

## Study Abroad & Internships

The Political Science faculty strongly encourages students to take advantage of study abroad and internship programs. Overseas, there are excellent programs in Prague and Budapest, among others. The Provost offers a scholarship to study abroad for which students can compete. Domestically, the Political Science Department has had great success sending our students to The Washington Center for an internship semester. Additionally the Community Fellows Program, sponsored by the Center for Career Development, is a great opportunity for students to intern in the non-profit sector.



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## Message from the Chair: Traci Levy

At the university, May is for goodbye and September is for hello. Political science professors remember our bittersweet goodbyes to last year's graduating seniors, but are excited to learn about their lives after Adelphi. (See page 9 for the "Alumni Update.") We are also delighted to welcome new students into the program and to welcome back our returning students. The faculty that greets you is very engaged in the work of the university and diverse scholarly pursuits. (See page 8 for "Faculty News.") Together, we look forward to a semester of enriching classes, lively debates, and friendly conversations

around campus.

With the presidential election this fall, it's a particularly exciting time to be a political science major. There are many fabulous events taking place on and around campus. We strongly encourage students to get involved and make the most of these opportunities. (The "Political Science Lecture List," for example, can be found on page 11.)

We encourage our students to pursue internships—particularly after their freshman year. They help expand horizons, take learning outside of the classroom, and build a strong résumé. Sign

up for the internship listing through Adelphi's Center for Career Development, check the websites of politicians or groups for which you would like to intern, and stop by the department to let us know if you are actively searching for an internship. Ask us about a semester at The Washington Center. It pays to think ahead, as many of the more selective internships are filled months before they begin. (If you want to take an internship for academic credit, you must stop by the department well before the internship begins to discuss university requirements and fill out the necessary paperwork in a timely manner.)

## Advising

Students **MUST** see their advisor for registration. Students should not register without their advisor's approval or they run the risk of not graduating on time, as curriculum offerings are subject to change and requirements must be met!

If you are unsure which faculty member is your advisor, please see the administrative assistant Mrs. Dawn Marie Kelleher in the political science office, Blodgett 202. Faculty members will be posting hours for students to

schedule advising appointments. Please come to your appointment prepared by submitting your proposed schedule to C.L.A.S.S. *before your meeting.*

To avoid any scheduling conflict STEP students may need to take the capstone seminar in the spring of their junior year. All STEP students should consult with Professor Levy, 516-877-4595.

Also, students interested in the Washington Internship

for senior year usually take the required Public Policy Seminar (POL 429). This year students who would like to attend the Washington D.C. internship should take POL 439 in the Spring.

Ancient & Medieval Political Theory in the Western World (POL 240) and Modern Political Theory in the Western World (POL 241) will not be offered during the Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 semesters. One (or both) will be offered during the following academic year.

# Commencement Collage



“Set out each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt that you were made for great things.” ~ Josh Hinds

## Pi Sigma Alpha



Pi Sigma Alpha is the national Political Science Honor Society, with over 700 chapters at most leading colleges and universities in the United States. The qualifications for membership at Adelphi's chapter include: 1) at least four courses (including one course at the 300-level) in political science with a "B-" or better in each, 2) Overall political science GPA of 3.5 or higher, and 3) Overall university GPA of at least 3.0. It is not necessary to be a political science major to join. Students who are eligible for induction will receive an invitation to join in February.

New Pi Sigma Alpha members will be inducted at the senior dinner, attended by the faculty, graduating seniors, and their families. Membership makes one eligible to compete for lucrative national Pi Sigma Alpha competitions and awards—including best senior thesis and Washington D.C. internship stipends. Additionally, joining accentuates academic achievement and organizational involvement, qualities that are of interest to many employers and graduate schools.

Continuing Members of Pi Sigma Alpha include:

Solomon Abramov, Joseph Bruno, Philip DiSanto, Pedro Hipolito-Albarra, Ptahra Jeppe, Joanne Joseph, Kim Kodis John Miller, Kristen Morrow, Thomas Nocera, Aleksandra Pinkhasova, James Stavola, and Elizabeth Taras.



## Student Honors, Awards and Scholarships



**Joseph Bruno** won the Robert J. Johnson Prize for Best Political Science Paper.

**Suzie Natu Kure** won the Hugh A. Wilson Award for Social and Economic Justice.

**Philip DiSanto, John Miller, & Kristen Morrow** won the W. Grafton Nealley Award for Excellence in Political Science

**Mahnour Misbah**, Community Fellows Intern of the Year.

**Alexa Savino & Brandon Wall**, both Honorable Mentions for Adelphi's Outstanding First Year Student Award.

### Adelphi's 2012 Research Day Conference

**Joseph Bruno**, Best Oral Presentation, Social Sciences, "Intellectual Property, U.S. Patent Law and Gene Patents: Utilitarian Justifications and the Divided Libertarian Position."

