at Austin), and Dr. Wilfred McClay (G.T. and Libby Blankenship Chair in the History of Liberty at the University of Oklahoma). Other events will include our traditional election night party, our ongoing film series, our annual “Meet the Professors” gathering and our annual Alumni Night.

And no account would be complete without a mention of the Model Organization of American States project. Over the past decade, our MOAS team has emerged as one of the strongest in the nation, and in 2018, as in 2016 and 2017, the department will be hosting the 22nd Annual Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States Competition. ESMOAS will bring over 200 students and faculty from the southwestern United States and northern Mexico to campus for a simulation of the Organization of American States (in which teams of students compete in a Model UN style format, representing one of the 35 countries of the Western Hemisphere), an Inter-American Court of Human Rights Moot Court Competition (in which pairs of students compete in a moot court setting, presenting and defending human rights cases in front of a panel of judges), and an academic conference. If you’re interested in helping to support our MOAS team, please visit the Step Up For State page on the Texas State website.

Please stay in touch! You can reach out to us at [politicalscience@txstate.edu](mailto:politicalscience@txstate.edu) with any questions you may have about the department or update your alumni information, and make sure to check out the Discourse in Democracy schedule on page 7 of this newsletter.

***Dr. Kenneth Grasso***  
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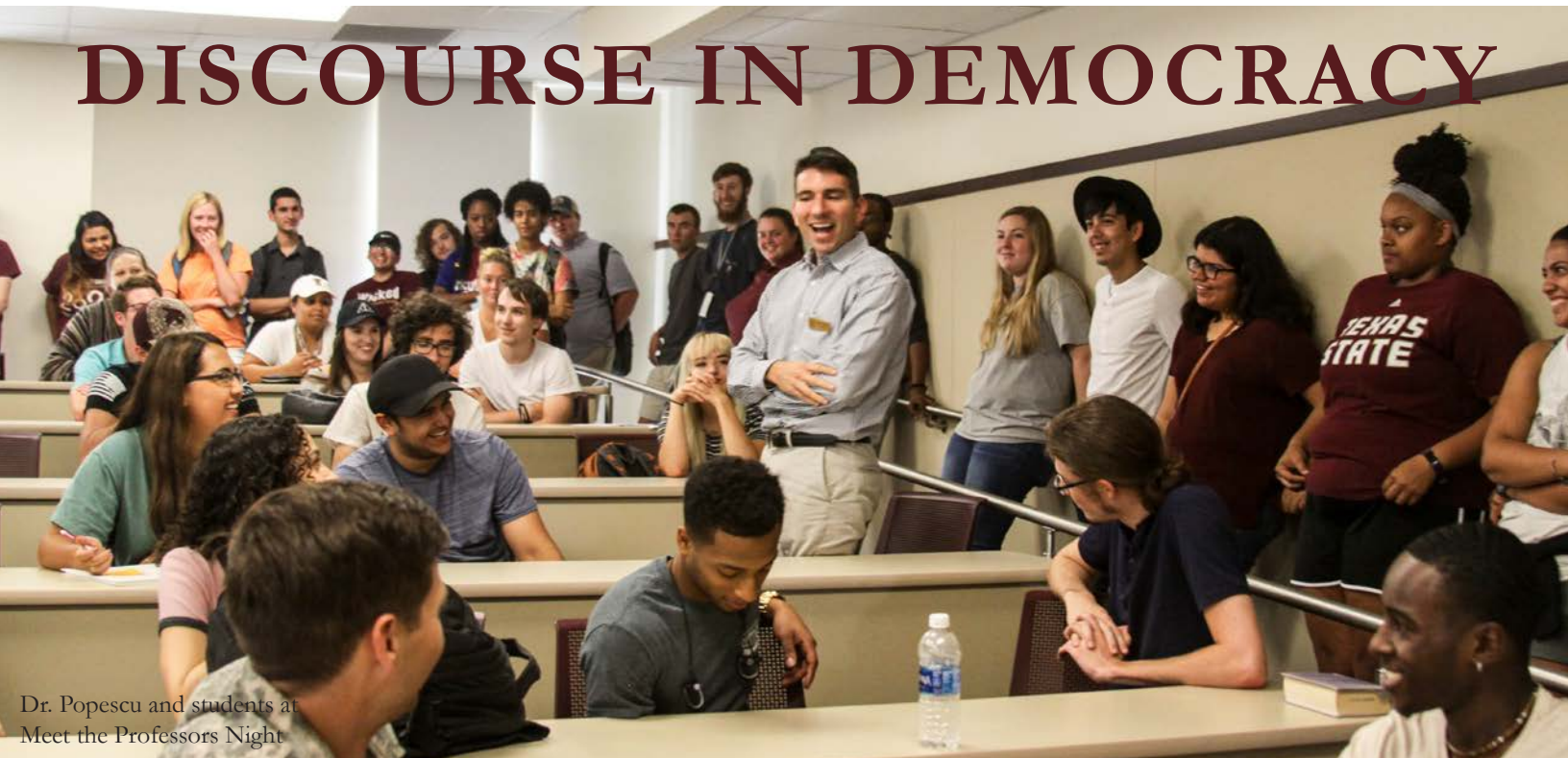
## Help support student programs!

The Department of Political Science will again be participating in this university-wide donation program. Donations to our program will go directly to helping travel costs for students participating in the MOAS and MUN programs.

For more information about Step Up for State, please visit  
<https://donate.txstate.edu/stepup>.



# DISCOURSE IN DEMOCRACY



Dr. Popescu and students at Meet the Professors Night

Discourse in Democracy (DiD) kicked off the 2017-2018 academic year on September 12th with the annual “Meet the Professors” Night. The event gave students an opportunity to meet faculty members, hear about their backgrounds and specializations, and learn about the courses they teach. The students also heard about upcoming departmental events and the various student groups associated with the department. The presentations were followed by a social gathering that gave students a chance to talk informally with faculty over pizza.

On September 19th, Dr. James R. Stoner, Hermann Moyses, Jr. Professor of Political Science at Louisiana State University and author of several books including *Common Law Liberty: Rethinking American Constitutionalism* and *Common Law and Liberal Theory: Coke, Hobbes and the Origins of American Constitutionalism*, visited campus to deliver DiD’s annual Constitution Day lecture. His talk, entitled “*The Positive Freedom of Speech*,” focused on the purposes which the constitutional guarantee of free speech was intended to serve and addressed the question of whether government had a legitimate role in regulating speech in order to ensure rational discourse in public life.

His lecture was attended by more than 350 students, faculty and administrators including Texas State University President Dr. Denise Trauth and Provost Dr. Gene Bourgeois. Following the subsequent Q&A session, a number of students huddled

around Dr. Stoner to extend the conversation for an additional hour of conversation.

In the course of his day on campus, Dr. Stoner also spoke to 80 AP government students from New Braunfels High School and held two seminars for Texas State political science students.

