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## Antoinette **HANDLEY**

CHAIR, ST. GEORGE

Spring at the university is Janus-faced: it is a time of both endings and beginnings in the life of the campus. Even as the natural world around us gears up for the season of growth, an academic year comes to an end. Students take their final exams and begin to disperse for the summer. We've had a hugely successful faculty search year resulting in seven new hires across our three campuses. A cohort of newly minted political scientists graduated and are looking forward to the next chapter in their lives. Faculty finish their course grading and refocus their energies on their research agendas. And, as a department, we are sometimes forced to say goodbye to colleagues. In the coming Fall, the department will host an event to mark the many contributions made by Lee Ann Fujii. Her impact will live on through those whose lives she touched. We are so grateful for having had her amongst us.



Steven **BERNSTEIN**

Associate Chair &  
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Physical upgrades in the form of new chairs and upgraded monitors and keyboards for PhD study space are a welcome change this spring. There's also some good news despite a tough academic job market: our students and recent graduates landed tenure-track positions at the University of Notre Dame, Tel Aviv University, University of Guelph, St. Francis Xavier, Central European University, and Université du Québec à Montréal, as well as various postdoctoral positions including at Harvard, Université de Montréal, University of Alberta, University of Ottawa and the UofT. Sadly, this is my last update as graduate director, but I couldn't be happier with the vibrancy of our program and the energy, quality, and intellectual accomplishments of our students, which makes our graduate program among the best in the world. My thanks to our students, colleagues Courtney Jung, Rauna Kuokkanen and Kanta Murali who have so ably run the MA program over the last 5 years and to Carolyn Branton and Louis Tentos in the graduate office for supporting our amazing students.

It's been an exciting first year as Undergraduate Director working with colleagues, our incredible administrative staff and officials in the Dean's office to ensure the continued vibrancy of the undergraduate program. There have been many end of year highlights, among them a formal lunch co-hosted with our Chair in honor of our top ten final year students and a departmental reception for the graduating class. These were occasions to celebrate the diverse group of intellectually gifted and self-confident young women and men whose education is our mission. Their recollections of their decisions to major in political science and their confidence that their education has prepared them for the different paths they are embarking on, is a testament to the program's mission. The undergraduate curriculum renewal process is underway and will be a major focus of departmental deliberations in the Fall. Wishing everyone a great summer.

The Department of Political Science at UTSC is thrilled to welcome a new colleague, Filiz Kahraman. Filiz received her PhD from the University of Washington in 2017 and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Georgetown. Her research focuses on human rights and labor union activism in Britain and Turkey. Our current faculty members also continue to inspire both inside and outside the classroom. Professor Aisha Ahmad was the recipient of the 2018 Northrop Frye Award of Excellence, which recognizes the faculty member who best integrates research into undergraduate teaching at the University of Toronto, across all disciplines. She was also named one of Toronto's most inspiring women by *Post City Magazine*. Matthew Hoffmann has received an Honorary Professorship at the Australian National University, which involves a week in residence and regular visits for research collaboration. Professor Lucan Way organized the event 'Resolving the Venezuelan Crisis' which brought together leading policy makers and international scholars.

At UTM, our department is in transition. On March 2nd we lost our dear colleague Lee Ann Fujii. More than a top scholar, Lee Ann challenged us to infuse our research, teaching, and everyday interactions with humanity, humility, and with an orientation toward social justice. Her example will continue to inspire us for decades to come. Our newest faculty members have just completed their first year: Noel Anderson, Emily Nacol, Alexander Reisenbichler, and Alison Smith. Along with two new hires for 2018-19, Martha Balaguera and Randy Besco, they bring tremendous new energy to the department. As we prepare for a move to a new building, we also prepare for new faculty transitions. I will be stepping down as Chair on July 1. Ronald Beiner will serve as Interim Chair for a year, with Andrea Olive taking over in 2019. We look forward to the new initiatives, directions, and energy that she will bring. We continue to relish the expert and stable services of our staff Norma Dotto, Lorna Taylor, Terri Winchester, and David Linden.

We were deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Associate Professor Lee Ann Fujii, an exceptionally vibrant and much-loved member of the Political Science community, who died on March 2nd this year, at just 56.

