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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Chair

Dear alumni, students, faculty, and friends,

April 2017

Greetings and best wishes to all. It's been quite a year for those interested in politics; what we study perhaps has never been more important. Our students, staff, and faculty have continued to be involved in a wide range of activities, accomplishing much for which we are proud. At the same time, our alumni have inspired us with their successes in a wide range of careers and service to the community. Together, we are making the world a better place. I never have been more grateful to be part of this department and university, and I thank all of you for your contributions. Please stay in touch!

With warm regards,

Teresa Wright, Chair



Newsletter Designed by Katie Masterson

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Clubs and Events

Political Science Student Association (PSSA)

From Professor **Edgar Kaskla**, faculty advisor for the PSSA...

The PSSA has provided a venue for students to get together and discuss political topics in a less formal setting. The precise direction that meetings take is really up to the students who run the organization. Sometimes, we have formal presentations; other times we watch brief news clips or documentaries; and on occasion, we have had open discussions about the craziness that is politics today. CSULB is primarily a commuter school, so any time that we can get together and “hang out” instead of heading for the freeway is a good thing.

In the past, PSSA has served as a foundation for community organizing and social activism in the Long Beach area. Many of our students through the years have volunteered for a variety of causes in Long Beach. CSULB is part of Long Beach—not separate from it--and our students do have a role to play in local affairs. This has been a consistent theme among all of our PSSA leaders throughout the years that I have had the privilege to serve as the group’s academic advisor.

For more information on PSSA, find us on Facebook, csulbPSSA. The current president is **Kylie Shahar**.

Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

From PSGSA President **Steven Gonzales**...

Greetings from the Political Science Graduate Student Association! This year, the club opened up a social media page that is dedicated to fostering discussion about topics related to Political Science research and methodology. The project was spearheaded by the PSGSA Director of Social Media, **Juan Campos**, and has been a great way to spark discussion among current students and CSULB alumni. You can find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/psgsa.csulb/>

In the Fall, PSGSA hosted a panel about the 2016 election with Drs. **DeWitt, Mahoney, and Wallsten**. Former PSGSA President **Amanda Mendoza** was instrumental to the success of that event. This spring, she and PSSA President **Kylie Shahar** will present on their trip to Standing Rock, North Dakota.

Also in the Spring, the club took a teaching focus, as members of PSGSA attended a panel on Community College Teaching with the Graduate Studies Resource Center. We were joined by El Camino College Political Science professor and JD, **Laurie Houske (CSULB MA 2006)**, to discuss all things concerned with teaching Political Science at the Community College level.

Our current club officers, **Steve Gonzales** – President, **Spencer Lindsay** – Vice President, **Alex Reyes** – Secretary, **Tyler Kae** – Treasurer, and **Juan Campos** – Director of Social Media, welcome prospective members. We look forward to another great year at CSULB!



April Post from the PSGSA Facebook Page

Washington, D.C. Mentoring Program

The Washington Mentoring Program, which assists current CSULB Political Science majors aiming after graduation for a policy career in the Washington D.C. area, is now in its fourth year. It has accepted three new students into the program. Congratulations to **Jared Shaheryar (BA 2016)**; **Edith Ramirez**, who will be graduating next fall; and **Daisy Orozco**, who will be graduating in the spring of 2018. They are being assigned Mentors from among the Department's Washington alumni who will work with them and assist their job search, helping to match their interests with suitable positions inside and outside the Washington bureaucracy.

Jared, Edith, and Daisy will be joining six other Department majors admitted into the Mentoring Program since its inception in the 2013-2014 academic year. Others participating are **Harout (Harry) Bakchaajian (BA 2014)**, **Vanessa de la Rosa (BA 2014)**, **Serafin Rodarte (BA 2015)**, **Karla Galvan (BA 2016)**, **Daisy Gallardo (BA 2016)**, and **Tanner DiPietro (BA 2017)**.

The Mentoring Program is open to all junior- and senior-level Political Science majors interested in pursuing a Washington policy career. Course work in public policy is highly recommended for those wishing to pursue a Washington policy career, and is a criterion for admission into the Mentoring Program.

Application forms for the program are available online from a link on the CSULB Political Science homepage. For more information, please contact Professor **Mary Caputi** or Professor **Roger Morton** in the Political Science Department.

The Department is indebted to our Washington Mentors for offering to assist our current students. Coordinators of the Mentoring Program in the D.C. area are **Lindsey Canaley (BA 2006)**, **Jon Nakagawa (BA 1995)**, and **Bernard Togia (BA 1986)**.

Study Abroad

In the summer of 2016, political science lecturer and alumni **Dr. Alfredo Carlos (MA 2008)** led a study abroad trip to Mexico through CSULB's Chicano Latino Studies Department. The trip was geared towards DREAMers (undocumented students) with DACA who were able to apply for Advance Parole that granted them permission to leave and re-enter the U.S. for educational purposes. Dr. Carlos and the students spent a few days in Mexico City

learning about the history, culture and politics of the country. Afterward, the students were allowed to return home to their families for one week to study the local history and produce an analysis of their home town. Many of them had not been back since their parents brought them to the U.S. over 20 years ago. Next, the students returned to Cuernavaca, where they began a one-week Spanish immersion program at a progressive language school. The trip was covered in *La Opinion*, the largest Spanish language newspaper in the U.S.

