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Spring, that perennial season of renewal, is particularly resonant for the Department this year. Our world is changing ever more rapidly: our students face new work and life challenges; Political Science is evolving rapidly as a discipline as the practice of politics itself is being radically rewritten around us. Amidst all this, the department is reflecting on how we can use these energies to fashion programs that best serve our students. To wit, the undergraduate faculty at UTSC is in the middle of revamping our undergraduate curriculum. As the academic year ends, our faculty hit the re-set button, disappearing into Robarts library, diving deep into their data sets, or heading out into the field to renew and intensify their research focus. We are also preparing to welcome new colleagues on July 1st, the start of the next academic year. And a bumper crop of department babies this past year has brought its own kind of internal renewal. Happy spring, all!

Another fruitful year in the graduate office. Townhall meetings were held to enhance communication and respond to PhD student needs. A series of workshops were offered to assist students with various aspects of progressing through the program. We also offered workshops aimed at professional development, such as turning a dissertation into a book, non-academic careers, publishing in academic journals and write-on-site sessions. PhD students will soon enjoy upgraded workspaces through significant renovations. On the placement front, we are pleased to see students moving on to exciting phases of their careers. New faculty positions include York University, University of Guelph, Forman Christian College (Pakistan), Los Andes University (Colombia), McMaster University and Universidad Externado de Colombia. New postdoctoral fellowships include Harvard, Cornell, and U of T. Finally, we are welcoming 23 new PhDs and 38 new MAs, one of whom has won a prestigious Connaught International Scholarship.

This has been an eventful year for the undergraduate office. The undergraduate curriculum review committee has been very busy working on a renewed curriculum in consultation with students and faculty. A full day faculty retreat in late April produced a consensus on the foundations and goals of a renewed curriculum which will be proposed to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in early Fall 2019. Our new faculty colleagues are expanding the portfolio of courses which build on our existing strengths while opening new directions of intellectual explorations for our students. Thanks to the generosity of donors, our undergraduate awards committee was busy adjudicating internal awards and scholarships to recognize and support our gifted students. We celebrated our graduating students and wish them the best futures imaginable. Have a great summer!

This academic year has seen very positive developments for the UTM Department. As I noted in my report for the Fall Newsletter, we're now happily re-settled on the 5th floor of the New North Building. It's a terrific new home for our department. We also have two great new colleagues: Martha Balaguera in Comparative Politics (Latin America) and Randy Besco in Canadian Politics. Both will hugely enrich our intellectual community in the coming years. Alas, these additions have been somewhat offset by Sara Hughes's decision to accept a position at the University of Michigan. We wish Sara all the best! Our department also hosted an extremely successful 2019 Annual Public Affairs Lecture given by Jamil Jivani. Alison Smith was instrumental in organizing this terrific event. Last but not least, we all look forward to the fresh and energetic leadership sure to be supplied by our incoming Chair, Andrea Olive who takes up the reins on July 1st.

Inclusive excellence. UTSC Political Science faculty and staff are working hard to achieve this vision of Principal Wisdom Tettey. Reading student course evaluations, I am thrilled by the high praise our faculty are receiving from their students, including for creating an intellectually stimulating and inclusive classroom environment. Faculty are also publishing apace and receiving recognition for their research. Aisha Ahmad's book *Jihad & Co.* was selected by *Foreign Affairs* magazine as a best book in 2018 on the Middle East; Filiz Kahraman won an ISA prize for her doctoral dissertation; Diana Fu received a second (ISA) book award for her *Mobilizing Without the Masses*; and Torrey Shanks has been awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant. Looking ahead, we welcome Assistant Professors Elizabeth Acorn and Andrew McDougall joining us in July. They will bring to 18 our full-time faculty complement, further enabling us to expand our curriculum offerings and research reputation.

STUDENT Q&A

UNDERGRADUATE / JESSICA GRECO

GRADUATE / JOAQUIN BARDALLO BANDERA

Why did you decide to study Political Science and Ethics, Society & Law? As citizens, I believe we have a responsibility to engage with and critique political phenomena around us. I studied Political Science because I wanted to better understand why Canadian government operates the way it does, what effect this has on our lived experiences, and how much confidence we can place in our constitutional structures. I studied Ethics, Society and Law to help me view social issues from a more philosophical lens. I also pursued a minor in Italian studies, as I have always been fascinated by languages.

As a fourth-year student, what have been the most rewarding and challenging experiences so far? I became very interested in political theory early in my degree. Both POL200Y and POL320Y were memorable courses for me. While I found the subject matter challenging, it was also incredibly rewarding to work through a text, closely analyze it, and slowly see the ideas begin to make sense. Something I love about political theory is that it allows for a certain level of creativity that I think may be de-emphasized in other Arts & Science courses.

What do you plan to do after graduation? After I graduate this June, I will be attending the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and the Rotman School of Management to pursue a dual JD/MBA. Though I hope to practice law, I'm excited by the ways in which each of these two degrees will complement and enhance the skills learned in the other.

