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While the offices of Sidney Smith are strangely silent, the life and work of the Department continues apace. Online and in hundreds of individual homes, basements, spare rooms and on kitchen tables, the faculty, staff and students who make up the beating heart of our community continue their work. You may already have some sense of the tremendous energies that went into salvaging what we could of the last two weeks of the winter semester as we all sought to meaningfully complete the academic year under radically changed circumstances. The same resilience and ingenuity has been applied to the summer semester, now underway. Our significant faculty contributions continue to be featured in a wide range of media, presenting the myriad ways in which their research helps us navigate the world of uncertainty we now inhabit. It has been a vivid testament to how critical the life, ideas and intellectual resources of the University are in helping society confront the current set of extraordinary challenges.

We have been working closely and regularly with SGS and the Faculty of Arts of Science to address both the short and long-term implications of COVID-19 on our graduate department. We held regular town hall meetings and used a variety of mechanisms to stay in touch with our students to ensure academic and research continuity, and to make contingency plans for the months ahead. Our MA students are finishing their Major Research Papers, several doctoral students have defended their dissertations online, and our field exams have moved ahead. Motivation from staff and students to find solutions has been remarkable. We have also implemented a number of new program improvements including restructuring our core courses to enhance flexibility, faculty exposure and creativity. Four of our PhD Fields will now offer a mandatory half credit in the Fall, and a choice of two core offerings in the Spring to reflect specialization clusters. We've implemented a new RA matching program by which all PhD students now have opportunities to gain valuable RA experience while earning the minimum \$1000 RA component of their funding package.

The academic year ended with the abrupt cessation of in-person classes, followed rapidly by the closure of the University, disrupting our familiar pattern of operations without a template. The physical and psychological challenges for students and faculty having to migrate to online delivery for the final weeks of classes and exams have been enormous and will persist for some time. The undergraduate office continues to work hard to ensure the best learning experience for our students and have so far managed to allay the worst nightmares around COVID-19 course disruptions. One of our saddest regrets is that we will not be able to celebrate in-person the accomplishments of our graduating students. We remain committed to providing the best undergraduate education in Political Science as we move towards the summer and fall sessions. For our students in Toronto and across the world, we wish you, your family and network of friends, continued good health.

As COVID-19 continues to affect our daily lives, we remain focused on positive change here at UTM. There is much to celebrate with grant awards, book contracts, media appearances and article publications, not to mention welcoming new staff and faculty. Sarah Chapple is the new Assistant to the Chair and will oversee faculty searches, promotion and tenure reviews as well as other projects. The Department also welcomes two new faculty members on July 1st, Dr. Janine Clark, Professor, is an expert on Middle East and Northern Africa governance. She is currently working on a SSHRC project related to LGBTQ activism in the region. Dr. Naomi Adiv, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, is an expert on urban politics and policy. Finally, UTM is also pleased to welcome Nadège Compaoré, who will complete her Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2020-21 and join our Department as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2021. I am thrilled to see our community continue to grow and thrive.

"It all depends on us." Recognizing the truth of this simple message, we have done our individual best to behave in a way that keeps ourselves, our loved ones and our community safe amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As important as our individual actions have been, there can be no doubt that it is our collective actions, as instructors and administrative staff, that have made all the difference in enabling our students to complete their courses, and those aiming to graduate, to do so on schedule. That the UTSC Department succeeded, when so challenged, brings me enormous pleasure. It also makes me incredibly grateful for the support of my colleagues, faculty and administrative staff, who pivoted quickly, learning new technologies to communicate, deliver courses, and ensure academic continuity. As I sign off on this final column as Chair, I thank my UTSC colleagues for their dedication, integrity and friendship over the past eight years, and wish my successor, Peggy Kohn, all the very best.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Michael Stein (1940-2020) and Mel Watkins (1932-2020)

After retiring from McMaster University in 2005, Michael Stein taught in our Department for many years. He had an unaccountable love for the study of federalism - a deformation which we share - and many a student of Canadian politics in our Department found their understanding of Canada deepened as a result of taking his *POL316 Contemporary Canadian Federalism* class.

A graduate of McGill and Princeton, Michael taught at Carleton, McGill, McMaster and U of T. He was fascinated by the politics of Quebec, one especially colourful slice of which became the subject of his first book, *The Dynamics of Right-wing Protest: A Political Analysis of Social Credit in Quebec* (UTP, 1973). This interest



in Quebec politics grew, with the events of the era, into a preoccupation with constitutional and federal renewal. Michael's analytical eye began to focus on the processes of bargaining and decision-making and led to the publication of a series of articles on constitutional negotiations, as well as an important monograph published by the Institute for Intergovernmental Relations in 1989. "He was

intrigued," as the notice in the *Globe and Mail* put it, "by the creativity and flexibility of Canadians as they fashioned solutions through federalism and spent his academic career writing about the ways Canadians governed themselves. He took the Canadian experience abroad and collaborated with scholars around the world in comparative studies of governance." One especially noteworthy product of Michael's international collaboration was a comparative study, co-edited with David Easton and John Gunnell, of the development of the discipline of political science. *Entitled Regime and Discipline: Democracy and the Development of Political Science*, the collection was published by the University of Michigan Press in 1995.