A highly respected scholar of political violence, ethnicity, race, African politics, and field methods, Lee Ann was born in 1962 in Seattle, Washington. Her parents, Americans of Japanese descent, met while interned during the Second World War.

She graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon with a BA in Music and from San Francisco State University in 2001 with an MA in International Relations, where her thesis was on the genocide in Rwanda. She spent several years as an actress in San Francisco and worked in the tech industry before deciding to pursue an academic career, graduating from George Washington University with a PhD in Political Science in 2006, where she joined the faculty as assistant professor a year later.

Lee Ann joined our department in 2011 and was tenured in 2015. She published widely and with tremendous impact. Her first book, *Killing Neighbors: Webs of Violence in Rwanda*, was published by Cornell University Press in 2009 and was quickly recognized as a seminal text on an important and difficult topic. The book made at least two critical interventions.

First she was concerned with understanding how social interactions within communities contribute to political violence. People killed people who were their neighbors, their friends, and sometimes even members of their own families. She sought to understand that and to uncover the individual and often highly specific motivations and fears at work in these horrific instances.

Second, her book proceeded from the observation that in this genocide, many of the key actors occupied multiple roles. Many of the people who served as genocidaires, or perpetrators of violence, in other instances behaved also as "heroes," rescuing victims from death, hiding potential victims, or in other ways showing kindness and generosity. Her work gave us the social context for understanding how such violence, and its associated complexities, unfolded. Her carefully grounded, meticulously researched, granular and community-level research now profoundly shape how we understand what is otherwise unimaginable.

Following the publication of her 2017 book *Interviewing in Social Science Research: A Relational Approach*, which examined the methodological foundations for a relational approach to interviewing, she was busy working on a new book when she died suddenly. In *Show Time: The Logic and Power of Violent Display*, she examined how local actors use public displays of violence to

# TRIBUTE

## Lee Ann Fujii

(1962 - 2018)

Scholar, Mentor & Advocate for Diversity



Friends of LAF in Rwanda during a commemoration day held for her on April 2nd, 2018. Photo courtesy of Richard Shyaka.

alter and affirm social interactions and community membership, examining cases as diverse as Rwanda, Bosnia, and the United States. Her groundbreaking research was recognized through several prestigious fellowships, from a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholarship (2013-2014) to a more recent fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton (2016-2017).

According to Professor Stephanie McNulty, who remained close friends with Lee Ann since their graduate school days together at GWU, she wove together her acting experience and academic interests seamlessly in her written work.

"Both of her book projects were framed in terms of staging and theatrical performance. She realized that groups performed violence publicly to send messages and undertake orders. This is just one example of how Lee Ann's brilliant mind worked. She questioned everything. She carefully considered why and how things worked before settling on an answer. Often the answer was unsettling but she would not let us escape recognizing the horror and violence inherent in the human experience. She held humanity accountable."

A tireless advocate for greater equity and diversity in the academy and at this university in particular, she challenged us to think deeply about our own positions in our research and in our teaching. She called out structural racism where she saw it and modelled in her own professional life what it meant to be reflexive, ethical and committed. Whether in dealings with her undergraduate and graduate students, or in her relationships with her 'sources,' she was unflinchingly open, engaged, and respectful.

Lee Ann was deeply committed to the mentorship of young scholars – especially other women of colour. She worked to support and motivate countless young scholars in our department, across Canada and North America, as well as internationally. In the aftermath of her death, it has been a bittersweet experience to hear from person after person how she helped them prepare for a job talk, how she encouraged and cajoled, read draft chapters, assisted with the revision of syllabi to ensure the inclusion of a diverse range of voices, or supported those who were encountering difficulties in their personal or professional lives. It has been quite overwhelming to learn of the many, many lives that she touched. One wonders how she possibly had the time, all the while keeping up her own prodigious research and writing productivity alongside a very full teaching load.