<http://www.laopinion.com/2016/08/17/dreamers-retornan-a-los-angeles-despues-de-cumplir-su-sueno-de-regresar-a-mexico/>

Campus Events

Members of the Department helped to organize and/or co-sponsor a wide array of educational events during the 2016-17 academic year. Some of the highlights include...

Panels:

Race and the Law: How We Fix Inequality On September 14, 2016, a panel of experts on race and the law from across Southern California discussed the social and legal disparities that minorities in our country face, and what the law can do to rectify this reality. The panel was moderated by **Dr. Jason Whitehead**.

Women and the Law On April 5, 2017, a panel of experts discussed the inequalities and disparities that women face when they encounter the US legal system. The panel was moderated by **Dr. Jason Whitehead**.

Film Screenings and Discussions:

"The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" On October 11, 2016, film producer and investigative journalist Greg Palast followed a screening of the film with a discussion of voting rights and voter suppression, and the role of money in politics. **Dr. Alfredo Carlos** was instrumental in bringing the event to fruition.

"Torn from the Flag" On February 13, 2017, director Klaudia Kovacs followed a screening of the film with a discussion of both its topic—the Cold War and the international decline of Communism through the lens of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution—and the logistics of making it, including how she procured funding and the archival materials (such as historical video and photographs) for the film, and how she found and selected her interview subjects

Teach-ins: "Reclaiming Democracy"

In Spring 2017, members of the Department (including Drs. **Teresa Wright**, **Mary Caputi**, **Darin DeWitt**, and **Rich Haesly**) joined with other CSULB faculty to organize and participate in a series of teach-ins at the Speaker's Platform on campus. Entitled "Reclaiming Democracy," the goal of the series was to inform, empower, and activate our campus and wider community to promote democracy, justice, equality, respect, and inclusion. Featuring faculty speakers and faculty-student-community member discussions, each teach-in focused on a separate topic:

"Overcoming Exclusion, Discrimination, and Oppression" (January 31): issues, practices, and realities related to race, gender, immigration status, and religious belief.

"Fascism Past and Present" (February 22): how to define fascism, and how to understand contemporary developments in Europe and the United States.

"Mass Media and Democracy" (March 21): the role of social media, the First Amendment, "fake news," and social discourse in contemporary politics.

"Collective Action 101" (April 19): speakers and representatives from student groups and activist community organizations, as represented by POSC MA student **Amanda Mendoza** and POSC undergraduate student **Kylie Shahar**, participants in the Standing Rock, ND protests.



Dr. Teresa Wright hosted the Feb. 22 "Reclaiming Democracy" Teach-in

Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society and Awards Reception

At the 2016 annual **Pi Sigma Alpha awards reception**, honors were given to: **Ashley Montgomery** (Outstanding Graduating Senior), **Edward Gonzalez** and **Brian Henderson** (Outstanding Graduate Students), **Melissa Nordall** (Outstanding Academic Excellence Award), **Amanda Mendoza** (Outstanding First-Year Masters Student for 2014-15), **Sabrina van der Linden-Gonzalez** (Political Science Master's Thesis), **Mindy Vo** and **Naomi Neuman** (Edwin Roberts Scholarship), **Karen Ruiz** (Robert Delorme Scholarship); **Sarah Cobos** and **Asaad Al Raesi** (Model UN Diplomat Awards), and **Justin Adolfini** and **Julieta Hernandez** (Moot Court Achievement Awards). Our Pi Sigma Alpha officers for 2016-17 were: **Karen Ruiz** (President), **Kierra Rainey** (Vice President), and **Sara Zarate** (Secretary). Our incoming Pi Sigma Alpha officers for 2017-18 are: **Maria Etcheverry** (President), **Maria Lopez Terraza** (Vice President), and **Louis Garcia** (Secretary). The 2017 awards reception will be held on April 27.



The Department extends a special thanks to CSULB's Forty-Niner Shops for their generous donations to our annual awards reception.

Staff News

The department is incredibly fortunate to continue to have the most outstanding Administrative Support Coordinator on campus, **Amelia Marquez**. A more competent, hard-working, and good-natured administrator is not to be found! In the fall, we were grateful for the help of POSC major **Kierra Rainey** in our Administrative Support Assistant (ASA) position, and since the start of 2017 we have benefited greatly from the work of our new ASA, **Katie Masterson**, who has been a wonderful addition to our staff. In addition, we have had a terrific Student Assistant helping us part-time in the office, undergraduate **Savannah Ortiz**. As we all know, a department can run efficiently and smoothly only with good staff, and we are grateful every day for their dedication!

Faculty Publications & Activities

Mary Caputi (*Political Theory; Ph.D., Cornell University*) In 2016, Dr. Caputi finished her year-long tenure as Resident Director at CSU Florence, Italy. In May, she presented a paper at the Critical Theory Conference at Loyola University, Rome, titled "Unintentional Truth and the Thematics of Restoration." In July, she traveled to Pollenzo, in northwestern Italy, to visit the University of Gastronomical Sciences in order to do research on a new project involving the Slow Food movement's reception in the United States. She was invited to contribute an article, "Marcuse's Repressive Desublimation, Antidote to Mindless Syncopation" to a proposed volume, *Teaching Marx: Lessons for a Radical Class*, edited by Sean Walsh and Bryant Sculos. This paper will be given at the Western Political Science Association meetings in Vancouver (April 2017), and again at the Critical Theory Conference at Loyola University in Rome (May 2017). This year, Dr. Caputi also began a three-year commitment as editor of the

journal *Politics and Gender*. She hired **Sun Young Kwak** (CSULB MA 2002) as her assistant.