**John Campana**, Best Poster, Arts & Humanities, Feminism, Gender Bias and Pay Grade at Adelphi University."

**Philip DiSanto**, Honorable Mention, Oral Presentation, Arts & Humanities, "Invoking the Responsibility to Protect in Libya."

## Congratulations to the following Political Science Majors who were sworn in to their Student Government positions.

### Student Government Association

Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences: **Christopher Ladka**

S.G.A. Executive Treasurer : **Michael Manzo**

S.G.A. Chief Justice: **Catherine Rudell**

Sophomore Class Secretary: **Anastasiya Martinova**

Residence Hall Senator: **Gabriella Ali-Marino** (Earle Hall)

# Student Conference Highlights



## The International Conference on Cultural Diplomacy & the UN

New York, NY & Washington, DC, February 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

(The UN & the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria)

*Phil DiSanto '12*

“What is cultural diplomacy?” asked Mark Donfried, Founder and Director of Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD), as we kicked off the first day of our conference in a small meeting room of the United Nations. It seemed like a simple enough question to pose to an audience that had surely done its homework – an impressive mix of scholars, PhD candidates, professional diplomats, and students. Mr. Donfried scanned the room for a few moments, eagerly anticipating responses, and yet not a single participant at the *International Conference on Cultural Diplomacy & the UN* volunteered to answer.

However, it's not altogether very surprising that Mr. Donfried was met with silence by his audience, as the term cultural diplomacy is rather new and exists primarily within the realm of the ICD itself. In simplest terms, the ICD defines cultural diplomacy as “the initiation or facilitation of the exchange of ideas, values, traditions and other aspects of culture or identity, whether they promote national interests, build relationships or enhance socio-cultural understanding.” The term has been used primarily to refer to informal “ambassadors” who foster mutual understanding through dialogue and cultural exchange. In theory, the practice of cultural diplomacy by these informal ambassadors is intended to bring about an ultimate goal of “Global Peace & Stability.”

In many ways, the *International Conference on Cultural Diplomacy & the UN* felt like the practice in microcosm of what ICD has termed cultural diplomacy. Over the course of those four days, we interacted with individuals from every corner of the globe: I shared bratwurst and pretzels with my newfound German friends, discussed the implications of European “smart defense” with an Italian student, and sat on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at night with a young man from Kabul, Afghanistan. Nearly four months after the conference, I still maintain contact with these individuals and occasionally check in to get their perspective on current events or life in general.

However, due to the very controlled and enjoyable environment of the conference, it was too easy to overlook the seriousness of the controversial topics at hand, and the potentially negative aspects of the cultural diplomacy presented. Tensions began running high towards the end of the second day when, in response to a particular speaker, a number of participants expressed concerns regarding the boundary between cultural diplomacy and cultural exceptionalism. The heated discussion directly questioned the idea of cultural diplomacy on the grounds that a “mutual exchange” can quickly result in the imposition of one culture over another—a dynamic which would surely be ill received by many of the post-colonial states in the developing world. Numerous participants also criticized the idea of cultural diplomacy as an attempt to diminish the importance of the diplomatic profession—after all, can soft power really be exercised by “unofficial ambassadors” of a particular culture?

Despite the occasional tension and heated debates within our small conference rooms, the *International Conference on Cultural Diplomacy & the UN* was a deeply enriching experience. Intentionally or not, the ICD helped this skeptic come to appreciate cultural diplomacy as an interesting and promising field for further study. And while I may still yet be a considerable distance from believing in cultural diplomacy as a legitimate exercise of soft power, I must admit that there will always be something special about the direct exchange of ideas with individuals from an entirely different culture. For the time being, I will just continue to use the phrase “broadening my perspective” as opposed to “practicing cultural diplomacy.”

## Student Conference Highlights



### **The Friendship Ambassador's 11th Youth Assembly at the UN**

The United Nations, New York, August 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

*Mahnor Misbah '14*

This summer I was engaged in global politics. I had the incredible opportunity to meet young people from around the globe, listen to charismatic speakers discuss crucial global issues, and learn about countries of which I knew little. I participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Assembly at the United Nations, a three-day-long leadership event hosted in the U.N. Headquarters in New York City. The event focused on youth, and their efforts to achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.