A consummate teacher, Michael had a deep interest in and affection for his students. Gregarious and enthusiastic, he was always happy to engage on any number of topics with them as well as with his colleagues. Our love and thoughts go out to his wife, Janice Stein, and his in-laws, Susan and Peter Solomon - all of whom are members of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto - and to every member of Michael's family. He will be missed.

David Cameron & Robert Vipond

Professor Melville H. Watkins OC, Professor Emeritus of the Departments of Political Science and Economics was a leading figure in the study of Canadian economic history and Canada's political economy. He wrote extensively on the staples thesis, the impact of the multinational corporation and foreign investment on the Canadian economy, and the implications of Canada's resource-based pattern of development for Indigenous communities.

A prime concern was to link the theories of the staple economy with the development of the economy from the 1950s onward. This led, after his return from completing his PhD at MIT to take up a position in the Department of Political Economy in the early 1960s, and the publication of his seminal article "A Staple Theory of Economic Growth". In 2013, a wide array of colleagues and young scholars came together to reflect on his seminal paper fifty years after its publication. The consensus was that its insights were as relevant to understanding the nature of Canada today as when originally published.

His academic and applied policy work quickly brought him to the attention of Walter Gordon, then a key minister in Prime Minister Lester Pearson's federal cabinet. From the mid-1950s onwards, Mr. Gordon had been concerned with the impact of foreign investment on the development of the Canadian economy. Following the 1965 election, he asked Professor Watkins to head a federal task force to investigate the issue. The result, known as "The Watkins Report", quickly became a touchstone for public debate. The following year he helped pen the "Waffle Manifesto", which became one of the most hotly debated political documents across the country for the next half dozen years.



In the mid-1970s, he became concerned with the impact of resource development in the oil and gas industry on both the environment and Indigenous people. His volume published on the Dene Nation was groundbreaking in putting the perspective of Canada's Indigenous people front and centre in debates over the future course of our energy and resource development.

His continuing role as a public intellectual contributing to debates about the pattern of economic development in Canada stands as one of his most enduring contributions to public life. His historical and theoretical understanding of the constraints on the development of dependent economies drew him, as a man of conscience, from the academy into the public arena. His activism as well as his progressive politics set him at odds with the ascendant intellectual thinking of much of his own generation, but as an inspiration to subsequent generations of scholars.

Perhaps his most enduring legacy is as a teacher and mentor to almost three generations of students at the University of Toronto. Throughout his career, Professor Watkins was driven by a deep passion for Canada and a determination to bring his academic skills and knowledge to bear on helping make this a more prosperous and equitable country for all Canadians and future generations.

David Wolfe

CAMPUS COLLOQUIES / *Updates from our Students*

Undergraduate/Ashley Gold

Why did you decide to study Political Science, Women & Gender Studies and History?

I came to U of T as a second-year student from the Quebec CEGEP system which meant I didn't have the opportunity to take many introductory courses. I enrolled in *POL200 Political Theory: Visions of the Just/Good Society* and fell in love with political theory. Pairing my Political Science major with a minor in Women & Gender Studies was the best decision I made at U of T. It directed my background in political theory towards analyzing systems of power from an interdisciplinary and intersectional feminist perspective.

As a third year student, what have been the most rewarding and challenging experiences thus far?



I'm the events coordinator for the Women and Gender Studies Student Union, where I plan social and academic events for WGS students. I'm very proud of the work we accomplished this year. We hosted climate talks with incredible youth activists at *Climate Justice Toronto* to encourage students to engage in climate activism; we recorded a live podcast with

Spot on the Couch featuring Dr. Sarah Trimble on horror and apocalypse and just before social distancing became routine, we hosted a live screening of *Invasion*, a short film about the Wet'suwet'en nation's efforts to stop the Canadian government from using colonial violence to invade unceded Indigenous territory. The discussions that followed these events were extremely engaging and insightful. Getting to work so closely with students and faculty in this role has been the most rewarding experience of my degree.

What are your summer plans?

I think we're all wondering what a summer during a global pandemic will look like. I was supposed to be a wilderness trip leader at a summer camp in the Adirondacks over the summer, but that seems improbable at this point. Like most U of T students, I'll probably be sitting inside reading and watching too much reality TV.