The words of one of her doctoral students Charles Larrat-Smith demonstrate her impact outside the realm of her role as supervisor: "Over the past couple of years, I have randomly found myself in the company of various established scholars who work on conflict and violence, and when Lee Ann's name came up in passing, the reaction was always the same, regardless of the person or setting. Her name alone would be enough to elicit a profound happiness from people, happy I suppose because we happened to share such a wonderful person in our lives. That spoke volumes to me about her generous character and sincerity, two traits that are not always easy to find inside and outside of academia."

Lee Ann is survived by brothers Carey and Jeff, sister-in-law Jo, and by colleagues and friends from around the world.

Antoinette Handley

# STUDENT Q&A



Maria **AL-RAES**

UNDERGRADUATE

**Why study Political Science and English?**

I always knew I wanted to study political science, especially political theory, and English literature because these fields reflect my dual interest in the social sciences and the humanities. In particular, I have enjoyed reading nineteenth-century political theory alongside Victorian literature. Throughout my degree, I have been surprised by the dialogue between the two disciplines - my studies in English literature have enhanced and stimulated my political science writing, while encounters with nineteenth-century political thought have informed my literary criticism.

**What have been the most rewarding and challenging experiences during the last four years?**

The most rewarding moments of my undergraduate studies have concerned balancing classroom learning with out-of-classroom learning experiences. It is often easy to immerse oneself in books, but more challenging to engage in other ways. I have pushed myself to seek out opportunities to learn and apply my knowledge beyond the course material. Over the past four years, I have participated in a Study Abroad program in England, joined and led a student-run academic journal, and attended a variety of talks hosted by

my departments. These experiences have enriched me both intellectually and personally.

**What has been the most enlightening POL course you've taken?**

One of the most enlightening POL courses I have taken - and one that has encouraged me to think about politics in a novel way - has been POL373: *Emotions in Political Theory* with Professor Rebecca Kingston. Both scholars and laypeople often conceive the political sphere as an unemotional realm of rational, objective actors. Professor Kingston's course fused an interdisciplinary approach to emotions with an exploration of the role of affect in classical, Enlightenment, and modern political thought to demonstrate the many ways in which emotions are mobilized in politics.

**Plans after graduation?** I will be staying at the University of Toronto to pursue a Master's degree in English. After my Master's, I hope to move on to a PhD and continue in academia.



Alejandro **GARCIA MAGOS**

GRADUATE

**What's your area of research?**

My research tries to establish if democracy is working for the average citizen in recently democratized countries. The move away from authoritarianism in these countries promised their citizens an improvement in their living standards by opening up the political arena for competition. My research tries to confirm if this actually occurred in the case of Mexico. Through a statistical analysis across the 32 Mexican states, I found that political competition has a positive effect on social spending only once a sufficiently high threshold of economic development is surpassed. To directly observe how economic development matters for political competition, I have been conducting qualitative research in the state of Querétaro in central Mexico in the last year.

**Why did you decide to pursue this area in particular?**

I became an adult in Mexico City right at the time when the country completed its process of democratization. I enthusiastically witnessed the end of decades of authoritarian rule under the Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI). Having experienced a democratic transition, I decided to learn more about it in

graduate school. Looking back, I was very naive about what democracy actually is and how it functions. My generation had huge and unrealistic expectations for democratic rule that naturally did not materialize. We learned that democracy is not always a happy place, but often an unhappy one where participants can bend the rules and even bring the country to a standstill.

**What impact do you hope your research will have?**

Democracy is one of the most misunderstood concepts not only in the media but also in academia. My research project has helped me gain a better understanding of what exactly democracy is and how it works. I plan to work with social entrepreneurs to develop data-based solutions to the challenges that democracy poses to effective governance. Today, we are witnessing a veritable revolution in the social and policy sectors driven by new technologies and the introduction of open data initiatives. The potential to improve transparency and accountability in both new and more established democracies is higher than ever. We need more people capable of bringing together political insight with data analysis.



**David ZARNETT****Undergraduate Advisor**

On meeting student needs

For Undergraduate Advisor David Zarnett, his Wednesday afternoon office hours have become increasingly busy since he first stepped into the role three years ago.

With over 1,700 undergraduate students currently enrolled in the Political Science program, the role was created in 2004 to assist students with their senior thesis applications, clarifying career goals, advising on the practicalities of graduate school applications and organizing career related events.