The second I arrived at the UN and saw the large crowds of youth from different countries, I knew this event would be eye-opening.

My first day started with general introductions, followed by an address by Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN. His inspiring speech, which urged youth to be proactive and search for innovative solutions to our current problems—immediately set the tone: something was expected of

us. He gave us advice, arguing that an "I can do" mindset was a powerful tool for change. I was now primed to learn from the speakers and of course the other youth, about what I could do.

Following the ambassador's speech, we heard from other charismatic speakers. One of my favorites was Sam Vaghar, a 25-year-old Executive Director of the Millennium Campus Network, a non-profit with university student members whose aim is to eradicate poverty. Knowing that someone just a little older than me had made such a big impact on the world was awe-inspiring. Being exposed to such brilliant minds was definitely a great way to start the event.

Throughout the course of the event, I had the chance to visit the Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations and talk to Ambassador Gréta Gunnarsdóttir. I heard firsthand about what it is like to be an Ambassador to the United Nations. I learned that Iceland is actively involved in remedying issues such as marine pollution and climate change. The ambassador was passionate about the role of her country in creating positive environmental change.

At the Youth Assembly, one of the most important things I learned is that people are taking action towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. NGOs are playing a significant role, sustainable development solutions are being created, and countries like Bangladesh are accomplishing goals such as reducing child mortality. It is often easy to be discouraged by what seems to be a lack of progress, reflected in daily news stories; however, I learned that we are moving in a positive direction, albeit slowly. I am now inspired to take action on my own in any way that I can to take part in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, just like other youth are throughout the world.

### **The Friendship Ambassador's 11th Youth Assembly at the UN**

The United Nations, New York, August 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

*Cristobal Zarco '13*

This summer I was privileged to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations. The event brought young people from around the world for three days to listen to experts discuss how to advance the UN's 8 Millennium Development Goals. The state of the environment, technological innovation, and youth involvement in service projects were also on the agenda.

Most memorable was sitting inside the United Nations General Assembly for the opening ceremony. The audience was treated to addresses by UN Ambassadors from Bangladesh, Romania, and Kenya, each describing the unique challenges facing their nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The diverse ambassadors hit upon a number of similar themes. They emphasized the fragile state of the environment, the increasing interconnectedness of the world through technology and globalization, and the importance of youth using these technologies to work towards the UN's Millennium Development Goals. The speech from the Bangladeshi ambassador was particularly inspiring as he described the immense challenges facing his country including poverty, malnutrition, and natural disasters, as well as the progress made through education and



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## Student Conference Highlights, Continued

*Continuation of report by Cristobal Zarco '13*

economic development. Shortly afterward, groups were formed to visit the UN Missions of more than 30 member states. My group toured Angola's permanent mission and had a brief meeting with the mission's Undersecretary, which was a unique opportunity to see up close how diplomats live and work in New York City. Though relatively brief, it was an eye-opening look into how smaller, developing countries do have a voice in the UN.

The Youth Assembly also featured speakers on business and social entrepreneurship. The keynote speaker was Laurence Kemball-Cook, a British entrepreneur and inventor. Kemball-Cook had engineered an ingenious way of generating electricity from just stepping on a square panel. The system, called Pavegen, was adopted at the London Olympics and hailed for generating sustainable energy. Other speakers offered career development advice and personal stories about how they worked with corporations, governments, or non-governmental organizations towards the UN's development goals.

The most enjoyable part of the Youth Assembly was simply meeting other young people from all over the world. I met students from South Korea, China, Ghana, Uruguay, India, Russia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, and Nepal, reminding me of the importance of sharing global initiatives among all countries.

## Internships



### **The Washington Center Internship**

**The Potomac Advocates, Washington, DC, Fall 2012**

*Patricia Guilliano '13*

My experience thus far in Washington DC is amazing. I have been able to go to hearings such as the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Intelligence Committee. There I gained immense knowledge concerning the effects sequestration will have on the armed services and the negative effects suspected Chinese espionage has had on American businesses and our economy as a whole. Being in DC, you are able to network more than you would be able to anywhere else. So far I have been able to meet the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and a Section Chief of the FBI. Since my dream job is to be an FBI agent, I have taken steps to set up an informational interview. Through my job at Potomac Advocates; a defense consulting firm, I have had great opportunities to learn more about national security and policy by working with Homeland Security, Department of Defense, branches of the military and defense corporations such as General Dynamics. Working in DC as an intern was one of the best decisions I have made. I had plans for what I was going to do after I graduate in May, but being here and meeting individuals in positions I wish to be one day has defined my plans even more. I have been able to meet many military personnel and I have decided that either the Navy or the Air Force is the direction I wish to pursue. This city is a beautiful place, full of opportunities. All you have to do is take that leap and put yourself out there. I am so happy I decided to come down here for my fall semester. I can already see how this experience is shaping my career in such a magnificent way. I strongly encourage anyone debating whether or not they want to have an internship in Washington DC to take it. As long as you're willing to work hard, this opportunity will open up many doors for you to reach your career goals, like it has for me.