What do you plan to do after graduation?

I'll be returning to the University of Toronto in the Fall to pursue a master's degree in Women and Gender Studies. My thesis will focus on environmental racism and social reproduction theory in Canada and Palestine, which builds on research I've been conducting over the past year. My original post-graduate plan was to apply to law school but I'm not ready to leave academia just yet. I think law school is still in my future, and I'm hoping that my thesis studies will help guide the type of law career I envision for myself.

Graduate/Anna Kopec

Please explain your research and its main findings thus far.

My research considers how individuals experiencing homelessness participate politically and how their participation is dictated by homelessness policies. Many Western cities are facing rising homelessness and increasing inequality. Although individuals experiencing homelessness possess the same rights as others, their relationship with the government is determined by policies that shape their engagement. My fieldwork has found that individuals experiencing homelessness face extreme exclusion and marginalization through the public systems they interact with. Through these interactions, individuals participate politically in ways that have not been captured in previous research, which uncovers existing inequalities but also important political relationships that may lead to important partnerships and innovative policies.

Why did you decide to research this particular area and what intrigues you the most about it?

This project was inspired by my Master's research which examined the barriers individuals experiencing homelessness face to voting in Toronto. I've learned about the many experiences individuals have with the systems they come in contact with and their forms of engagement beyond just voting. I started to consider how policies impact the ways individuals engage with the state and their opportunities to inform the policies and systems they come in contact with most frequently.

What has been the most challenging aspect of this project?

The project is quite interdisciplinary utilizing various bodies of literature such as political participation, democracy, public policy, urban poverty, geography and social exclusion. The difficulty is reconciling these disciplines and bodies of research in a way that



will benefit my research and clarify the contributions of my project.

What impact do you hope your research will have?

I hope my research can inform policies and responses to homelessness as well as broaden conceptions of politics and participation. Political activity allows citizens to communicate concerns and influence public outcomes. How the most vulnerable participate speaks to the inaccessibility of certain forms of participation and the exclusionary practices of dominant democratic norms.

Future plans?

I'd like to work for an organization helping to alleviate poverty, become a policy advisor, or work within academia as a Professor. Regardless of where I end up, I hope that I can continue research like this and I hope it informs more academic projects, as well as government practices, on engagement with marginalized groups.

COVID-19's Impact: *As we live through a crisis that is accelerating the urgency of the historical questions she studies, Professor Emily Nacol discusses the implications of the pandemic on her research.*

What research project are you currently working on?

I'm working on two projects. The first is an exploration of how eighteenth-century British political discourse framed some forms of work and labour as risky or undesirable and how this framing marginalized poor workers. My other project is a consideration of how writing about plagues can be interpreted as political thought. I'm interested in how representations of pandemic help us think about the roles and responsibilities of political institutions, leaders, medical experts, and ordinary people in a time of crisis.

What implications will COVID-19 have on your research?

Its immediate impact on my work is that I find myself pulled in different directions and mainly toward the people in my life who need extra support and care. It also means having to postpone a research trip to the UK this Fall, where I was planning to spend time working through the large collection of public documents on its early modern "Great Plague."

Why did you decide to research this particular area and what intrigues you the most about it?

My research projects converge in the question of how we cope with the problems of risk and uncertainty. I focus on the historical emergence of these ideas but with an eye for seeing the contemporary resonance of older debates. The main challenge is always to show this connection without distorting the past. We are now living through a crisis that is accelerating the present urgency of the historical questions I study. We are reconfiguring our collective understanding of what counts as essential labour and how this is connected to jobs that are especially risky and that sustain our communities in periods of danger and uncertainty. This creates a political opportunity for us to

rethink the value we assign to particular jobs, to recognize and compensate hidden forms of labour, and to reconsider the meaning of work. Academics, journalists, and ordinary folks are also thinking and writing about epidemiological crises in our present—critically evaluating our institutions and thinking about the extent of social trust and solidarity in light of the pandemic. As someone who looks at how people documented or theorized these questions in the past, I find it poignant and illuminating to be living with and working through these questions in real time.

This is your third year at U of T Political Science. What are your impressions?

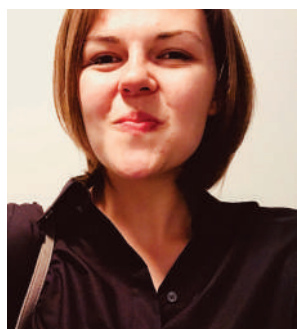
I love working at U of T.

Very few political theorists have the privilege of working with students and faculty who have such a broad range of research interests and methodologies. It's a fun challenge to teach a compulsory course to undergraduates and find ways to make the materials come alive for them. There's nothing like reading a familiar text with people who are new to it—they ask the best questions!



