

Political Science and International Relations Newsletter



Truman Scholarship

Fall 2009 Week of October 19th



The Truman Scholarship is one of the most prestigious awards a political science or international relations student can obtain! This \$30,000 merit-based grant is awarded to undergraduate

students, who wish financial support to attend graduate or professional school in preparation for careers in government, the non-profit sector or elsewhere in public service. Students must meet the following criteria: 1) be in the upper quarter of their junior class (GPA of 3.7 or above); 2) be a third-year student, seniors are not eligible; 3) have a record of public and community service; 4) be committed to a career in government or elsewhere in public service; 5) have leadership potential. If you are interested in applying for the Truman Scholarship, please contact Dr. Norton (campus representative) by December 1, 2009 for nomination information. Full applications are due by January 18, 2010. For further information please go to the Truman website -

www.truman.gov.

PS 434: The Press & the Presidency

- Students earn three units of upper division Political Science Credit
- Students pay for three units of USD intersession credit, approximately \$3,300.00, this covers the tuition & the housing in Washington, DC (as well as a few dinners). You DO NOT pay the Washington Center program fees, these fees are taken from your tuition
- Housing in Washington, DC consists of apartments with full kitchens, washer/dryer & located within walking distance of the Metro
- Students purchase their own flight to Washington, DC - there is no group flight
- Students must arrive in Washington, DC on January 2 and depart on January 16. The seminar begins on January 3 and ends on January 15.
- The first week of the seminar will focus on the media & politics & the second week will focus on the congress & the presidency. Each day, students will attend lectures for 4 hours & then visit a site in Washington, DC (an embassy, Congress, the Supreme Court, etc). We will have some class meetings as well in the evenings.
- If you apply for this seminar through the Washington Center website, please let Drs. Williams (jmwilliams@sandiego.edu) and/or Norton (Norton@sandiego.edu) know by emailing or by signing a form located in the Political Science Office

- To enroll in the course, students must first apply at the Washington Center website: www.twc.edu/seminars there is a \$60.00 application fee that is payable to the Washington Center. In December, Drs. Williams & Norton will hold a meeting with all the students who have applied & will then give you the necessary form to enroll in the official USD course. Students will then enroll & pay for the course. The deadline for the Washington Center is December 9 but you should apply by November 13 to guarantee your enrollment.

New Course Option Spring 2010: Crisis Areas In World Politics

1 unit - Mondays between 6:00 and 7:00PM

(Can be combined with other 1 and 2 unit options to count for PS or IR major)

Dr. John Stoessinger's course "Crisis Areas in World Politics" is unique because it is based on both politics and direct personal experience. His lecture about the United Nations is full of fascinating recollections because he occupied the post of Acting Director of the UN Secretariat's Political Affairs Division. When he speaks of Diplomacy, he speaks as a close friend of Henry Kissinger who was his fellow student at Harvard Graduate School where both men earned their Ph.D. degrees. When he reflects about the Holocaust as one of its survivors, he shows how strangers risked their lives to save his own and how Absolute Good can and did prevail over Absolute Evil, as it did in his case. And, when he speaks about China and Japan, he does so as someone who grew up there and learned about these two cultures at first hand as a youth.



London Summer Program

June 17-July 10, 2010

HIST 358/POLS 494: End of the British Empire in India

Dr. Molly McClain and Dr. Vidya Nadkarni (3 units in either area)

This course explores the end of the British Empire in India and the birth of a modern nation state through the use of an interactive role-playing game. In this simulation, students assume the persona or "act as if they were" leaders of the Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Dalit, or other political salient groups on the Indian subcontinent seeking to seal the best bargain possible for their group and for the merging new polity as they wrest control away from the British Empire in "India on the Eve of Independence, 1945." Students will also explore how class and caste conflicts, religious divisions, ethnic tensions, and the interplay between power and resources contribute to the complex processes leading to the birth of states and nations.

Apply Online at <http://gointernational.sandiego.edu>

Application Deadline: December 18

Amnesty International: USD Chapter



Students are reviving a USD chapter of Amnesty International on campus.

This is a great opportunity to combine activism, campus commitment, and political savvy.