One such inaugural event held in March was 'YAMIS' (Youth Against Mental Health & Illness Stigma). In conjunction with *Peace of Mind Inc.*, a registered non-profit organization devoted to eradicating the stigma surrounding mental health, the event was organised in an attempt to meet the needs of students showing up more frequently with emotional difficulties such as anxiety and depression.

David, who also works as the Executive Director of the NGO *Every Kid Counts* and as a sessional lecturer, received his PhD from the department in 2017, so he is familiar with the trials faced by today's students. "I've been where they are now relatively recently so I'm someone they can relate to. Central to political theory is the question, 'What is the good life?' and asking yourself what makes you happy. That's a question I often ask our students. The job is not just about advising but also about listening. Providing understanding to students who are going through a difficult time and referring them to the appropriate channels at the University is becoming more common for both faculty and staff."

The department can also play an important role in helping students transition to the 'real world' after graduation according to David. "The education that the department provides shouldn't just be limited to the substance of political science. Preparing students for life and enabling them to sustain setbacks and strengthening their ability to persevere in an increasingly competitive society shouldn't be overlooked."

Ese Makolomi, one student who has benefitted from having this service provided by the department says the guidance she has received has been invaluable. "David has been a great source of information and has positively challenged me to reach my aims by reinforcing the importance of accepting responsibility, cultivating emotional stability and practical goal setting. I'm truly grateful to have such a welcoming, passionate and resourceful advisor."

**Ronald DEIBERT****Political Science Professor & Citizen Lab Director**

On 'lifting the lid' off the digital world

We now live in a world permeated by electronic devices and applications that make our lives easier, but also track everything we do. We have allowed this tracking in exchange for the convenience of the free services companies offer, but in doing so share unimaginably large sums of data with third parties. We have effectively turned our lives "inside out" but we have only a dim grasp of the many possible consequences of doing so.

Companies provide free access to their services in order to monitor us, the data from which is analyzed in order to push tailored advertisements. However, as the Cambridge Analytica/Facebook scandal has revealed, the same methods used for commercial persuasion can also be used for other types of behavioral manipulation and political control. Consider China, where an Orwellian "social credit" experiment is unfolding that uses data gathered from applications to monitor and assign a score to citizens' political reliability, which in turn will be used to limit their freedom. Did you just "like" that post about the Dalai Lama? Do that enough and you won't get a loan, or be able to travel abroad.

At Citizen Lab, we use a combination of methods from computer and engineering sciences to "lift the lid" off the digital world. We reverse engineer popular applications to discover hidden censorship and surveillance systems. We have uncovered vast cyber espionage campaigns operating out of China, Russia, Iran, Syria, Ethiopia, and other countries. We have used network measurement tests to map the proliferation of commercial censorship and surveillance services to authoritarian regimes.

One of these methods includes scanning every one of the billions of IP addresses in the world to match fingerprints we have developed for specific companies' products. A recent report, entitled "Bad Traffic," used these methods to discover that Turkey was injecting spyware into unwitting Internet users' devices as they surfed the Internet using technology they had procured from a Canadian company, Sandvine.

While the methods we use at the Citizen Lab are ethical, legal, peer reviewed, and transparent, they should not be taken for granted. Powerful actors spotlighted by our research will not always welcome the intrusion; some will not take it lying down.



For example, in January 2016, the Canadian firm, Netsweeper, which has been the subject of numerous Citizen Lab reports, filed a defamation suit against me and the University of Toronto. The defamation suit sought \$3,000,000.00 in general damages; \$500,000.00 in aggravated damages; and an "unascertained" amount for "special damages." Four months and many hours of legal preparation later, Netsweeper withdrew the suit in its entirety.

More recently, Sandvine (the company whose products we discovered were being used to undertake surveillance in Turkey) threatened legal action against myself and the University of Toronto if we published our report. The University of Toronto hired outside legal counsel to represent us both. We verified that our research and methods were sound, and proceeded with publication. The counsel's response to the company on our behalf is a remarkable defense of academic freedom.

At a time when power is exercised through applications, software, and algorithms, it is essential that academics have the ability - and legal protections - to peer beneath the surface. Doing so will be increasingly critical to both security and liberty.