EMILY NACOL

Graduate Lives: *Two of our graduate students tell **Politics** how the pandemic has affected their life and work.*



KRISTEN PUE

"I've been a Red Cross emergency management volunteer for six years. My role involves deploying to floods, fires, and storms to help evacuees. I'm currently doing virtual work managing a team that is carrying out wellness calls and psychosocial first aid for anyone in Ontario who experiences a personal disaster during COVID-19 and for travellers from outside Canada who are quarantined. When we call, we conduct psychosocial first aid to help them develop their plan and to help them feel more empowered and hopeful

about their situation. My role as the lead is to manage all of the calls that the team does, to make sure they have what they need to succeed, and to find solutions when tricky situations arise. It is extremely gratifying to help people move from a place of distress to a place where they feel capable of moving forward. Our practical supports, such as cash transfers, food and lodging, mean the world to our beneficiaries. The pandemic has added some challenges for us such as talking to someone on the phone, rather than face-to-face which makes it more difficult to make that connection and more complicated to address their particular situation. The virtual aspect of our work has also meant changing our structures and processes. Governments at all levels are asking the Red Cross to assist with many different situations during the pandemic, so the demand for personnel is higher than ever! May and June - wildfire and flood season - are our busiest times so it will take a lot of hard work from volunteers around the country to manage natural disasters while also assisting with the pandemic. Challenges that we will rise to!"

"I recently joined Genome BC, an organization that leads genomics innovation, as a Genomics & Society Advisor. My PhD, which I'm continuing under the guidance of Professor Joseph Wong, looks at the role of the state in facilitating the growth of emerging technologies, using genomics in the USA and China. My role has quite diverse responsibilities but is mainly concerned with supporting governments in their public policy efforts and evaluating the social science aspect of large projects using genomic tools. I regularly support teams in thinking more broadly and deeply about their projects in relation to GE3LS or 'Genomics and its Ethical, Environmental, Economic, Legal and Social Aspects'. In response to COVID-19, Genome BC decided that in addition to our financial support to the BC Centre for Disease Control, we could utilize our expertise to help fund projects that have the potential to provide solutions related to the pandemic. After an intensive internal peer-review and evaluation process, Genome BC's COVID-19 Rapid Response Funding Initiative has now funded 11 projects up to \$250K each. I was part of the team that reviewed and evaluated the projects which were quite diverse, ranging from tackling the shortage of personal protective equipment or chemicals for testing, to analyzing genomic data and investigating antibody production. It was a very intense and rewarding experience as we all had to work together and make difficult decisions under additional pressure. Ultimately, we demonstrated both individually and collectively what we can do to support an ecosystem in delivering innovative solutions during this overwhelming crisis."



GEORGE POULAKIDAS

Arthur Rubinoff: The Scholar from Beaver Falls**ARTHUR RUBINOFF**

Arthur Rubinoff was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a noted football mecca on the Ohio border. His father was a Jewish immigrant from Poland who prided himself on the fact that he had never read a book. As a result, Arthur became determined to write books. His mother, who was born in Pittsburgh, died when he was eight. After serving as President of his high school debating club and being introduced by a

barber to a political science professor at Allegheny College, he was awarded a scholarship to attend the school.

A muckraking columnist in the campus newspaper, Arthur invited civil rights leader John Lewis, the current dean of Georgia's congressional delegation, to lunch in November 1963. As a result, his national fraternity put his campus fraternity on probation for having hosted a black man. Arthur graduated with honors in political science and was awarded the Milton Jackson Beaty scholarship in International Relations by Allegheny to the graduate school of his choice, which happened to be the University of Chicago.

Between completing his MA and PhD under the supervision of Lloyd Rudolph and Hans Morgenthau at the University of Chicago, Arthur was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to India. His final Fulbright presentation was lauded for being the best speech by a Fulbright Fellow anywhere in 1969. His research involved interviewing dozens of Indian politicians including former defence minister V. K. Krishna Menon while he was getting his annual physical examination.

After receiving the Morris Abrams Award as the most outstanding graduate student in the Uni-

ed States in the field of international relations, Arthur was appointed as instructor in Government at Dartmouth College. His best student, whose senior thesis he supervised, Tom Wolf, is currently the two-term Governor of Pennsylvania. Arthur came to U of T in 1972, as had previous Dartmouth professors Jean Edward Smith and James Barros, to teach at the Scarborough campus. He was struck by how congenial and casual the Departmental culture was compared to the schisms at Dartmouth.

Although he has retired from teaching, he continues to publish, most recently on Indo-American relations and has served his colleagues as the Faculty Association's VP for salary and benefits.

