

**GETTING POLITICAL—
GOING INTERNATIONAL**

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SPRING 2011 COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

INT 463I Capstone Seminar America and the World - An integrative capstone seminar which analyzes America's position in the world since WWII. Offered T, Th 10-11:15 am, Dr. Krutky

POL 303 Public Administration - examines the process of administration in the American public sector. Offered Th 6:15-8:45 pm, Dr. Sutton

POL 307 American Constitutional Law - an extensive survey of the development of the U.S. Constitution built around discussion of landmark supreme court cases. Offered M,W 1-2:15 pm, Dr. Palmer

POL 314I Comparative Foreign Relations - a study of foreign policy of various states with emphasis on major foreign powers. Offered M,W,F 9:20 - 10:10 pm, Dr. Morales-Ortiz

POL 327I Political Change in Asia - examines the past, present,

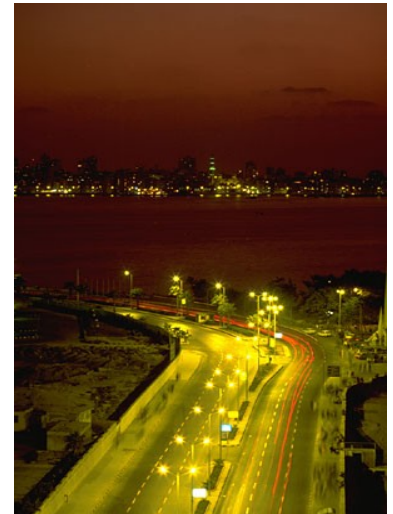
and future of East Asia in terms of pol., eco., social, and cultural change. Offered M,W 1-2:15 pm, Dr. Chae

POL 331 History of Political Philosophy II - ideas of select political philosophers from the 16th century to present, Offered T, Th 1-2:15, Dr. Mattern

greatly to not only the success of the team and the program, but for the team's upcoming tournaments. The team not only began competing against other schools across the nation starting January 16 and 17th, but also developing a reputation for sportsmanship, talent, and accountability. The Mock Trial Team would like to thank the Political Science Department for all of its support and assistance throughout the year!" -Scott Rosenau

Mock Trial Coach: Will Eadie
Captains: Scott Rosenau and Andrew Goss

Members: Brooke Hamilton, Morsheda Akhter, Kris Smeage, Jennifer Ostrowski, Astrid Tres, Samantha Mucha, and Khush Baig



Seniors: See page 2 for important information regarding graduation requirements

WELCOME DR. BARBARA PALMER!

Dr. Barbara Palmer is the new Associate Professor of Political Science at B-W. Dr. Palmer received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, a Masters in Political Science from Purdue University and completed her doctorate in Political Science at the University of Minnesota. Before coming to B-W she was living in the D.C. area where she was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at American University. Dr. Palmer is "so excited to finally be living in a state that mat-

ters politically and to be at a campus where the students are so engaged." Dr. Palmer will be teaching several courses including American National Government, Civil Liberties in the US, Gender and the Law, and Judicial Processes. In addition, she is the B-W pre-law advisor.

Dr. Palmer's research and knowledge of these fields are extensive and she has had many articles published on these subjects, including "The Roll Call Behavior of the

Men and Women of the U.S. House of Representatives" and "Low-Life-Sleazy-Big-Haired-Trailer-Park-Girl v. The President: Paula Jones Case and the Law of Sexual Harassment." In addition, Dr. Palmer has co-authored a book entitled *Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*, been interviewed by major media sources and participated in several community organizations such as "Running Start," an organization which helps get young women involved in politics.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT NEWS &

Department Facebook Page

The International Studies major has created a Facebook page for INT majors, minors, both alumni and undergraduate students. The goal of this site is to put current students, prospective students, and alumni in direct contact with one another to share experiences and network. Please support the website by logging on to Facebook, typing in the following link (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/B-W-International-Studies-Majors-and-Minors/142792739078046?ref=sgm>),

Graduation Requirements!

All students should periodically check their Program Evaluation on WebExpress to make sure they are on track to graduate with all of the necessary credits and course work for the Core and for their major and minor. Students planning on graduating this December or in 2011 should complete the 'Petition to Graduate' form from the Registrar's Office.

INT majors & minors should check with Professors Krutky or Morales-Ortiz with any questions about fulfilling the non-language requirements for this program. Language questions should be directed to Professor Marin, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature.

League of Women Voters Hosts Forum

On Thursday October 7th the League of Women Voters hosted a non-partisan candidate forum in B-W's Strosacker Hall Union Ballroom from 8:00-10:00 pm. All County Executive Candidates were invited to participate. The format included a brief statement by candidates and a question and answer session with the audience.

This election will be an important one since in November, 2009, Cuyahoga County

BW Students Present Research



Peter with Congressman Ron Paul

Peter Brasdovich, a senior Political Science and Sociology double major recently presented his critical analysis of the "End the Fed" movement to the

Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists. His paper won second place.

Dr. Judy Krutky & INT. major Carl Meyer presented their paper entitled "Understanding the Inter-relationship of the Global and Domestic Context on Managing 21st Century Asymmetric Conflict : Lessons from Iraq" at the Conflict Management Symposium which was sponsored by the United States Air Force. The Symposium took place on Sept. 23-25 at Johns Hopkins University & attendees included government officials, NGOs & military officials working in Iraq.

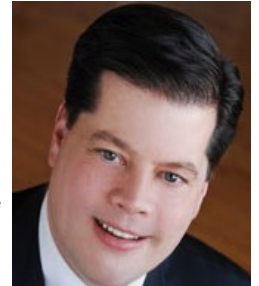
Professors Publishing

Professor Haesook Chae got her article, "South Korean Attitudes toward the ROK-U.S. Alliance: Group Analysis," published in the July 2010 issue of PS: Political Science & Politics. The article is based on her Fulbright research in South Korea.

