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Honors Luncheon

The Political Science Department will host a luncheon for honors candidates from the class of 2008 and the incoming class of 2009.

The event will take place on Monday, May 5th in Scott Hall, Room 212, from 12:15-1:45. This event will be sponsored and funded by the Barry Farrell Undergraduate Fund. Professor Ian Hurd, Director of Honors, will be the moderator.

A Look At The 2008 Election

by *Danny Foster*

The protracted battle for the Democratic nomination in the 2008 presidential campaign has been one of the closest in history. Senator Barack Obama narrowly leads Senator Hillary Clinton in pledged delegates. But the large number of uncommitted superdelegates could still potentially hand the nomination to Senator Clinton – a move that could tear the party apart.

In contrast, Republican Senator John McCain seems to have skated to his party's nomination early on.

Recently, I sat down with Professor Daniel Galvin to talk about the unusual nature of this election.

“One interesting thing about this whole process is the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties” said Professor Galvin. According to Galvin, many analysts originally thought the Republican race would also drag on, but in the end the GOP was saved from this nightmare by their large number of winner-take-all primaries.

After Senator McCain emerged as the frontrunner, thanks to victories in New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Florida, leading candidates Fred Thompson and Rudy Giuliani dropped out. By March 4th, McCain had clinched the nomination, largely due to victories in big, winner-take-all states like New York.

On the other side, the Democrats failed to decide on a frontrunner early and individual primaries have done little to settle the disputed race. Delegates have been allocated almost 50-50 between the leading candidates, with Obama taking a narrow lead that Clinton has worked furiously to overcome.

Despite the superficial closeness of the Democratic race, Professor Galvin was skeptical of Clinton's prospects. According to Galvin, the failed plan to seat the Florida and Michigan delegates “was Hillary's last best hope” of winning the pledged delegate count. To win now, there “has to be a rationale” for the superdelegates to swing her way, but her current “big state” argument seems unlikely to do this, he said.

If the fight goes all the way to the convention in Denver, as Senator Clinton seemingly intends, the damage to her party could be enormous.

Modern history suggests that messy conventions may be problematic for the eventual nominee. The chaos and riots outside the Chicago convention in 1968, the disorganization of the 1972 convention, which pushed George McGovern's acceptance

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The Chair's Corner

March 24, 2008

Dear readers,

I have been told that this entry is intended for the spring issue, but writing this as we are digging out from yet another winter storm "event," it is hard to believe that spring is indeed around the corner.

Nevertheless, the end of the academic year, and with it graduation, will soon be upon us. Honors students are working on the last bits and pieces for their theses right now, and many of you will have heard from graduate schools and other institutions of higher education. Many others will be entering the workplace in various functions. And yet others might do some traveling, soul searching, and figuring out what comes next. For all of you in your senior year, it is no doubt going to be a happy occasion tinged perhaps with some regret and trepidation. We are confident, though, that all of you are heading for a very bright future.

Our graduate admissions process is still in full swing. We made offers to more than two dozen students after evaluating a record number of applications. By mid-April we should know how we have fared against our main competitors. However, we have already noticed that our applications keep rising in terms of both numbers and quality—strong indicators of the overall health of the department.

On the faculty recruitment front, we are happy to welcome Wendy Pearlman as a new Assistant Profes-

sor. Dr. Pearlman recently obtained her Ph.D. from Harvard and is a specialist on the Middle East. She is one of several faculty being recruited as part of Northwestern's overall initiative to build new strength in this area. Together, with another hire in Political Science, and hires in the Humanities and the History and Anthropology departments, we stand poised to make a significant impact in the field of Middle

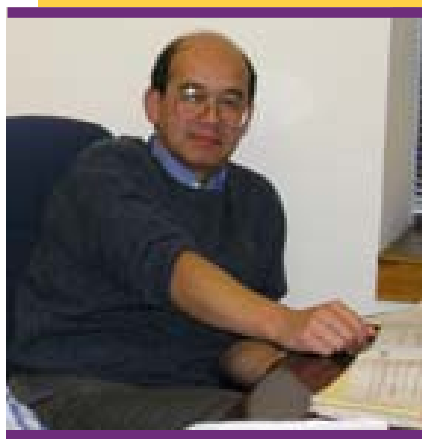
East studies. Professor Pearlman's work will no doubt be of interest to many undergraduate and graduate students alike, and she will start teaching classes next academic year.