Arthur and his wife Janet, an anthropologist who also studies India, have been married for 55 years. They have a son who is an architect in Boston, a daughter who is a musicologist at the University of North Carolina, and four grandchildren. His late brother, also a political scientist, was a college teacher and lawyer. A dual citizen, Arthur casts votes in Toronto and Vermont, where he is also registered.

Nelson Wiseman

Life After Retirement: *Professor Emeritus Richard Sandbrook tells **Politics** why he values the new skills he's acquired as VP at **Science For Peace**.*

When I retired several years ago, I wanted to get involved with something different from what I'd been doing for the past 40 years, but not too different. Though I cherish intellectual life as much today as in the 1970s, I was no longer inclined to write books for University publishers or articles for refereed journals. I'd had enough of footnotes. I now had time to engage in advocacy on the important issues of the day.

Science for Peace was the ideal vehicle. Formed in 1981 during the last decade of the Cold War, it is a registered charity dedicated to popular education and research on broadly defined peace issues. Run wholly by volunteers, it aspires to be a think-tank for grassroots movements and the informed public. It organizes positions on current issues, public lectures, seminar series, forums, social media sites and a resource-rich website including a blog. I feel I've been able to bring the accumulated knowledge and teaching skills of 40 years to bear at *Science for Peace*.

With an initial focus on nuclear disarmament, most members in the early days were prominent natural and social scientists on faculties in the Toronto area when the demands of a University career were less stringent. When Pierre Trudeau was Prime Minister, he occasionally consulted *Science for Peace*, aware of its expertise. Other governments were less open to our advice.

Today, with approximately 150 members who tend to be retired professors, we regularly campaign to recruit younger members and those from outside the universities. We have members



(R – L) Dr. Judy Deutsch (President), Dr. Richard Sandbrook (VP), Dr. Margrit Eichler (Secretary), Dr. Arnd Jurgensen (Member)

from coast to coast. Perhaps our most effective member never went to University and works in a factory outside Toronto. University credentials do not necessarily confer the skills to work within the confines of a voluntary organization.

During my three years at *Science for Peace*, I've had to learn many new skills. These include: how to design a website; how to use new tech-

nologies; how to organize a large-scale public forum; how to get people to do things without alienating them; how to be the administrator of a Facebook page; and how to talk and write about complex issues in simple terms. It's taken a lot of time and has often been frustrating. All in all though, the constant striving has made me feel young and vibrant. Even if in a small way, one must keep trying.

ALUMNI FOCUS

Media Matters



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Actor, Author,
TV host &
Film Director

Why did you decide to study Political Science and how do you think your education in Political Science benefitted your choice of career? It was during high school that I first became involved with youth organizations, including Youth Parliament and UNICEF. I thought my career path would lead to public policy so I decided to pursue a Major in Economics, and a double minor in Political Science and Environmental Policy. Political Science was the perfect link between what I was passionate about (economic development) and what I knew was important for the future (environmental policy). My political science degree honed many skills that I still use today: the ability to bring about change in order to improve the status quo; the skill to sort through data to obtain results; the expertise to influence stakeholders in decision-making; to think critically and to deliver arguments articulately.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in media and describe what your job entails as head of Digital Products at Infiniti Research? I decided to pursue a career in digital marketing and media because it was truly cutting-edge at the time of my graduation in 2009. At companies such as Kanetix and Reprise Media, I grew from a team leader to VP, gaining exposure and increasing my knowledge of digital marketing, e-commerce and media, developing my strategic thinking skills as well as facilitating innovation for our global customers. Today, as Head of Digital Products at Infiniti Research, I lead a global team of marketers, technologists and developers in conceptualizing, designing, and developing an e-commerce market intelligence solutions platform that helps companies make smarter and faster decisions in the face of ever-changing technologies.

What advice would you give a graduating student especially in light of the pandemic and a likely plummeting job market? Challenging times can bring out some of our greatest abilities and strengthen character and creativity, opening up opportunities that were previously unimaginable. I would offer the following advice to graduating students: your first role might not be your dream job but staying professionally active and being a life-long learner and networker are critical to one's success. Be open to transformation but don't lose sight of your ultimate goal. Be of service: leaders position themselves in the service of the community. Use the resources at U of T: networking and alumni can be pivotal to your success.

What do you enjoy most and least about your job? At Infiniti, I enjoy combining creativity with scientific rigor in order to address customer needs. Being able to pivot, make decisions based on data and evidence and launching new products, is what I love most about my job. The speed at which my industry moves keeps our product offerings and customer needs exciting and challenging on a daily basis! My least favourite aspect is that the customer relationship may, at times feel transactional, lacking a personal touch.