Christopher Dennis (*American Politics; Ph.D., University of Georgia*) has a forthcoming article in *Social Science Quarterly*, entitled, "The Effect of Political Parties on the Distribution of Income in the American States: 1917-2011" (with Amy Widestrom and Thomas J. Hayes).

Darin Dewitt (*American Politics; Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles*) Recent publications include "A Calamitous Compact" and "Snubbing Seth Rogen: Does Celebrity Testimony Drive Congressional Hearing Attendance?," both in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Dr. DeWitt received a Dirksen Center Congressional Grant to support his research on how Members of Congress manage their time between governing and campaigning. In addition, he presented several papers, including "Personal Hatred of Abraham Lincoln," at the annual meeting Western Political

Science Association; "Can I Get A Witness: Musicians Perform Politics in the U.S. Congress," at the Museum of Popular Culture in Seattle; and "How Conspiracy Theories Spread," at the University of Miami Conspiracy Theories and People Who Believe Them Conference.

Larry N. George (*International Relations; Ph.D., Princeton University*) presented a paper on quantum theory and international relations at the 2017 International Studies Association annual meeting. Over the past year he has been renewing his study of the ancient Greek language in preparation for writing on the ancient Greek historian Thucydides.

Cora Goldstein (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D., University of Chicago*) enjoyed her sabbatical last spring. She has recently conducted research at the Hoover Archives at Stanford University, and in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and is starting a project on authoritarian regimes that combine minimum violence with maximum propaganda.

Liesl Haas (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D., University of North Carolina*) was on sabbatical in Fall 2016, where she undertook fieldwork for her current research on the politics of Latino Evangelicals. Her book review of Georgina Waylen (ed.), *Gender, Institutions, and Change in Bachelet's Chile* will be published in the *Journal of Latin American Studies*. A co-authored article with Richard Haesly, "Welcoming the Stranger: The Evangelical Challenge to Republicans on Immigration Reform," received a revise and resubmit from *The Journal for Religion and Society*. She currently serves on the editorial board of *Politics and Gender*.

Richard Haesly (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D., University of North Carolina*) serves as one of two undergraduate advisors for the department. His book review of *Scotland Now: A Warning for the World* will appear in the July 2017 issue of *Nations and Nationalism*. Dr. Haesly and Dr. Liesl Haas continue their research project on the changing role of Evangelical Christians in American politics. Their co-authored article, "Welcoming the Stranger: The Evangelical Challenge to Republicans on Immigration Reform," received a revise and resubmit from *The Journal for Religion and Society*. Dr. Haesly's advisee, Kathryn Stueckle, was awarded the University Honors Program's Outstanding Thesis Award for her thesis, "Social Exclusion Through Public Policy: The

Dehumanization of the Roma in Spain and Hungary."

Edward Kaskla (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Irvine*) serves on the editorial board of the Estonian language journal, *Acta Politica*, and as the faculty advisor for the Political Science Students Association (PSSA).

Charles Mahoney (*International Relations; Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles*) presented two manuscripts at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting in Baltimore. The first paper, "Empty Threats: How Organizations Use Bluffing in Terrorist Campaigns," examines why groups that use terrorism often do not fulfill the threats they make. The second paper "Rewarding Bad Behavior: Path Dependence and Private Military Corporations," examines the lack of penalties levied against companies in the private military industry."

Larry Martinez (*International Relations; Ph.D., University of Santa Barbara*) put his sabbatical to good use, attending conferences in Montreal, Berlin, Geneva, Vienna, Paris, Bonn, Dubai, Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Washington, DC, and Guadalajara, on the topic of cyber security in outer space. Two articles were published by Stratfor, along with a conference paper to be published as part of the proceedings of the International Institute of Space Law.

Roger Morton (*American Politics; Ph.D., University of California, Irvine*) is the Executive Director of the Sustainable Neighbors Network (facilitating study abroad opportunities for Senegalese students and coordinating charitable work in Senegal) and Visions Made Visible (a non-profit that coordinates charitable projects undertaken by various organizations).

Charles Noble (*American Politics; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley*) continues to teach half-time through CSULB's Faculty Early Retirement Program.

Amy Cabrera Rasmussen (*American Politics; Ph.D., Yale University, MA and BA CSULB*) At the April 2017 Western Political Science Association conference, Dr. Rasmussen Cabrera presented a paper: "Cumulative impact: understanding environmental health causality and consequences in a southern California port community," part of continuing work on her Long Beach-focused book project. This year, she began an elected three-year term on the CSULB President's Commission on the Status of Women. She was also selected to work on the College of Liberal Arts 2025 Graduation Initiative career readiness team and received an Ethics Across the Curriculum award from the CSULB Ukleja Center for development of an ethics career course module. She continues as a faculty mentor for CSULB

Partners for Success and as one of the department's undergraduate advisors, the latter role garnering her the honor of being selected as the 2016-2017 CSULB Distinguished Faculty Advising Award recipient.

Lewis Ringel (Public Law; Ph.D., University of Maryland) coaches CSULB's moot court teams and continues to serve on the board of Directors of the American Moot Court Association (AMCA), and is the chair and/or member of several AMCA committees.