What advice would you give to a first-year undergraduate student? Challenge yourself! I remember feeling intimidated after my first POL101Y tutorial, worrying that I didn't know enough about politics to meaningfully contribute to the discussion. Instead of dropping the course, I decided to think of it as a learning opportunity, and by the end of the year it was my favourite class. As well, try to cultivate strong writing skills. In an essay, it's critical to be able to engage your reader and ensure that your argument is comprehensible and flows with ease. The best way to become a better writer is to read! Try to critique the writing style in your course readings, and see what you can learn from them.



JESSICA GRECO



JOAQUIN BARDALLO BANDERA

How would you describe your research to someone outside the discipline? My PhD dissertation is interdisciplinary in nature. I'm doing a collaborative program between Political Science and the School of the Environment. In my research, I examine the relationship between commodity booms in natural resource extraction and the improvement in social well-being in three distinct countries: Chile, Bolivia and Peru. I seek to understand the relationship between natural resource revenue and abundance, and the extent to which social well-being has been promoted, protected or violated by public policy in Latin America. From 2003 to 2014, there was a notable variation in the ideological position of governments in Latin America. I elucidate how regimes with distinct ideological orientations invested revenues from natural resource extraction during a period of elevated commodity prices. I'm also interested in how domestic political and economic elites make decisions, and how their decisions impact the types of policies that are being implemented across the region.

Why did you decide to research this particular area and what intrigues you most about it? The governance of natural resources has a direct impact on the daily lives of many individuals across the world. What intrigues me about this topic is to better conceptualize elite-level decision making. I'm interested in understanding the relationship between elite-decision making and the policies that are ultimately implemented because of their impact on the public.

What has been the most challenging aspect of this project? The most challenging, but at the same time, the most rewarding aspect of my project has been my fieldwork abroad. I conducted my fieldwork in three different countries: Bolivia, Chile and Peru. I was planning to conduct about 26 interviews but I managed to conduct 188 interviews overall, which surpassed my expectations. Another challenge has been managing and extracting the relevant data for my PhD dissertation.

What impact do you hope your research will have? With my focus on policies that promote social well-being, I see my overall contribution as helping strengthen decision-making to

improve the lives of individuals living in resource rich countries. At the same time, I really hope that the gaps and problems that I have identified within policy design and implementation in the region will be addressed and corrected in the future.

What are your future plans? I'd like to continue working in the related areas of mining, gas and hydrocarbons and aspects related to governance or sustainability. I'm open to applying these skills and knowledge in an academic role. I would also be happy working within either the private sector or government.

IN MEMORIAM

MEYER BROWNSTONE (1922 - 2019)

Meyer Brownstone, a former Associate Chair of the Department of Political Economy passed away peacefully on May 3, 2019 in Toronto. Meyer was a great teacher, mentor and an inspiration to a generation of students who had the privilege of studying with him both at the University of Toronto and York University. Many of his students went on to successful careers in academia and public service at all levels of government.

Meyer came from a family of immigrants in Eastern Europe and grew up in North Winnipeg in a community of intense political commitment and activism. He dedicated his life to fighting for social justice, equity and promoting the civil liberties of all individuals. In 1946, at the age of 25, he joined Tommy Douglas's Cooperative Commonwealth Federation government in Saskatchewan and went on to a stellar career in the provincial public service until the early 1960s. He was the last surviving member of the core group of provincial public servants who drafted the first provincial Medicare Act introduced in Saskatchewan on July 1, 1962. This Act

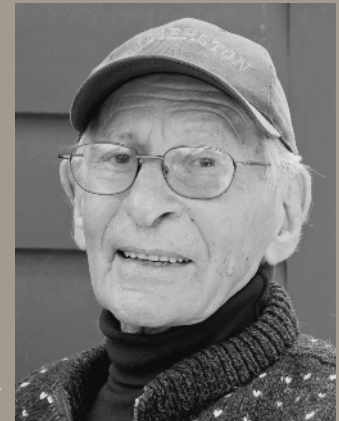
served as the model for the federal Medicare program introduced later that decade. While serving with the Saskatchewan government, he enrolled in and completed a PhD in Political Economy at Harvard University under the direction of John Kenneth Galbraith.

His many public service and administrative positions included Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs (Saskatchewan, 1960), UN Advisor to the Government of Jamaica (1962), Supervisor of Research for the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism (Ottawa, 1964) under the leadership of Davidson Dunton and André Laurendeau, Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Political Economy (University of Toronto), UN Advisor to the Government of Tanzania (1969), a founding member of the Faculty of Environmental Studies (York University), Advisor for the reorganization of the Winnipeg government (1971-72) and Director of the University of Toronto's Centre for Urban and Community Studies (1987). Working with an eager group of his graduate students, one of his many accomplishments was the design and implementation

of a comprehensive suite of social services that was implemented as part of the St. Lawrence Market development during David Crombie's tenure as Mayor of Toronto.

He participated in many charitable and educational organizations. Most notably, he was Chairperson of the Board of Directors of OXFAM-Canada between 1975 and 1992, as well as a member of the Council of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the CCIC Working Group on Latin America. As the Chair of Oxfam Canada, Meyer visited the refugee camps of Honduras and the conflict regions of El Salvador and Nicaragua, communicating stories of war, torture, and displacement to the United Nations, the United States Senate, and the Government of Canada. During this time, he was an international observer of elections in Namibia, Mozambique, and Eritrea.

