

Welcome

*to the*

Department *of*

**Politics** *and*

**International Relations**



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# 3 key facts about us

1. We have a **wide range** of expertise
2. We offer opportunities for **experiential learning, research, and service**
3. We have a strong record of **placing** alumni into graduate programs, law school, and professional settings



# Our majors (~47 total)

## Politics

with classes in

- American Politics
- Political Theory
- Comparative Politics
- International Politics

## International Relations

with classes in

- Comparative Politics
- International Politics
- Economics
- History
- Anthropology/Sociology



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WHY STUDY **POLITICS**  
AND WHY WITH US?

- How do you organize a campaign to win an election?
- How do politics affect the economy?
- How can we solve global problems – from terrorism to poverty?



# Political Science can help!

- We can help you with the **tools** to find an answer.
- Political science is uniquely equipped to help you **think critically** about political questions & problems...
- and develop the tools to put your ideas into **practice**.



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WHO ARE WE  
AND WHAT DO WE DO?

# REBECCA EVANS

## International Relations

### Comparative Politics



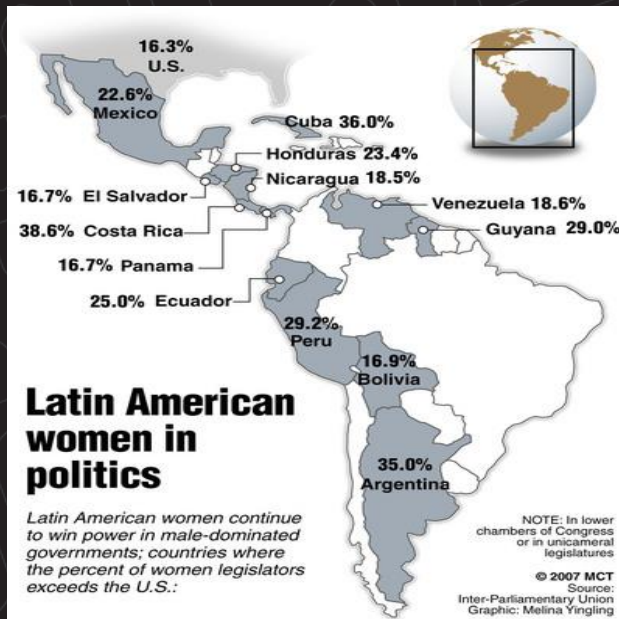
Research focuses on:

- human rights in Latin America
- women in politics
- feminist theory and zombies

Director, Melrose Center for  
Global Civic Engagement

Classes include:

- Global Health
- Human Rights
- Latin American Politics
- Women in Politics
- European Politics



World Health  
Organization



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# GERARD FITZPATRICK

## American Politics



### Research focuses on:

- campaigns and the Supreme Court
- censorship and the Internet
- the politics of judicial nominations

### Classes include:

- Constitutional Interpretation
- Parties & Elections
- Judicial Process



ALERT UNIVERSITY IMAGES



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# ANN KARRETH

## Comparative Politics

Research focuses on:

- African democracy
- Ethnic relations in South Africa
- U.S. foreign policy

Classes include:

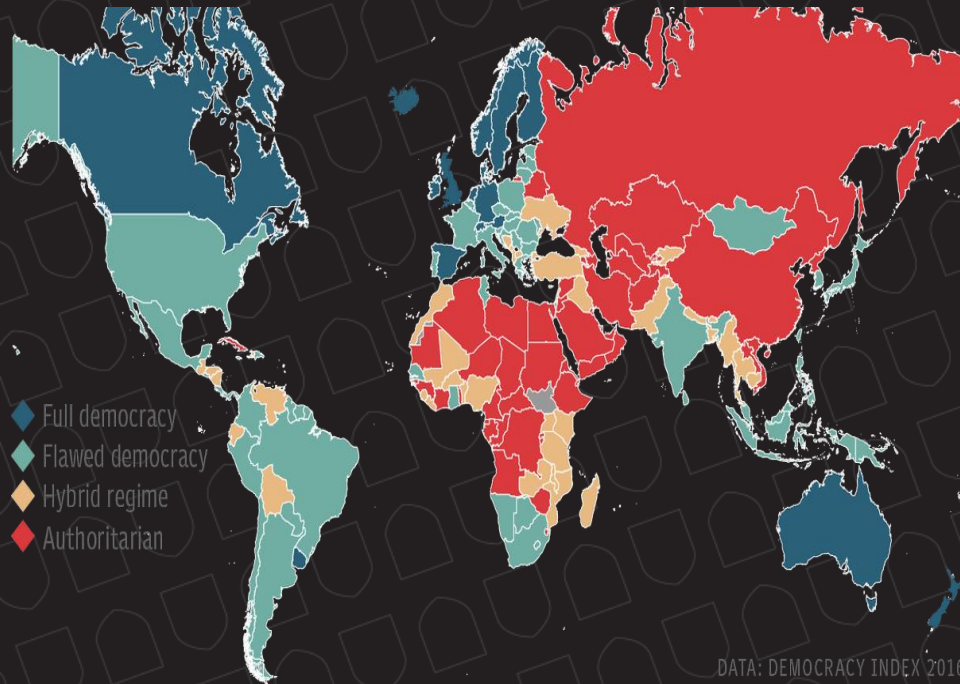
- African Politics
- Politics of the Middle East
- Political Economy of Development
- Ethnic Politics
- Democratization
- Research Methods



THE 25 ISSUES THAT SHAPE  
AMERICAN POLITICS

Debates, Differences, and Divisions

Michael Kryzanek  
and Ann K. Karreth



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# JOHANNES KARRETH

## International Relations



Research focuses on:

- International organizations
- International and civil war
- Immigration & globalization

Classes include:

- International Organizations
- Model United Nations
- International Political Economy
- War and Peace
- Terrorism & Political Violence
- International Law

### Incentivizing PEACE



HOW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
CAN HELP PREVENT CIVIL WARS  
IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Jaroslav Tir & Johannes Karreth



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# JONATHAN MARKS

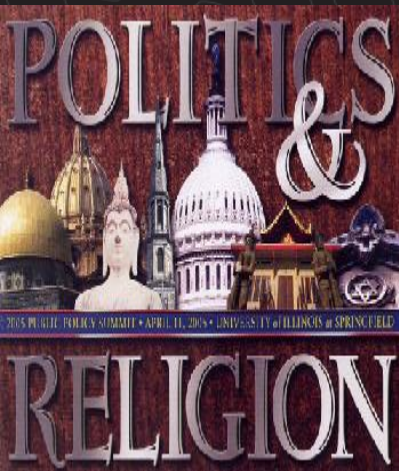
## Political Theory



Research focuses on Rousseau, Locke, Dewey on conscience, compassion and education

Classes include:

- American Political Thought
- Lincoln
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Religion and Politics
- What is Love?



PERFECTION AND DISHARMONY  
IN THE THOUGHT OF  
JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

**Jonathan Marks**



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# PAUL STERN

## Political Theory



Research focuses on:

- Plato's political philosophy
- Poetry
- Politics and philosophy in Dante's Purgatorio

Co-Coordinator :

- Parlee Center for Science and the Common Good
- CIE Junior Fellows programs

Classes include:

- Classical Theory
- Politics & the Arts
- Science and the Common Good

Dante's  
Philosophical Life  
POLITICS AND HUMAN WISDOM IN  
PURGATORIO  
Paul Stern



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EXPERIENTIAL

**LEARNING**

- In-class **simulations**
- **Internships**
- Study **abroad**
- Mock **trial**
- Model **United Nations**



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**STUDENT**

**RESEARCH**



- 1, 2 and 4 credit Independent Research
- Summer Fellows
- Honors theses (6 of 34 last year)
- Students present their own work at conferences
  - Four of our students presented in Montreal this year at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference.