Barry Steiner (International Relations; Ph.D., Columbia University) is preparing a nine-chapter manuscript, "Diplomacy Theory: A Focused Comparison Approach," to be published later this year by Roman & Littlefield. His article, "'Going for Broke' on Palestine," has been accepted for publication in the journal *International Negotiation*, as part of a special issue on "Middle East Mediation." And he presented a paper, "Diplomacy as a Defense when War Impends," at the 58th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, in February 2017. Dr. Steiner will retire from CSULB at the end of the Spring 2017 semester.

Kevin Wallsten (American Politics; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley) published three articles this year: "Prejudice or Principled Conservatism? Racial Resentment and White Opinion

toward Paying College Athletes" was published in *Political Research Quarterly*; "For You Were Strangers in the Land of Egypt: Clergy, Religiosity, and Public Opinion toward Immigration Reform in the United States" was published in *Politics and Religion*; and "Race, partisanship, and perceptions of inter-minority commonality" was published in *Politics, Groups and Identities*. In addition, Dr. Wallsten serves as a Political Analyst for ABC 7 news.

Jason Whitehead (Public Law; Ph.D., University of Southern California, JD Willamette University, BA CSULB) continues to serve as the director of the Legal Studies Certificate program and as the campus pre-law advisor for the Law School Admission Council. He continues to work on his second book, *The Law of the Lord: Mapping the Legal Worldview of Christian Conservatives*, which will be published by Cambria University Press. In spring of 2017, he will present a chapter of the book at the 7th Annual International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society in London, England. He has also been invited to write an article on the relationship between conservative Christian legal arguments and liberal political theory, which will be published in the fall.

Teresa Wright (Comparative Politics, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley) is finishing a book on "Popular Protest in Contemporary China," under contract with Polity Press. She also has a chapter on "Political Discourse on the Internet in China: A Multifarious Virtual Space," in the forthcoming edited volume, *Political Participation in Asia: Defining and Deploying Political Space* (Routledge). In Dec. 2016, she presented a paper entitled, "Possibilities for Civic Virtue and Sentiments of Citizenship among Christians in Mainland China," at a conference in Hong Kong on Civil Society and Christian Religion in Greater China. In addition, Dr. Wright wrote a book review for *The China Journal*, and continues to serve on the editorial board of the *China Quarterly*.

Emeritus Faculty

William Leiter (Public Law; Ph.D., University of Chicago) has made publicly available a cost-free 11/4/16 eBook on the Obama Administration and the law, policy, and politics of affirmative action/diversity, "hyperlinked" at <http://constlaw1.blogspot.com/>. The Obama Administration policies affecting affirmative action in U.S. employment, education, voting, criminal justice, deportation, LGBT rights, and housing are included in the treatise.

In Memoriam

Dr. Jerry L. Weaver

Jerry L. Weaver, a member of the CSULB Political Science Department from 1966 to 1977, passed away on May 10, 2016 in Newark, Ohio, at the age of 77. Professor Weaver initially concentrated his research upon Latin American elites, with special reference to Guatemala. Among his articles was "The Military Elite and Political Control in Guatemala," *Social Science Quarterly*, vol. 50 (June 1969), 127-135. Subsequently, he explored continental problems in a volume he edited, *Latin American Development Administration: Accomplishments of the 1960's, Research Priorities for the 1970's* (Austin, TX: Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas, 1973); and in an article, "Arms Transfers in Latin America: A Note on the Contagion Effect," *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 11 (1974), 213-219.

Professor Weaver later became interested in issues of health care delivery. He wrote *Conflict and Control in Health Care Administration* (Beverly Hills, CA: Sage Publications, 1975); and *Health Care and the Underserved: Ethnic Minorities, Women, and the Elderly* (St. Louis: Mosby, 1976). In the mid-1970's, he introduced health policy undergraduate and graduate courses, including "Politics of Health" and "Administration of Health Care." He was also known for teaching many sections of the freshman American Political Institutions course at CSULB reserved for Economic Opportunity Program students, mostly African-Americans from lower-income backgrounds.

From 1975 to 1977, while on leave from CSULB, Prof. Weaver directed the Public Administration program in the Political Science Department at UCLA. In a career shift in 1978, he joined the U.S. Foreign Service where, as a Refugee Affairs Counselor assigned to the U.S. Mission in Sudan, he designed and led "Operation Moses," a clandestine and privately-financed movement of more than 10,000 Ethiopian Jews from Sudan to Israel from November 1985 to March 1986. For this latter accomplishment he was honored by Vice President George Bush in 1985 with the State Department "Superior Honors" award.

(written by Barry H. Steiner and Robert Delorme).

Dr. Don Urquhart

Don Urquhart, a faculty member in Political Science at of the CSULB, where he taught until his retirement in 1982, passed away on July 21, 2016, in Vista, California. He was 95 years old and at the time of his passing, at which time he had the distinction of being the oldest retired member of the CSULB Faculty.

Professor Urquhart was born on June 11, 1921 in Miami, Arizona. Raised in Washington state, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War and then completed work for an M.A. from the University of Washington. He received his Ph.D. from UCLA in 1957 with a dissertation on "Adjudication and Rule Making in Los Angeles Municipal Administration."

A pioneer member of the faculty at what was then Long Beach State College, Professor Urquhart's tenure began before the present Political Science Department was formed. He began teaching on a part-time basis in the Spring of 1953, before he received his Ph.D., and taught full time beginning in the Fall of 1954.

In academic year 1954-55 he served as "Area Representative" to the College's Division of Social Sciences, which then included the Political Science faculty.