He served as an NGO Observer in the first democratic elections held in South Africa after the end of the apartheid regime at the polling station where Nelson Mandela cast his first ballot. He was honoured to be the only observer of this kind to witness Mandela voting for the first



time and was the first person to congratulate him on behalf of the Canadian people.

In recognition of his humanitarian work internationally, Meyer was awarded the Lester B. Pearson Peace Medal in 1986 by the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Governor General of Canada. The medal was established eight years earlier by the United Nations Association in Canada to honour Canadians who have made an outstanding contribution to international understanding and cooperation.

- David Wolfe



LEVI CASSIDY



ADELE ZHANG

SCHOLARSHIP STORIES

“Receiving the Louis W. Pauly Award has allowed me to take a clear step towards realizing a long-held goal of mine, which is to embark on a journey to Russia to immerse myself in an intensive language program. This experience will serve not only as the culmination of my undergraduate studies, but will be an essential bridge towards the graduate degree which I will be undertaking. The impact that such an experience will have is hard to understate, and is a merging of all three of my areas of study, combining aspects of Russian literature, political science, and Jewish studies into a platform upon which I might stand to reach new heights. I am incredibly grateful to all those who have worked to

Levi Cassidy and Adele Zhang are the first recipients of the 'Louis W. Pauly Award for International Studies' open to political science senior undergraduate students to provide financial support for international study. We asked them what the award means to them.

make this new award a reality. Oftentimes, given the immense size of the modern university, it's possible to feel more like a number in an administrative catalogue than a living, breathing student hoping to succeed in the real world. These awards play a major role in dispelling that feeling by helping students realise that there really is someone out there with a tangible stake in their future; someone who wants, in more than just institutional terms, to help us grow into a generation of leaders ready to face any challenges, political or otherwise, that the future may hold.”

“I'm proud and honoured to receive the Louis W. Pauly Award. I've been learning from excellent professors and TA's regarding a variety of different political science discourses and research methods. From political theory to the politics of modern Greece, exposure to a wide range of political science courses has inspired me to go beyond the classroom to engage in the field of politics. This award has provided me with an amazing opportunity to go abroad and experience the field of political science in another country.

As a first generation Canadian, it's a privilege to attend the University of Toronto. Being able to travel abroad to study is an ambitious goal, and one I'm very grateful for. During the application process, I kept reflecting on how much this award could help me financially to achieve my personal and academic goals of experiencing international education. As someone who loves to be challenged, being able to go to the Czech Republic to study their political transition will be an incredibly fulfilling experience. This will help my personal and academic development, and I will be sure to represent the University of Toronto's Political Science department favourably while I'm abroad!”



RESEARCH FOCUS

REBECCA KINGSTON

Rebecca is currently a faculty fellow at the Jackman Humanities Institute for the 2018-19 academic year.



GERALD BAREEBE

Gerald is a PhD candidate in comparative politics.

What are you working on during your Jackman Humanities Institute Research Fellowship? As a JHI faculty fellow, I've been working on completing research and writing up my book project entitled *Plutarch's Prism*. Plutarch (45-120 CE) was a Greek moral thinker and historian who is best known for his work *Parallel Lives*. His work figures prominently in many traditions of political reflection and resonates throughout the political world, although somewhat less today than in the past. (To cite just one recent example of a famous reference to the work, if you watch the series on Netflix "The Servant of the People" which helped to catapult the Ukrainian comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy to the office of the Presidency of Ukraine, you will note that the first time we meet him as a character in the fictional turned factual series he is reading Plutarch's *Parallel Lives*!). My project looks at the process of reception, including translation of his work into vernacular French and English, as well as different ways in which his work was adapted for political argument in both traditions. My conceptual focus is that of the 'public,' in other words, how did Plutarch's work and the process of reception shape evolving conceptions of the nature of public life and its special qualities of

visibility, ethics, etc. from 1500 to 1800 in both France and England? Some people falsely construe Plutarch's work as a celebration of heroism, or a celebration of Spartan politics, but my study demonstrates how Plutarch notes faults and character flaws in all the political actors he explores, and he does not offer an account of the ideal regime. His major impact at a time when the roots of our contemporary liberal democratic framework was being forged, was to offer readers insight into the special nature of public life that required special types of commitment, ethos, collegiality and insight, if public responsibility was to be navigated and exercised effectively. **What are you enjoying most about the fellowship and why is it so important to faculty research?** The best part of the fellowship is having the time and space to conduct my research. This included working on ancient Greek last summer (to help in making broad sense of the vernacular translations), as well as having time to work through the broad opus of Plutarch as well as the multiple modes in which he was taken up in the European early-modern context. These are things that I would not have been able to do with the required sustained intensity and focus in the course of regular academic teaching.

Please explain your research and it's main findings so far.

My doctoral research focuses on understanding the convergence of military and elite interests in the process of post-conflict state reconstruction in two cases: post-genocide Rwanda and post-war Uganda. I draw from original qualitative data collected from both countries to explain strategies used by actors who win civil wars to transform themselves from 'war-makers' into 'state-makers.' More precisely, I explain how they use their newfound power to restructure socio-economic and political systems in a new post-war society.

