



DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE
 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Chair

Dear alumni, students, faculty, and friends,

April 2013

I greet you with much more hope and optimism than was the case last year. With the passage of key ballot measures in November and the somewhat recovering economy, our precipitous and devastating financial decline of the past four years has finally bottomed out. Though our budget remains far below what it was in 2008, the slow process of rebuilding has begun. In the past year, our faculty, staff, and students have continued to excel and inspire. As you will read below, our service learning, internship, Moot Court, and Model UN programs have continued to expand and earn national and international recognition. We also have made great strides in fostering alumni connections, both among alumni and with current students. Our commitment to bettering the world through increased

citizen knowledge and engagement remains strong; thank you for all that you do to help to manifest that vision.

With warm regards,

Teresa Wright

Chair

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CLUBS AND EVENTS

The **Political Science Student Association (PSSA)** continues to be an active organization, offering an opportunity for students to meet and to talk about events affecting all of us. This past year PSSA had some interesting discussions, viewed several interesting documentary films, and held two alumni days.

In addition to the regular meetings (which were held every other week in Fall but by popular demand, returned to a weekly format in Spring), PSSA held three major events for Fall 2012, keeping in mind that it was a major election year. First, PSSA sponsored a debate between Campus Republicans and Democrats. Second, it held a public forum involving a panel of faculty members giving an overview of the various propositions that were on the California ballot. After the elections were held, PSSA did a post-mortem on the results, also featuring members of our faculty, titled "What Next?"

In Spring 2013, PSSA's highlight event was presentation of two short films on life in North Korea as well as a Q & A session in support of an organization called LiNK (Liberty in North Korea), held recently (11 April) in the Beach Auditorium.

We encourage students to get active and join PSSA! PSSA meetings this semester are at USU-305 on Wednesdays at 5pm. PSSA hopes to return with regular weekly meetings next year, with the day and time to be determined. Contact: pssa.csulb@gmail.com or EKaskla@aol.com

The **Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)** continues to sponsor events on both political issues and practical matters, such as applying for a Ph.D. program and finding a job. Contact: Dr. Cora Goldstein (Cora.Goldstein@csulb.edu)

At the 2012 annual **Pi Sigma Alpha awards banquet**, honors were given to: **Chelsea Redmon** (Outstanding Graduating Senior), **Jaime Tolles** (Outstanding Graduate Student), **Janae Knallay** (John T. Amendt Academic Achievement), **Kyle Maury** (Political Science Alumni Scholarship), **John Sellers** (Edwin Roberts Scholarship), and **Yasmin Manners** (Robert Delorme Scholarship). Our Pi Sigma Alpha officers for 2011-12 were: **Deborah Rowe** (President), **Allan Nguyen** (Vice President), and **Jonah Grace Malinao** (Secretary). Our officers for 2012-13 are: **Yasmin Manners** (President), **Ryan Chapman** (Vice President), and **Allen Nguyen** (Secretary). The 2013 awards reception will be held on May 1.

STAFF NEWS

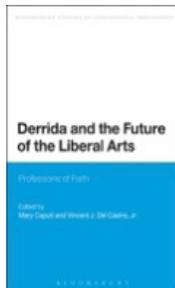
Amelia Marquez continues to provide the department with superlative support and good cheer in her capacity as the lead Administrative Support Coordinator for Political Science. We are also happy to have had our former student assistant, **Kristin Taylor**, move into a full-time position as our Administrative Support Assistant. Kristin has continued her excellent work in this new capacity. Talented staff are essential to the smooth functioning of a department, and we are extremely fortunate to have the most top-notch staff on campus!

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Mary Caputi (*Political Theory; Ph.D. Cornell University*)

Recent publications include: Mary Caputi and Vincent J. Del Casino, Jr., eds., *Derrida and the Future of the Liberal Arts: Professions of Faith* (Continuum Press, 2013), and a chapter therein entitled, "Third Wave Feminism, Derridean Raggicking, and the Liberal Arts [see picture];" *Feminism and Power: the Need for Critical Theory* (Lexington Books, forthcoming); "Voodoo, Tragedy, Desire: Haiti's Earthquake and Spivak's 'Axiomatics of Imperialism,'" *Contemporary French & Francophone Studies* (forthcoming); "The Manly Virtues: Macaulay's Influence, Wollstonecraft's Legacy," in *Political Ideas of Enlightenment Women: Virtue and Citizenship* (Ashgate, forthcoming); and "Relativism" in *Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming). Dr. Caputi also attended the International Conference on the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Barcelona.