## Internships, Continued

### Global Kids via the Community Fellows Program

New York, NY, Summer, 2012

*Mahnoor Misbah '14*

This summer I had the privilege of working at Global Kids, a nonprofit organization based in New York, which strives to educate and empower urban youth. I interned for their Online Leadership Program, which uses technology to facilitate education and teach youth 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Through my internship I got the chance to travel all around the five boroughs and work with motivated middle school and high school students from inner-city neighborhoods. I assisted the Online Leadership staff with the various programs they conducted to educate Global Kids youth, and even had the opportunity to facilitate some workshops myself. It was incredible to work with the phenomenal Global Kids staff everyday and of course with the wonderful young people who constantly inspired me. I learned so much, made great connections, and built lifelong friendships.



### Nassau County Intern Program Edward P. Mangano, County Executive

Nassau County, NY, Summer, 2012

*Heena Arora '13*

At the end of last semester, I casually walked into the Political Science Department not knowing at that moment I would be given an opportunity that would change my summer. I was told it was the last day to apply for an internship with the Nassau County Executive offices. I attained the position and had a fascinating experience. I had a choice of placement and chose the Probation department, where I was given tasks to do warrant and DMV checks on individuals that were on Probationary status. I also attended weekend Family Court for a hands-on experience of how local offender cases are processed through the state government legal system. In addition to my work, I attended weekly seminars given by prestigious members of our society. A memorable seminar for me was by the Commissioner of Health, Lawrence E. Eisenstein, who shared his career path with us. He said, "One must not always worry about what's in our pocket, but what we can do for humanity." This idea has stuck with me ever since and I'm constantly reminding myself that we must not care about how much money our next job will make us, but what change we can provide for our community and society. This internship and the seminars attended complemented my political science courses by offering experience and insight that has helped to broaden my perspective about the careers in law open to me and the role I can play as a change agent.

## Congratulations Community Fellows Intern of the Year

### Mahnoor Misbah, '14

Mahnoor was honored at the annual Community Fellows breakfast in September. Along with the distinction of Intern of the Year, she was awarded an Apple iPad.

*Pictured from left: Johnathan Ivanoff (Director of Internships), Mahnoor Misbah (recipient), Esther Goodcuff (Associate Vice President, Student Affairs), Thomas J. Ward (Executive Director, Center for Career Development), Gayle Insler (Provost, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs).*



## Faculty News

**Professor Regina S. Axelrod** has been asked by the publisher of *Global Environment: Law, Institutions and Policy*, to revise and update the book for a 4th edition publication.

**Professor Margaret Gray** has a new article out on food politics, co-authored with Antoinette Pole: "Farming Alone: What's Up With the C in CSA?" in the journal *Agriculture and Human Values*. She is a new member of the Frances Perkins Forum Advisory Board, which is working to raise awareness about labor and workers on campus and in New York's schools. Professor Gray is feeling some new student energy around the presidential campaign and eager to discuss politics with students inside and outside of class.

**Professor Celeste Kaufman** was the distinguished lecturer for Constitution Day on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 here at Adelphi University. The topic was "Arizona v. United States: Who won, who lost, or was it a draw?"

**Professor Katie Laatikainen** attended the International Studies Association conference in San Diego April 1-4, 2012 where she chaired a panel on EU performance in International Institutions and presented on a panel on a Core Curriculum in International Studies. On June 17, 2012, she presented a lecture at the London School of Economics on the EU, US and International Institutions after the Lisbon Treaty. She presented a new paper on "Group Politics at the United Nations: Conceptual Considerations" at the British International Studies Association meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland 20-22 June 2012. This paper is part of a new research project examining the politics of multilateralism. In August, Professor Laatikainen was among a group of UN experts consulted by *Foreign Policy* on the status of the UN. In September 2012, Professor Laatikainen presented her forthcoming Handbook chapter at the European Consortium for Political Research conference in Tampere, Finland, where she also chaired a panel on EU Performance in International Organizations. Her co-edited 33 chapter handbook, *The European Union and International Institutions: Performance, Policy, Power* will appear in print in December 2012. She also contributed a chapter, "EU Multilateralism in a Multipolar World" and co-authored the Introduction to the Hand-

book. She served as an external expert project reviewer for the US Institute for Peace and a manuscript reviewer for *Palgrave* and the journal *Cooperation and Conflict* in the last year.