Admiral Bobby Inman, former Director of the National Security Agency and Deputy Director of the CIA and currently the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, held a two-hour seminar for faculty and students on October 4th. He discussed his own career in the intelligence community as well as sharing stories about his involvement in some of the more important events in recent American history. The topics he addressed included North Korea, Russian involvement in the 2016 U.S. elections, and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. Additionally, he shared some observations about the four presidents he served under (Ford, Carter, Reagan, GHW Bush) and how they dealt with national security issues and policies.

Dr. Gustavo Flores-Macias, a political economist and expert on Latin America and Associate Professor of Government at Cornell University visited campus on October 25th to talk about “*Mexico’s 2018 election and Future of the Institutional Revolution*.”



*tionary Party (PRI),*” the leading political party in Mexico. The lecture focused on why the PRI has persisted through the years despite the democratization of Mexican politics that began in 2000. His books include *After Neoliberalism: The Left and Economic Reforms in Latin America*.

DiD’s spring semester began with the annual Alumni Night, held on January 25, 2018. This year, three graduates shared their post-graduation experiences with our majors: Jude Prather (BA POSI ’08), the Veteran Services Officer for Hays County; Vanessa Cortez Tanner (BPA ’14), a consultant for Berry Communications, a political consulting firm based in Austin; and Holly Doyle (BA POSI ’17), a Community Outreach Specialist at Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas. The discussion focused on finding work after graduation and was followed by a Q&A session with the students. The night was wrapped up with a reception where students had the opportunity to engage directly with Jude, Vanessa, and Holly.

Dr. Stephen Wasby (SUNY-Albany) visited campus on February 22nd and 23rd. Dr. Wasby’s books include *The Supreme Court in the Federal Judicial System* and *Desegregation from Brown to Alexander: An Exploration of Supreme Court Strategies*. A crowd of over 100 students and faculty members attended his lecture on “*The Presidency and the Law*” which focused on the period from the Johnson administration to the present. He also conducted seminars for undergraduate and graduate students on “*Group-based Litigation*” and “*The U. S. Courts of Appeals*,” as well as meeting with students informally for lunch and dinner.



Returning graduates share their experiences on Alumni Night



Dr. Stephen Wasby

On March 1st, DiD hosted a talk by Dr. Tonya Golash-Boza of the University of California-Merced whose books include *Immigration Nation and Deported: Immigrant Policing, Disposable Labor and Global Capitalism*. 75 students and faculty members attended her lecture on “*Mass Deportation and Mass Incarceration in a time of Crisis*” which explores the role of corporate profits, economic recession, politicization of race and gender, and fears of terrorism in facilitating the recent trend of mass deportation. The talk was co-sponsored by the University Lectures Committee and the Center for Diversity and Gender Studies.

The final speaker of the year, Dr. Bradley Watson of St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, visited campus on April 26th. Dr. Watson, whose books include *Living Constitution*, *Dying Faith: Progressivism and the New Science of Jurisprudence* and *Civil Rights and the Paradox of Liberal Democracy*, lectured on “*Living Constitutionalism and the Decline of the Rule of Law*.” Attended by 60 students and faculty members, his talk addressed recent trends in constitutional interpretation and their implications for the future of American democracy. In addition to the lecture, he led a seminar for twenty students and faculty members, and joined students and faculty for lunch and dinner. Dr. Watson’s lecture was funded by a grant from the Association for the Study of Free Institutions.

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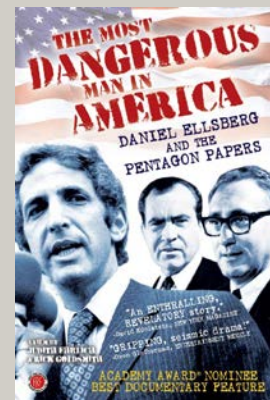
*DiD wishes to thank the Hatton W. Summers Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation, the Association for the Study of Free Institutions, the University Lectures Committee, and the Jack C. Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles and History for their generous support of our activities.*

## DISCOURSE IN DEMOCRACY FILM SERIES



The fall 2017 DiD Film Series featured “13th”, a Netflix Original documentary by director Ava DuVernay, director of “Selma” (2014). This documentary identifies systemic racism throughout the U.S. justice and legal system. The documentary explores how while the 13th Amendment abolished slavery, forms of slavery still exist deeply embedded within the prison system. 75 students, faculty and community members attended the November 8th showing in the Alkek Theater. The event was part of the university’s 2017-2018 Common Experience project on “The Search for Justice: Our Response to Crime in the 21st Century.”

The spring installment took place on March 21st. The event showcased the 2009 Academy Award nominated documentary, “The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers.” Attended by more than 200 students and faculty members, the documentary examined Daniel Ellsberg’s role in collecting information on the progress of the Vietnam War, the smuggling of secret documents from the Rand Corporation and the long protracted federal trials that not only put him in peril, but became a symbol for freedom of the press in America.



All Discourse in Democracy film events are coordinated by **Professor Rick Henderson**.

## FALL 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS



### Constitution Day Lecture

September 20, 2018

Alkek Theater 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Keith Whittington,  
Princeton University

*“Why We Should Value Campus Free  
Speech”*



### Guest Lecture

October 4, 2018

Alkek Theater 7:30 PM

Bruce Frohnen, Ohio Northern  
University

*“Constitutional Morality and the Rise of  
Quasi-Law”*



### Guest Lecture

October TBD, 2018

Daron Shaw, University of Texas  
*“Elections 2018”*

For information on all Discourse in Democracy events, please contact Dr. Don Inbody at [di12@txstate.edu](mailto:di12@txstate.edu).  
Follow DiD on Twitter @TeamDiscourse.

# SUPPORTING WOMEN IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (SWIPS)



Justice Melissa Goodwin and SWIPS members

On September 20, 2017 Texas State students met for the inaugural meeting of the new student-led club, Supporting Women in Political Science (SWIPS). SWIPS is a bi-partisan group intended to help women in political science at Texas State find opportunities for support, mentorship, and networking in their discipline. During this first meeting, they discussed the vision of the organization and their plans for the future. SWIPS member Morgan Morrow said, “I’m aspiring to be a lawyer and have decided to join SWIPS because it provides support for women in a major and career field that is traditionally dominated by men. I believe SWIPS will provide a way for women in the field of political science to come together to aid one another by sharing stories and experiences.”



SWIPS members attending inaugural meeting

During the fall semester, Jennifer Walker Gates, an immigration lawyer from the firm of Walker Gates Vela PLLC (<http://walkergatesvela.com>), came to speak to SWIPS students about immigration law and her experiences as an immigration lawyer. She fielded questions about her career in law and her experience as a woman and mother in both school and the practice of law. In the spring, SWIPS continued their speaker series by hosting Justice Melissa Goodwin of the Texas 3rd Court of Appeals. Justice Goodwin spoke to the group on February 28th about her educational background and professional training before becoming a Texas District Court Judge and Justice of the Peace for Travis County. She currently serves on the Texas Third Court of Appeals. The talk was followed by a lively Q&A in which Justice Goodwin answered student’s questions ranging from law school, practice as an attorney, becoming an elected official, the legacy of sex-based discrimination in the workplace, to juggling work and family obligations.