Dr. Palmer and her co-author, Dr. Dennis Simon of Southern Methodist University, have received the Marian Irish Award for best paper in Women & Politics presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Judge Brendan J. Sheehan

has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Malicky Center,



Judge Brendan Sheehan is a graduate of the Cleveland Marshall School of Law and a licensed attorney. He has served as Chief Law Clerk at the United States District Court, been a practicing civil law attorney at Brown & Margolius, and served as bailiff at Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. During his time as Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor he was a member of the major trial unit, Director of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, - Chairman of the Legal Committee for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and has been an instructor for Fox Valley Technical College. He is currently serving his first term as Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Court Judge.

MAUREEN WALLACE'S SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON!

"Enrolling in the Washington Semester Program has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. Among the many options of programs offered, I chose American Politics. The professors are experts in their fields who have worked in Washington D.C. for the majority of their lives. Each professor chooses the guest speakers for the semester, which tend to be friends of theirs. So far in the program we have heard many high-ranking professionals, such as,



ranking professionals, such as, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, and Lissa Muscatine, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Chief Advisor and Speech Writer.

Part of the program requires an internship somewhere in Washington. I am interning at the office of Congresswoman Betty Sutton (OH-13). As an intern I draft constituent mail, answer phones, give tours of the Capitol and assist the legislative staff within the office. I have had so many incredible experiences so far and many more to come! I have met great friends from all over the U.S. and Europe. Being in this program has enhanced my attitude toward politics and has had a substantial influence on my future educational and professional plans."



- MAUREEN WALLACE

SAMANTHA ROBINSON'S STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE: JAPAN

Konnichiwa! Hello from Japan! My name is Samantha Robinson and I'm a fourth year student studying abroad at Kansai Gaidai University. My experience here has been really amazing, and I still have three-fourths of the adventure to go!

I live in a residence hall with nearly all international students so I've been making friends with people from all over the world, including my amazing roommate from Finland. Together we've visited temples, shrines, an aquarium, Universal Studios Japan (which was almost like visiting home for a brief second, minus all the shows being in Japanese), and countless amazing restaurants with foods ranging from ramen and sushi to takoyaki and okonomiyaki. I've also experience the Japanese favorites of purikura (photo shops) and karaoke, both of which are hilarious and such a good time!

Classes so far are very interesting. I've been learning about the sexuality, education, and justice systems in Japan while also *trying* to learn the language. To me, the language seems very difficult but it's fun when you finally get to the point where you can speak a few whole sentences with your speaking partners. My speaking partners by the way are amazing and have introduced me to many of their Japa-

amazing and have introduced me to many of their Japanese friends as well as helped me with critical matters like finding cough drops

labels.

I've also had some mishaps, like speaking the wrong Japanese phrase, or the time my purse was stolen, but true to the Japanese reputation the people continue to be friendly and the police found my purse.

In sum, it's been an incredible experience thus far, one that is teaching me so much about myself, the details and effectiveness of other countries and their various systems, what I appreciate about the U.S. and what I really hope to change, and at the same time it's also helping to better form and solidify my personal values. I highly recommend this experience for any political science major.



Sam Robinson (far right) exploring Japan with new friends





Want to make sure your voice is heard? Join the College Democrats or College Republicans!



Group Goals: The B-W College Democrat's mission is to develop all students on campus into an informed group of citizens, represent the Democratic party on the B-W campus, and register students to vote. The B-W College Republicans is an organization that welcomes conservative views and encourages students to take an interest in the world of politics and participate in the community, state and national republican campaigns and elections.

A Joint Effort: Both the Democrats and Republicans have noticed the need to make sure the voices of students are heard and to raise awareness about politics on campus. Lately, the organizations have worked on several joint initiatives designed to get B-W students and community members more involved in the political process. In honor of Constitution Day, the College Democrats and Republicans organized a voter registration drive where they registered over 100 students and handed out copies of the U.S. Constitution while spreading awareness about their organizations and recruiting new members. In addition, the groups planned a debate on campus on October 5th between Representative Matt Patten (Democrat) and Mike Dovilla (Republican) who are running for the 18th state district of

the Ohio House of Representatives (Representative Patten was unable to attend).

Beyond National Elections: Both organizations know that there are endless opportunities for political participation. In addition to work pertaining to elections both groups seeks to involve students through conferences, guest speakers, trips, participation in campus politics, and other events throughout the year. For example, the College Republicans will be hosting a Townhall Meeting with Peter Corrigan for U.S. Congress in Sandstone 3 on October 13, 2010 at 6:30pm and on September 2nd the College Democrats hosted Matt Patten, Ed Fitzgerald, and several other local government candidates.

Want to know more about the College Democrats or College Republicans? contact Bob McClure - President of College Democrats at rmcclure09@mail.bw.edu or Nate Ploskonka - President of College Republicans at nploskon@mail.bw.edu

Have something you want included in the next newsletter? Contact Lauren Orrico at lorryco@mail.bw.edu.

Look for it in upcoming

issues!! More Alum updates: find out who's working where, how they got there, and what they did in college to prepare themselves. Unique way to familiarize yourself with the career options that are out there and get advice from people who were just like

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"The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." -Plato

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- Language and Culture Connections in Spanish (LAS 155), French (LAS 156) and German (LAS 157) are courses that allow you to explore the roles language and culture play in the explorations of enduring questions and contemporary issues discussed in LAS 200.
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- Can be taken concurrently or after taking LAS 200

You do not have to be fluent in the language, just interested in using it.

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