Why did you decide to study Political Science and how did your education in Political Science benefit your choice of career? Being one of the first people on my father's side of the family to go to University was a big deal. When I entered U of T, I was a huge movie fan but as a child of Caribbean immigrants, I didn't dare imagine working in that industry so I enrolled in Psychology. It was an introductory political science course that unleashed what my Mom calls a B.A.F. (Black Activist Feminist) where I instantly gained access to a lens with which to process what had happened to me on a personal level as a woman of colour, with what I saw happening globally.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in media & entertainment and what does your current job entail? After graduating, I ended up working three jobs. The first was as the Coordinator of the now defunct Women's Centre at U of T. The second was with a woman's organization fighting violence and the third was writing newsletters for a theatre organization that used theatre to educate on AIDS issues. From there, I pursued acting and ended up in Los Angeles studying directing at UCLA. I went on to host a political debate show on CBC called *CounterSpin* and then, after a year of hosting live shows around terrorism following 9/11, I decided to move back into the arts and hosted *ZeD*, a late night online show for CBC. I have since directed my first feature film, an Afrofuturist tale called *Brown Girl Begins*, inspired by Canadian sci fi author Nalo Hopkinson's book, *Brown Girl in the Ring*.

What advice would you give a student about to graduate especially in light of the pandemic and a likely plummeting job market? The advice I heard repeatedly was 'do it yourself'. As a black/brown/feminist/bisexual activist, I wasn't going to see myself reflected so I had to create my own work. In light of the pandemic and a changing job market, there is actually a huge opportunity to create non-traditional ways of working within entertainment, media and the arts, without the constraints of traditional gatekeepers.

What do you enjoy most about your job? When I'm hired as a showrunner, I love having the opportunity to put my own creative imprint on the job. I enjoy being the boss and being able to give other people of colour an opportunity to gain experience in the film and TV industry.



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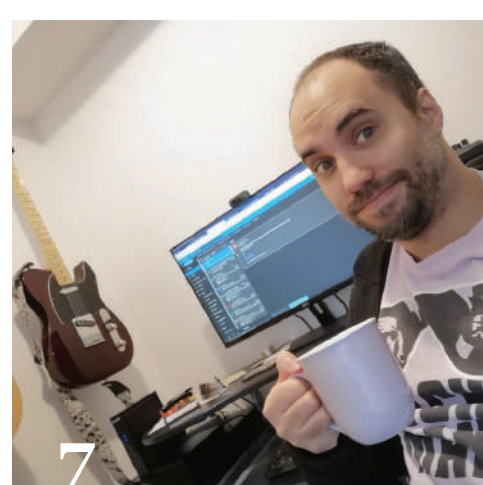
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Undergraduate director (R) Dickson Eyoh with student award winners at this year's reception.

Dean of Arts & Science Melanie Woodin presents students Armin Safavi-Naini and Alyssa Meagan da Costa with their student awards.

Chair Antoinette Handley with some promotional cookies before the launch of her book *Business and Social Crisis in Africa*.

Peter Loewen, *The Agenda* producer Eric Bombicino, Jessica Green & journalist Mark Towhey (L-R) prep to go live on a climate change discussion on TVO.

Graduate student Kristen Pue (L) volunteering for the Red Cross. Read her story on page 5.

Students welcomed MPP Kathleen Wynne to share her insights on leadership during Sylvia Bashevkin's *POL490* class.

Graduate assistant Louis Tentsos remains cheery while working remotely.

The new normal: Professor Kate Neville and trusty canine co-worker Daniel working from home.



Emily Chu
President



*Isabela Dos Santos (above)
& Anna Elizabeth Johnson*
Co-Chairs



Anthony Fernando
Alumnus

APSS

Association of Political Science Students

Despite the pandemic and the corresponding stresses that it unleashed, the Association of Political Science Students managed to have a successful second semester. We visited Queen's Park for a tour of Ontario's Legislature, held a well-attended Pub Night social, held a Q&A session with Professor Dale Turner, an expert on Indigenous politics and contemporary Indigenous intellectual culture, on the Wet'suwet'en protests, and jointly held a semi-formal dance alongside other University of Toronto course unions. Additionally, we published the online version of this year's edition of the *POLIS Journal*: [in]tangible. I'm very proud of the journal, which features a mix of academic essays and poetry from undergraduate students. Huge thanks to our Editor-in-Chief Kiana Shahbazi and the entire masthead for making it happen. I'm happy to announce my successor, Madeleine Bauer, who will be taking over as President for the 2020-21 academic year. It has been a great experience serving as President for this year. Visit our website www.utapss.sa.utoronto.ca or feel free to email president.utapss@gmail.com to learn how to get involved. Wishing everyone continued good health and a relaxing summer!