Justice Melissa Goodwin speaks with SWIPS

You can visit the SWIPS Facebook page at “**Supporting Women in Political Science at Texas State University**” or Twitter **@SWIPS\_TXST**.

For additional information or future events, please contact Dr. Jennifer Lamm at [je1127@txstate.edu](mailto:je1127@txstate.edu) or Dr. Ashleen Manchaca-Bagnulo at [a\\_k230@txstate.edu](mailto:a_k230@txstate.edu).

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS and MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Students participating in SRMUN

The Model Organization of American States (MOAS) and Model United Nations (MUN) are academic organizations through which students learn about parliamentary debate, how diplomacy institutions operate, and current issues around the globe and in the hemisphere by participating in competitions and simulations such as the Harvard National Model United Nations.

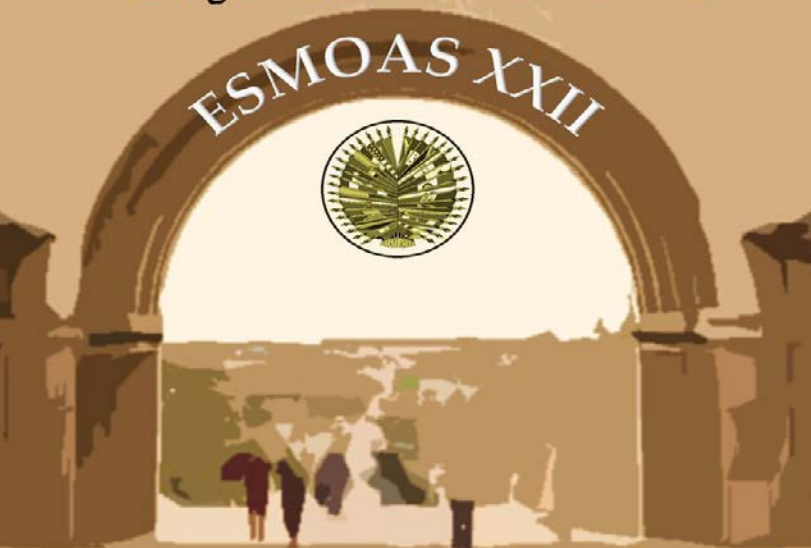
In these competitions, students are expected to represent their assigned nation's interests and display diplomatic proficiency. In doing so, using parliamentary procedure, students argue for and against resolutions that are developed by student competitors in mock sessions. Thus, to succeed, students must learn international relations theory, current global issues or in the case of OAS the politics of the Western Hemisphere (especially that of Latin America), effective diplomatic techniques, and parliamentary procedure. Participants will also become

comfortable with public speaking, and conduct research on the topics presented at the competitions.

November 9-11, 2017, the Department of Political Science hosted the 21st Annual Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States (ESMOAS) Summit of the Americas Compe-



## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eugene Scassa Mock OAS Program Collegiate Summit of the Americas



November 1-3, 2018  
Texas State University, San Marcos

tion and Conference. The event brought some 225 students and faculty members to campus from across the southwestern United States and northern Mexico for a competition simulating meetings of the Organization of American States, an academic conference on Inter-American Relations, and a model Inter-American Court of Human Rights competition.

Representing the nations of Brazil, Panama, and Costa Rica, the 15 member Texas State student delegation won numerous awards. Among the highlights, Ashton Thomas was selected as the Distinguished Ambassador (2nd place Overall for an individual award) and Lindsey Bentley received the Outstanding Diplomacy award for her contributions.

The keynote address was delivered by Oliver del Cid, Belize's ambassador to Mexico, on Friday evening, November 10th. Ambassador del Cid is a Texas State alumnus, graduating with

### ESMOAS Awards and Honors

*Ashton Thomas* – Distinguished Ambassador (2nd place Overall for an individual award)

*Lindsey Bentley* – Outstanding Diplomacy

*Connor Clegg* – President for the 21st Annual ESMOAS

*Bianca Beronio* – Parliamentarian for the 21st Annual ESMOAS

*Catherine Wicker* – Chair / Executive Secretariat for Integral Development

*Brittlin Richardson* – Rapporteur / Executive Secretariat for Integral Development

*Claire Whisler* – Student Advisory Committee

*Brian Delgado* – Distinguished Resolution (2nd place in Committee) / General Committee

*Lucy Stanley* – Distinguished Resolution (2nd place in Committee) / Secretariat for Multidimensional Security

*Cassandra Macias* – Distinguished Resolution (2nd place in Committee) / Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy

*Christian Sears* – Outstanding Resolution (1st place in Committee) / Secretariat for Multidimensional Security / Parliamentarian for the 22nd ESMOAS at Texas State in 2018

*Cody Enderli* – Outstanding Resolution (1st place in Committee) / Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy

*John Garcia* – Outstanding Orator (1st place in Committee) / Inter-American Commission on Human Rights / Distinguished Legal Team (2nd place in Committee)

*Ethan Strickland* – Distinguished Legal Team (2nd place in Committee) / Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Throughout his foreign service career which has involved working with countries such as Guatemala, Jamaica, and Mexico, he has maintained a strong relationship with Texas State and returns to campus regularly. Ambassador del Cid received Texas State's "Distinguished Alumni Award" from President Trauth in 2015.

The Political Science Department's Model United Nations (MUN) program sent 13 students -- Darian Bear, Connor Clegg, Brian Delgado, Sheldon Galipp, John Garcia, Julia Huerta, Kayli Lord, Brandon Milligan, Lucy Stanley, Jewel Tapp, Ashton Thomas, Claire Whisler, and Catherine Wicker -- to participate in the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) in Boston, Massachusetts from February 14-18, 2018. The HNMUN competition featured 2,700 student competitors from 280 institutions (including Columbia, Brown, Yale, and the United States Military Academy at West Point) and 67 different countries. Participating students were able to debate a host of important global issues, ranging from the rights of linguistic minorities to global access to financial services.

Six Texas State undergraduates -- Brian Delgado, Deante Dowdell, Kaylie Hidalgo, Natalie Hernandez, Haley Schmidt, and Bradley Taylor -- traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina April 11-14, 2018 to participate in the Southern Regional Model United Nations. The SRMUN competition consisted of 500



Students participating in SRMUN

competitors, representing 70 institutions, including Clemson University, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Central Florida. Participating students discussed a host of global issues, ranging from access to clean water to global debt issues.

You can visit the MOAS and MUN Facebook page at **"TxstateMOASandMUN"**.

For additional information or future events, please contact Professor Ben Arnold at [ca17@txstate.edu](mailto:ca17@txstate.edu).



Students participating in HNMUN

# STUDENTS REPRESENT TXSTATE



Dr. Bagnulo and students attending TNSPI's spring seminar.

Texas State University repeated its successful representation at the **Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA)** at Texas A&M University this past February. The student delegation was comprised of John Flores, Christine Gian, and IdaraObong E. Ben-Edet. For three days, they networked with political and military officials and students from other campuses. Under the guidance of seasoned experts, participants joined assigned groups to discuss and craft policy proposals addressing today's top global and national issues. The process pushes students to think quickly and creatively. "I lost count of how many cups of coffee I drank in order to figure how to write a policy proposal," Gian observed. A panel of experts then evaluated the proposals.