## FRANKLYN GRIFFITHS

A Scholar on top of the world

By Nelson Wiseman



**W**ith policy and research interests in the Arctic Region, Russia, and international security affairs, Franklyn Griffiths is a member of the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research. Widely consulted on circumpolar Arctic affairs, the issue of climate change currently engages him as it dramatically affects the region. He contributed to the formation of the Arctic Council, co-chairing the Arctic Council Panel that persuaded Ottawa to commit to an Arctic intergovernmental forum with direct Aboriginal participation.

After completing his BA at the UofT in Modern History and Modern Languages, Frank worked at Expo'58 in Brussels where he married his first wife. Then, in his own words, as a "young punk," he worked as a translator and soon as an editor in London, responsible for the translation of Russian scientific and medical books and journals to English for Oxford-based Pergamon Press.

With a Master's of International Affairs degree from Columbia University, Frank served as a rapporteur in the Harvard-MIT arms control seminar in 1963 - 1964. In due course he was a Visiting Professor at Stanford University, a Visiting Scholar at the Scott Polar Research Institute at the University of Cambridge, the McNaughton-Vanier Visiting Scholar at the Royal Military College (where his father had studied), and a senior policy advisor in the office of Canada's foreign minister in the 1980's. In 2002, for the

Department of Foreign Affairs, he studied how to assist Russia in the disposal of its excess weapons plutonium. All in all, his scholarly and public policy efforts were directed to meeting the need for a differentiated view of the opponent in situations of conflict.

Frank began teaching in our Department in 1967 and he has served as the Director of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies. He is now George Ignatieff Chair Emeritus of Peace and Conflict Studies and a Senior Fellow at Massey College. He notes that since the 1960s, "The subtlety and sophistication of the discourse in the Department have greatly improved."

Frank was born in Edinburgh to a Russian mother and a fourth generation Canadian father serving in the Royal Air Force. The family's Scottish nanny struggled to understand Russian-speaking Frank. His father, who appears in Bob Hope's memoirs, survived the crash of his fighter plane off the Gibraltar coast during the Second World War. Tragically, he died in a car crash with an American military truck in Belgium the day after the war ended.

Frank remarried a couple of years ago. His wife, Marcia McClung, is the granddaughter of famed suffragist, reformer, and legislator Nellie McClung. His son Rudyard, who organizes and moderates the Munk Debates, founded the Dominion Institute which merged with *Historica Canada* in 2001. His daughter, a writer on environmental issues, lives in Italy.

## LAIRD ALEXANDER MORRIS

On being a mature student



**W**hy did you decide to come back to study Political Science? I've

always been drawn to issues of political economy, foreign policy and the role of government. UofT's top-tier political science program and a campus surrounding the Provincial Legislature was certainly an attractive option. Moreover, with a worldwide reputation, I knew the UofT could deliver the intellectual discipline necessary to engage the issues that will undoubtedly challenge Canada's next generation of leaders.

**What has been the most rewarding and challenging aspect about returning to University as a mature student?**

As a mature student, I can attest to the difficulties of returning to school while juggling other responsibilities. The hardest part is simply taking the first step. I've known students who juggle families, mortgages and full-time careers alongside getting an education, so there is a degree of sacrifice and anxiety when going back to study when you're that bit older. In my experience, mature students tend to be highly focused and efficient academics, perhaps due to years in the private sector or the pressures of raising families, and are therefore often quite successful. Having been honoured with scholarships myself, I've found that the UofT strongly prioritizes the recognition of hard work and academic merit through various awards and opportunities. It may take patience and a strong work ethic, but as someone

who has recently been accepted to a Summer Abroad Program at Oxford University, it's highly rewarding.

**What would you say to somebody considering a return to education following a long hiatus?**

Returning to school and committing yourself to a degree may feel insurmountable at first but once you take the first step, the second and third follow naturally. Speaking from experience I left school quite young and didn't graduate high school until my mid-twenties, but I eventually realized that I was on my own timeline where hard work and perseverance mattered more than age. By remaining patient with myself and leaning on my strengths, I'm now a three-time scholarship recipient at the UofT. I'm a graduate of two college programs, and I'm finally applying to law school this fall. I can assure anyone thinking about returning to school that it's all entirely possible. They just have to take the first step. It's challenging yes, but absolutely worth it.