**Professor Traci Levy** is serving as Interim Chairperson of the Political Science Department, Director of the Gender Studies minor, and the department's representative to the Faculty Senate. She also continues to serve on the Collaboration Project and the LGBTQ & Allies Faculty Committee. This summer, she researched and wrote a chapter, "Supporting Relationships of Intimacy and Care: How Function Should Guide Form When Defining Families," which will appear in a forthcoming edited volume on the politics of care. This semester, in addition to her regular teaching responsibilities, Prof. Levy will co-teach two sessions of CSI's "Social Justice Training Program" that focus on gender.

**Professor Tina Mavrikos-Adamou** attended the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, February 17-19, 2012 Washington DC, where she presented a paper entitled "Conflict Resolution in an Era of Interstate/Civil Conflicts" in the track entitled Conflict and Conflict Resolution. She also attended the International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 1-4, 2012 San Diego, California, where she chaired a panel entitled Challenges of Post-Communist Post-Conflict Societies and presented a paper entitled "Post-Communist, Post-Conflict Societies: The Case of Bosnia-Herzegovina." Professor Mavrikos-Adamou attended the Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, April 19-21, 2012 Columbia University, NY, presenting a paper entitled "Political Challenges facing Post-Communist, Post-Conflict Societies: Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo." The panel was entitled Bosnia and Herzegovina 20 Years After independence: Perspectives on Governance, Economics and Social Progress. Her paper will be included in a volume (forthcoming 2013, Ashgate Series on South Eastern Europe) commemorating 20 years after the conflict. Professor Tina Mavrikos-Adamou published a research essay in *Global Policy Journal*, entitled "The Thorny Issues Surrounding International Inter-

vention," April 2012.

**Professor Lawrence R. Sullivan:** This past June, Professor Sullivan's book entitled *Leadership and Authority in China: 1895-1976* was published by Lexington Books, a division of Rowman & Littlefield, and was praised by an outside reviewer as "a tour de force." Also published was Professor Sullivan's authored work entitled *Historical Dictionary of the Chinese Communist Party* by Scarecrow Press, another division of Rowman & Littlefield. Both books are on display in the current "Authors and Artists Exhibit" held in the foyer of Swirbul Library. Professor Sullivan also served as a consulting editor on two major works, *Historical Dictionary of Chinese Intelligence* (Scarecrow Press) by I.C. Smith and Nigel West and *My China Legacy: Memoirs of China in Crisis* by Audrey Ronning Topping, forthcoming from Louisiana State University Press. His current work is preparing a two-volume study entitled *Science and Technology in Modern China* that is under contract for publication also with Scarecrow Press. Finally, voted to the rank of Full Professor in Spring 2012 by the Board of Trustees of Adelphi University, Professor Sullivan thanks students who provided the University with input to this process.

**Professor Emeritus Hugh A. Wilson** presented the following papers at conferences last spring: "The Constitutional Origins of National Governmental Intervention in the American Economy" at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association in Portsmouth, N.H., April 26-28, 2012, and "The Framers, the Constitution and the Origins of American Political Economy" at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Staten Island, N.Y., April 20-21, 2012. He also published an article, "Laissez-Faire Is Whack," in the Huffington Press, October 2, 2012. Professor Wilson was a panel discussant along with panel chair Robert Scott, AU President, Lori Duggan Gold, AU Vice President for Communications, Dr. Richard Dina, a non-profit executive and Rick Hinshaw, Editor of The Long Island Catholic. The Telecare show on "Responsible Citizenship," was recorded on October 3, 2012.



## Political Science Alumni: Where Are They Now?

If you would like to appear in future Newsletters, please keep in touch. Our contact information is on the web or E-mail: [Levy@adelphi.edu](mailto:Levy@adelphi.edu). We love hearing from our Alumni!

**Joseph Conte (2009)** is working for NationBuilder in Los Angeles where he heads their Small Business division. NationBuilder is a community organizing software that is creating a new generation of leaders around the world.

**Robert Danziger (2009)** just got his Masters in Political Science from LIU Post this past May. If you know anyone who is hiring, he would love to meet them!

**Maegan DelGiudice Roseto (2008)** graduated from Touro Law last May and passed the NYS July bar. She is currently pending admission as she awaits her character and fitness interview. She is working at the Garden City Group as a consultant. Maegan married her high school sweetheart in July and they currently live on Long Island with their 2 pugs.