Students participating in SCONA

Gian's group researched refugee crises in Europe, a topic that drew on her personal experiences: "I didn't realize my personal stories growing up with refugees, and my dad being a refugee, would help the framework of the policy proposal." Flores and his group placed second runner-up for best policy proposal for their work on the North Korean nuclear threat. "It was a great experience," Flores noted, "I learned so much." Ben-Edet's group covered intelligence sharing among governments and won the award for best policy proposal.

Attendees heard from Dr. Joseph Han, who defected from North Korea in 1999. Flores remarked that Han's account of "his journey from North Korean physicist to professor of nuclear physics at Texas A&M was compelling." Other speakers included Mr. Kim Hyung-gil, Consul General of South Ko-

rea, Congressman Louie Gohmert, and General Frank Grass. SCONA seeks to bring together a wide range of perspectives on issues of national importance.

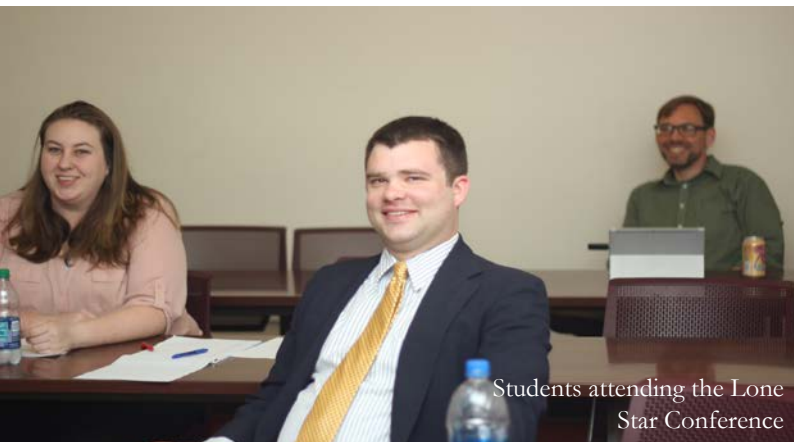
Four graduate students from the department presented their research at Texas State's 9th annual **International Research Conference for Graduate Students** on November 7-8, 2017, including Master of Arts in Political Science student Amy Perry who presented her research on "Factors in Rejection of Presidential Nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court."

In October, seven Texas State students -- Samuel Barr, Sabra Woodward, Jordan Mandujano, Todd McDonald, Adam Henley, Cody Wallace, and Ronald Clark -- attended the **Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues' (TNSPI) fall seminar**, an initiative of the American Public Philosophy Institute (APPI), at Texas A&M University. The students attended lecture and discussion sessions exploring classic and contemporary writings on marriage and family, including excerpts from the works of Locke, Mill, and Tocqueville. Speakers included Christopher Wolfe (University of Dallas) and Mark Regnerus (UT-Austin), author of *Cheap Sex: The Transformation of Men, Marriage, and Monogamy*.

In April, eight Texas State Students attended **TNSPI's spring seminar** on freedom of speech at the University of Texas at Austin. Samuel Barr, Ana De Loza, Adam Henley, Ezekiel Loseke, Jordan Mandujano, Evan Olszewski, Evan Spake, and Sabra Woodward heard a keynote address delivered by Dr. James Stoner of Louisiana State University on "*Free Speech and the Natural Law*" as well as a panel discussion featuring Jeffrey Abramson (UT Law), James Sullivan (former Solicitor General of Texas), and Naomi Reed (UT's Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis). Students also participated in small group discussions about speech laws and hate speech with students from several other Texas universities.

# HOSTED BY THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

On March 2nd and 3rd, the department hosted the annual **Lone Star Conference for the Study of Political Thought**. Papers were presented by faculty and graduate students from universities across the state including the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M at College Station, the University of North Texas and the University of Houston. Topics ranged from the thought of Alexis de Tocqueville and John Locke to the right to keep and bear arms, animal rights and equality in civil society. Several Texas State faculty members including Drs. Michael Faber, Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo, Rodolfo Hernandez and Vincent Bagnulo presented at this conference and both graduate and undergraduate students in political science from Texas State University attended.



Students attending the Lone Star Conference

On March 28th, the Department of Political Science hosted a conference on voter engagement in Texas entitled, **“Your Republic: Public Policy and Voter Engagement in the State of Texas.”** This event was organized by undergraduate political science major Preston Nieves and supported by the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life. Speakers included State Representative Jason Isaac (District 45), former Judge Linda Rodriguez, Diann McCabe from the League of Women Voters, Michelle Sotolongo from the Honors College, and Drs. Rudy Hernandez and Michael Faber from the political science department. Topics discussed included voter registration, gerrymandering, and civic engagement.

## LBJ Museum Partnership



In 2017-2018, the department continued its ongoing partnership with The LBJ Museum of San Marcos, TX. In October, they co-sponsored a lecture, by Elizabeth Christian, president of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation and the daughter of George Christian, President Johnson’s last Press Secretary. Her talk was entitled *“Leadership, Humanity, Persistence: Hallmarks of the 36th President.”*



In April, the department and museum co-hosted a panel on the relationship between President Lyndon Johnson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Elvin Holt of the Department of English joined Drs. Ed Mihalkanin and Rodolfo Hernandez from Political Science to discuss how the collaboration between LBJ and MLK helped create the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

# INKLINGS

For 19 years, under the direction of Dr. Arny Leder, political science faculty and graduate students have been gathering to share and discuss their current research or offer expertise on topical headlines of the day. Reflecting the diverse interests of our faculty, these “Inklings” gatherings have addressed a wide variety of subjects.

This year’s events included a roundtable on “North Korea, the U.S., and Nuclear Weapons” featuring Drs. Tom Doyle, Bob Gorman, Don Inbody, and Ionut Popescu; a talk on the recent controversies surrounding the EPA by Dr. Chris Brown; a talk on *‘Puerto Ricans and U.S. Citizenship in 1917: Imperatives of Security’* by Dr. Jennifer Lamm; and a presentation on *‘How Jane Addams’ Ideas of Peace became Part of the U.S. Army War College (Parameters) Scholarship’* by Dr. Patricia Shields.

“Inklings” takes its name from a small group of intellectuals (whose ranks included J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis) who met weekly at Oxford University in the early and middle decades of the 20th century to read aloud and discuss their works in progress. For a listing of past Inklings gathering, please visit our website at [www.polisci.txstate.edu](http://www.polisci.txstate.edu).