Professor Urquhart was among the faculty who strongly opposed the authoritarian style of the first president of the College, P. Victor Peterson, leading to Peterson's resignation. He also played a significant role in development of the Political Science Department, chairing the Department from 1966 to 1968, and he was present when Long Beach State College later evolved into CSULB.

Originally hired to teach public administration, Professor Urquhart soon came to specialize in classical and modern political theory. He was a dedicated teacher and took pride in inspiring a number of his students to become university professors. It was his dedication to teaching that led him to give up the Department Chairship and return to the classroom.

Even tempered and thoughtful, Professor Urquhart contributed to continuity among his peers by mentoring new Department faculty members.

(written by Barry H. Steiner and Robert Delorme)

Student Spotlight

Mitchel Morales, Panetta Institute participant

"Last Fall I proudly represented California State University, Long Beach in the Panetta Institute's Congressional Internship Program. With their support, I was able to live and work in Washington, D.C. during the entire Fall semester. Through the program, I was selected to work in the personal and leadership offices of House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. In addition to other responsibilities, I worked directly with staff and policy advisors on various projects.

Throughout the course of the internship, our class met with over thirty experts, from a variety of academic and government backgrounds, to discuss a host of issues related to government and policy. It was an unparalleled opportunity to meet and speak with professionals, including Secretary Leon Panetta, in an intimate classroom environment. Additionally, the Institute's focus on promoting bipartisanship further sets it apart from other organizations.

Despite the partisan politics of today, I'm grateful for the strong, bipartisan friendships I've made with my fellow 2016 Panetta classmates, many of whom currently attend universities around California. As a former Panetta Intern, I believe working in a congressional office not only exposed me to the legislative process, but also provided me with valuable tools, and insight, to begin my transition from student to professional."



Panetta Institute participant Mitchel Morales with US Congressman Kevin McCarthy

Student Spotlight (cont.)

Amanda Mendoza and Kylie Shahar Join the Standing Rock Protests

MA student **Amanda Mendoza** and undergraduate **Kylie Shahar** spent their fall and winter breaks at the Standing Rock protest site in North Dakota. In Ms. Mendoza's words...

"In late November 2016, Kylie Shahar and I had the incredible opportunity to stand in solidarity with the Water Protectors at Standing Rock in North Dakota. We camped in Oceti Sakowin protest camp for 6 days, and along with attending camp meetings and helping organize donations, we also had the opportunity to participate in three major peaceful actions against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The indigenous-led act of peaceful resistance against the pipeline was a truly revolutionary act, with the goal of preserving the land, the culture and the dignity of the indigenous peoples of the land. It was a life-changing experience to have been a part of such an important and enlightening act of collective action. After our relatively short time at camp, we returned to Long Beach to finish out the fall semester, but were determined to return to camp as soon as we were able.



Water Protectors participate in peaceful action on Inauguration Day in Washington D.C.

Thanks to the incredible amount of support from the local community, we were able to return with the essential gear needed to survive the harsh North Dakota winter conditions. We went back to Oceti Oyate (formally Oceti Sakowin) and stayed for a little over a month. We worked hard to stay self-sufficient and to keep camp up and running. We attended camp meetings, worked many shifts in the new compostable toilets, chopped firewood, organized supplies, and participated in direct actions.



Amanda Mendoza (left) and Kylie Shahar (right) working their shift at the compost toilets in Oceti Oyate

After about five weeks at camp, we, along with a group of about 30 other Water Protectors from Standing Rock, traveled to Washington D.C. and participated in a direct action outside of the presidential inauguration to illustrate to the new administration that we intend to remain standing strong in opposition to DAPL. It was a successful peaceful action.

Since returning back to Long Beach after the inauguration, we have attended several rallies and actions in Los Angeles to help ensure the pressure on DAPL remains. The protest camps at Standing Rock have since been forcefully evacuated by a militarized police force, and the pipeline has been completed, but the spirit of the resistance remains. The focus of the movement has shifted toward the goal of global divestment from DAPL and we continue to work with our fellow Water Protectors and lend support to the cause."

Student News

In 2016-17, a number of our students interned with *US-China Today*, a periodical run out of the University of Southern California: undergraduates **Jordan Haynes** (summer 2016), **Wei Lee** and **Victoria Duffy** (spring 2017); and MA student **Steven Gonzales** (fall 2016; with an article predating the 2016 presidential election that can be read here: http://www.uschina.usc.edu/article@usct?the_china_card_in_the_2016_presidential_election_20366.aspx).

Steven Gonzales spent the spring 2017 semester in a Teaching Practicum at El Camino College, and in the summer of 2017 again will intern at *US-China Today*, this time writing about the wrestling entertainment company, WWE, and its planned expansion into China's television and live event market. Mr. Gonzales also is the President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association.

Danielle Carancho has been accepted into the Cal State DC Scholars Program through Cal State Fullerton.

Jocelyn Kuo and **Zack Phelps** spent the Spring 2016 semester in New York, interning with the New York State Assembly. Both were given perfect marks of A+!

Hillary Black interned with the U.S State Department in Geneva, Switzerland in fall 2016.

Morgan Chase interned with POSC alumni and Orange County Superior Court Judge **Dennis Keough (BA 1971)** in the summer of 2016. Ms. Chase has also been accepted to several law schools, including Southwestern Law School, California Western School of Law, Chapman Law School, and University of San Francisco School of Law.