**Phil DiSanto (2012)** is in his first year at Columbia Law School.

**David Fuller (2006)** is currently working for Astonish Media Group, a public relations and creative media firm, as Vice President of Development and Government Affairs. He has worked seven years in campaign politics and represented clients on both sides of the aisle. He is nearing the end of his Masters of Arts in Communications at Fairfield University. David serves on the Stratford Housing Authority, Board of Education long-range planning committee and the Shakespeare Festival Theater Community Taskforce. He is also currently active in the Stratford Republican Town Committee. He is happily living with his best friend of 17 years and significant other, Amanda, for the past two years.

**Hillary Frisbie (2006)** received her Masters in Arts and Cultural Management in May 2012 and is now in the process of completing her Masters of Science in Facility Management at Pratt Institute. She previously worked at Pratt as a technical director and facility manager of their theatre. Currently she works as a production associate at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts working with programming to bring the arts to underserved communities. Hillary is also a freelance facility and operations consultant for non-profit organizations helping execute strategic and master plans.

**Christian Fundo (2007)** has entered his second year as an Corporate and Securities associate at Dechert LLP. His practice is mostly focused on Leveraged Finance and Mergers and Acquisition. Christian also participates in the law firm's pro bono program and most recently helped a hearing-impaired, gay man from Jamaica apply for asylum. On September 23, 2012, Christian will marry his

soulmate, Ariona Cerma. The wedding ceremony will be in Albania.

**Joanne Joseph (2012)** has begun her first year at Cornell Law School. In between reading twenty pound casebooks, briefing cases, and preparing for the Socratic method, Joanne has embarked on her first pro bono commitment: aiding in the implementation of the DREAM Act.

**Antoniya Kaneva (2008)** is currently a third year law student at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where she has been nominated as a Cardozo Scholar (an award which translates into a full tuition scholarship). Last semester she did a full-time judicial internship in the chambers of Judge Deborah Batts in the Southern District of New York. This past May she started an internship at the law offices of Newman Ferrara LLP (a prominent real estate law firm) and has been invited to stay with the firm for the academic year. Other than that, she is trying to make the most of her last year in law school and is looking forward to graduation!

**Jenna Melo (2009)** moved to Washington DC and received her Master's Degree in Applied Politics from American University in 2011. She currently works at a polling firm in Georgetown. After the election she plans on moving to Houston, TX and pursuing a certificate in Paralegal studies.

**John Miller (2012)** is currently in his first year at Harvard Law School, where he is working towards a JD for the next three years. In the summer before starting law school, he worked in the New York Hotel Trades Council law office as an intern, assisting with research, copy editing, and grievance argument writing.

**Anthony Rotundo (2008)** is currently entering his 5th year teaching at Palisades Park Jr/Sr High School. In 2011 he graduated from St. Peter's College (now St. Peter's University) with a Masters in Educational Leadership and married Bernadette Marcelo. Over the 2012 summer, Anthony re-wrote the curriculum for 22 different Social Studies classes to match the new New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards and became a certified Fire Fighter in the state of New Jersey. This year, Anthony looks forward to 1) increasing Palisades Park standings in the Academic Decathlon Competition in February, 2) supervising more creative fund raisers for the Class of 2014, and 3) getting every one of his AP Psychology students to pass with a 3 or higher in May.

**Kerri Ann Souto (2010)** is the Deputy Finance Director for Congressman Tim Bishop's campaign for re-election in New York's first congressional district. Her rolls include assisting the Finance Director with fundraising, event planning, and management of the campaign's budget.

**Nick Tomasso (2011)** is pursuing a Master's degree in Secondary Social Studies Education from Adelphi's Ruth S Ammon School of Education. Working towards this goal, he is currently student

teaching at Hempstead Senior High School.

**Adaee Udoji (2008)** has been admitted to the New York and New Jersey state bars and is licensed to practice in both states. Currently, Adaee is an Attorney Investigator with the New Jersey Attorney General's Office in the Securities Bureau. Outside of work, Adaee remains involved with the Black Asian Latino Law Students Alumni Association of her law school (Benjamin N. Cardozo) and volunteers for the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance.