## DR. EDUARDO SCHMIDT PASSOS

Dr. Eduardo Schmidt Passos will be joining the political science program faculty during the coming academic year filling in for Dr. Hernandez while he’s on leave. Dr. Passos received his Ph.D. in political science from The Catholic University of America in the spring of 2018. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the Federal University of Santa Catarina in Brazil and his Master’s degree in Political Science and International Relations from the Institute of Political Studies, Catholic University of Portugal in Lisbon. For the past two years, Dr. Passos has been a visiting researcher in the Department of Government with the University of Texas, Austin. His research interests include contemporary political theory, the history of political thought, and religion and politics. His article on “Erik Peterson’s Theology of Martyrdom and Carl Schmitt’s Political Theology of Sovereignty” appeared in the Summer 2018 issue of *The Review of Politics*.



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# PI SIGMA ALPHA



Dr. Ward discussing law school with Pi Sigma Alpha members

Since 1988, the department has sponsored a local chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society for college students of political science and government. Founded in 1920, Pi Sigma Alpha currently has more than 700 chapters worldwide. Over the past thirty years, Texas State's Rho Eta chapter has hosted a variety of panels, lectures and community-service projects.

The annual spring induction ceremony and banquet took place on April 29th. Coordinated by outgoing President Dora Jackson and outgoing Vice President Madalyn Folgate and made possible by a \$900 grant from the national organization, the ceremony featured a talk by Deborah Tucker, president of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence and an adjunct faculty member at Texas State. Ten new members were inducted into the society: Ebonie Smith, Morgan Morrow, Mason McKie, Rex Wyatt, Mayra de Luna, John Cavazos, Roman Gros, Amaireny Rodriguez, Justin Villa, Tara Watson. Five members -- Ebonie Smith, Morgan Morrow, John Cavazos, Amaireny Rodriguez, Madalyn Folgate, Doraneesha Jackson -- received their graduation honors cords. Mayra de Luna will serve as the chapter's president during the 2018-2019 Academic Year, and Rex Wyatt will

serve as vice-president.

Other activities this year included sponsoring a panel about attending law school and teaming up with The Princeton Review to offer discounted prices on LSAT courses.



Outgoing and Incoming Chapter Presidents and Vice-Presidents

You can visit the Facebook page of the Texas State chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at "[TXSTPSA](#)". For additional information or future events, please contact Dr. Tom Varacalli at [tfv2@txstate.edu](mailto:tfv2@txstate.edu).



# STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Dean Mary Brennan presided at the annual College of Liberal Arts Awards Ceremony in the LBJ Ballroom April 23, 2018. Our department's majors were well represented among the awardees. The following is a list of our political science program students who were recognized at the ceremony.

## Academic Excellence Certificate Awardees

Gloria Andrus	Kaylie Hidalgo	Juan Martinez	Brenda Sarabia
Maci East	Lauralee Holbrook	Coffey McCurdy	Jordan Villarreal
John Espinosa	Jean Lambeth	Brandon Milligan	Tara Watson
Cassie Estes	Amy Lane	Dustin Nichols	Claire Whisler
Keely Freund	Jadelyn Lopez	Aaron Plumlee	
Ana Gonzalez	Madeline Machlab	Lucas Rowland	
Annette Hernandez	Bridget Martinez	Alia Sanchez	

## Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Political Science

Kaylie Hidalgo

**Richard B. Henderson Award** - Awarded for academic excellence and character in the tradition of Distinguished Professor Emeritus Henderson

Cory Pohlmeier

**Howard M. "Prof" Greene Award** - Academic excellence in honor of a political mentor to Lyndon B. Johnson and other Texas State alumni

Annette Hernandez  
Amy Lane  
Coffey McCurdy  
Cory Pohlmeier

**Barney and Linda Knight Scholarship** - Awarded to students majoring in political science or business who have persevered in the face of adversity, overcome financial challenges, and demonstrated academic success

Otto Bieker  
Brittney Sepulveda  
Darbin Wofford

**Dan Farlow Scholarship** - Honors a longtime political science faculty member and Piper Professor

Bianca Beronio  
Alexander Molina

**John and Charlotte Sharp Scholarship** - For outstanding majors who have completed 45 hours

Bianca Beronio  
Alexander Molina  
Brittney Sepulveda  
Darbin Wofford

# GRADUATES 2017-2018

## MASTERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

### *MELISSA S. AYLWARD*

Melissa Aylward (MA 2018) is a Coordinator II for the International Students Department at the University of Houston. She is also looking for ways to become involved in nonprofit work in her spare time.

### *BREANTA L. BOSS*

Breanta Boss (MA 2018) has been accepted into the SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, TX beginning fall 2018.

### *TRAVIS FERRELL*

Travis Ferrell (MA 2017) will be taking the Foreign Service Officer Test in the coming months, as it has long been a goal to work for the United States State Department and represent the U.S. abroad. He is also researching doctoral programs in order to further his education. His areas of interest include the declining respect for political parties in the U.S. and the true effects of “soft power” in international relations.

### *JOSE CANDO NARANJO*

Jose Cando Naranjo (MA 2017) is enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the University of Texas at Dallas where he has just finished his first year in his major of International Relations and Comparative Politics. Once completed, he intends to use his skills as a researcher to help resolve political issues in Latin America and his home country of Ecuador.

### *JOHN B. CAVAZOS*

John Cavazos (MA 2018) and his wife run a family owned decorative concrete supply store in San Antonio by the name of Stampcrete that serves contractors and the public alike. He hopes to begin teaching at the collegiate level and is thinking about pursuing an additional M.A. or Ph.D. in the future.

### *ALEXIS M. CAIN*

Alexis Cain (MA 2017) is currently in the process of joining the United States Border Patrol. She hope that her integrity and altruistic intentions will have a positive impact on the agency and the people that come in contact with it.

### *AMY PERRY*

After graduating, Amy Denn Perry (MA 2017) taught for a semester in the Texas State Political Science Department. Her plans are to enter a Ph.D. program within the next year, continuing her research on the Supreme Court and Congress.

### *MAKAYLA R. VELARDE*

Makayla Velarde (MA 2018) is a Disaster Relief and Recovery Consultant for Cohnreznick. Cohnreznick is a private firm contracted out by the state (Texas Division of Emergency Management) to oversee all disasters in Texas.

# INTERNSHIPS

The political science internship program is designed to give students a “hands-on” experience in the workplace. When finished, students will increase knowledge of the professional workplace, develop marketable skills, and gain valuable contacts with professionals in the field who can provide support during and after their academic career.

The department offers a variety of internships including positions with non-profits, United States congressional offices, U.S. Attorneys, the Hays County Law Library, and private law offices.

We are continuously looking for quality internships for our students. If your organization or agency would like to participate in our program and join our list of internship partners, please contact Dr. Cecilia Castillo at [cr09@txstate.edu](mailto:cr09@txstate.edu) for more information.