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CO-CURRICULAR  
**OPPORTUNITIES**

# Julia Adams



- Caron Treatment Centers
- Governmental Affairs Intern
- Researched opioid crisis and policy responses



# Rosina Shipman



- Community Frameworks
- Non-profit creating affordable housing as a catalyst to help communities thrive



# Greg Stryker



- Confrontation Europe
- EU-focused think tank, a block away from the European Parliament in Brussels





## Paul Cottam

- Al Mal Capital
- Used both Politics and Applied Econ.
- Researched/wrote about legislation and geopolitics



## Chelsey Thomas

- National Immigration Forum
- Seeks bipartisan legal immigration policy
- Involved in citizenship ed./blogging

## Rosie Hartford

- DESGUA (Guatemala)
- Nationalities Service Center (Philadelphia)
- Les Aspin Center for Government (DC), Progressive Congress







## **Karla Pisarcik**

- Several law firms
- Philadelphia District Attorney's Office



## Charley Darkes-Burkey



- FBI Honors Internship Program
- Offered position at end of tenure.

## **Charlotte Rohrer**

- National Peace Corps Association (DC)



## **Samantha Wanta**

- Philadelphia Mayor's office

## **Matt Granfield**

- U.S. Rep. Ryan Costello
- House of Commons (UK)



# Mock Trial



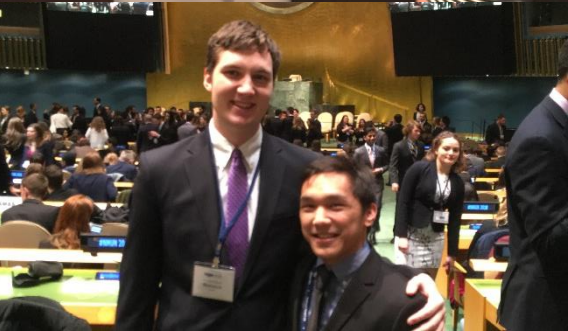
# Mock Trial

- Spirit of AMTA award at regionals this year
- Top attorney and witness **awards** at regionals, held at Princeton
- 3rd place finish at invitationals
- Won bid to Opening Round Championships ahead of schools like Amherst and Colgate





NMUN NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS



# Model United Nations

- 55 years and going strong!
- Dedicated MUN class
- Ursinus **fully funds** a delegation (20+ students) to National MUN in NYC
- Our connection at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations
- 4 **awards** at 2018 NMUN



# Melrose Center

Global Civic Engagement through...

- Melrose Fellows program (10 per year)
- Public forums & lectures
- Enhanced access to international programs
- Service & study abroad





# Awards and Fellowships (that our students have won)



Thomas J. Watson Fellowship: a one-year grant for independent study and travel outside the US

**Kelsey Threatte**



Boren Scholarships: \$20,000 to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad

**Grace Buchele  
(Japan)**



The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program offers fully-funded summer language institutes for U.S. university students and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State

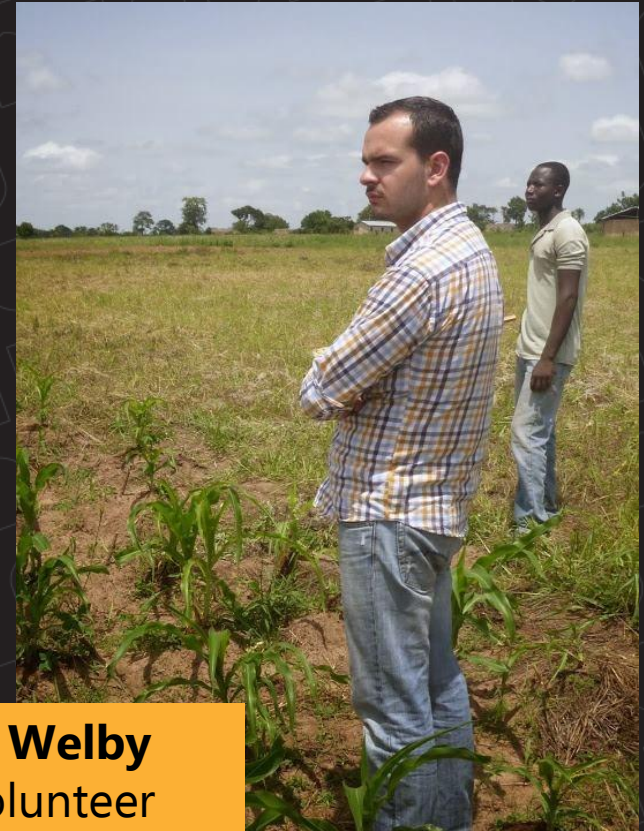
**Jessica McIlhenny  
(Turkey)**



# Post-graduate programs

## Peace Corps Prep

- Curriculum designed to prepare students to serve in the Peace Corps or in international service.
- Ursinus is one of only a small number of colleges to offer PCP certification.
- Currently 4 alumni in the field.