**Ugo Ugeh (2006)** graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 2010. In 2011, he got admitted to practice law in New York. He is currently employed as an associate attorney at Michael Musa Obregon & Associates, in Maspeth, NY. His primary practice areas at the firm are Immigration, Criminal and Family law. When he is not working, Ugo plays soccer and touch football at an amateur league in Brooklyn. Ugo currently resides in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

**Martin Vladimirov (2011)** began his M.A. degree at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. Currently, he is enrolled in the joint degree program with Johns Hopkins University studying at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies center at Bologna. Martin has also begun working as an economic and political analyst for Central European Market Watch, where he covers the countries from the South Caucasus. In addition, he works on multiple articles and papers with Justin Dargin from the Harvard Kennedy School. He recently coauthored an article for the Petroleum Economist on energy intensity in the Middle East and became an affiliate expert at the European Geopolitical Forum in Brussels in May. Along with some friends he co-founded a think-tank in Bulgaria where they are publishing regularly for Bulgarian print and electronic media. Martin will be the teaching assistant for Theories of International Relations at SAIS.

**Thomas J. Ward, Jr. (1993)** proudly serves as Executive Director of Adelphi University's Center for Career Development. Under Tom's leadership, the Adelphi Community Fellows Program, a highly competitive summer paid internship for students interested in working in the non-profit sector, has blossomed to include 63 students. Tom was recognized as a "Friend of Education" by the Massapequa Federation of Teachers. He volunteers his time and expertise to the Massapequa Career Development Partnership. He also serves as a volunteer youth baseball and basketball coach. Tom lives in Massapequa, NY with his wife Janet (1992), daughter Emma, and son Tommy.

**Frances Woodard (2006)** interned at Counterpart International, the US Senate, and the Vincent Gray Mayoral Campaign since graduating from Adelphi. She is currently enrolled in George Mason University's Master's Program for the School of Public Policy, where she will focus on National Security. Frances is also working at NCC Media as a Political Sales Coordinator until the November elections.

## Student Survey Political Science Majors were asked:

“What was the most pivotal moment for you in this presidential election, and why?”

The following responses were obtained by political science majors:  
Alexa Savino & Mahnoor Misbah

**Cristobal Zarco** (senior) “I believe the most pivotal moment of the 2012 campaign so far was when Mitt Romney made his comment about the 47% of Americans who don't pay income tax. The statement validated many negative stereotypes about him and is likely to be exploited over and over again by his opponents. If there was any one moment that might have decided the election, I think it was that one.”

**Alexa Savino** (sophomore) “Following the Colorado movie theater massacre, both candidates' remarkable silence on the nation's gun issue was, for me, a pivotal moment. The tragedy functioned as a pause on the election, giving Obama and Romney the opportunity to temporarily divorce themselves from the obligation of maintaining a political persona and allowing us to see how they might behave under real-life threats to domestic safety. As suggested by Mayor Bloomberg, their passivity when dealing with this issue epitomized the way political strategizing often translates to moral negligence when push comes to shove. The event forced me to challenge my adamant support of Romney, confirmed my criticisms of Obama, and made being an 'Independent' look slightly more appealing.”

**Michael Khayan** (sophomore) “Mitt Romney's refusal to release his tax returns prior to 2010 forces voters to take a leap of blind faith for the Republican candidate. In 2002 Romney made a similar request to Massachusetts voters in regards to whether he had filed taxes within the state instead of another state he resided in, Utah. Romney's claim back then turned out to be false; he had filed taxes in Utah because of lower taxing rates. Even though Romney is sometimes unfairly targeted by the U.S. media, this issue is far from an off the cuff blunder (like the ones that are

sometimes unfairly focused on) especially considering Romney's history with taxes.”

**Mahnoor Misbah** (junior) “For me, the most pivotal moment in the 2012 elections thus far has been the Democratic National Convention. Hearing the inspiring speeches made by Bill Clinton and Michelle and Barack Obama restored my confidence in the Democratic party. It came at a perfect time since I was starting to feel very disillusioned by our political parties in general. The DNC revived my interest in the elections and made me want to get involved again.”

**Meaghan Wood** (sophomore) “The biggest moment in this election for me happened way before Romney was even chosen as the Republican Nominee. It happened when Osama Bin Laden was announced dead. The first thing I said was 'This is going to boost Obama's popularity sky high and possibly secure the next election.' I still believe it was his single greatest, or at least most celebrated, move and has highly affected his legitimacy as a president in his first term and will possibly roll over to his next term if elected.”

**Lamartine Pierre Jr.** (junior) “The most pivotal moments for me were the National Conventions because they gave me an added perspective on the values of both parties. They also rejuvenated my enthusiasm for the political process.”

**Jaimie Fitzgerald** (junior) “For me, one of the most pivotal moments in the election was when Obama finally managed to raise more money than Romney because it restored faith in Obama's grassroots strategy. It also helped eliminate the notion that the President was losing his touch.”