This quarter we will have many prominent speakers visiting the department, so please be attuned to the periodic

announcements that will go out. Please pay particular attention to the annual Farrell lecture presentation by Trevor Findlay from Carleton University on May 7th, who will speak on treaty compliance.

Spring to me is the most optimistic of seasons, a promise of things to come: graduating seniors, beaming parents, and school friends saying fond farewells. For me, too, it is time to move on. I will be stepping down after having completed my term as chair. Next year, other duties call, as Director of the Buffet Center for International and Comparative Studies. No doubt, however, the department will be in good hands with my replacement.

I therefore wish all of you, but particularly the graduating seniors, the best of luck and hopefully you will stay in



Professor Hendrik Spruyt

Calendar

- **Honors Luncheon**
May 5
- **Fall 395 applications due**
May 7
- **Fall Quarter Pre-Registration**
May 12-16
- **Fall Quarter Registration**
May 19-23
- **Spring Quarter Reading Week**
June 2-6
- **Spring Quarter Exam Week**
June 9-13

- **Fall Quarter Begins**
Sept 23
- **Fall Quarter Add/Drop Week**
Sept 23-29
- **Winter Quarter Pre-Registration**
Nov 10-14
- **Winter Quarter Registration**
Nov 17-21
- **Fall Quarter Reading Week**
Dec 1-5
- **Fall Quarter Exams**
Dec 8-12

touch with the faculty that you have come to know and with whom you have worked over the past few years.

Sincerely yours,

Hendrik Spruyt

Chair, Political Science Department

Meet a Professor

Lars Toender

by Laura Binder

Assistant Professor Lars Toender is certainly well traveled. Born and raised in Denmark, Toender has explored other parts of Europe, like Spain and Lapland, and has also headed off of his home turf, as when he went hiking in Bolivia's Andes. But it was when he was an exchange student in Oslo that he got a taste of what he'd like to research.

"It was the first time I was exposed to political theory, and that really got me thinking about studying it seriously," he said.

Toender joined the political science faculty in the fall of 2007 and dove right in, teaching a 395 research seminar about the politics of tolerance his first quarter on board. His research is on political theory and tolerance, such as the relationship between religion and politics. This overlaps with his interest in all parts of the world.

"Political theory is pretty international," he said. "I'm very interested in European politics and what it means to be European, as well as ways we can be better at engaging difference."

As far as spare time, Toender "doesn't have much," but he enjoys being with his family, playing tennis and watching movies. He is a self-proclaimed "sports nerd," liking "anything with a ball." The *Rolling Stones* CD on the corner of his desk proves his love of music as well.

Toender received his B.A. and an M.A. in political science while in Denmark, and squeezed another M.A. in between the two at the University of Essex in England. He moved to the States soon after and received a Ph.D. in political theory from Johns Hopkins University.

Fellowship Winners

by Laura Binder

Each year, many political science majors and minors apply for a number of different fellowships sponsored by organizations outside Northwestern.

To give you an idea of what types of fellowships are available, here are a few political science students who recently received awards.

Harold Williford (WCAS '10) received a **Critical Language Scholarship**, which is a part of the Department of State's National Security Language Initiative. The awards are given out to encourage students to study a foreign language intensively, and Harold will be travelling to Turkey this summer to do exactly that. He plans to live in Alanya for eight weeks this summer and learn Turkish by attending class each day and simply immersing himself in the culture.

"It's a really good opportunity for me," he said. "I'm really interested in using Turkish as a way to get involved in Central Asian policy."

Harold is a political science major interested in the social sciences and the study of developing nations, and the roles both of those topics play in international relations. He said that his trip to Turkey fits into those interests, and "...sets

[him] up for really good specialization opportunities later on in [his] career.

Alexander Hertel-Fernandez (WCAS '08) received a **Fulbright Grant** to go to Argentina for nine months beginning next January. While there, he plans to work with think tanks and international labor organizations to study how different social policies affect citizenship and labor force participation. He is interested in examining the ways in which health care and social policy function in that environment and also in broadening political participation.

Alexander is also involved with the Roosevelt Institute, a student think tank working toward the creation of a student

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health policy publication that would allow students to have their voices on matters heard by policy makers.

