

Politically Speaking

THINKING OF DECLARING A PG MAJOR? If so, please do so soon. This will help the department plan for courses in upcoming semesters and will allow you to vote in the student board elections this semester.

Spring 2015

PG Faculty

Ashley Biser
Ji Young Choi
Michael Esler

James Franklin, Ch.

Jenny Holland
Sean Kay
William Louthan
Joan McLean

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Pam Laucher, Secretary

STUDENT BOARD

Rhiannon Herbert
Felicia Rose, Ch.
Erica Shah
Mira Singhal (2-yr.)
Rachael Trilling

Professor McLean Retiring

Professor McLean will retire at the end of this spring semester after 25 years at Ohio Wesleyan. During that time she has served as chair of the department, director of the Arneson Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs, Dean of First Year Students, Faculty Director of many OWU Mock Conventions, and on numerous faculty committees; and in 1996 was the recipient of the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for Encouragement of Teachers.



MOCK CONVENTION 2016

February 5-6, 2016

WHAT IS THE MOCK CONVENTION?

In the spring of each presidential election year the Ohio Wesleyan community spends two days engaged in a realistic simulation of a national political party's

convention. The party currently *out* of the White House is represented. Planning for Mock Convention will begin this spring semester.

Mock Convention happens only once each four years. We encourage all students to get involved — it is fun, it is exciting, and it only happens once during your four years at OWU.

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PG Summer Courses 2015

May 18 through June 19

110	Politics and Government	Choi	9:40
111	American National Government	Holland	11:20
210	Global Issues	Kay	9:40
344	Comparative Political Topics: Democratization V	Franklin	9:40
349	Comparative Politics: Asia V	Choi	1:00
360	International Politics	Kay	1:00
361	American Foreign Policy	Kay	11:20
364	International Political Economy	Choi	11:20

490, 491 and 495 offered by Professors Biser, Choi, Esler, Franklin, Holland and Kay

V=Diversity

The Moot Court

Eighteen Ohio Wesleyan University students comprising nine teams competed in regional competitions for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association. Seven of the nine teams advanced to elimination rounds, and two teams qualified for the national tournament Jan. 16-17, 2015, in Miami, Florida.

Six of Ohio Wesleyan's teams competed Nov. 14-15 in the Great Lakes Regional in Saginaw, Michigan, and three competed Nov. 21-22 in the Midwest Regional in Wooster, Ohio. The competition involved two-person teams arguing constitutional issues before a panel of judges and lawyers who portray Supreme Court justices.

The team of Berger/Herbert finished 17th in the nation. Berger won the award for the 9th best individual orator at the competition, ranking her in the top 6% of orators who competed in the nationals and in the top 1% nationally. Bernstein/Mowad team

Advisor: Professor Michael Esler

also put in a strong performance, missing qualifying for the elimination rounds by a single ballot.

This is the 4th straight year Ohio Wesleyan students have qualified for the national championships.

Members of Moot Court 2014-15:

Katherine Berger	Caroline Hamilton	Matthew McCord
Jordan Bernstein	Ying He	William McNamara
Ben Danieli	Rhiannon Herbert	Lidia Mowad
Zahki Davis	Anji Herman	Memme Onwudiwe
Josh Denison	Katalyn Kuivila	Alex Pavlechko
Liam Dennigan	Jerry Lherisson	George Rice

Faculty Advisor: Michael Esler

PG Department News—*Congratulations!*

- ◆ **Dr. Ji Young Choi** was awarded the status of tenure at Ohio Wesleyan University. Choi has recently published an article, "Rationality, Norms, and Identity in International Relations," *International Politics*, Vol. 52, No. 1 (2015): 110-127. He was also awarded Thomas E. Wenzlau (TEW) Grants for Faculty and Curricular Development (around \$3,000), which will fund his new research project (Globalization and State Policies: The Rise of East Asian Economies and the Role of the State in a Global Age). He plans to present his research draft at the Global Studies Conference at Imperial College London, the United Kingdom in July.
- ◆ **Dr. James Franklin** has two publications appearing this spring. There is an article, "Persistent Challengers: Repression, Concessions, and Challenger Strength and Commitment in Latin America" appearing in the journal *Mobilization* 20(1): 61-80, and a book chapter "Human Rights Naming and Shaming: International and Domestic Processes," appearing in *The Politics of Leverage in International Relations: Name, Shame and Sanction*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- ◆ **Dr. Sean Kay** will be a featured speaker at, and writing for, the National Intelligence Council's April Global Trends Project at Indiana University. NIC is the primary analytical body for the Director of National Intelligence in the US government. This project lays out Global Trends projections 20 years out as the primary forecasting analysis for the US government. The scholars invited are among the very top international and regional experts in America, and Dr. Kay is the only one representing a liberal arts institution.
- ◆ **Dr. Joan E. McLean** served as an academic advisor for the documentary *Women In Politics*. The documentary is one of the second-season episodes in the PBS series MAKERS: WOMEN WHO MAKE AMERICA. All episodes in the series can be viewed on-line at <http://video.pbs.org/video/2365361204/>.