Christopher Dennis (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of Georgia*) Recent publications include: "Another Critical Review of New's Reanalysis of the Impact of Antiabortion Legislation," *State Politics and Policy Quarter-*



ly (forthcoming). Dr. Dennis also presented (with former CSULB faculty member Amy Widestrom) a paper entitled, "The Politics of Inequality: State Legislatures and Inequality in the American States," at the 2013 Western Political Science Association annual meeting.

Larry N. George (*International Relations; Ph.D. Princeton University*) continues to work on his book on human sacrifice, religion, and war.

Cora Goldstein (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of Chicago*) continues to focus her research agenda on military occupations and radical regime change. Recent publications include: "Just War Theory and Democratization by Force," *Military Review* (September 2012) and "The Afghanistan Experience: Some Reflections on Democratization by Force," *Parameters* (Fall 2012).

Liesl Haas (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of North Carolina*) Recent publications include: "Gender Equality Policies," in Georgina Waylen, Karen Celis, Johanna Kantola and Laurel Weldon, eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Gender and Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2013) (with Merike Blofield). In fall 2012, Dr. Haas was invited by the political science department at the Univer-

sity of Costa Rica to teach a three-day seminar for graduate students and faculty, entitled "Gender and Politics: Themes and Methodologies" ("Genero y Política: Temas y Metodologías").

Richard Haesly (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of North Carolina*) has been invited to submit an entry on "Nationalism" for *The Encyclopedia of American Political Culture* (forthcoming 2014) and to provide commentary on Michael Vlahos' chapter, "America Is a Religion: Our High-Church Politics and Sacred War," for the book, *Paranoid Fantasy and Enemy Creation*. His book review of *Negotiating National Identities* appears in the most recent issue of *Nations and Nationalism*. Dr. Haesly also serves as one of the department's undergraduate advisors, and is the department's Internship Director.

Edgar Kaskla (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Irvine*) continues to serve as the faculty advisor for the Political Science Students Association (PSSA).

Demetra Kasimis (*Political Theory; Ph.D. Northwestern University*) Recent publications include: "The Tragedy of Blood-Based Membership: Secrecy and the Politics of Immigration in Euripides's *Ion*," *Political Theory*

(April 2013). This spring, Dr. Kasimis received a contract from Cambridge University Press to revise her dissertation into a book manuscript, entitled *Classical Greek Theory and the Politics of Immigration*. Dr. Kasimis also presented papers at the UCLA Political Theory Workshop, and at the annual meetings of the Western Political Science Association and Midwestern Political Science Association. In addition, she gave a lecture to the Study of Early Cultures group at UC Irvine.

William Leiter (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of Chicago*) is researching the Obama Administration and Affirmative Action with the objective of publishing a volume that will cover such topics as the U.S. law and policy of affirmative action affecting employment, education, voting, housing, and LGBT/senior/disabled-person rights. The Obama volume will supplement William and Samuel Leiter, *Affirmative Action in Antidiscrimination Law and Policy: An Overview and Synthesis* (2d ed.) (State University of New York Press, 2011). Dr. Leiter's research findings on the Obama Administration are discussed on his blog: <http://constlaw100.blogspot.com/>.

Larry Martinez (*International Relations; Ph.D. University of Santa Barbara*) Recent publications include: "The Disintermediation Theory of Democratic Governance in the Online Age," in Jonathan Bishop and Ashu M. G. Solo, eds., *Politics and Government in the Information Age*

(Springer Verlag, 2012). Dr. Martinez also presented papers on the Politics of Cyberwar at the Pacific Telecommunications Conference and the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Dr. Martinez continues to serve as the faculty advisor for CSULB's Model UN Program. Dr. Martinez also keeps busy in January by volunteering for the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

Charles Noble (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley*) Recent publications include: "Les mouvements sociaux," in Michel Fortmann et Pierre Martin, eds., *Le système politique américain* (Les presses de l'Université de Montreal, 2013).