Andrew Gruen (Medill '07) received a **Gates Cambridge scholarship** to complete an MPhil in Modern Society and Global Transformations at the University of Cambridge beginning in the fall. The scholarship offers him a full ride to complete his studies and further his research, which looks at “the problem of information obesity,” or the fact that media consumers have so much information and so many mediums to choose from that they can completely avoid hearing ideas they disagree with, or just the ideas of groups other than their own. He raises the question that, if we have access to so much, how do we sort through it and how do we make it effective in a republic that deems an informed public necessary?

“This is different from a time when, if you were going to watch TV from 7-8, you were going to watch the news,” he said. “Now it is a different world.”

Andrew was a double major in journalism and political science while he was a Northwestern student, but said he has always been interested in technology and the news. He hopes his experience at Cambridge can supplement those interests and his research in the field.

David Bouchard (WCAS '08) received a **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship** to travel to Viet-

nam and teach English to Vietnamese university students who plan to become English teachers in Vietnam in the future. He will live at the Vietnamese university and said he looks forward to spending time working and living abroad before pursuing graduate school. He plans to take classes at the school and travel around the region as well.

Bouchard is a political science and history double major and has plans to attend law school after the year in Vietnam. He said his mock trial experiences helped create his passion for the profession, and that he ultimately may be interested in entering politics.



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speech back late into the night, and the bitter last minute attempt by Ted Kennedy to seize the nomination from incumbent President Jimmy Carter in 1980 all presaged heartbreaking November losses for the Democrats.

Galvin noted that those years might have been difficult for Democrats no matter how well their conventions went, but 2008 could be the Democrats’ year to make a major breakthrough. The unpopularity of President George W. Bush has been a blessing for the party. As Professor Galvin put it, both parties’

nominees “will have to define themselves against President Bush” – something that could be a serious problem for McCain, who has embraced Bush’s unpopular foreign policy.

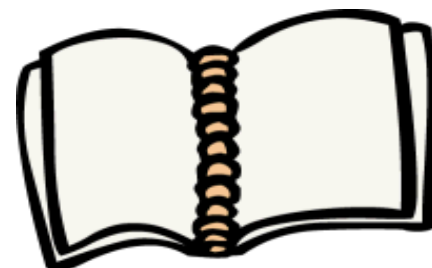
What hurts McCain helps the Democrats, and McCain faces many other difficulties as a candidate. His advanced age, his lackluster fundraising, and his weak relationship with conservative voters could all be significant obstacles in the general election. In short, he faces a severe enthusiasm deficit.

Ironically, the protracted nomination fight could actually turn out to be a boon for Democrats, whose enthusiasm level is the highest it has been in years. While McCain struggles with his base, states like Connecticut, Oregon, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania have seen an astounding number of new voters registering as Democrats.

What’s more, turnout for the Democratic primaries has far outpaced the Republicans’ – even when the GOP race was still contested.

A big victory for the Democrats is a long time coming. Not since the landslide defeat of Senator Barry Goldwater by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 has the Democratic nominee been able to claim an electoral mandate.

But it is still a long time until November 4th and there are countless important events on the horizon: the veepstakes, the conventions, and the debates, to name a few. It would be impossible to call the election this early and all signs point to this continuing to be an unpredictable campaign.



Political Science Faculty Directory

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Jason Seawright	Scott 238	T 10-12	7-1148	j-seawright
Victor Shih	Scott 206	Th 10-12	1-6712	vshih
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Lars Toender	Scott 203	M 3-5	1-4850	l-toender
Jeffrey Winters	Scott 403	Th 12-2	1-2630	winters
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Linda Zerilli	Scott 209	W 10-12	1-2623	l-zerilli

DUGS' World

by Professor **Reuel Rogers**, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Welcome back to all our political science majors from what I hope was a fun-filled and invigorating break. A special welcome and salute to our two new crackerjack coeditors for *Communiqué*, Laura Binder and Danny Foster. After what seemed like an interminable winter with weekly snowy reminders of the season, spring is finally here. It is typically a busy time for students as they soldier through the final quarter of the academic year and make plans for the summer. The stakes are even higher for our graduating seniors, many of whom are consumed with mapping out career and life plans. Students who are still trying to decide on their summer plans should consider participating in an internship. Most companies put out their calls for student interns to help with summer projects in the fall and early winter. But there are still many organizations searching for students to help with worthy causes.