Student Board Elections

Please nominate candidates, including yourself, for the PG Student Board for 2015-2016 by **4:00 p.m. Monday, April 6**. Submit nominations to Mrs. Laucher in **Elliott 211** (pllauche@owu.edu). Ballots will be mailed to all PG majors during the week of **April 6**. The **ballots must be returned** to Mrs. Laucher by **4:00 p.m., Monday, April 13**.

REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates must —

- ◆ **be declared PG majors,**
- ◆ **be current juniors or sophomores,**
- ◆ **study on campus during the 2015-16 academic year.**

Two juniors and two sophomores will be elected to the board. The third place student for each class will serve as an alternate. Mira Singhal ('16) will serve as the carry over member of the board.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

To vote you must be a declared a PG major by **April 1st**. All sophomores should declare a major before entering their junior year.



NOTE: Only those able to serve the one-year appointment may be nominated. Those planning to study abroad or participate in an apprenticeship away from campus may *not* be nominated.

Apprenticeships and Internships

As you consider arranging apprenticeships (*excluding* Wesleyan-in-Washington) during the school year and for the summer, please note that all faculty members in the Politics & Government Department (Biser, Choi, Esler, Franklin, Holland, Kay, and Louthan) are available to arrange and supervise apprenticeship experiences for academic credit.

If you have questions about apprenticeships/internships, feel free to approach any department faculty member.

Wesleyan In Washington

Those students interested in **Summer 2015** or **Fall 2015** internships through our **Wesleyan In Washington Program** and *who have not yet met with Professor Kay* need to contact him (sikay@owu.edu), ext. 3866, as soon as possible.

Information available on the OWU Arneson Institute website <http://arneson.owu.edu/>

Spring Events/Lectures

Wed., Mar. 25

4:10 p.m.

Benes Room B

"Unstable Majorities, Polarization, and the Contemporary American Electorate"

Morris P. Fiorina, Wendt Family Professor and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University

The Benjamin F. Marsh Lecture Series on Public Affairs. Co-sponsors: Arneson Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs and the Department of Politics and Government

Thurs., April 2

7:00 p.m.

Benes Rooms AB

"Ukraine, Russia, and the End of the Post-Cold War Political Order"

Mark R. Beissinger, Henry W. Putnam Professor of Politics, Princeton University

26th Annual John Kennard Eddy Memorial Lecture on World Politics

Model United Nations

Model UN had an Open House event at Stuyvesant Hall on February 24th. Our Model UN team will be going to the College of William and Mary in Virginia in late March and another Model UN Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in mid-April.

The current President of OWU Model UN is Matthew Mehaffy. Contact him at mkmehaff@owu.edu for more information. Our Vice-President is Urvija Rishi (uurishi@owu.edu). The Model UN adviser is Prof. Ji Young Choi (jychoi@owu.edu). Model UN currently meets every Tuesday at 8:10PM in the basement of Stuyvesant Hall.

Law School Information



Pre-law studies offer a law-oriented curriculum, apprenticeships in professional legal settings, a speaker series, professional pre-law advisors, and assistance in preparing for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and applying to law schools and graduate programs. The pre-law program also sponsors participation in annual regional and national moot court competitions. An active student Pre-Law Club participates fully in all aspects of the pre-law program.

In recent years, Ohio Wesleyan's legacy of success in preparing students for the professional study of law has continued. A relatively high number of our students seek admission to law and most who apply

are admitted. For instance, about 90% (vs. 68% nationally) of Ohio Wesleyan graduates who applied to law school were admitted to one or more schools. Moreover, our students have been admitted to the nation's premier law schools, including Harvard, Yale, Virginia, Michigan, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Northwestern, California Berkeley, Stanford, Texas, Ohio State, Minnesota, Indiana, Notre Dame, Cornell, Georgetown, George Washington, Boston College, Boston University, William and Mary, Case Western and other leading institutions.

Pre-Law Advisors:

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Upsilon Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Politics and Government Honorary Society:

JUNIORS: *declared* PG major with at least 5 courses completed in PG and have a 3.5 GPA in PG and a 3.25 overall.