Amy Cabrera Rasmussen (*American Politics; Ph.D. Yale University, MA and BA CSULB*) Recent publications include: "Toward an intersectional political science pedagogy," *Journal of Political Science Education* (forthcoming). Dr. Rasmussen was granted a Faculty Research Fellowship from the CSULB Research Infrastructure for Minority Institutions Health Disparities project for 2012-2013 to advance the early stages of a research project that examines community constructions of health. She presented a paper entitled, "A matter of equity: gender, health care, and the categorization of contraception after the Affordable Care Act" at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, and participated in the Western Political Science As-

sociation conference on a panel titled, "Theorizing Intersectionality." Dr. Rasmussen continues to serve as one of the department's undergraduate advisors.

Lewis Ringel (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of Maryland*) continues to chair the National Case Committee of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA).

Gerry Riposa (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Riverside*) Following his many years of work as the Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at CSULB, Dr. Riposa has returned to teach in the Department of Political Science.

Robert Shurtz (*International Relations; Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles*) contributed to several public forums focusing on electoral politics sponsored by the Political Science Students Association. In addition, Dr. Shurtz was selected to serve as the moderator for a public debate between three candidates running for District Attorney of LA County.

Barry Steiner (*International Relations; Ph.D. Columbia University*) Recent publications include: "What Use Overwhelming Air Superiority? A Tale of Two Campaigns," *Comparative Security Policy* 33:2 (August 2012); and "Big Powers and the 'Responsibility to Protect,'" www.e-ir.info, July 26, 2012. Dr. Steiner also presented an invited paper,

“When Images and Alarm Collide: Cases of Intelligence Crisis,” at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. On campus, he was a member of the Rho of California Phi Beta Kappa Selection Committee, which considered student applications for membership.

Kevin Wallsten (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley*) Forthcoming publications include: “Old Media, New Media Sources: The Blogosphere’s Influence on Print Media News Coverage,” *International Journal of E-Politics* (forthcoming) and “Microblogging and the News: Political Elites and the Ultimate Retweet,” in Jonathan Bishop, ed., *Politics and Policy in the Information Age* (Springer, forthcoming). Dr. Wallsten also presented conference papers at the annual meetings of the Midwestern Political Science Association, the International Studies Association, and the Western Political

Science Association, as well as at the Social Media and Agenda Setting in Election Campaigns Project Meeting (in Rome, Italy) and the Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Workshop (at Pitzer College and Purdue University).

Jason Whitehead (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of Southern California, JD Willamette University, BA CSULB*) Dr. Whitehead’s book *Judicial values; Judges, Politics, and the Rule of Law*, will be published next year by Baylor University Press. He also has written three chapters of a new book manuscript entitled, “The Law of the Lord: Mapping the Legal Worldview of Conservative Christians,” which Routledge Press has invited him to submit for publication. He is scheduled to present chapters from this manuscript at the 2013 annual meetings of the Law and Society Association and the American Political Science Association. Dr. Whitehead continues to serve as

the director of the CSULB Legal Studies Program.

Teresa Wright (*Comparative Politics, Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley*) Recent and forthcoming publications include: “Engaging and Evading the Party-State: Unofficial Chinese Protestant Groups in China’s Reform Era,” *China: An International Journal* (forthcoming) (with Teresa Zimmerman-Liu); “Protest as Participation: China’s Local Protest Movements,” *World Politics Review* (April 2013); “China’s Social Structure Militates against Reforms,” *Oxford Analytica* (July 2012); and book reviews in the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* and the *Journal of Development Studies*. In addition, Dr. Wright is working on a book manuscript entitled, “Party and State in Post-Mao China,” under contract with Polity Press. She also recently accepted an invitation to serve on the Editorial Board of *The China Quarterly*.

NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Charles Mahoney

The department is pleased to welcome Dr. Charles Mahoney as a new tenure-track faculty member in International Relations in the fall of 2013. Dr. Mahoney received his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from UCLA and earned his B.A., with highest honors in History, from Williams College. Dr. Mahoney’s teaching interests include international relations theory, world politics, United States foreign policy, and international security. His research focuses specifically on terrorism, insurgency, private military companies, and non-state organizations with influential roles in global



security. Dr. Mahoney’s dissertation examines the origins and development of insurgent organizations and assesses the varying strategies that rebels and governments use to advance their interests. His dissertation research was supported by a grant from the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) as well as by a University of California dissertation fellowship. Dr. Mahoney is also the recipient of a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship. Since 2011, Dr. Mahoney has served as a lecturer at UCLA, instructing courses on globalization, United States foreign policy, political violence, and world order. We couldn’t be happier to have Dr. Mahoney join us!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Som Chounlamountry

Professor Som Chounlamountry, who has been teaching at CSULB since 2007, has propelled the department's service learning offerings through his instruction of POSC 450, Comparative Political Movements. Students in the course have completed more than 5,000 service learning hours. Their accomplishments include: creating a promotional video for Tree People, implementing a public relations program for the Shoestring City Ranch, designing and building an Android application to log in service learning hours, collecting 300 new toys campus-wide for a shelter, holding a fundraiser which raised more than \$1,000 for The Center in Long Beach, and registering more than 1,250 voters through a voter awareness program. Professor Chounlamountry was born in Laos, and came to the U.S. in 1981, in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. He grew up in Southern California, and earned his BA at UCLA and his MA at USC.

Emeritus Faculty Spotlight: Ronald Schmidt

Dr. Ron Schmidt, who retired after 40 years at CSULB, has been teaching a course this spring on "racial and ethnic politics in the U.S." at Davidson College, in Davidson, NC. He and his wife, Rosemary, bought a home in Davidson a couple of years ago in order to be closer to their daughter and her family (including two grandchildren), and the political science department chair at Davidson College asked him to start the course in their department. He's been enjoying life with his family in Davidson very much, as well as son Ron Jr.'s family in Maine (including granddaughter Eleanor, age 10 months). Besides teaching and enjoying his family, Dr. Schmidt is continuing his scholarly work on language policy, racial politics, and immigration-related political issues. In the past few months he's published a journal article, a book chapter, and has presented two papers (one at an invitational conference at the University of Miami Law School on "language and democracy"; the other at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting in Hollywood). He wishes all his former students well, and encourages them to stay in touch!

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Washington, D.C. Mentoring Initiative

This year, the Department has been developing an exciting project that promises to assist its graduates contemplating careers working in federal agencies or in interest group organizations located in the Washington, D.C. area. Washington is an ideal place for a political science graduate to launch a career in politics, but preparing and deciding to apply for a position are not easy in light of the huge array of governmental and non-governmental Help in preparation, and in matching abilities with Washington resources, can spell the difference between success and failure in a Washington job search.

To facilitate this process, in fall 2013 the Department will be launching a Mentoring Initiative, in which upper-division POSC majors interested in Washington employment will be matched with Political Science alumni living and working on a career basis in the Washington area. We envision that mentoring will bolster our newer graduates' confidence about the potential of a Washington career and provide guidance about course choices

while at CSULB. Approximately ten of our alumni in Washington have expressed interest thus far in participating in this program. We expect that others will become involved as more of our veteran graduates are contacted and a wider Washington alumni network emerges. Each participant would mentor one promising current upper-division student interested in a Washington career. We are indebted to **Jon Nakagawa (BA 1995)**, who serves in the Homeland Security Agency and will be a part of the Washington Political Science Alumni Coordinating Committee, for suggesting this initiative to us in a return visit to CSULB last year.

This project has been coordinated by Political Science Professors Mary Caputi and Barry Steiner. Majors interested in participating in the project should contact them at: Mary.Caputi@csulb.edu (or) Barry.Steiner@csulb.edu.