MA student **Spencer Lindsay** is doing a teaching practicum at Golden West College, and is the Vice President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association.

Mindy Vo is an Associate Justice on the CSULB ASI's Judiciary Branch.

As social media director for the PSGSA, MA student **Juan Campos** is leading a social media campaign to help educate the public about political science theories and concepts through posts. Along with debunking misleading memes that are circulating online and providing the public with the tools necessary for critiquing political information, Mr. Campos and the

PSGSA aim to promote academic events at CSULB and other universities.

Meghan Shiner has been accepted to several law schools, including California Western and Chapman University.

Jaynee Mathis has been accepted to several law schools, including McGeorge Law School, Western States Law School, Willamette University, College of Law, and Seattle University.

Logan Vournas is the Vice President of the CSULB ASI Student Government.

In Feb. 2017, Model UN member **Bianca Salgado** was invited to participate in the GenUN Member's Day conference at the United Nations Headquarters. While there, she also attended a Human Rights training lunch. In June 2017, she plans to attend the group's Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.

Jasmin Blas and **Naomi Neuman** were selected to join CSULB's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious honors society in the US. The CSULB chapter is one of the most selective in the country; this year, the chapter inducted only 24 seniors and 10 juniors.

Alumni Spotlight

From **Dr. James Lebovic (BA 1973)**

"It has been almost fifty years since I arrived at CSULB as a freshman. With the Vietnam War raging, the late 1960s and early 1970s was a turbulent time at the University though an exciting time to study politics. My preoccupation with international affairs and the Vietnam War in particular eventually led me to the Political Science Department. I received my PhD in International Relations from USC in 1981, accepted a one-year visiting position at New Mexico State University, and joined the faculty at George Washington University in 1982, where I have been for the last 35 years, now as Professor of Political Science and International Affairs.

My research interests have more recently taken me back to my intellectual roots. With the events of September 11, I invested my efforts more heavily in book projects related to national security including, most recently, *Flawed Logics: Strategic Nuclear Arms Control from Truman to Obama*. From 2007-2013, I organized policy panels and lectures—many, with high-level government officials—for the Elliott School of International Affairs with the aim of linking the University (which borders the White House on one side and the State Department on another) to the broader Washington, D.C. policy community. I also became active in the Governing Council of the International Security Studies Section, the largest section of the International Studies Association. I finished a two-year term as section chair earlier this year.

Looking back, I appreciate just how much my undergraduate preoccupations, yet also unplanned events, influenced my professional trajectory. My 2010 book, *The Limits of US Military Capability: Lessons from Vietnam and Iraq*, would probably not have been written but for chance encounters in Vietnam. That book, in turn, would help inspire my current project on the failings of presidential decision-making in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan."



Alumni News

Stephen Abanise (BA 2008)

earned his Masters of Social Work from the University of Southern California in 2010 and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law in 2014, and his Masters of Health Administration from the George Washington University in 2017. He worked as an Attorney Advisor to the Social Security Administration in 2016, and is now an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service.

Andria Black (MA 2010) is an

Investigator at KeyPoint Government Solutions in Annapolis, MD.

Richard Bosanko (BA 2011)

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Kyle Bourne (BA 2010) earned a

Master of Legal Studies at Willamette University, College of Law in 2015. He is now pursuing a single-subject teaching credential in history here at CSULB, and will start his student teaching in the fall.

Ian Calderon (BA 2008) is the Majority Leader of the California State Assembly. He represents the 57th Assembly District.

Joshua Casper (MA 2016) is teaching political science at El Camino College, and is presenting papers at both the Western Political Science Association and the Midwestern Political Science Association conferences this spring.

William Castro (BA 2016) is a financial services professional with New York Life, a Fortune 100 company.

Ruben Escobedo (BA 2008) earned his J.D., cum laude, from Chapman University in 2011. He is an Associate Attorney at Lynberg & Watkins, specializing in civil litigation.

Amy Fernandez (MA 2010, BA 2008) earned her J.D. with honors at California Western School of Law in 2016. She passed the California Bar Exam and works as a legal intern for the California Innocence Project.

Melissa Freeling (Nordall) (MA 2015) is earning her law degree at the Boalt School of Law at UC Berkeley. In the summer of 2017, she will be interning at the San Diego City Attorney's Office, Civil Division. In addition, she has been working for the International Refugee Assistance Project, representing clients from Iraq and helping their families obtain refugee status and special immigrant visas.

Daisy Gallardo (BA 2016) was accepted to the UCI PhD program in Policy Planning and Design.

Jonathan Garcia (BA 2016) is finishing his first year at

Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles.

Jamison Gilmore (BA 2015) is finishing his second year at Southwestern Law School, where his grades have placed him in the top 20%. He is an editor on the *Southwestern Law Review* and a legal assistant for the California State Compensation Insurance Fund.

Edward Gonzalez (MA 2016) will begin the Political Science and International Relations (POIR) PhD program at USC in Fall 2017. His main areas of concentration will be comparative politics, international security, and foreign policy.

Nicholas Hassani (BA 2013) is a law student at Loyola Marymount University Law School in Los Angeles. He also continues to work in satellite procurement with Boeing in El Segundo.

Ashley Hernandez (BA 2015) is attending her first year of a PhD Program in Policy Planning and Design at UC Irvine.

Brenda Ibanez (BA 2016) is finishing her first year in the CSULB Masters of Public Administration program. She is also the founder of RFO International, a non-profit organization that tutors and mentors at-risk and under-served youth.