Although the Political Science Department does not offer academic credit for internships, we encourage students to participate in these summer opportunities whenever they can. They are a valuable supplement to university education. We are especially supportive of internships that enable students to learn more about the politics. Some of the most interesting summer internships that include a political focus often are offered by organizations that are unable to pay students. If an internship that interests you is unpaid, there is no need to rule it out. The Political Science Department offers modest grants through the Barry Farrell Fund to support unpaid summer internships that have a direct or indirect connection to politics. Resources to help defray the cost of unpaid summer internships are due to the largesse of the Barry Farrell estate. Farrell was a professor of political science and a dynamic presence at Northwestern University from the 1950s through the 1980s. The Farrell fund supports a range of opportunities for political science undergraduates, including summer internships. The summer internship awards typically range from \$500 to \$1,500 and take financial need into account. Seniors are not eligible to apply. The application deadline is May 1. Please visit the department web site for more details.

Students also might consider spending some part of their summer on a research project. Many political science professors devote their summer months to research. Sometimes undergraduates assist with these projects. But increasing numbers of Northwestern undergraduates are using the summer to pursue their own research interests with independent projects, often in consultation with faculty. Top students admitted to the department's honors program often try to get an early start on their projects during the summer prior to their senior year. But other students develop summer research projects of their own simply to supplement their coursework. As I detailed in the winter newsletter, undergraduate majors who have developed summer research plans in consultation or collaboration with a political science professor may apply for a Ted and Cora Ginsberg summer grant to help support their activities. The application deadline has been extended to April 22 for those who may be interested. Please visit the department web site for more details and application materials.

The Political Science Department expects to sponsor more activities for our undergraduate majors this spring. Thanks to the many students who turned

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Major Requirements

15 courses total

Basic Courses

(3) of the following: 201, 220, 221, 230, 240, or 250

Major Courses

- (1) methods class: pick from 310, 311, or 315*
- (1) 395 research seminar
- (5) other 300-level classes

Related Courses

(5) classes in any of the following departments: anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, psychology, or sociology. At least 3 must be at the 300 level. No more than one can be at the 100 level.

*If a student has methods training from other department, they may use 312 or 316 to satisfy methods requirement.

For a Minor

6 courses total

- (2) of the following: 201, 220, 221, 230, 240, or 250
- (4) additional political science courses, at least 3 at the 300 level.

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Fall Quarter Schedule 2008-2009

Freshman Seminars

20	Why are Some Countries Richer?	Mahoney	TTh 2:00-3:20
21	Immigration and Politics of Exclusion	Ruffer	TTh 9:30-10:50
22	Campaign 2008	Druckman	MW 2:00-3:20
23	The Press & Presidential Politics	Stueplnagel	MW 3:30-4:50

200 Levels

201	Introduction to Political Theory	Toender	TTh 12:30-1:50
220	American Government and Politics	Goldman	TTh 3:30-4:50
240	Introduction to International Relations	Hurd	TTh 9:30-10:50
250	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Roberts	MW 3:30-4:50

300 Levels

315	Introduction to Positive Political Theory	TBA	TTh 9:30-10:50
320	The Presidency	Galvin	MW 2:00-3:20
324	Political Parties and Elections	Page	TTh 11:00-12:20
327	African American Politics in the US	Rogers	MW 2:00-3:20
329	US Environmental Politics	TBA	TTh 12:30-1:50
344	US Foreign Policy	Caverly	TTh 11:00-12:20
354	Southeast Asian Politics	Winters	TTh 2:00-3:20
375	Comparative Politics of Business-Gov. Relations	Schneider	TTh 12:30-1:20

390 Special Topics

20	Rwanda Past and Present	Kinzer	W 3:00-5:50
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394 Professional Linkage Seminar

20	US Foreign Policy: Vietnam to Iraq	Rielly	M 3:00-5:50
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395 Research Seminar (Open to Political Science Majors only by application)

20	Parties and the American Political System	Galvin	W 3:30-6:20
21	Racial Politics in American Cities	Rogers	T 3:00-5:50
22	Comparative Capitalisms and Welfare Regimes	Thelen	T 2:00-4:50
23	Supreme Court, October Term 2008	Goldman	Th 2:00-4:50
24	International Relations of India	Bouton	M 6:00-8:50

Speaker Spotlight

by Danny Foster

“¿Como se dice, como se llama? ¡Obama, Obama!” A reggaeton singer’s support for Senator Barack Obama’s presidential campaign rings across room 212 in Northwestern’s Scott Hall – filled to capacity with over two dozen students and faculty.