**Ryan Welby**  
PC Volunteer  
(Togo)



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**PRE-LAW** *and*  
**LEGAL STUDIES**  
IN OUR DEPARTMENT

# ANNA MARKS, JD

## Coordinator of Legal Studies



- Student advising
- LSAT preparation
- The legal curriculum
- Legal internships
- Mock Trial
- Haines Barnard Pre-Legal Society
- Ursinus College Law Alumni Group (UCLAG)



# Legal Studies Minor

- Interdisciplinary approach to the study of law. One way of reflecting on how we should live together
- The politics department offers all of the minor's core courses



# Outcomes



**Ethan Wright**

Winner, Dean's Cup moot court competition, Duke University

- Recent graduates attended or attending Duke, NYU, UNC, Temple, and other law schools.
- Strong alumni network



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WHAT DO OUR  
**GRADUATES** DO?

# Community Organizations *and* Local Politics



**Alex Peay**

Founder of Rising Sons, an organization that works with men age 18 to 28 to help them gain work skills through civic engagement



**Geoff Brace**

Legislative assistant to several Pennsylvania state representatives, now Lehigh County Commissioner





# Business *and* Law



**Jenna Poligo, JD**

William & Mary School of Law  
Associate, Complex Litigation, Stoel  
Rives



**Philip DeSimone**

VP of Business Development,  
Carbon 3D



# Business *and* Law



**Yousif Yahyah**  
Africorps Int'l



**David Chamberlain**  
Contract Negotiator,  
Naval Sea Systems Command



# U.S. Government



**Aaron Ranck**  
Professional Staff, U.S.  
House of Representative



**Ryan Costello**  
U.S. House of  
Representatives  
(R-6<sup>th</sup> District)



**Marisa Meana**  
U.S. Department of  
State



# International organizations



**Aaron Ranck**  
Special Assistant for  
Governmental Affairs,  
International Monetary  
Fund



**Carolyn Strainic**  
U.S. Permanent Mission to  
the  
United Nations



# International organizations



**Serena Mithbaokar**  
Climate Resilience Adviser  
Food & Agricultural Organization  
Of the United Nations



**Nickie Sene**  
Catholic Relief Services  
Head of Programs



# Graduate programs

## **M.A. and Ph.D. programs**

Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A & M

Carnegie Mellon University

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Graduate Institute of Geneva

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

Howard University, Washington, DC

Indiana University

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Maxwell School of Public Policy, Syracuse University

New York University

Ohio State University

Rutgers University

Temple University

University of Arizona

University of Texas-Austin

## **Law schools**

Duke University

UNC-Chapel Hill

William and Mary

UVA

Temple

Villanova

... and many others

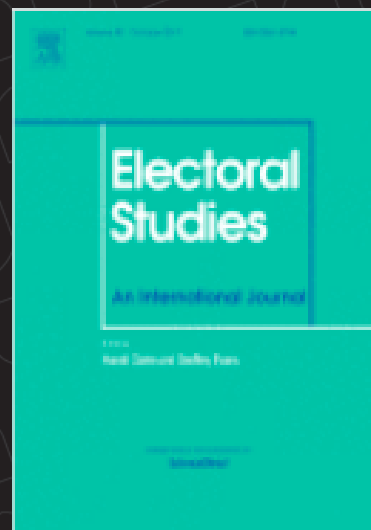


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# Graduate programs

## Alex Branham

- UT-Austin, Political Science
- Fellowship at Univ. of Gothenburg (Sweden)



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