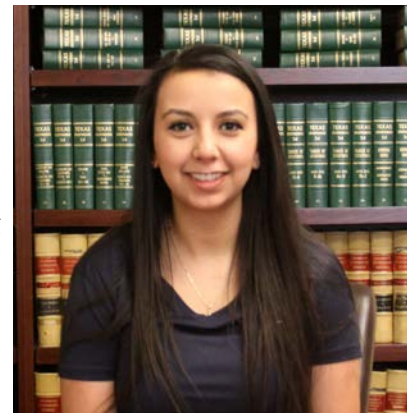


## *JOHN P. ESPINOSA*

In the Fall 2017 semester, I served as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute intern. I lived in Washington, D.C. with my fellow CHCI interns where we worked in congressional offices on Capitol Hill and participated in leadership activities. While in D.C., I visited the White House, attended a U.S. Supreme Court hearing, expanded my network, and met many influential people including Lin-Manuel Miranda and Historian David McCullough. During my internship I wrote memos, attended committee hearings, listened to constituent opinions, and learned how a congressional office functioned. This allowed me to utilize the writing and analytical skills I learned in my classes at Texas State in a real-world setting. It was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life.

## *ANGELES Y. BLANCO*

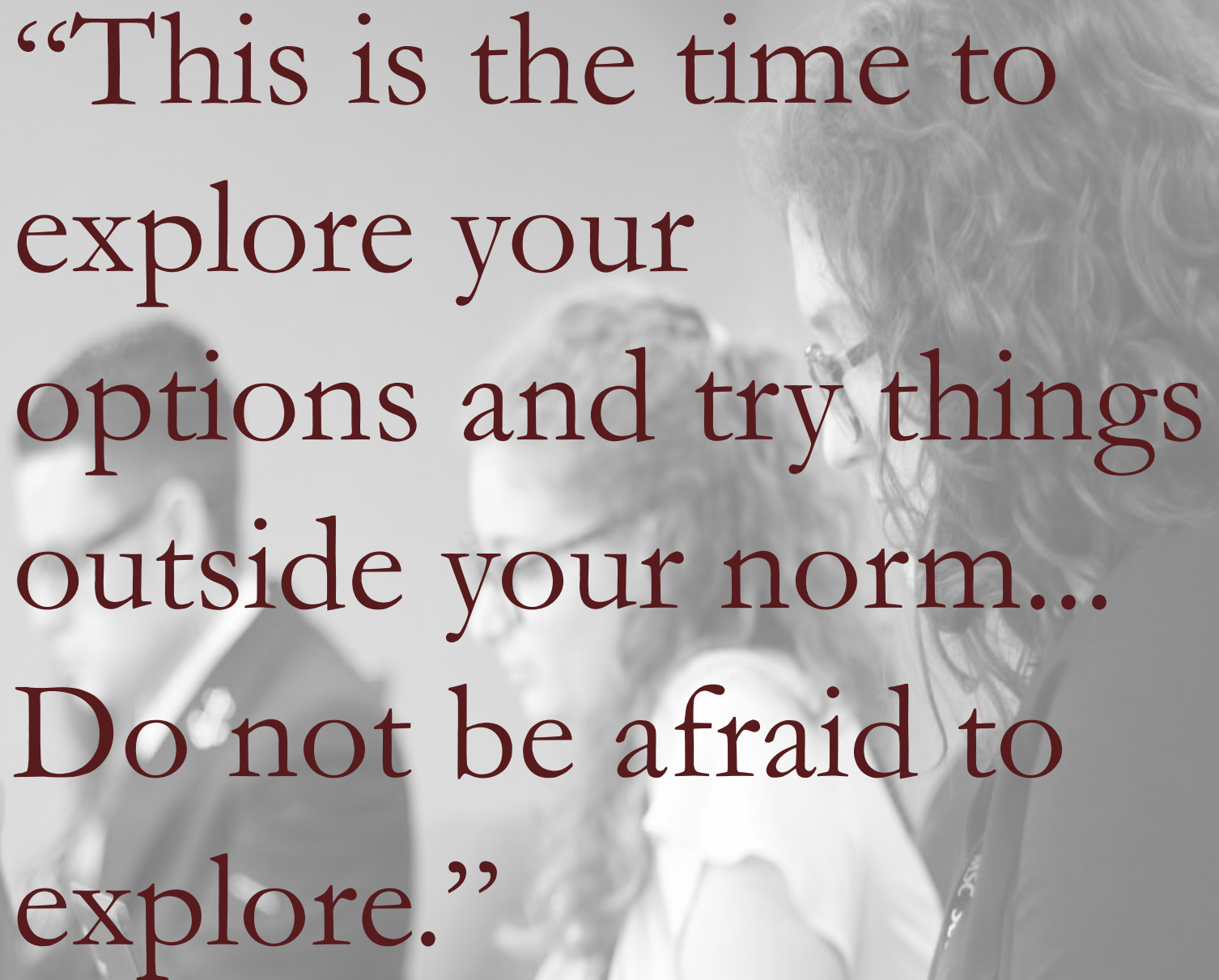
I'm currently an intern at the Travis County Juvenile Probation Department. Already, this internship has helped me gain valuable work experience, applying my acquired knowledge to real life scenarios and learning firsthand what it means to be in this field. I have also completed an internship with the U.S. Western District Federal Probation. These internships have been key in helping to decide where I want my future career to focus, in helping me develop my skills, and in learning about my strengths and weaknesses. Internships, and the subsequent networking, can also lead to future job offers, as I experienced when Travis County offered to hire me after my internship is complete.



## *ROBERT DE LA GARZA*

Without this internship, I may have had no idea if being a lawyer was something I really wanted or not. Working at the Hays County Government Center-Criminal District Attorney's office this summer has offered me the amazingly beneficial experience of watching the day-to-day life of attorneys first hand and I am more confident than ever that I am capable of not only doing, but succeeding at this career post-graduation.

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Dr. Cecilia Castillo at [cr09@txstate.edu](mailto:cr09@txstate.edu).



“This is the time to explore your options and try things outside your norm... Do not be afraid to explore.”

*- ALUMNUS DELAINA TOOTHMAN*

## ALUMNUS WILLIAM C. FOX: EDUCATING THE WORLD, ONE VIDEO AT A TIME



William C. Fox has always been a news junkie. Watching election results in his residence hall lobby and listening to Obama's inauguration speech, Fox says, "we all felt very optimistic about what we could accomplish, and it solidified my decision to study political science so I could make a difference, too." During his undergraduate career at Texas State, Fox sought out leadership positions through the Residence Hall Association and the Associated Student Government (now SGA). He was further encouraged by his professors in political science, Dr. Ted Hindson and Dr. Bill DeSoto, who "had deep knowledge in their areas of expertise, and weren't afraid to do a bit of storytelling to keep things interesting." His studies gave him the tools to dig deeper, to find a holistic method for learning beyond the rote memorization of the public school system. "These two things, thorough research and leadership, have pushed me to where I am today," Fox continues, "Texas State gave me the space and time needed to develop these abilities."

After graduation, Fox found a position as an English teaching assistant in Madrid, Spain. For the next two years, he learned

Spanish, met his future wife, and started his YouTube channel covering political history called "The Exploration with Will Fox". He continued to teach English in Kassel, Germany and it was there, as his YouTube channel began to take off, that he started to see himself "as not only an educator, but a storyteller." Election night, 2016, was the final catalyst to bring him to where he is now. "I felt deeply out of touch with home, and completely incapable of making a difference from so far away... I wanted to be in the nation's capital for what I consider defining moments for the country." Today, Fox continues to maintain his YouTube channel, which now has over 100,000 subscribers and several videos with over a million views. He is also working on a Masters in Political Communication at American University in Washington, D.C. and is an intern at Meet the Press with Chuck Todd. "I'm extremely proud of where I am, but I had to spend several years in the wilderness figuring out who I wanted to be."

