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Emerging Scholar Award

Abigail Merrill is the 2019 recipient of the political science department's Emerging Scholar Award. This award is given to a student having sophomore or junior status, who has strong academic credentials, and writing skills. Applicants for this award must also submit a writing sample, Abbie submitted a paper, "Stereotypes of Cuban and Mexican Americans: Factors that Influence Circumstance Stereotyping." She is a dual major, Political Science and Communications and completing a minor in History.

Abbie says that the award will allow her to have "more freedom to explore the world." Part of that exploration includes studying "away" at Montana State University in spring 2019 where she is taking courses in Native American studies and increasing her knowledge of our nation's history. She is also hoping to study abroad in Italy. After graduation, she will explore options but is interested in Native law. Congratulations to Abbie!



Goff Political Science Scholarship Award



We are pleased to announce that **Carter Touchet** has won the Goff Memorial Scholarship! This scholarship is named after former Political Science professor Charlie Goff, and it offers \$1000 to a student with high academic achievement who is interested in pursuing teaching as a career. Carter plans on teaching high school social science and is currently working in his clinical observations at Appleton East High School. Next semester he will do his student teaching.

Carter will graduate with a major in Education and a minor in Political Science. He makes each class he is in better

by his diligence and thoughtfulness and we know that he will be a great teacher. Congratulations, Carter, for your well deserved award!

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Outstanding Student Award

True scholars are motivated by big ideas. Ask any faculty member and they can likely point to a particular question or issue area that has kept them engaged in the field over a long career, and often that same question drives their teaching as well. As faculty members, we're always on the lookout for people who share our passions, who love to learn new things, and who enjoy the work of rigorous scholarship. Sometimes we find those people right in our classrooms.

Our Outstanding Student Award this year goes to two students who are driven by ideas.



Steph Liechty, a double-major in Political Science and International Studies, has evolved into a dedicated scholar of African politics, development, and global public health. An Honors student who also serves as Vice President of the Oshkosh Student Association and 2nd Vice President of the Model United Nations team, Steph is completing a thesis project that examines how African countries set and fund healthcare priorities. Of particular interest to Steph are non-communicable diseases like diabetes and cancer. While these types of diseases are merciless killers, they receive much less attention and funding than communicable diseases like HIV/AIDS and Ebola. Steph's diligence in doing the hard work of research, her enthusiasm for new knowledge, and her considerable analytic abilities made her a top candidate for our Outstanding Student Award.

Adam Zastrow, a Political Science major and Law and Policy minor, is driven by interests in civic engagement and international political economy. He was an election intern for the American Democracy Project in 2016, and his work registering students and creating awareness events opened the door to further civic engagement work as an intern for the University Studies Program. While his activism has been local, his interests after graduation are international. Adam studies focus on trade policy and international business. After graduation he plans to attend law school, with hopes of practicing business law.



Isaac Kayando Award



The Isaac Kayando Memorial Leadership Award is given in recognition of students with outstanding leadership abilities and a clear commitment to public service. **Ronisha Howard**, a Political Science and Women & Gender Studies double major, clearly embodies both of these traits.

Roni is among our most active students, serving as the OSA Student Body President this year, as well as a member of the executive boards for the Black Student Union, Multicultural Education Coalition, and Social Work Association. She's also been involved off campus as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, and participated in candidate training through Emerge Wisconsin. Although her immediate goal after graduation (this May) is to continue her education, she hasn't ruled out a run for public office or other public service in the future. Congratulations Roni!

Political Science Graduating Seniors

Join us in congratulating the Fall 2018 Political Science graduates: **Taylor Ambrosius, Jennifer De-pew, Ellie Cline, Na Lee Lee, and Nathan McCunn!**

Congratulations also to our following Spring 2019 Political Science graduating seniors: **Aislinn Bauer, Matthew Clowney, Marlise Gonzalez, Michael Hettig, Ronisha Howard, Jordan Kamin-ski, Jacob McCue, Elizabeth Turner, Elliot Verkuilen, Zachary Vetter and Adam Zastrow!**

Political Science Honor Society 2019 Inductees

Five students will be inducted this spring into the National Political Science Honor Society. *Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is the only honor society for college students of Political Science and govern-ment in the United States.*

The inductees are juniors or seniors in the Political Science major with a cu-mulative grade point average of 3.0 and above and a Political Science major grade point average of 3.3 and above.



Congratulations to the following students for their great work: **Jacob McCue, Stephanie Liechty, Ab-igail Merrill, Sarah Rowley, and Samantha Zaucha!**

Fall 2019

Contact Angelee Hammond at hammond@uwosh.edu or (920) 424-3456 with questions on registering for Political Science courses:

These courses are offered every semester: **Introduction to Comparative Politics (101); American Government and Politics (105); International Politics (115); Political Methodology (245); Introduction to Law (253); & Political Analysis (401)**

Fall 2019

American Government and Politics (105) Q3
Politics and Culture-Global Perspectives (111) Q1
Power, Justice, and the State (112) Q1
The Democratic Arena (113) Q1
Environmental Politics & Sustainability (116) Q1
West European Politics (309)

American Public Policy (321)
Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (328)
Gender, Law and Policy (342)
Environmental Policy (357)
International Conflict (376)
Foundations of American Political Thought (377)



Updates from Political Science Alum

Political Science alum go on to exciting new jobs or graduate programs. Here is a list of alum, that we have heard from, and what they are doing now!

Staush Gruszynski (2008), *56th District State Representative for Wisconsin State Assembly*

Brandon Strand (2008), *Executive Director at Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association*

Kristine Grill (2009), *Open Data Portal Coordinator for Ramsey County, Minnesota*

Rachel Nutini (2009), *Financial Systems Analyst for VF, LLC*

Katie Gruber (2010), *Mindset Coach, Yoga Teacher, Retreat Specialist, Co-Founder of OKI*

Ashley Prew (2010), *Of-Counsel Attorney at the Law Offices of Casey D. Conklin, PLC*

Amy Gearhart Bahrani (2011), *Management Consultant at Accenture*

Paul Beach (2011), *Research Associate at Inflexion and Ph.D. candidate at University of Oregon*

Bradley Schjoth (2012), *Specialty Assistant Store Manager at Lowe's Companies, Inc*

Cody Davies (2013), *Elections Specialist for Wisconsin Elections Committee*

Michelle Duren (2013), *Ph.D. candidate at Johns Hopkins University*

Aerial Feucht (2013), *Paralegal at Thrivent Financial Services*

David Sebestead (2014), *Attorney Advisor at the US Department of Veterans Affairs*

Marissa Theys (2014), *Market and Consumer Insights Analyst at Best Buy*

Patrick McCorkle (2015), *ESL teacher with Full-Circle Talent in Oshkosh*

Lindsey Newhauser (2015), *Legal Associate at Sweeney Law Office*

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