Fadi Kassis (BA 2016) is finishing his first year of law school at Western State College of Law in Fullerton.

Annie Killen (BA 2015) is finishing her second year at Chapman Law School in Orange County. She is a Business and Legal Affairs Extern at Good Universe in Beverly Hills, a leading motion picture production company.

Janae Knallay (BA 2012) earned her J.D. in 2015 from the University of San Diego. She was admitted to the California Bar this past spring and is now a Deputy District Attorney for Kern County.

Christian Kropff (BA 2016) operates his own consulting firm. After managing Supervisor Janice Hahn's campaign and Measure MM, Mr. Kropff currently is serving as chief of staff for Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce.

Sun Young Kwak (MA 2002) has a PhD in political science from USC, and is the Editorial Assistant to Dr. Mary Caputi at the journal *Gender and Politics*.

Anel Larios (BA 2015) is finishing her second year at Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa. Last summer, she interned for the Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) Agency in Washington, D.C.

Berny Lazareno (MA 2014) is a PhD student and Eugene Cota-Robles Fellow in the politics department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. In 2016-17, Mr. Lazareno was named by the American Political Science Association (APSA) as an APSA Minority Fellowship Program

(MFP) Fellow. Mr. Lazareno's research includes an investigation of the emergence of formal neighborhood associations that are established by local governments and institutionally link neighborhoods' access to the policymaking process. He is particularly interested in identifying how neighborhood associations are used to legitimize or delegitimize local government policies and how local community and/or neighborhood identity impacts residents' experiences with neighborhood associations. Upon completion of his doctorate, Berny plans to teach at a university and produce research that is relevant to both policy analysts and academia.

Alex Lohman (BA 2011) earned her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 2014. She is Staff Attorney for the Juvenile Advocacy Project of the Legal Aid Society of West Palm Beach, Florida.

Richard Lozano (BA 2007) graduated from the Single Subject Teaching Credential program at UCI with a 4.0 GPA, and is teaching at Reach Academy in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Jessica Martinez (BA 2009) earned her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2014. She is an Associate Attorney at Jenner & Block in New York City.

Brandon Mata (BA 2013) is finishing his second year at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. He is a Legal Extern at

the California Department of Justice.

Kyle Maury (BA 2013) is earning his J.D. this month from University of Notre Dame Law School, where he also served on the editorial board of the *Notre Dame Law Review* and on the Moot Court board. He has accepted a position as an Associate Attorney at Jones Day in Orange County.

Christian Muro (BA 2014) is finishing his second year at Willamette University, College of Law, in Salem, Oregon. He is a law clerk for the Oregon Department of Justice, Civil Enforcement Division. Last year, he received the Pro Bono Honors Award for his volunteer work with the transgender community through the Salem (Oregon) Social Justice Collective.

Stephen Nicholas (BA 1989) earned his MA and PhD at the Ohio State University, and currently is an Associate Professor and the Chair of the Department of Political Science at California State University, San Marcos.

John Oney (BA 2016) is attending his first year of law school at UC Hastings.

Titus Potter (BA 2010) is finishing his last year of law school at the University of Illinois College of Law. The U of I College of Law reports that it "is excited to share the news of an exceptional win for clients in the CPC (Community Preservation Clinic), courtesy of 3L Titus Potter and Eric Sirota, Clinical Associate.

[In Nov. 2016], they effectively argued a Motion to Dismiss in a case that was filed back in June 2014. The case was dismissed with prejudice after extensive argument and briefing. This is the first time this has ever occurred in this clinic and possibly the state. This also has significant implications in the clinic's other Federal Housing Administration cases in which the servicer failed to provide a face to face interview. Congratulations to Titus & Eric! Your incredible win is inspiring!"

Kevin Poush (BA 2014) is earning his J.D. this month from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles and will take the California Bar in July. He works for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in Compton.

Jose Ramos (BA 2006) is finishing his second year at U.C. Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law. Last summer, he worked as a judicial intern with Judge Charles R. Breyer at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco.

Serafin Rodarte (BA 2015) was accepted to all six of the International Relations MA programs in the UK to which he applied: University of Bath, University of Bristol, University of the West of England, University of Reading, Plymouth University, and University of Exeter. He chose to attend University of Exeter, and began his study there in the fall of 2016. In a message to the Chair, Serafin states, "I also

want to say thank you to you, the faculty, and the department. I wouldn't be able to take this next step if it wasn't for all the skills and knowledge that was imparted to me during my time as a political science student."

Deborah Rowe (BA 2012) is the Office Manager and Executive Assistant to the Minority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Marisol Samayoa (BA 2016) is a communications deputy for Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.

Jessica Schuh (BA 2012) earned her J.D., summa cum laude at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon in 2016, where she was Note and Comment Editor of the Lewis & Clark Law Review. She is now an Associate Attorney at Schwabe,

Williamson, and Wyatt in Portland.

John Sellers (BA 2013) is earning his J.D. this month at Brigham Young University Law School, where he also served on the editorial boards of a few different law reviews. He is studying for the Utah Bar and has accepted a position as an Associate Attorney at Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere in Salt Lake City.

Eliana Serratos (BA 2015) is finishing her Masters in Urban and Regional Planning at UCI this year.

Zoe True (MA 2009) earned a Master of Public Policy from the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington in 2015. She is now a Senior Producer at International Futures in Seattle, where she applies her expertise in international

development, global health, and philanthropy in partnership with designers, engineers, and clients.