When asked what he wishes to accomplish during his career, Fox replies, "It's simple. I want to tell stories that inform audiences and add value to the conversation." Whether this is through YouTube, working with NBC or done independently, he says is irrelevant. "I enjoy researching and writing informative content, and hope that I can continue to do it in whatever form it takes."

***"DO SOMETHING, NOT BECAUSE IT'S WHAT'S EXPECTED,  
BUT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO DO IT"***

His advice to students, "the choice of what to pursue after college is yours, exclusively yours." Fox notes that for many people, the decisions they've made thus far, college included, have been based on what other people expect of them. "Part of growing up is taking agency for yourself, setting a goal that you believe will add value to your life, and achieving that goal." For Fox, it was learning a language. "Moving to a new country with a new language, starting a new job, and meeting new friends was extremely anxiety inducing, but I grew up by doing it. I learned I could achieve goals I set for myself, and it gave me confidence in my future endeavors." Fox realizes that not everyone can follow the same path, but he encourages students to follow the model. "Do something, not because it's what's expected, but because you want to do it."

# ALUMNUS SONNY CABRERA: HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND LEARNING HOW TO DO MORE

In Sonny Cabrera’s senior year of high school, he participated in the unique experience of interning with two political offices simultaneously – a Republican U.S. Representative and a Democratic State Representative. He was introduced to the daily challenges representatives face with constituents and “the dilemmas they have when establishing themselves as leaders, representatives, and legislators.” Cabrera’s initial goal was to work towards law school, but as he began to learn more about what political science consists of, his interests morphed. “I developed a keen interest in learning about human motivations, behaviors, and thought processes as they relate to the pursuit of power and/or security.”

***“I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...I MADE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE PERSON’S LIFE FOR THE BETTER.”***

Cabrera completed his B.A. in political science in three years (graduating in 2015) and immediately enrolled in Texas State’s M.A. program (from which he graduated in 2017). The graduate program allowed him to hone his interests, mature his writing and communication skills, and increase his knowledge of the various approaches used in political science research. He says the faculty members that “made the greatest impact on” him “were undoubtedly Dr. Gorman and Dr. Doyle,” noting that he owes them “a debt of gratitude for introducing” him “to so many great books and ideas.”



*“I recall the exit examinations for the master’s degree being so much fun that my personal definition and understanding of the world “stressed” was redefined. I think I may have even developed Post-Traumatic Test Disorder (PTTD for short) as I remember waking up one day in June – long after graduation – in an absolute mad panic thinking I had overslept and missed my exit exam entirely.”*

After he graduated, Cabrera traveled through Mexico and Europe. Upon returning home, he was offered a position with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a researching and writing specialist with FEMA’s Continuous Improvement Program (CIP). Rather than looking for improvements only after a disaster has occurred, Cabrera is helping FEMA develop a culture of continuous change, improvement, and preparedness.

Cabrera credits the preparation he received at Texas State, in particular the knowledge he acquired of “social science methodology,” for his success in his current position. “The skills I gained at Texas State, through the Political Science Department and its programs and educators,” Cabrera observes, “are now put to work on a daily basis helping . . . the country prepare and mitigate for both natural and man-made disasters.”

When asked what he wished to accomplish during his career, Cabrera replied, “if all else fails, I would like to know that at some point in my career I made a difference in one person’s life for the better” and “to maximize the impact I have on others in the same way that my professors at Texas State had on me.”

# ALUMNUS CLAY FULLER: DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AGAINST AUTHORITARIAN RULE

To learn more about Dr. Fuller, please visit:

AEI Scholar: [aei.org/scholar/clay-r-fuller](http://aei.org/scholar/clay-r-fuller)

Facebook: [facebook.com/clayrfuller](https://facebook.com/clayrfuller)

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Website: [clayfuller.wordpress.com](http://clayfuller.wordpress.com)

Throughout high school, Dr. Clay Fuller was very active in student, school board, and local politics. “I made a habit of reading a lot of books and questioning authority. I was very good at the latter,” he says. After graduating early, Fuller traveled and then settled in West Virginia to complete his undergraduate degree, which he graduated with two years later. He then applied to Texas State for his M.A. in political science. His studies of Arabic and the Dubai development model of special economic zones and sovereign wealth funds led to his M.A. thesis entitled “Capitalism without Democracy” (which was supervised by Dr. Ed Mihalkanin). From there, it was off to the University of South Carolina where he completed his Ph.D. in 2017. His doctoral work culminated in a dissertation on “The Economic Foundations of Authoritarian Rule.”

In September 2017, Fuller joined the American Enterprise Institute as a Jeane Kirkpatrick Fellow in Foreign and Defense Policy Studies. He has since testified to Senate Judiciary, met with Senate and House members and staff, and published articles in Newsweek, The Hill, and The National Interest. Fuller is currently preparing a policy report on the nexus of authoritarianism and corruption.

In reflecting on his days at Texas State, Fuller mentions a number of faculty members and classes who contributed to his success including Dr. Kens’ class on property rights, Dr. Hindson (whose classes helped him understand “the greatness of Western Civilization”), Dr. Sullivan’s classes on Third World politics (which were critical in getting him “interested in authoritarian governance in the underdeveloped world”), Dr. Tajalli (whose class on “program evaluation” primed his “thinking for more advanced statistical methodologies”), Dr. Gorman (whose classes taught him “to always consider culture, morality, and religion in analysis”), and Dr. Mihalkanin (who had “a knack for making fascinating connections between broad trends and then forcing me to go investigate them for myself”). He also praised the department’s staff, in particular, Dodie Weidner (the Administrative Assistant for the M.A. Program) who he described as “amazing.” “The staff was always so nice and helpful at Texas State,” he noted. “D.C. could learn from Texas State’s example!”



***“SELF-CONFIDENCE CAN GET YOU VERY FAR,  
BUT HUMILITY WILL GET YOU ACROSS THE  
FINISH LINE”***

Fuller’s advice to incoming students: pick a topic that truly interests you, don’t be afraid to forge your own path, and don’t be afraid to be wrong. “Self-confidence can get you very far, but humility will get you across the finish line.”



# ALUMNUS DELAINA TOOTHMAN: THE CONSUMMATE STUDENT AND ARDENT TEACHER

Delaina Toothman's love for political science first came alive when, thanks to Dr. Arny Leder, she encountered Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War*. "I later read *Machiavelli* for the same course and it left me speechless. I knew this was the world I wanted to be in." Noting that her experience at Texas State gave her an "intense desire for learning," she collected the reading lists of courses that she was unable to take so that she could explore their subjects on her own. Toothman completed her Masters in Political Science with Texas State University in 2006 and soon returned for her Masters in Public Administration.