Alumni Association

Our alumni are pleased to announce the formation of the California State University, Long Beach Political Science Alumni Association. The Political Science Alumni Association hopes to offer alumni the opportunity to stay connected with their 49er family by bringing together alumni, graduating students and Political Science Department professors. The Political Science Alumni Association is open to all CSU Long Beach alumni serving in any field. Graduating students who are interested in entering careers in non-profit, urban planning, government affairs or other similar fields are particularly encouraged to join.

The Political Science Alumni Association is also currently seeking leaders to serve on our Executive Board. Alumni who are interested in becoming more involved should contact **Robert Miranda (BA 2010)** at Robert.D.Miranda@gmail.com for more information.

ALUMNI NEWS

Christopher Aguilera (BA 2010) is pursuing an M.A. degree in Political Science at CSU, Chico, with a focus on political theory.

Jon Amar (BA 2012) is a Legislative Aide for U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal.

Christine Arce (MA 2001) received her Ph.D. in Latin American Literature and Culture at UC Berkeley, and currently is an Assistant Professor at the University of Miami.

Megan Blash (MA 2009) is the Social Science department chair

at a local high school, where she is also the curriculum leader and teacher of both AP U.S. Government and Politics, and AP Macroeconomics.

Anthony Brown (BA 1993; MA 1997) received his Ph.D. in Education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Brown was recently awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at the University of Texas, Austin (UTA). He also is the recipient of a Regents Teaching Award at UTA.

Alfredo Carlos (MA 2008) is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine. He is studying comparative political economy. In Fall 2013 he will be teaching POSC 323 at CSULB.

Allison Evans (MA 2006) is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science of the University of Pennsylvania. She is completing her dissertation on protest in post-communist Russia, and is currently the graduate research assistant for the Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics at Penn.

Jillian Ewan (BA 2011) is finishing her first year at the University of San Diego Law School.

Amy Fernandez (BA, 2008; MA 2010) has been working as a fund developer for the Penny Lane Center in Westwood, CA. She has been accepted to several law schools in southern California and Oregon.

Heather Grumbine (BA 2012) is finishing her first year at Western State College of Law.

Julia Keefe (BA 2010) is pursuing an M.A. degree in International Affairs at The New School, in New York City. Last summer, Ms. Keefe interned at Kosovo's Office of the President in Pristina, Kosovo. While there, she did research on topics for discussion papers for the Women's Conference that was hosted by the President, helped organize and send out invitations for the conference, and developed a social media strategy for the President and her office. During the 2012-13 academic year, she is working with an ethnic community-based organization in Texas, under the aegis of the International Rescue Committee, to write grants for funding a job development program. Ms. Keefe also continues to pursue language training in Mandarin.

Janae Knallay (BA 2012) is finishing her first year at the University of San Diego Law School.

Katie Kruger (MA 2008) is a Ph.D. candidate in the Government and Politics Department of

University of Maryland. She is studying American politics and public law, with an emphasis on the federal legal bureaucracy and the Supreme Court.

Jacob Larsen (MA 2008) attended Whittier Law School, and recently graduated with a certificate in Children's Rights. He is currently working as an advocate for special needs children at a law office.

Jacob Lenerville (MA 2011) is a social science teacher, and an instructor at Barstow Community College. He is also Adjunct Professor of History/Political Science at Vanguard University of Southern California.

Greg Lilley (BA 2011) is pursuing a law degree at U.C. Hastings College of the Law.

Alexandra Lohman (BA 2011) is finishing her second year at Northwestern University Law School in Chicago, and will be working this summer at the New York Public Defender's Office.

Jessica Martinez (BA 2009) is finishing her second year at Yale Law School, and will be working this summer at the law firm of Jenner and Block in New York City.

Michelle Meneses (BA 2010) has been accepted to earn her Masters in Social Work at Boston University, Columbia University, USC, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She also has been offered scholarships from Boston University and Columbia Univer-

sity.