# A HEALTHY CAREER CHOICE

Two alumnae discuss their careers in the health care sector.

**Why did you decide to pursue a career in the health field?** I wanted my career to be people focused as I've always been passionate about civic engagement and connecting with individuals. There's nothing more personal than health as it affects everyone. There's a great opportunity to make a positive impact on individual lives, while also the potential to transform a system.

**Briefly outline what your current position entails.** My job as a Senior Analyst focuses on building internal capacity on health equity at our organization. My work is about ensuring that individuals, regardless of who they are, what they have, or their location, receive the highest quality health care relevant to them.

**Why did you decide to study Political Science?** Even in high school, I was fascinated by governments and learning about their role and that of civil society. A degree in political science explained the intersection between the two. I still think back to my classes on Canadian Federalism and love what I learned.

**How did your education in Political Science prepare you for the job market?** My knowledge of political science, combined with the ability to think critically and analyze complex situations gave me a strong foundation. I pursued a graduate public policy degree before entering the

job market, but I always rely on the core skills I learned during my undergraduate years.

**If you had to do it all again, what would you do differently?** I'd spend more time getting to know my professors and fellow classmates a bit more. While I did make these connections and formed important relationships, the network provided by UofT was something I didn't fully appreciate until I graduated.

**What advice would you give to students who want to work in the health sector?** Get some exposure early on in a direct care environment whether through a formal job role or by volunteering. I started off in a hospital, and it was a good place for me to decide whether this was the kind of workplace I could see myself in as a young professional.

**What's the best career advice you ever received?** I'm fortunate to have had great mentors, and I always hold near the words of one in particular. I was told to remember to have some perspective, especially in the difficult moments. Work and charting a career path should be rewarding but it can and will be challenging. Remembering that this is just one aspect of my life, and how I am choosing to bring about positive change is something I try to remember.



Andrea **BRACAGLIA**

Senior Analyst at Health Quality Ontario (HQO) an agency of the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. HQO is the provincial advisor on health care quality.



Michelle **DI EMANUELE**

President and CEO of Trillium Health Partners, the largest community hospital in Ontario, serving 1.7 million people each year.

**Why did you decide to pursue a career in the health sector?** My interest in public service and the health care sector is directly related to the studies I pursued at the University of Toronto. When you look at the landscape of public policy and public services, the intersection of people, policy and governance in health care becomes evident. Health care for me is one of the pillars of society and there is no greater service than that of serving others – that is my why to everything.

**Briefly outline what your current position entails.** I'm responsible for creating an environment for the successful delivery of services and a work environment where every individual can achieve their full potential. I create strategy, manage people and resources, forge stakeholder relationships, work with regulators and host events and activities in our community.

**Why did you decide to study Political Science?** I've always been very interested in power structures and societies where there is injustice and oppression. I have wanted to understand how greater redistribution of wealth and the building of important pillars like health and education has led and will continue to lead to improvements to the social and economic status for many. Making that happen and making governments work for the people it serves, has been important to me. Political Science, public policy and public admin-

istration are at the root to this journey.

**How did your education in Political Science prepare you for the job market?** An education in Political Science teaches you about context, history, patterns, negotiation, leadership, theories and practice. It encourages curiosity, and to build cogent arguments and methods to achieve results. It also helps to build the life skill of communication.

**What advice would you give to students who want to work in the health sector?** Most leaders come to the sector with health backgrounds, clinical expertise or a Masters of Health Administration. My background in Political Science and experience in the public and private sector, equipped me with unique skills and expertise that I was able to apply to a career in the health care sector.

**What's the best career advice you ever received?** "Pick great leaders to work for not just a job." Great leaders create great work. I have found that you can have an awesome job, but without a great leader the work is less enjoyable. My career in government, gaming, real estate and banking all came about because I wanted to work for a particular leader.



# POLITICAL SCIENCE EVENTS



**1.** Recipients and donors at this year's undergraduate awards reception with Undergraduate Director Dickson Eyoh (back row, fourth from right) and Chair Antoinette Handley (right).