SENIORS: *declared* PG major with 3.25 GPA in PG and a 3.00 overall.

Members of the Class of 2015 who were initiated as juniors in 2013-2014: **Katherine Berger, Lauren A. Holler, Sarah L. Sanders, Rachael L. Trilling and Alexandra R. Webb.**

The Registrar provided the department with a list of PG majors who met these requirements after the fall semester. Invitations to join the society were issued before break. Those being initiated this spring are:

Jordan L. Bernstein	Rhiannon M. Herbert	Matthew D. McCord	Luke G. Waters
Benjamin G. Danieli	Li-Tzu Liu	Mira C. Singhal	Amanthi U. Weerasinghe
Emma G. Dongowski			

Fall '15 PG Classes

- 110.1 **Politics & Government**
Biser, TR, 10:00-11:50
- 110.2 **Politics & Government**
Choi, MWF, 10:00-10:50
- 111.1 **American National Government,**
Holland, MWF, 9:00-9:50
- 111.2 **American National Government,**
Louthan, TR, 8:30-9:45
- 210.1 **Global Issues**
Kay, MWF, 11:00-11:50
- 260.1 **Equality & American Politics**
Franklin, W., MWF, 9:00-9:50 **V**
- 279.1 **Conduct of Political Inquiry**

- Franklin, J., MWF, 1:10-2:00
- 300.35 **Voting and Elections in the U.S.,**
Holland, MWF, 10:00-10:50 **R**
- 347.1 **Comparative Political Topics:**
Protest and Violence
Franklin, J., TR, 10:00-11:25 **R V**
- 348.1 **Comparative Politics: Latin**
America, Franklin, J.,
TR, 1:10-2:30 **R V**
- 350.1 **Law and Courts**
Esler, MWF, 11:00-11:50
- 351.1 **American Constitutional Law**
Louthan, TR, 10:00-11:50
- 356.1 **Public Administration**
Holland, MWF, 2:10-3:00 **R**

- 360.1 **International Politics**
Choi, MWF, 11:00-11:50
- 365.1 **Globalization - Structures,**
Processes, and Issues
Choi, MWF, 2:10-3:00 **R V**
- 373.1 **American Political Thought**
and Politics
Biser, TR, 8:30-9:50 **R**
- 490.B **Independent Study: Moot**
Court, Esler, TR, 1:10-4:00
- 490. **Independent Study**
STAFF, ARR
- 491 **Directed Readings**
STAFF, ARR

V=Diversity H=Honors R=Writing Option

Spring '16 PG Classes

- 110.1 **Politics & Government**
Biser, TR, 10:00-11:50
- 111.1 **American National Government**
Franklin, W., MWF, 10:00-10:50
- 210.1 **Global Issues**
Kay, MWF, 11:00 -11:50
- 211.1 **Comparative Political Issues**
Franklin, TR, 10:00-11:25 **V**
- 261.1 **American Politics & Mass Me-**
dia, Holland, MWF, 2:10-3:00 **R**
- 279.1 **Conduct of Political Inquiry**
Holland, MWF, 9:00-9:50

- 344.1 **Comparative Political Topics:**
Democratization
Franklin, TR, 1:10-2:30 **V**
- 346.1 **Comparative Politics: Europe**
Kay, MWF, 1:10-2:00
- 352.1 **Civil Rights and Liberties**
Esler, TR, 2:40-4:00
- 354.1 **The American Presidency**
Franklin, W., MWF, 9:00-9:50
- 358.1 **Political Parties**
Holland, MWF, 11:00-11:50 **R**
- 372.1 **Democracy and Its Critics**
Biser, TR, 8:30-9:50 **R**

- 374.1 **Political Theory, Science, and**
Technology, Biser, TR, 1:10 -
2:30 **R**
- 490.1 **Independent Study**
STAFF, ARR
- 491.1 **Directed Readings**
STAFF, ARR
- 495.1 **Apprenticeship**
STAFF, ARR
- 499A **Senior Seminar - International**
Kay, R, 1:10-4:00
- 499B **Senior Seminar - American**
Government, Esler,
WED, 1:30-4:00

NOTES FOR 2015-16:

- Political Theory courses will be offered in fall and spring semesters. Both majors and minors must take a theory course.
- There will be 2 Senior Seminars, both in the Spring. (you must be a declared major to enroll in 499).
- The Department is offering a course in all 5 areas in Fall and in 4 areas in Spring.
- Any professor in the department can be approached to arrange an Independent Study (490), Directed Reading (491) or Apprenticeship (495).
- Professor Louthan teaches only in the Fall Semester.