Why did you decide to research this particular area and what intrigues you most about it? Between 2008 and 2011, I worked as a National Political Reporter for *The Daily Monitor*, Uganda's largest independent newspaper. I reported on Africa's geopolitical crises and their impact on the economy, security and the welfare of the people. I covered the war in northern Uganda and the conflict in eastern Congo and Somalia during which I interacted with victims of violence whose stories deepened my understanding of the challenges of rebuilding order after disorder. I became intrigued by the role of the military in state consolidation, nation-building and regime legitimization in these post-conflict societies.

What impact do you hope your research will have? Our understanding of the critical role the military plays in post-war legitimization of state au-

thority remains fundamentally inadequate. In these societies, the ways in which soldiers and political elites act, individually and institutionally, gives us a starting point in understanding the dynamics of postwar governance. My research contributes to the growing literature on state-building and nation-building, placing the military's coercive capacity and regime legitimacy at the centre of the analysis. In terms of policy implications, my research proposes various pathways for appropriate management of an institution that wields immense coercive power as well as ways to mitigate possible dangers that arise from seeing the military as an instrument of political abuse of power.

Future plans? Apart from pursuing a doctorate degree, I'd like to continue using my knowledge and expertise to build a better world. Recently I've worked with 'Angel's Centre for Children with Special Needs,' a Kampala-based NGO, on a fundraising campaign to build an integrated centre to provide psychosocial support, education assistance and nutritional needs to disabled children from HIV-affected families in Uganda. Last year, I co-produced a documentary with The European Journalism Fund and Uganda's NBS Television highlighting cases of the 'mercy killing' of children with disabilities in post-war Uganda. I would like to continue speaking out against such injustices as well as working to create awareness about the rights of these vulnerable children.

FOCUS ON EMERITUS

SUSAN SOLOMON

When Susan joined the Department of Political Economy in 1970, the number of women faculty in the Department could be counted on the fingers of one hand. The issue of “gender balance” was not discussed at graduate school: her advisor warned her not to publish with her husband (“They’ll never believe it is your work”). Trained at Columbia University in political theory and Russian studies, Susan initially taught courses at U of T in political thought and political analysis, a course she designed to hone the critical thinking skills of students. (Later, graduate students benefitted from her course in research design and methods, co-taught with Larry LeDuc).

Early on in her career, Susan developed a research agenda in the transnational movement of ideas and practices in public health and medicine (Russia-Germany; Russia-U.S.; Russia-France). Every May for nearly a decade, she convened an international symposium in Berlin on German-Russian medical relations between the wars. The symposiums created an international network and sparked a raft of publications.

More recently in 2012, Susan made a documentary film about a 20th century Russian go-between, who fled Tsarist prison, studied medicine in France in the 1920s, worked for

the Soviet government in Paris and lived his life in the “no man’s land” of border crossings between Soviet Russia and France. Susan recalls the Department (and the University) as being very receptive to interdisciplinary work. She served as Director of German and European Studies from 2001-2004.

A highlight of Susan’s teaching career was the large undergraduate course she taught at UTSC titled, “Leaving Home.” The course focused on the circumstances under which people are forced to flee their home countries. At UTSC, the course drew many students who came “from away,” some from war zones and refugee camps in places like Rwanda, Serbia, and Somalia. Many were reluctant to talk about their traumatic experiences.

In the early 2000’s Susan began research in France on the notion of war trauma in French child psychiatry. She is currently working on a documentary film *Afterwards*, about the trauma experienced by Jewish children whose parents were deported from France during the Second World War. Largely shot in Paris, the film involved interviewing survivors now in their eighties.

Susan has had the unusual experience of having a spouse (Peter Solomon) and a sibling (Janice Gross Stein) in the Department. “We rarely voted on the same side of an issue.” She and her husband have two children: their son, an economist is the Director of Research at the Copyright Board of Canada; their daughter, trained in health policy, is the Executive Director of Performance Improvement at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

How has the Department changed since Susan joined? “Today, it is much more open and diverse in the best way,” she says.

- Nelson Wiseman



SUSAN SOLOMON

TOP STUDENT TIPS

Advice for new students from six of our top undergraduate students.

JAMES CHAPMAN :

“Find a professor whose personality and area of interest are ones you enjoy, and then stick with them. This will prove invaluable as you approach the end of your undergraduate career and are looking for graduate school references and advice.”

BOGDAN STOVBA :

“During your first year, experiment with learning styles and once you find the one that works, stick with it. GPA is not the sole measure of your success. Your health and wellbeing are equally important. There is no shame in asking for help but it is irresponsible not to ask for help when you really need it.”

LAIRD A. MORRIS :

“Leave yourself open to a wide range of first year courses but take the time to consider your future and what you may want to pursue after UofT. I knew law school was my goal but I discovered other passions along the way.”

SARAH WAPNER :

“Take advantage of your tutorials and meet with your TAs! First year is challenging, but your TAs are invaluable resources and they will be the ones to really show you the ropes.”