Interested majors should contact Dr. Virginia Lewis, in IPJ 281

For more information, check out:
<http://www.amnesty.org/>

Poland's Road to Freedom, 1980-1989: From Solidarnosc Days to Free Elections A guest lecture by: Malgorzata Cup

In June 2009, Poland celebrated the 20th anniversary of its first semi-free elections. Poland was the very first of the Warsaw pact countries which freed itself from communism. The speaker, Consul Malgorzata Cup, will delineate the process from the very beginning of the founding of Solidarnosc, a labor union and freedom group, until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990. Her talk will emphasize Poland's relationship with its neighboring countries and the Soviet Union in particular. All students, faculty, staff, and guests are welcome!

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ),

Conference Room A November 17th 4:00-5:20PM

Meet Your Political Science & International Relations Staff



Larisa, Arjan, and Kari

Larisa Patrick is a junior at USD majoring in both political science and history. She loves anything having to do with American politics and American history especially the U.S presidency, U.S military history, U.S political parties, and Russian politics. She is a San Diego native and die hard San Diego Charger fan.

Arjan Jooyan is a freshman at USD and intends to declare Political Science as his major. He enjoys studying and discussing American politics, listening to talk radio, and practicing his number one sport: competitive debate. Arjan is looking forward to all of his years here at USD.

Kari de Longpré is the new Executive Assistant. She graduated in 2006 from the University of Minnesota Twin-Cities majoring in Political Science and Sociology of Law, Crime, and Deviance. Kari received her Masters of Arts in Human Behavior from National University this past March. She comes to USD from National University's Division of Extended Learning. While Kari is a huge Golden Gopher fan, she is excited to be a Torero!

Political Science and International Relations Alumni Update

Laura McGann, our previous Executive Assistant and also a MA International Relations alum, has given us an update since her departure from the department. She is now working in Senator Feinstein's office. Here is what Laura had to say:

Just wanted to drop a line to say hello and share what I've been up to at my new job. It's right up my alley, lots of writing and research. On occasion, I break away from my government PC (oh, how I miss my Mac!) and get to do constituent meetings. The link below is an outcome of one of those meetings.

<http://www.one.org/blog/2009/10/07/one-san-diego-thanks-senator-feinstein/>

Finally putting that MAIR to work! Hope that all is well with the department and that you're all having a great fall semester.

We're always interested in what our students and alumni are doing with their degrees. If you've earned a national award, we'd like to hear about it! Been admitted to graduate or law school; landed an interesting job or internship? Let us know more about it! We look forward to hearing from you!

We Need Your Ideas!!



The 'Map Room' (IPJ 253) is in desperate need of a makeover and we need your help! We are calling all Political Science and International Relations students who are interested in giving us their ideas to gather on Thursday, October 29th from 1:30PM-2:30PM in the Map Room for a brainstorming makeover session! The Political Science/International Relations Department would like to transform the room into a lounge where YOU can study, watch some TV, and maybe have a cup of coffee in between classes, so come and share your ideas with us! Questions, have ideas but can't make it, e-mail Kari de Longpré at kdelongpre@sandiego.edu



Phi Sigma Alpha Meeting

Pi Sigma Alpha is the only nationally recognized political science honor society. It was founded in 1920 at the University of Texas in Austin to encourage and recognize superior achievement in the study of government and politics at the undergraduate and graduate level. To become a nationally recognized member, you must have an overall 3.2 G.P.A. as well as a 3.2 G.P.A. in either a political science or international relations major. In addition, two upper and two lower division classes in political science must be completed.

Phi Sigma Alpha, will be meeting **Tuesday, October 20th**, from 12:15-1:15 PM in Camino 119. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3rd. If you have membership questions you should contact Dr. Casey Dominguez at caseydominguez@sandiego.edu

Political Science and International Relations T-Shirts

The Political Science and International Relations Department is pleased to have a limited quantity of tastefully simple t-shirts available if you can make a small donation to the department. Short Sleeves: \$15
Long Sleeves: \$20. M, L, XL.
See Kari de Longpré in the Political Science office, IPJ 261.