GASPS

Graduate Association of Students in Political Science

GASPS has been busy adjusting to the challenges brought on by COVID-19 and brainstorming ways to support students during this very challenging time. In March, we held a town hall meeting in conjunction with the Department, which was very well attended. It helped us not only understand the collective challenges students are currently facing, but also provided an opportunity to continue the conversation on the results of the Department climate survey, including mental health and isolation challenges. Continuing with our commitment to addressing these challenges, challenges exacerbated by the pandemic, GASPS has been finding new ways to connect as a community. Our new initiatives include: a new Facebook group, student-led co-working sessions over Zoom, and a shared folder on Google drive with resources on COVID-19 related issues for students. We are thankful for our student community who are showing up for each other during these trying times! Feel free to email us on i.dossantos@mail.utoronto.ca or anna.johnson@mail.utoronto.ca

PSAA

Political Science Alumni Association

Like many other University of Toronto associations, the Political Science Alumni Association was disappointed to have to cancel its main Spring event slated for April 24th at U of T's Faculty Club. The event, 'Why is Access to Justice Critical to our Democracy?' was due to welcome speakers The Right Honourable Richard Wagner, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, Marie Henein, criminal defence lawyer and Partner at Henein Hutchison LLP, and the Hon. Doug Downey, Ontario's Attorney General. We remain committed to holding this event at a later date when pandemic restrictions have been lifted. On a positive note, the PSAA continues to grow and is always on the lookout for new members! If you're interested in getting involved, please contact the Alumni Association at: Anthony N. Fernando anthonyfernando@gmail.com or Victor Hsun Chen victorhk.chen@mail.utoronto.ca. We wish all of our community a safe and healthy summer ahead and look forward to forging new relationships and hosting exciting events when we return in the Fall!

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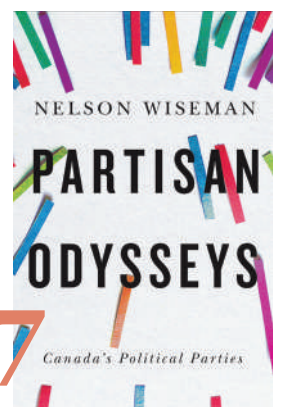
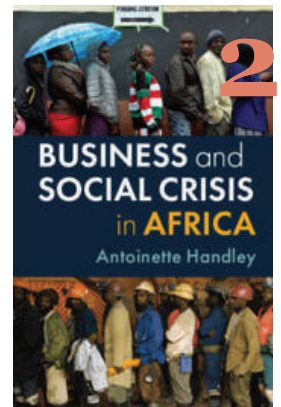
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- **Sylvia Bashevkin** received a YWCA Toronto (Young Women's Christian Association) Woman of Distinction award in the field of education. Her book *Doing Politics Differently? Women Premiers in Canada's Provinces and Territories* was voted the second favourite read of 2019 by www.rabble.ca.
- **Ronald Deibert** was awarded two ISA awards: the ISA Canada Distinguished Scholar award and the STAIR Distinguished Scholar "Transversal Acts" award.
- **Diana Fu**'s book *Mobilizing Without the Masses* was shortlisted for the 2020 CPSA Prize in Comparative Politics. Her paper "Repression Via Confession: Televised Confession Scripts in China" was a finalist for the ISA Human Rights Best Paper Award.
- **Wilson Prichard**'s book *Taxing Africa: Coercion, Reform, and Development*, was named one of Foreign Affairs' best books of 2019.
- Professor Emeritus **David Rayside** was inducted into the national portrait collection at the ArQuives, Canada's LGBTQ2+ Archive.
- We wish Professors **Joseph Carens** and **Nelson Wiseman** all the very best as they retire this summer!

STUDENTS

- **New PhD's:** Dr. Adam Casey, Dr. Tom Deligiannis, Dr. Scott Dodds, Dr. Marie Gagné, Dr. Teddy Harrison, Dr. Carmen Ho, Dr. Lennart Maschmeyer, Dr. Erica Rayment, Dr. Jessica Soedirgo, Dr. Maïka Sondarjee, Dr. Vanessa van den Boogaard, Dr. Yao Wen.
- **Undergraduate Awards & Scholarships 2018-2019:** Amal Absiye, Antonia Hope Alksnis, David Baldridge, Levi Cassidy, James Chapman, Cheryl Cheung, Jacky Chung-Sing Luo, Mackenzie Crabbe, Alyssa Meagan Da Costa, David Vasconcelos De Paiva, Annelise Deroche, Ninar Fawal, Stefanie Maria Hass, Adrian Huntelar, Mohammad Faaris Hussain, Alexa Lalia Kalsatos, Njoki Kamau, Kieran Kreidie-Akazaki, Sharon Lee, Erica Bining Liu, Angelina Guojing Ouyang, Mercer Graham Rapoport Pommer, Armin Safavi-Naini, Haya Sardar, Arjun Singh, Daniel Tyberg, Erica Alexis Venturo, Foti Vito, Anna Grace Yamamoto, Nazanin Zarepour, Christine Ze Yan Sun, Adele Zhang, Andrew Zhao.
- **Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award Recipients 2020:** Victoria Marissa Barclay, Arina Dmitrenko, Jessica Chisom Eruchalu, Sara Imran, Victoria Mohan, Minh Anh Nguyen, Simran Sawhney, Arunoshi Singh, Sophia Spiteri, Danielle Jessica Stella, Keyonna Trojcek, Louisa Zi Ting You, Andrew Zhao.
- The **June Larkin Award for Pedagogical Development** was won by Kevin Edmonds.
- A **University of Toronto Excellence Award** was awarded to Cheryl Cheung.