DENIZ YILMAZ :

“Take the initiative to craft your own academic experience! Try new topics and disciplines that can complement your interest in political science.”

JERRY ZHU :

“Review your notes the hour after class ends! It’s surprising how much more you retain when studying for exams after having done this.”



TOP STUDENT LUNCH: (L-R) D. EYOH, B. STOVBA, J. CHAPMAN, J. ZHU, D. YILMAZ, A. LENDVAI, R. XIE, A. HANDLEY, S. WAPNER.

ALUMNI FOCUS MANAGEMENT MATTERS



HILARY PEARSON
BA '79
President
Philanthropic Foundations Canada



ANDREW GOODMAN
MA '79
Founder & President
Page Zero Media

Why did you decide to study Political Science and how do you think it benefited your choice of career? I knew I wanted to study Political Science even before I started at U of T in 1972. My father and grandfather, who was a federal politician, both worked in the federal government. It was a natural interest born from conversations around the dinner table at home and many visits over the years to Parliament Hill. My education did influence my career in the long run; I have remained very interested in public policy and government. I spent thirteen years in Ottawa, working first as an assistant to a Member of Parliament and then moving into the civil service in the 1980s. I worked mainly in central agencies and indeed had a close view of the politics of governing as I took notes at the Cabinet table, as an official in the Privy Council Office.

What does your job entail? My job involves several different activities on any given day. I run a small staff of five people but we are a national membership organization with a scope of work that runs from advocacy to member services to education to knowledge mobilization, with the goal of supporting more effective and responsible private philanthropy in Canada. I typically will spend my time on a wide range of activities: planning with my team, engaging in conversations with foundation members across the country, attending meetings with colleagues in the charitable sector, doing some writing and editing for the Philanthropic Foundations Canada blog, connecting with my Board members, and overseeing our finances. Any executive director of a small non-profit spends a good deal of time worrying about funding, and whether you will have enough hours in a day to meet all the demands.

What advice would you give a student about to graduate?

Stay open to possibility but also prove that you are committed to hard work. I actually did not choose a career in the federal government when I graduated in 1979. I had two Political Economy degrees (BA and MA) and I had specialized in international relations and Canadian foreign policy. I didn't want to be a diplomat. I thought I would stay in Toronto and perhaps work for a bank. However the job offer that came along was from a Member of Parliament interested in foreign policy. I realized that moving back to Ottawa had its advantages after all, and opportunities then followed one after the other. The key is to meet as many people as you can. Go to all the job interview you can. It is hard to predict how it will go but remain enthusiastic and demonstrate that you are committed and competent.

What do you enjoy most and least about your job? I have been in this job for almost 18 years. There isn't anything that I don't enjoy. I remain curious and motivated and energized by the work of foundations and the people who lead them. I think that I have been very fortunate to find something that I enjoyed and that was mine to build from the beginning, as PFC was truly a start up network. I have worked with consistently strong and thoughtful boards of directors, and I have had excellent staff. But the real pleasure is in the commitment to public good that you see in the foundation world. My lifelong interest in public policy and public benefit has been sustained by my work and by the chance to contribute to building stronger and better philanthropy in Canada.

Why did you decide to study Political Science and how do you think it benefitted your choice of career? I was interested in political institutions, having grown up in Ottawa in a family environment where we discussed politics. I had no idea what my political science education would lead to, but the curriculum and extracurricular activities around campus were so stimulating that it felt like the centre of something big. Ultimately, a degree like political science benefits you by forcing you to consider different perspectives; to be disciplined in argument; to pursue in-depth research; to have patience and not seek instant answers; to celebrate diversity; to appreciate history and context; to learn 'how things work' and how hard-wired features of institutions and policy set the parameters that may determine the outcomes and choices for large numbers of people. In general, the university environment requires you to come to terms with a more unstructured environment. You have to plan your time, set your goals and agenda. No one will plant ambition in you. If you coast or wait for permission to chart your course, nothing good happens. Possibly the biggest benefit to my studies turns out to have been learning to write! I wrote the first full-length book on Google's advertising program *Winning Results with Google AdWords*.

As President & Founder of Page Zero Media what are the essentials of running a company? Understanding our profit and loss and the limits of our business model; matching our service offerings with client needs; providing the Page Zero team with an spiritual home and an environment where they can learn, improve, and develop autonomy and staying connected and networked.

What does your job entail? Working on a limited number of client accounts directly; working with our executive team to keep our routines in place; creating original content; financial and accounting issues; product development (software we're working on) and speaking at events.