Abdul-Qayum Mohmand (MA 1998) is an Instructor in Middle East Studies/Political Science at the University of Utah, where he also received his Ph.D. Dr. Mohmand recently published *The Prospects for Economic Development in Afghanistan: Reflections on a Survey of the Afghan People, Part 2 of 4* (Asia Foundation Occasional Paper 14, June 2012).

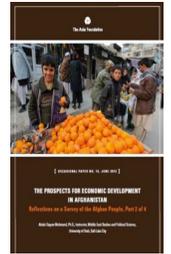
Ngoc Nguyen (BA 2004) received her law degree at Loyola Marymount University, passed the bar, and is a practicing lawyer in LA.

Vahid Niayesh (MA 2011) is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine (UCI), and a research affiliate with the Center for the Study of Democracy at UCI.

Dana Randazzo (MA 2009) has been an Executive Assistant for a CA Congressman, and is currently working in public affairs at the UCLA Medical Center.

Tracey Somerville (MA 2005) taught liberal studies courses at CSULB, and political science courses at several community colleges in Southern California until 2012. She is now working in the private sector doing business development for an international professional services firm.

Zoe True (MA 2009) worked in development and public relations at a California arts education



nonprofit and later joined the United States Peace Corps to tackle health issues in the mountains of Morocco. Her experiences in Morocco and in the nonprofit sector have emphasized the importance of managing organi-

zations' financial and volunteer resources effectively and have led her to pursue a Masters in Public Administration at the University of Washington, with an emphasis on nonprofit management.

Veronika Zubo (MA 2010) has been working in Washington, D.C. at a media and messaging company dedicated to state and local politics. She is the Institute's Research and Communications Associate.

STUDENT NEWS

Kyle Cameron is studying Mandarin at Suzhou University, in Suzhou, China.

Vanessa De Las Rosa was selected to attend the Junior Summer Institute in Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) at the University of Michigan in the summer of 2013. Ms. De Las Rosa was awarded a full fellowship that will cover the entire cost of the trip, as well as a \$1,000 stipend.

Genevieve Herbert has been accepted to both University of Santa Clara Law School and University of San Diego Law School.

Wyatt Lyles has accepted a scholarship to attend law school at Tulane University in New Orleans.

David Rose will be earning his commission into the United States Army Reserve as a 2LT military police officer (31A). He has been awarded the basic parachutist badge, national defense service medal, and Army service ribbon. Last year, as a Cadet, he was awarded the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War award. Mr.

Rose worked this past year as the Senator for the College of Health and Human Services. He also established a Veterans Affairs cabinet position in CSULB's ASI.

Marisol Samayoa recently completed a summer internship with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, in Washington, D.C. The internship aims to immerse undergraduates in the legislative making process; interns are placed in congressional and federal agency offices for eight weeks. Ms. Samayoa was one of 40 interns selected from a pool of nationwide applicants. She proofread drafts that became bills, interacted with members of Congress, and attended briefings. Ms. Samayoa states that the internship "catapulted my interest in politics and allowed me to learn in depth about the workings of our legislative and executive branch."

Jessica Schuh will be starting at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, OR, this fall.

Markus Sturkey has been accepted to the MAS (Master of Advanced Study) program in Crimi-

nology, Law, and Society at UC Irvine, where he will begin in fall 2013. Currently, Mr. Sturkey is an LA County Probation intern; he was retained in this position even after his requirement for the political science department was completed. He assisted in the Hans Liang City Council Campaign for Monterey Park, and is a member of both the national political science honor society and the national criminal justice honor society. In addition, he is in the process of becoming a Correctional Deputy for Riverside County Sheriff.

Monica Viera has been awarded a scholarship and membership with the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc. Ms. Viera also has been accepted to Teach for America. Last year, she was part of a group of students who worked with Professor Chounlamountry to put together a Jazz benefit that raised \$1000 for the Gay and Lesbian Center of Long Beach.

MOOT COURT

Led by senior political science majors **Yasmin Manners** and **Ryan Chapman**, the Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) moot court program recently concluded a successful 2012-13 season. With 26 career wins as a tandem, Manners and Chapman set the mark for the most lifetime wins for any CSULB team as well as each recording the most wins for any CSULB individual mooter.