This song is emblematic of growing changes occurring in American politics, changes that the Political Science Department’s enthusiastic new professor, Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, has made a focus of her research.

In her lunchtime talk on March 11th, Professor DeFrancesco Soto shared with her eager listeners a glimpse of the importance of Latino politics in the United States. Appropriately titled *Awakening the Sleeping Giant? Latinos and the 2008 Presidential Election*, her presentation underscored the increasingly pivotal role Latinos are playing in politics and the innovative ways contemporary campaigns target them.

Microtargeting Latino voters has become commonplace. From releasing catchy Spanish campaign songs to crashing Quinceañeras to creating online political telenovelas, campaigns have found new ways to appeal to this increasingly vital political group. DeFrancesco Soto has found Senator Obama’s campaign to be

particularly adroit at reaching out to Latinos through these techniques.

Interestingly, Senator Hillary Clinton has actually received significantly more support from Latinos than Senator Obama. Many pundits have claimed this is due to tensions between African American and Latino Democrats.

But Professor DeFrancesco Soto sees it a bit differently. She believes “it’s just not that simple... you need to take a more holistic view of the gap [in support]” and, when examined more carefully, it becomes clear that Senator Clinton benefits from other advantages.

One advantage, DeFrancesco Soto points out, is that Senator Clinton has spent years cultivating a relationship with the Latino community, while Obama is a new face to politics. What’s more, she highlights, Clinton invested money early in states like Texas and California with high Latino populations, while Obama focused on winning Iowa.



In the end, the Latino vote has been crucial to keeping Clinton’s campaign afloat by allowing her to win important victories in California and Texas. The Latino vote will be important to either potential Democratic nominee in the general election as well.

Latinos will certainly become even more important to future campaigns. DeFrancesco Soto cites projections that predict that by 2050,

the U.S. will be a “majority-minority” country, and Latinos will make up between 24% and 29% of the population.

November’s results are only the beginning of this tremendous shift in American society and politics. Professor DeFrancesco Soto’s work is timely and at the forefront of these fascinating changes.

She currently teaches American Government and Politics, and a 395 research seminar called Latina/o Politics in the US.

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out for our two major winter events, the Super Tuesday Election Watch and the lecture on Latinos and the current presidential election by Professor Victoria DeFrancesco Soto.

Keep an eye out for other undergraduate activities this quarter. The final event of the spring will be our annual Commencement Reception for gradu-

ating seniors in political science. The reception will be held on June 21 in Allison Hall immediately following the Commencement ceremony. The reception gives us a chance to celebrate the achievements of our graduating seniors. The department will present numerous awards and certificates to recognize senior accomplishments, including the Kenneth F. Janda Prize for Best Honor’s Thesis and the William M.

McGovern Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and University Citizenship. We also award certificates for successful completion of the honors program and advanced foreign language study. Please visit the department web site for more information about these awards. Of course, there also will be plenty of good food and drink. Come celebrate with family, friends and faculty.

PS 395 Research Seminars: Fall Quarter 2008

Research seminars are open to Political Science majors by application only. Applications can be found on the Political Science website at: www.polisci.northwestern.edu.

Parties and the American Political System

Daniel Galvin

This seminar will examine political parties in a broad theoretical and historical context. We will examine the role of political parties in American political thought, the formation of two major parties during the early days of the republic, and the major transformations of partisan alignments in American history – including the rise of Jacksonian Democracy, the birth of the Republican Party around the Civil War, the era of “machine” politics during the Gilded Age, the Progressive reforms in the early 20th century, the New Deal realignment, the turbulent ‘60s, the Reagan Revolution, and modern party politics. We will consider what the parties have stood for, how they have operated, and what effect they have had on the larger political system. We will also examine key concepts in party scholarship: “electoral realignments”; party “systems”; why only two parties; party “functions”; party ideologies; and the relationship between parties and other forms of political mobilization in America. This course involves heavy reading and independent research. Students will be evaluated on their engagement with the readings, their contributions to seminar discussions, and their research papers.