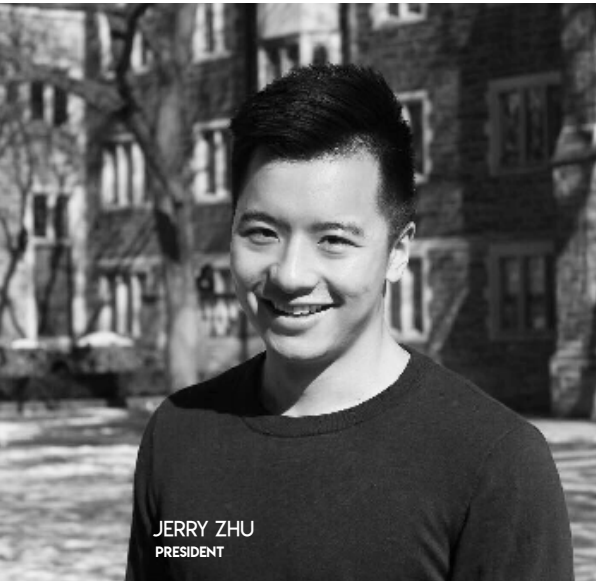
What advice would you give a student about to graduate & interested in founding a tech startup? Be active in projects that interest you. Many of the best founders work elsewhere first so work experience is very important. Fundraising is a must. If you can't imagine creating something useful without raising \$3 million in venture capital, though, a startup probably isn't for you. Technology and markets aren't typically built out of a bootstrapped environment. My company wasn't a tech start up. I was writing and thinking about moving into the digital marketing area when I happened to find some customers who needed specific expertise. Things evolved gradually from there. I only went into this field because I was out of options. I felt my near-completed PhD would have led to years of starvation before maybe getting a tenure-track job. My agency was bootstrapped all along. That means we had to break even every year; hence, we grew gradually. Today we are comfortably profitable, due to a combination of being in the right sector, creating and earning a trustworthy reputation, long-term client retention, the return on investment we generate for successful clients, the process of finding our niche and delivering a consistent experience and careful financial management.

What do you enjoy most and least about your job? What I enjoy most is seeing members of our talented team blossom and soar in their own right. Least has to be the middle seat on the airplane. I have a pretty sweet job. I'm grateful each day for the opportunity.



- 1 GRADUATE STUDENT SIMON LAMBEK (MIDDLE, BACK ROW) PICKS UP A 'SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENT COURSE INSTRUCTOR TEACHING AWARD' (2018-19) FOR TEACHING POL381H1F.
- 2 JAMES CHAPMAN PICKS UP A GORDON CRESSY AWARD.
- 3 FILIZ KAHRAMAN WAS AWARDED ISA'S LYNNE RIENNER PUBLISHERS AWARD FOR BEST DISSERTATION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS (HR) SECTION.
- 4 ISABELA MARES DELIVERS THE 2019 MALIM HARDING LECTURE.
- 5 DIANA FU WINS ISA'S INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY (IPS) BOOK AWARD FOR *MOBILIZING WITHOUT THE MASSES*.

- 6 LUNCH AT THE FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOSTED BY THE CANADIAN CLUB, TORONTO. (FRONT ROW) L-R: MPP CHRIS GLOVER, ADRIAN HUNTELAR, JEREMY HERNANDEZ-LUM TONG, MPP ANDREA HORWATH, PARISA BEHJAT, MARINA BOZIC (BACK ROW) L-R: AGIANNI SALLESE, THOMAS TRIMBLE, ALEXANDER CONEY, JAMES CHAPMAN.
- 7 MPP KATHLEEN WYNNE (SECOND FROM LEFT) DROPPED IN ON SYLVIA BASHEVSKIN'S POL344Y CLASS TO DISCUSS HER CAREER.
- 8 DAVID FRUM AND ROBERT VIPOND FOLLOWING FRUM'S LEADERSHIP LUNCH.
- 9 RON DEIBERT DOES THE '60 MINUTES STROLL' WITH CORRESPONDENT LESLEY STAHL IN A RECENT EPISODE PROFILING CITIZEN LAB'S WORK.



JERRY ZHU
PRESIDENT

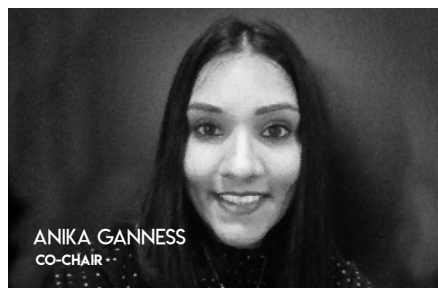
APSS

Association of Political Science Students

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 on Canadian Politics, including an insightful trip to Queen's Park and a panel discussion on the carbon tax. The APSS was also pleased to host a panel on Women in Politics in Canada with distinguished guests from municipal and provincial governments. 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, Emily Chu. 'Like' us on Facebook and visit our website at www.utapss.com. General inquiries can be directed to president.utapss@gmail.com.



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Graduate Association of Students in Political Science

The Graduate Association of Students in Political Science (GASPS) has had a remarkable year with some exciting new initiatives. Through the Milestones and Pathways initiative, the department has worked with GASPS to develop resources and academic writing workshops, led by Dr. Daniel Newman, a teaching-stream faculty member devoted to graduate writing support. We have worked in collaboration with the department to host workshops on issues such as student life experiences and mental health. We are excited to report that the recently expanded grad computer lab and the Frank Peers study space will undergo renovation this summer. Finally, the department's Women's Caucus is preparing to share the results of a survey of the workspace atmosphere in the department. We would like to thank the GASPS executive committee for making this year possible: Alix Jansen (Treasurer), Emma Gill-Alderson (Secretary) Reut Marciano and Jason Vandenbeukel (Social Convenors), Emma Gill-Alderson, and Mick Kunz (CUPE Stewards), Anna Johnson, Justin Patrick, and Mitchell Hajnal (External GSU Representatives), Amir Abdul-Reda and Isabela Dos Santos (Room Managers). GASPS annual meeting resulted in the election of Isabela Dos Santos and Anna Johnson as the new co-chairs for 2019/20. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending GASPS events and making this a great collegial year. We wish all students writing their comprehensive exams the best of luck!