**Vincent Abbate** (senior) “To me, the most pivotal moment in the election so far was after the DNC and RNC. I got to hear from both parties about what they envision for America going forward. I got to hear directly from Obama and Romney about what they want to do if they win the election. However, I think the



presidential debates will be important to shape public opinion moving forward.”

**Sebastian Souchet** (freshman) “In my opinion, there has been no pivotal moment defining the candidates or the character of the election. While I understand that the 2012 presidential election, as well as every other presidential election, is of great importance for a myriad of reasons, I see no candidate making, or attempting to make, bold, characterizing statements and plans for the future of the nation. Instead, what I do see (and of course expect) is the same rhetoric and talking points always produced by both the Democrats and the Republicans. It seems that once again a presidential election will pass without any real ideas and policies for key issues such as campaign finance reform, poverty, the budget deficit and national debt, education, science and technology, and of course, the economy.”

**Jennifer Lin** (sophomore) “The most pivotal moment for me in this presidential election was when one of the contenders in the Senate race in Missouri, Republican House Rep Todd Akin, made his now infamous "legitimate rape" comments. He basically argued against abortion by claiming that women who were raped had the ability to 'shut down' their bodies from pregnancy. This was important to me because, while I do not agree with all of President Obama's policies, and while I wish that he were to take a harder stance on a variety of issues, I realized that I support the modern Democratic party because they respect women. Women should have full autonomy over their bodies and until the Republicans can produce a candidate that is able to show that women should be equal to men (politically, socially, and economically), I will be voting blue no matter how many world leaders Vice President Biden accidentally offends.”

# POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURES

## FALL 2012

(Political Science Majors must attend at least one)

### Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Constitution Day 2012

"Arizona v US: Who won, who lost, or was it a draw?"

Presented by Professor Celeste Kaufman, J.D.

University Center, Room 313, 1-2:15PM

### Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

"Economics, Politics, Energy and the Future"

Dr. Donald J. Puchala

Campbell Lounge,

Center for Recreation & Sports, 1-2:15PM

### Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

"Bob Roberts"

Mockumentary about corrupt folksinger who runs  
for U.S. Senate

AUPAC's "BIG" screen in the Concert Hall, 7:00PM

Free, Reservations Suggested

[aupac.adelphi.edu/upcoming-performances/film/](http://aupac.adelphi.edu/upcoming-performances/film/)

### Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

"Fatal Inventions: The New Biopolitics of Race"

Dorothy E. Roberts, J.D.

Thomas Dixon Lovely Ballroom, Ruth S. Harley

University Center, 7:00PM

### Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

"Peace and Equality-

Absolutely Essential for a Better World"

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury

Former Under-Secretary General and

High Representative of the United Nations

Thomas Dixon Lovely Ballroom, Ruth S. Harley

University Center, 12:30PM

### Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Trans 101 Workshop

LIGALY presents workshop on the "T" in LGBT

Ruth S. Harley, University Center 213, 1:00PM

### Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

"Hard Times: Lost on Long Island"

The story of long-term unemployed and the dramatic  
changes in the US economy squeezing working people  
right here on Long Island

AUPAC Concert Hall, 6:00PM



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### State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli visits adjunct faculty member Michael Balboni's course, "US Parties and Elections," on Wednesday, September 12th.

(Pictured from left: Elise Helmers, Mahnoor Misbah, Sadie Dossett, Zoe Boris, Professor Michael Balboni, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Gabriel Hardy, David Peterson, Marie Bras, Lamartine Pierre, Jaimie Fitzgerald, Linda Naumann, Vincent Abatte, a visiting student from Hofstra University & Catherine Ireland)



### U.S. Parties and Elections

Fall 2012  
*Gabriel Hardy '14*

As a transfer student I am so glad to have chosen Adelphi University and this evening was a good illustration of how right my choice was. Having such opportunities to listen to people as successful as State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli is not only inspiring, but also allows us to get a feeling of what the political world looks like from the inside. His firsthand accounts of being at Democratic National Conventions, political rallies, and even the White House allowed gave us a view of politics which only his experiences could convey. There are certainly things we cannot learn by reading a book; this is why the quality of the teachers like Professor Balboni, as well as the quality of the people he can bring to the class, such as the State Comptroller, definitely make a difference in our education. The anecdotes and personal feelings that they share with us are invaluable to our academic experience. Finally, Tom DiNapoli himself was a great person to interact with because he was not only here to give us a speech nor to impose any of his political beliefs; he came with a lot of humility and carefully listened to the questions we simple students had to ask. So, thank you, Adelphi.