**2.** Robert Vipond, Aisha Ahmad and Neil Nevitte (l-r) all picked up a UofT Award of Excellence this year (Photo ©2018 Gustavo Toledo).

**3.** Three of our donors Anne Dupré, Brian J. White and Nora Clarkson (l-r) at the undergraduate awards reception.

**4.** Sessional instructor Spyridon Kotsovilis receives the 2018 Sessional Instructor Superior Teaching Award (Photo Diana Tyszko).

**5.** Nadine Abd El Razek picks up her Gordon Cressy student Leadership award. (Photo ©2018 Gustavo Toledo).

**6.** Jeffrey Smith delivers the 2018 Malim Harding Lecture (Photo Siri Hansen).

**7.** UTM's Celebration of Books included Ronald Biener's (bottom right) *Dangerous Minds* (photo Nelly Cancilla).





# POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS



**SERENA CECO**

PRESIDENT

*Association of Political Science Students (APSS)*

The Association of Political Science Students (APSS) is pleased to sign off on another successful academic year! This year began with a host of activities for our members, including a joint panel in February with the International Law Society at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law on the return of ISIS fighters to Canada. The APSS was also pleased to host a panel on the #MeToo movement in Canada and its implications on political parties and national politics and a panel on human refugee flow in Canada this March. The end of the year also marked the publication of the latest edition of *Polis*, our undergraduate academic journal and the election of a new Executive. We are grateful to all the students, faculty and alumni that contributed to making this year a success and we are excited for the year to come under the leadership of our new President, Jerry Zhu. 'Like' us on Facebook and visit our website at [www.utapss.ca](http://www.utapss.ca). General inquiries can be directed to [president@utapss.ca](mailto:president@utapss.ca).



**TIMOTHY BERK &  
JASON VANDENBEUKEL**

CO-CHAIRS

*Graduate Association of Students in Political Science (GASPS)*

It has been an exciting and eventful end of the school year for the Graduate Association of Students in Political Science. We are pleased to report that we have successfully worked with the department to refurbish student work spaces. With the department's generous assistance, we have secured new chairs and computer equipment for the graduate and undergraduate computer labs, and new chairs for the 'fishbowl' study space. In addition, we have created a new database of student resources and local tips for incoming students. GASPS is also working with the department's Women's Caucus as it prepares to survey the workspace atmosphere in the department. We would like to thank the GASPS executive committee for making this year possible: Rachael Desborough (Treasurer), Brianna Botchwey (Secretary, Social Convenor), Reut Marciano, Emma Gill-Allderson, and Mick Kunze (CUPE Stewards), Danny Hutton Ferris, Anna Johnson, and Zak Black (GSU Representatives), and Victor Bruzzone (Social Convenor). GASPS annual meeting resulted in the election of Rachael Desborough and Anika Ganness as the new co-chairs for 2018/19. We wish all students good luck on their comprehensive exams! Visit us at [www.gasps.chass.utoronto.ca](http://www.gasps.chass.utoronto.ca).



**ANTHONY FERNANDO**

ALUMNUS

*Political Science Alumni Association (PSAA)*

The Political Science Alumni Association (PSAA) has had an exciting year connecting the alumni and student community. Anthony Fernando, a team leader of the PSAA, had the chance to speak to the 2018 Political Science graduates about alumni life and the PSAA at the annual Graduating Students Reception on April 20th. We recently held a Bowling Social with faculty, alumni, and students celebrating the completion of the semester and welcoming new alumni to the PSAA. The event was organized and made possible by Chantal Brasil and Ebuloluwa Akinsanya. We will continue to hold meetings this summer as we plan for our next speaker event in the Fall. If you are interested in participating and getting involved with the PSAA, please contact us at [psaa@utoronto.ca](mailto:psaa@utoronto.ca) and follow us on Facebook. You may also contact Anthony Fernando [anthonyfernando@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyfernando@gmail.com), Rebecca Bryan [b\\_bryan@live.ca](mailto:b_bryan@live.ca) or Nicole D'Alessandro [nicole.dalessandro@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:nicole.dalessandro@mail.utoronto.ca) for more information. All are welcome to join. We would also like to thank the alumni who have dedicated their time to make our events possible this year. We wish all students good luck in their future endeavours.