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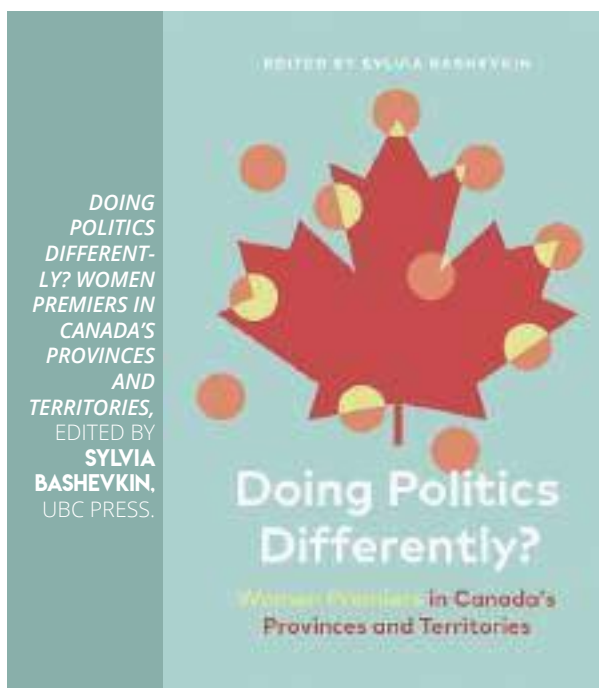
Political Science Alumni Association

In February, alumna Doly Begum, the NDP MPP for Scarborough Southwest, spoke with U of T Political Science alumna Diana Demjanenko at a special reception in the Political Science Lounge. This intimate networking event provided an opportunity for students and alumni to hear about her journey from recent U of T Political Science graduate to MPP. Throughout the evening reception, Doly chatted informally with students and alumni about current issues in provincial politics, her role, and provided helpful advice to students interested in entering the political field. Doly was elected to the Ontario Legislature in June 2018 and is the first Bangladeshi Canadian to hold elected office at any level in Canada. At Queen's Park, she is a member of the Standing Committee on Social Policy and is the Official Opposition Critic for Early Learning and Child-care. We are planning several more events in the coming academic year. To get involved, please contact Anthony Fernando by phone: 416-599-1269 or by email: anthonyfernando@gmail.com.

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ANTHONY FERNANDO, REBECCA BRYAN, MPP DOLY BEGUM, DIANA DEMJANENKO, NICOLE D'ALESSANDRO.

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POLITICS BITES & BOOKS

Faculty and student news, awards, accolades and publications.

FACULTY

- AISHA AHMAD's book *Jihad & Co.: Black Markets And Islamist Power* was selected by 'Foreign Affairs' magazine as one of the best books of 2018 in the Middle East section.
- SYLVIA BASHEVKIN won the 2019 Bertha Lutz Prize awarded by the diplomatic Studies Section (DPLST) of the International Studies Association (ISA).
- SYLVIA BASHEVKIN's book *Women as Foreign Policy Leaders: National Security and Gender Politics in Superpower America* was shortlisted for the 2019 CPSA Prize in International Relations.
- DAVID CAMERON was appointed as Special Advisor to the President and Provost (2019-20).
- DIANA FU won ISA's International Political Sociology (IPS) book award for *Mobilizing without the Masses*.
- LILACH GILADY was named a 2018 Washington Post 'Albie' recipient.
- FELIZ KAHRAMAN was awarded ISA's Lynne Riener Publishers Award for Best Dissertation in the Human Rights (HR) Section.
- EGOR LAZAREV'S dissertation was awarded the best dissertation prize from the Law and Society Association (US).
- Cross-appointed faculty member RON LEVI was named a Chevalier (knight) dans l'Ordre des Palmes académiques.
- Cross appointed faculty member AYELET SHACHAR won Germany's most prestigious research prize, the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize.
- MELISSA WILLIAMS was nominated for APSA's 2019 Council (Vice President).
- We bid a fond farewell to our colleague SARA HUGHES whose scholarly career will undoubtedly continue to flourish.