1. *The Shifting Border: Legal Cartographies of Migration and Mobility*, **Ayelet Shachar**, Manchester University Press 2. *Business and Social Crisis in Africa*, **Antoinette Handley**, Cambridge University Press 3. *Private Governance and Public Authority: Regulating Sustainability in a Global Economy*, **Stefan Renckens**, Cambridge University Press 4. *Multiculturalism in Canada: Constructing a Model Multiculture with Multicultural Values*, **Hugh Donald Forbes**, Palgrave Macmillan 5. *Taxing Africa: Coercion, Reform, and Development*, **Wilson Prichard**, Mick Moore, and Odd-Helge Fjeldstad, ZED Books 6. *Indigenous Empowerment Through Co-Management: Land Claims Boards, Wildlife Management, and Environmental Regulation*, **Graham White**, UBC Press 7. *Partisan Odysseys: Canada's Political Parties*, **Nelson Wiseman**, University of Toronto Press.

NEW

SARAH CHAPPLE joins UTM as Assistant to the Chair. Previously she enjoyed roles at UTM's Department of Management and the Rotman School of Management. Sarah has also worked as assistant to a former Premier of Ontario and spent 10 years living and working in Vancouver before returning home to Toronto.



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MARK NIEMAN (PhD, University of Iowa) joins us from Iowa State University. His research on major power competition and conflict processes appears in *The Journal of Politics* and *Political Analysis*, among others. His book, *Rising Powers and Foreign Policy Revisionism*, (2017) was published by University of Michigan Press.



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NAOMI ADIV joins UTM this Fall as Assistant Professor (Teaching Stream). She has taught urban studies and planning for over a decade, and has published on the politics of public space, the social uses of entry fees and the infrastructure of play in cities. She looks forward to teaching and developing a new internship program at UTM.



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OLGA CHYZH (PhD, University of Iowa) joins UTSG from Iowa State University. Her research in network analysis and spatial statistics, with applications to political violence, appears in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, and *Political Analysis*, among others.



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ANDREA WHITELEY (PhD, University of Calgary) is a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Dr. Chloë Atkins on a SSHRC/DNDRI study, Phenomenological Research/Remedies on Unemployment and Disability (PROUD). Dr. Whiteley's research expertise focuses on open access to social sciences research and the public good, knowledge mobilization and research impacts.



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QUINN ALBAUGH is joining UTSG as a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Michael J. Donnelly. She completed a PhD in Politics and Social Policy at Princeton University in 2020. Her work focuses on political parties, elections and representation. She is currently working on a book manuscript entitled *Gatekeeping: How Party Organizations Shape Group Representation*.



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JANINE A. CLARK (PhD, U of T) returns to the Department as a Professor in Comparative Politics, focusing on the Middle East and North Africa. Her work examines sexuality rights activism in the region. She recently published her book *Local Politics in Jordan and Morocco* (Columbia UP). She is Editor-in-Chief of *Middle East Law and Governance*.



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HARRY ZHOU oversees financial planning and forecasting, administrative staff management and space management at Political Science, UTM. Prior to that, he worked at Budget, Planning & Finance also at UTM. Harry obtained his MBA from the Schulich School of Business and has his CPA designation.



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CHLOË ATKINS received her PhD in Political Theory at U of T (1999) and joins UTSC during her leave from the University of Calgary (2019-2023). Her research interests include disability, vulnerable minority identities, human rights and bioethics. She is the primary investigator of The PROUD Project on Employment and Disability.



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W. R. NADÈGE COMPAORÉ (PhD, Queen's University) will begin her position as Assistant Professor in July 2021, after completing a Provost Postdoctoral Fellowship at U of T. She studies international relations, global resource politics and gender and race in global politics. Her book project examines the significance of the "Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources" principle for global-local discourses of responsibility and agency.



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