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# POLITICS BITES

Faculty & student news, awards, accolades and publications.

## FACULTY

- **Sylvia Bashevkin's** paper 'Listening to Women Leaders: Feminist Narrative Among US Foreign Policy Appointees' was shortlisted for the CPSA 2018 Jill Vickers Prize.
- **Ronald Deibert** received the 2017 President's Impact Award (PIA).
- **Randall Hansen** was awarded a Canada Research Chair in Global Migration.
- **Spyridon Kotsovilis** received the 2018 Sessional Instructor Superior Teaching Award.
- **Peter Russell's** book *Canada's Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests* (University of Toronto Press 2017) was shortlisted for the CPSA Donald Smiley Prize.
- **Aisha Ahmad, Neil Nevitte and Robert Vipond** all received the 2018 UofT Award of Excellence for faculty.
- **Aisha Ahmad and Linda White** were shortlisted for the CPSA Prize in Comparative Politics for their books *Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamic Power* and *Constructing Policy Change: Early Childhood Education and Care in Liberal Welfare States*.
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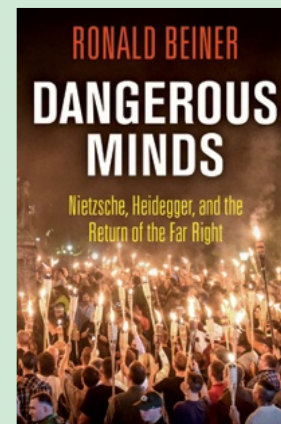
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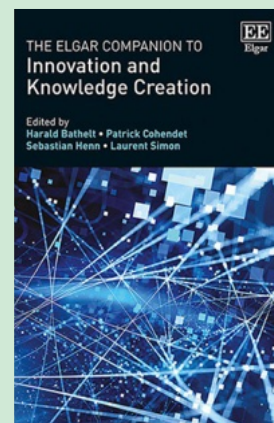
- **Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award 2018:** Nadin Abd El Razek, Daoui Bechir Abouchere, Bamdad Attaran, Tea Cimini, Arjun Gandhi, Jacob John Lorinc, Saambavi Mano, Nevoh Ryan Masliah, Sarah Millman, John Mark Padillo, Joanna Rutkowska, Venessa Nevena Sectakof.
- **New PhD's:** Dr. Sude Beltan, Dr. Adrienne Davidson, Dr. Pinar Dokumaci, Dr. Gregory Eady, Dr. Patricia Greve, Dr. Matthew Lesch, Dr. Daniel Schillinger, Dr. Igor Shoikhedbrod.
- **Undergraduate Awards & Scholarships 2016/17:** Nour Mohamed Abdelaal, Salma Barakat, Sophie Barnett, Alejandra Bellatin, Sarah Georgiana Boivin, James Chapman, Mackenzie Crabbe, Jacob Davidson, Katia El-Mokdad, Ahmed Elahi, Habiba Ziad Fathi Elayouty, Arjun Gandhi, Elizabeth Gross, Skylar Hazlitt, Rebecca Dawn Hellam, Cristin Hunt, Minghong Ji, Yue Kan Katrina Li, Laird Alexander Morris, Henry Schut, Liam Alexander Turnbull, Cindy Wu, Dong Lin Wu.

## FACULTY BOOKS

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**Ronald Beiner,**  
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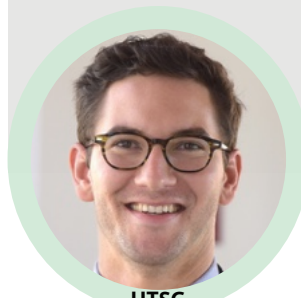
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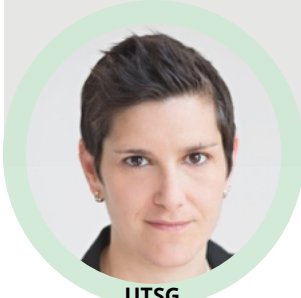
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