STUDENTS

- NEW PHDS: Dr. Noaman Ali, Dr. Ozlem Aslan, Dr. Karol Czuba, Dr. Marion Laurence, Dr. Michael Youash
- UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS 2017-2018: Maria Al-Raes, Akinjide Frederick Alaga, Antonia Hope Alksnis, Alejandra Bellatin, Yasaman Borzabadi Farahani, Jacqueline Emanuelle Boutros, Levi Cassidy, Minusha De Silva Karunaratne, Danielle Louise Du Maresq, Madeleine Grace Egan, Ahmed Elahi, Jodi Euteneier, Ninar Fawal, Jessica Maria Greco, Elizabeth Gross, Justine Nancy Hamilton-Arvisais, Andrea Ho, Ren Che Ivan Hsieh, Janet Lee, Leanne Leung, Brody Alexander Longmuir, Kirsten Marquez, Harman Singh Minhas, Fahim Tajwar Mostafa, Peter Alfred Nolan, Daniel Paz, Ann Rehnstrom, Muhammad Ameer Ul Azeem Sarwar, Olivia Smith, Emily Wuschnakowski, Adele Zhang, Andrew Zhao.
- CRESSY AWARD WINNERS 2016: Berenice Alvarez Guajardo, Joshua Bowman, James Chapman, Grace Ho Lan Chong, Damian Di Biase, Ifrah Farah, Jennifer Han, Haseeb Hassaan, Angela Min Yi Hou, Adrian Huntelar, Minki Jeong, Emily Neeson, Ashlee Redmond, Kaitlyn Simpson, Alexandra Southgate.

- SIMON LAMBEK was awarded a 'Superior Graduate Student Course Instructor Teaching Award' (2018-19).
- Political Science and African Studies student EDIL GA'AL, was one of only 11 Canadian students to be awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University.

UTSG ELIZABETH ACORN



Liz is joining the Department as an Assistant Professor. She will be teaching courses in public law and international relations and continuing her research on international law and the governance of global markets. Her current book project examines the national implementation of international anti-corruption law, focusing on Canada and other advanced industrial economies. Liz completed her JD at the University of Toronto and is excited to be returning to such a vibrant university and city. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Cornell University and is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale University in Ethics, Politics and Economics.

UTSG ELIZABETH BAISLEY



Elizabeth is a Faculty of Arts and Science Postdoctoral Fellow working with Robert Vipond. Before arriving at the University of Toronto, Elizabeth completed a PhD in Politics at Princeton University. Her research focuses on Canadian political development in the comparative-historical perspective. Her dissertation traced the role of interest groups in the development of political cleavages on abortion and LGBT rights in the US and Canada, focusing on interest group involvement in federal nominations, leadership races, and party policy conventions. Her project will examine why human rights commissions – which were first established in American states and later imported to Canada – found more fertile ground north of the border.

UTSG PHILLIP LIPSCY



Phillip joins the department as Associate Professor. He will assume leadership of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan. Aside from Japanese politics, he studies international organizations, the politics of energy and climate change, and the politics of economic crises. He is the author of *Renegotiating the World Order: Institutional Change in International Relations* (Cambridge University Press). He was co-editor of *Japan under the DPJ: The Politics of Transition and Governance* and is currently working on a similar project on the politics of the Shinzō Abe government. He has published articles in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Organization*, *Annual Review of Political Science*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, and *Asian Survey*.

Uahihea (Kanaka Maoli) is an Assistant Professor of Indigenous Politics. He is from Maunawili on the island of O'ahu in Hawai'i. He recently completed his PhD in American Studies with a Women Studies Graduate Certificate from the University of New Mexico. His doctoral research examined Hawaiian sovereignty in history, law, and activism. Coming to Tkaranto, he is excited to join the faculty in the Department of Political Science and work as a cross-appointed faculty member in the Centre for Indigenous Studies.

NEW FACES

UTSG UAHIKEA MAILE



UTSG ANDREW MCDOUGALL



Andrew is starting as Assistant Professor where he will focus on Canadian Politics and Public Law. He is interested in the Canadian Constitution, federalism, Québec nationalism, language politics, and the politics of the judiciary. Most recently his work has appeared in *Canadian Public Administration*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* (with Robert Schertzer and Grace Skogstad) and he was a co-editor of *Roads to Confederation: the Making of Canada, 1867*, a major, two volume bilingual collection on Canadian Confederation (with Jaqueline Krikorian, Robert Vipond, David Cameron and Marcel Martel.) He holds an MA and LLB from Queen's University and a PhD from the University of Toronto.

UTM DANIEL ROSENBLOOM



Daniel is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow working with Matthew Hoffmann. He completed his PhD in Public Policy at Carleton University where he studied the policy and political dimensions of low-carbon energy transitions. Drawing on transition and political perspectives, his research explores the intersection of climate change, energy, and societal transitions. His work has appeared in a number of journals such as *Global Environmental Change*, *Research Policy*, and *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions*. Daniel is vice-chair of the organizing committee for the 10th annual International Sustainability Transitions conference being held in Canada for the first time. He is also the first Canadian member of the Steering Group for the Sustainability Transitions Research Network (STRN) – an international network of over 1,500 transition scholars.

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In 1963, Steve was recruited from Harvard University to join the Department of Political Science (then called the Department of Political Economy) at the University of Toronto. From the very beginning, he was impressed by both the intellectual inquisitiveness of many of his students and the quality of the accomplishments of his department colleagues.

Shortly after our arrival, we started making donations to the Department of Political Science. We knew the importance of building strong teaching and scholarship capacities in the Department and understood how this leads to the ability to have a broad impact on society. Put simply, we appreciated the need for private donor support to maintain the University's high standards and achievements."

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