Dilyana Valeva (MA 2014) is a Managed Transportation Account Executive at Chicago-based Echo Global Logistics, and recently relocated to their Long Beach office. In addition, Ms. Valeva teaches introductory Political Science classes at Ashford University.

Sabrina van der Linden-Gonzalez (MA 2016) is a student in the J.D./Ph.D. program at U.C. Irvine.

Amber Vincent (BA 2015) is finishing her first year at the U.C. Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law.

Lynn Ward (BA 2016) is an MA student in POSC at CSULB.

Model United Nations (MUN)

From CSULB MUN Director Dr. Larry Martinez...



The CSULB Model UN Program is finishing out the 2016-17 academic year with a full roster of conferences, awards, and international academic and service engagement. CSULB Model UN delegates attended conferences at UC Santa Barbara, Portland, Singapore, UCLA, and at the UN Headquarters in New York City. In March, the CSULB campus itself was again the site for the 7th Long Beach Intercollegiate Model UN Conference with over 190 attending delegates. Of course, the 28 students in the POSC 378 Politics and Practice of the UN class will be central advocates for their countries at the 67th Model UN of the Far West Conference, taking place April 21-25 at the San Francisco Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel. Our well-prepared delegates are bringing home the awards too. At Singapore's Nanyang Technological University's MUN Conference in February, Club President Sarah Cobos won an award for her representation of Japan, while the entire CSULB club contingent at the National MUN at UN Headquarters in NYC received the much-prized "Distinguished Delegation" award for their representation of Andorra held at the prestigious setting of the "real" UN General Assembly. Next Fall, the club and class are looking forward to the International Court of Justice simulations at the Bonn International MUN and Hamburg MUN in Germany in late-November, early December.

From MUN Club President Sarah Cobos...



MUN President Sarah Cobos

Being a part of this organization, as a member last year and as an executive board member this year, has been one of the most rewarding, challenging and amazing experiences I have ever had. Model United Nations has not only enhanced my college experience but provided for academic, professional and personal growth. Through MUN I have been able to travel across the country and the world, competing at local and high stakes conferences such as Nationals MUN in New York, NTUMUN in Singapore and more. As much as I enjoy the research, debate and awards MUN participation can bring, the people I have met through our club and clubs around the world has been one of the most enriching experiences. I am forever grateful for everyone I have met and hope to see all of these brilliant and dedicated people making changes in the world. See you all at the "real" UN in a few years!

From MUN Club member Abihinath Naidu...

I am an international transfer student from Malaysia. I am a junior majoring in Political science and minoring in International economics. I joined MUN to learn more about world issues and travel. I have been in MUN since Fall 2016 and have taken part at IVC and Santa Barbara last year, as well as LBIMUN this year. I can't wait to do CSULB proud at the Model UN of the Far West conference coming up!

MUN Club member Devon Waegell...

Devon Waegell is a sophomore studying Kinesiology: Exercise Science. This is her second year in MUN. She has been to the UCSB conference where she received an award for Outstanding Delegate. She has co-chaired in the 2016 and 2017 LBIMUN and has also helped run the training conference at CSULB. Devon is interested in the global application of Kinesiology to combat obesity and other health related issues.



MUN delegates in Narita, Japan (from left): Andrew Castillou, Matthew Taylor, Lucas Jaspert, Marcus Gerstein, Andrea Castro, Sarah Cobos, Kendall Woirhaye, Darshan Patel



MUN delegates at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC (from left): June Yoo, Jose Urias, Darian Taban, Andrea Castro, Sapan Doshi, Sarah Cobos, and Sydney Morgan.

Moot Court

From CSULB Moot Court Director Dr. Lewis Ringel...

Building upon a fine rebuilding year that started in 2015-16, CSULB's moot court program had a terrific season in 2016-17. Season highlights include:

- CSULB competed in seven oral advocacy tournaments. CSULB mooters won three, finished second in one, and finished in the semi-finals of all seven.
- CSULB mooters finished second, sixth, and tenth in the nation in written advocacy.
- **Myles Chaney** had one of the most dominant seasons in CSULB history. He finished second in the nation in individual advocacy. Myles was teamed with Sarah Geesaman of Patrick Henry College in Virginia. They finished third in the nation in team advocacy, second in the Western Regional, and won the Southern Law School Invitational Moot Court Tournament. Myles, competing on his own, finished second in the CSULB Fall Classic.
- **Zsofia Slovak** and **Ali Piane** finished second in the nation in written advocacy.
- **Justin Adofina** and **Anna Sasaki** (*right*) won both the CSULB Fall Classic and the Upper Midwestern Regional.
- **Mindy Vo** and **Lilian Truong** finished fourth in the Windy City Regional, third in the Southern Law School Invitational Moot Court Tournament, and fourth at the CSULB Fall Classic. They finished sixth in the nation in written advocacy.



Upper Midwestern Champs, Justin Adofina and Anna Sasaki, at the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City, IA.



CSULB mooters and coaches (from left): Lewis Ringel (Coach), Sarah Geesaman, Myles Chaney, Judy Hails (Asst. Coach), Lilian Truong, Patrick Dyson (Asst. Coach), Mindy Vo, Anna Sasaki, and Justin Adofina.



CSULB competitors at the AMCA's National Championship at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, FL (from left): Justin Adofina, Mindy Vo, Myles Chaney, Lilian Truong, and Anna Sasaki.

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