This year's 13-member moot court team had seven new members and six with previous experience, including Chapman and Manners, who as a team finished second in written advocacy and 11th in oral advocacy at the 2013 American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) national tournament earlier this year at the Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Va.



Left Photo: The Honorable Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), Ruben Frausto, Krist Biakanja, IV, Ashley Hall, Kyle Maury, Adria Bonillas, Brianna Wilbur, and Professor Lewis Ringel (L-R).

During the 2012-13 season Chapman won three orator awards, including a ninth-place finish at the ACMA national tournament. In addition, Chapman and Manners finished third in the South Texas College of Law Tournament and sixth in the Western Regional Championship.



Above Photo: Regional champs Adria Bonillas and Krist Biakanja with The Honorable Justice Gary Hastings and Dean Irwin Chemerinsky (L-R).

The team of senior psychology major **Adria Bonillas** and senior political science major **Krist Biakanja** won the 2012 Western Regional Championship hosted by CSULB, the second CSULB team to do so and the first in 11 years. CSULB had four teams in the final eight at the regionals, with first, fifth, sixth and seventh place finishes.

Individually, senior political science major **Kyle Maury**, junior political science major **Ashley Hall**, senior political science major **Brianna Wilbur**, junior political science major **Ruben Frausto** and junior philosophy major **Asmita Deswal** won best orator awards at the SMU Law Tournament, with Wilbur finishing as runner-up. Chapman, Hall, Wilbur and Bonillas each earned best orator awards at the Western Regional Championship.

As teams, junior political science **Davis Casarrubias** and Deswal were runners-up at the SMU Law Tournament, and the teams of Maury-Hall and Wilbur-Frausto advanced to the semi-finals at the same tournament. The team of Maury-Hall finished fifth in the Western Regional Championship.

“I would call 2012-13 a great success,” **Moot Court Director Dr. Lewis Ringel** said. “Our goal was to win, have fun and learn, and we did a lot of all three. We finished second in the written brief, won a regional, reached the national sweet 16 for the third straight season, won a brief award, also for the third straight season, and reached the semi-finals in three of four tournaments.”



Right Photo: Ruben Frausto, Ashley Hall, Asmita Deswal, Professor Lewis Ringel, David Casarrubias, Brianna Wilbur, and Kyle Maury (L-R).

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

In the words of Model UN Director **Larry Martinez**: We came, we saw, we conquered - North Korea did, that is. Representing North Korea, the CSULB Model UN Team did a tremendous job accurately representing the "Bad Boy" Kim Jong-Un's foreign policies and still came back with the gold: **Andrew Jackman**, a junior political science major, was awarded an Honorable Mention distinction for his performance at the Harvard conference.

The Harvard National Model UN Conference is one of the largest (3,300 student delegates) and most competitive (teams from over 40 countries and the most selective private and public universities). Andrew was awarded MUN Conference distinctions at the UCSB MUN Conference in November, the Bonn, Germany MUN Conference in December, and now the Harvard National MUN Conference in February.

On March 2, the CSULB Model UN Program hosted the Long Beach Intercollegiate MUN Conference on our campus, bringing over 150 student delegates to a one-day training conference.

The semester culminated with the Model UN Conference of the Far West, April 19-23 at the San Francisco Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel, attended by over 800 delegates.



Photo: MUN Team - Mona Ahmed, Daniya Albadrawi, Mark Austria, Alyssa Barrios, Melissa Bartoletti, Adrian Buiques, Jennifer D'Amato, Rachel Delgado, James Dinwiddie, Alex Eastly, Troy Fleiner, Miles Gloria, Deshe Gully, Nathan Ho, Andrew Jackman, Kacy Jacobsen, Kafilat Majekodunmi, Patricia Moeses-flores, Shirin Moussavi, Howard Oh, John Oney, Ryan Pfautz, Diana Phan, Nayeli Sanchez, Joseph Sklar, Jorge Soriano, Matthew Stein, Jessica Wilson, Ryan Wright, MUN Director Larry Martinez, and Cathy Boggs (spouse of Dr. Martinez).

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