Racial Politics in American Cities

Reuel R. Rogers

Racial division is one of the most troubling and persistent problems for American democracy. It poses a severe test of our egalitarian aspirations. The consequences of racial division, inequality, conflict, and struggles to overcome them play out most clearly in American cities. Cities, for instance, are where African Americans first encountered Jim Crow segregation and first mobilized to demand an end to this practice and other forms of racial exclusion. This course will explore racial dynamics in the political life of American cities. More specifically, we examine the social and political problems that racial divisions produce in cities, and investigate how groups and political institutions have responded to those problems. We focus on how racial divisions shape: mobilization, contests for political power, representation, the allocation of social resources, and patterns of social mobility. Our overarching theoretical aim will be to understand the role that racial group differences play in the quest for political power, policy influence, and socioeconomic advancement in American cities.

Comparative Capitalisms and Welfare Regimes

Kathleen Thelen

The political economies of the developed democracies are made up of very different economic, employment, and welfare regimes. This seminar will focus on understanding the origins and consequences of these distinctive “varieties of capitalism.” While all these political economies expanded during the post-war period, they have all been experiencing dramatic changes over the last two decades. We will address the question of how these national systems are evolving in the face of globalization pressures but also, for the European cases, in the context of efforts to harmonize practices cross-nationally through regulation at the EU level. The course thus addresses the question of tendencies toward convergence or divergence in distinctive national political economies.

Supreme Court, October Term 2008

Jerry Goldman

Each year, the U.S. Supreme Court selects about 70 cases to decide on the merits from among 8,000 requests for review. This seminar will examine a handful of these selected cases, one for each student in the seminar. You will be required to write a research paper on such a case explaining the controversy, why it is important and to whom, what strategies have been employed by the parties to assure that their side prevails, the historical background to the case and the issues surrounding it, and a prediction as to the outcome and vote with a justification as to why the predictive approach you have selected is best suited to the case at hand.

International Relations of India

Marshall Bouton

Over the last decade India’s economy and foreign policy have been transformed. India’s economic dynamism and expanded international reach have generated much discussion of India’s emergence as a great power. Yet India faces many obstacles on its path to global influence. This seminar will examine the contemporary international relations of India. Key topics will include the historical antecedents of India’s international situation, the domestic factors shaping its foreign policy, India’s relations with its South Asian neighbors, particularly Pakistan, rapidly shifting ties with China and the United States, national security posture and dilemmas, weight in the Asian and global balances of power, and roles in international institutions and efforts to address global challenges such as climate change and pandemics. Key requirements in the seminar will include class presentations and a research paper.

Spring 2008 TA Offices and Hours

Course	Instructor	TA	Office	Hours
220	DeFrancesco Soto	Qi (Luke) Zhang	218	W 1-3
220	DeFrancesco Soto	Carlos Freytes Frey	230	W 1-3
220	DeFrancesco Soto	Alisa Kaplan	217	F 2-4
230	Iris	Toby Bolsen	626 Library Pl, #32	T 9-11
230	Iris	Jennifer Cyr	215	T 1-3
230	Iris	John Ackerman	215	Th 2-4
240	Loriaux	Clement Clarke	220	M 1-2, T 1-2
240	Loriaux	Rebecca Bulger	216	F 9-11
240	Loriaux	Mark Schemper	219	F 10-12
240	Loriaux	Rachel Ricci	214	W 9:30-11, F 9:30-11
302	Farr	Ross Carroll	216	Th 1-2, F 11-12
320	Galvin	Ariel Zellman	231	W 1-3
320	Galvin	Marissa Brookes	214	T 3-5
331	Daniels	Doug Thompson	219	Th 10-12
341	Hanson	Taylor Terry	218	Th 11-12, 1-2
341	Hanson	Larkin Terrie	231	Th 3-5
349	Wolinsky	Andrew Kelly	228	T 9-11
355	Shih	Mert Arslanalp	217	T 10:30-11:30, F 11-12
368	Shih	Jesse Dillon Savage	228	Th 10-12
390-20	Kinzer	Jacqueline McAllister	217	M 12:30-1:30, Th 12-1

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Director of Undergraduate Studies
 Scott Hall, Room 315
 W 2-3, Th 2-4

Professor Daniel Galvin
 Scott Hall, Room 317
 W 9-11

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 Scott Hall, Room 238
 T 10-12

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 Scott Hall, Room 206
 W 11-12, Th 10-12

Reminder to majors...

All Political Science majors **must take** one methodology course in political science (310, 311 or 315) and a 395 research seminar to graduate. The methodology requirement should be completed before taking the 395 research seminar. Please plan ahead for the upcoming year.

Also, **petition to graduate** forms must be signed by a political science undergraduate advisor prior to the fall of your senior year. See the advising list for faculty advising office hours.