After having served as an instructional assistant and teaching assistant while working on her M.A. degree, she then joined the faculty as a lecturer and played a key role in developing the department's first online classes. Today, after having served as an instructor at Unity College, she is completing her Ph.D. with the University of Maine.

## ***"I KNEW THIS WAS THE WORLD I WANTED TO BE IN"***

While in Maine, she has become extremely active in politics, working with elected officials on policy issues, conducting research, and helping to plan several successful campaigns. This past December, Toothman decided to throw her own hat in the ring and is running for a seat in the Maine House.

When asked what she wishes to accomplish in her career, she seems to find the question too constricting. Constantly discovering new things, her interests continue to adapt as well. In her search for growth and knowledge, she has found a career in academia and politics that allows her to share what she's found with others.

## ***"DO NOT BE AFRAID TO EXPLORE"***

She urges students to "not be afraid to explore outside your preferred areas... This is the time to explore your options and try things outside your norm. You may find an area of interest you did not know existed or you may find a doorway to a career. Do not be afraid to explore."

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# FACULTY UPDATE

**Ben Arnold** was named a Favorite Professor by the Alfred H. Nolle Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

**Cecilia Castillo** serves on the Texas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. She also received the Texas State University's College of Liberal Arts Community Award for Advising.

**Paul DeHart's** book, *Uncovering the Constitution's Moral Design*, was published in paperback (Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press). The hardcover edition appeared in 2007. His article, "Nature's Lawgiver: On Natural Law as Law," appeared in the *Catholic Social Science Review* as part of a symposium he edited there entitled "Contemporary Thomist: J. Budziszewski and Nature's Law." He also published "What's Wrong with Rod Dreher's Straussian Narrative of the American Constitution," "Contra Leo Strauss, There's no Conflict between Reason and Revelation," "After Easter: The Political Theology of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection," and "Madisonian Thomism" in *Public Discourse*.

**Bill DeSoto** (and Hassan Tajalli) published "Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs by College Students for Recreational and Instrumental Purposes: Assessing the Differences" in the *Journal of Drug Issues*. DeSoto was also named a Favorite Professor by the Alfred H. Nolle Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

**Tom Doyle** (in collaboration with Bob Gorman and Ed Milhalkanin) edited the third edition of *The Historical Dictionary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield). He also published "A Moral Argument for the Mass Defection of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States from the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Regime" in *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organization* and a review of *Disarmament Under International Law* by John Kierulf (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2017) in *H-Diplo*. He was awarded the Texas State University's College of Liberal Arts Achievement Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity.

**Mike Faber** published "Anonymity and Doxing in the 1787 Ratification Debates: The Upside of Anonymity" in *Learn Liberty*.

**Blake Farrar** (and Hyun Yun) published the article "The News Media Outlet is the Message" in the *Online Journal of Communication and Media Technologies*.

**Bob Gorman** wrote the Foreword to *Equality and Non-Discrimination*, edited by Jane Adolphe (Eugene, OR: WIPF and Stock Publishers), published "Resisting Global Governance" in *Religion and Liberty* and was interviewed by *Religion and Liberty* in "Populists Push Back on Global Elites and Expert Rulers." He also edited (in collaboration

with Tom Doyle and Ed Milhalkanin) the third edition of *The Historical Dictionary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield).

**Ken Grasso** published "Catholics and the New American Public Order" in the *Catholic Social Science Review*, which appeared there as part of a symposium he edited on "The Future of the Church in the American Public Order."

**Rick Henderson** is a member of the City of San Marcos, TX's Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**Rudy Hernandez** was named a Favorite Professor by the Alfred H. Nolle Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. He has also been selected as the Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Thought and Constitutionalism at the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri.

**Ted Hindson** serves as the Faculty Senate Representative to the Texas State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Don Inbody** serves as the faculty advisor to the Veterans Alliance of Texas State University.

**Paul Kens** was interviewed by the Associated Press in conjunction with Neil Gorsuch's nomination to the Supreme Court.

**Jennifer Lamm** is faculty advisor for Supporting Women in Political Science.

**Arny Leder** was named a Favorite Professor by the Alfred H. Nolle Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

**Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo** published "The Playboy Lifestyle and the Death of Sexual Complementarity" in *Public Discourse*. She was also interviewed by Austin's KXAN in "Austin Leaders Lay Out Their Claim that Sanctuary City Law is Unconstitutional", by NBC Latino in "On #ThxBirthControl Day, Latina Advocates Worry About Reduced Access Under Trump," and by "America this Week" on Sirius XM Catholic Channel in "A Conservative Latina Discusses Racial Tensions within the Republican Party."

**Ed Mihalkanin** was elected to a three-year term on the San Marcos, TX City Council. He also edited (with Bob Gorman and Ed Milhalkanin) the third edition of *The Historical Dictionary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield).

**Sherri Mora** published new editions of *Political Science: Institutions and Public Policy* (4th ed.) (Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt) and *The State*

of *Texas: Government, Politics, and Policy* (3rd ed.) (New York, NY: McGraw Hill Higher Education). She was also awarded Bobcat Preview “Namesake”, Texas State University.

**Cynthia Opheim** returned to the department in fall of 2017 after five years as Texas State’s Associate Provost.

**Ionut Popescu** published the book *Emergent Strategy and Grand Strategy: How American Presidents Succeed in Foreign Policy* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press), as well as the article “Strategic Uncertainty, the Third Offset, and US Grand Strategy” in *Parameters*.

**Omar Sanchez** published the article “Classifying Ecuador’s Regime under Correa: A Procedural Approach” in the *Journal of Politics in Latin America*.

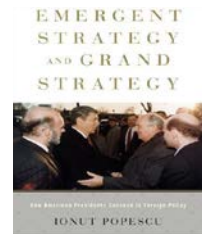
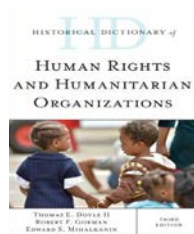
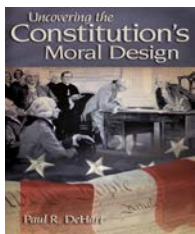
**Tom Varacalli** published the article “Coronaeus and the Relationship between Philosophy and Doctrine in Jean Bodin’s Colloquium” in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* and reviewed *Tolk-*

*ien Among the Moderns* edited by Ralph C. Wood (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2015) for *Anglican and Episcopal History*. He also received the Forrest McDonald Memorial Award for Outstanding Dissertation from the Philadelphia Society at its annual meeting, as well as being named a Favorite Professor by the Alfred H. Nolle Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

**Ken Ward** serves as the Program Organizer for the Project on the American Constitution’s Program at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association.

**Jeremy Wells** serves as a member of the University’s LBJ Distinguished Lecturer Committee.

**Hyun Yun** (and Blake Farrar) published the article “The News Media Outlet is the Message” in the *Online Journal of Communication and Media Technologies*. She also published the article “Selling Political Brands and Building Candidate Relational Equity in American Campaign Tournaments” in *American Studies*.



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