Greetings from the Department of Politics at Oberlin College! This newsletter is all about (re)connecting you—our alumni—with us and with each other. We hope to show you what we’re doing, how we’re evolving, and what our great politics majors are up to these days. We encourage you to write and share your news with us.

Here are a few updates:

- We now have a new majors committee, which is providing input into hiring decisions, holding social events (such as faculty/student bowling nights), and investigating the possibility of a journal written by politics majors.
- Our distinguished theorist Harlan Wilson will teach his final semester at Oberlin next spring. Harlan has taught at Oberlin since 1972, and we will dearly miss his wisdom.
- Jade Schiff is our new political theorist. She comes to us after completing a PhD at the University of Chicago and, as you will read in our faculty blurbs, has hit the ground running.
- Alumni visitors continue to return to campus to share their expertise with students. If you plan on coming through town, please let us know in advance!
- Our faculty members remain actively engaged at Oberlin and in our professional organizations. We are proud of their work and of their reputations beyond Oberlin.
- Our departmental website can be found at http://new.oberlin.edu/arts-and-sciences/departments/politics/
- The Oberlin Initiative in Electoral Politics (OIEP) website can be found at http://oberliniep.org/

Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter and catch up on all that’s new in the politics department. Then take a few more minutes to let us know what you are doing by sending an email to politics@oberlin.edu. We’d like our next newsletter to include reports from all of you.

We also offer a hearty “thank you” to everyone who makes donations to the politics department. Any amount, from $5 to $500 or more, helps, because our budget for sponsoring speakers depends on yearly gifts from you. Without your support, we would have to turn down numerous requests from students and faculty to bring speakers to campus.

You can also help us by providing internship opportunities. If you or your employer could benefit from hiring an Oberlin College student during Winter Term or the summer, please let us know. Send us a short paragraph with the skills you are seeking and the type of work you can offer.

So enjoy this newsletter update. And learn about the other things we want you to know in the pages of this newsletter.
ALUMNI SPEAKERS VISIT THE POLITICS DEPARTMENT

Alumni travel to Oberlin for all kinds of reasons, and they graciously offer to give talks to our students in their areas of expertise. If you expect to be in Oberlin, can give us some advance notice, and have a topic to share with our students, please let us know! We’d love to host you.

As photos in this newsletter attest, our students have benefited from recent visits by Scott Remley ’99, Melissa Threadgill ’04, and Daniel Harsha ’04.

Daniel Harsha was staffing the U.S. House Foreign Affairs committee when he returned to Oberlin to talk about comparing Republican and Democratic priorities in U.S. Foreign Policy. Melissa Threadgill, who ran Threadgill Communications in the greater Boston area before returning to academia and enrolling in the Kennedy School at Harvard, offered the workshop “Communicating Values: How to Sell Your Lefty Positions to a Moderate Electorate.” Scott Remley, who was with the Benenson Strategy Group and completed work in communications for the Obama campaign and the Labour Party in Britain, offered an overview of the 2010 midterm elections during Parents Weekend. Scott is now back in Northeast Ohio, running the 2014 campaign of the Democratic candidate for secretary of state against a very popular Republican incumbent. Democrats and Republicans consider the secretary of state to be a critical post in the swing state of Ohio, as this person will oversee the presidential election of 2016 here. •

SPECIAL NOTES ON THE OBERLIN INITIATIVE IN ELECTORAL POLITICS AND COLE SCHOLARS

The Oberlin Initiative in Electoral Politics will be 20 years old in 2014, and we are planning a Twenty Year Celebration next fall. More information will follow! • During professor Michael Parkin’s sabbatical from Oberlin, Matthew Kaplan ’05 took a leave from his position as senior legislative assistant in Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur’s office to return to campus to team teach the spring 2013 Cole Scholars course with Eve Sandberg. • The following students are 2013 Cole Scholars: Rosemary Boeglin, Molly Brand, Truman Braslaw, Elena Jackendoff, Rebecca McKelvy, Madeline Peltz, James Scott, Jocelyn Sobieraj, Arielle Swernoff and Sara Vaadia. •

OBERLIN RESEARCH GROUP (ORG) SINCE 1999: GOING STRONG THANKS TO LOYAL ALUMS!

The Oberlin Research Group (ORG) is a student-run consultancy and research organization composed of students enrolled in the politics course Practicum in Applied Research (POLT 411). It’s offered in collaboration with Oberlin’s Bonner Center for Service and Learning and cross-listed with Oberlin’s entrepreneurship program, known as Creativity and Leadership.

Working as part of a team, ORG students undertake consulting projects for a wide range of clients: city, state, and federal representatives; nonprofit organizations; and for-profit company owners and/or managers. During the course of the class, students learn about best management practices and are ultimately expected to draw lessons on how to launch a business or manage a nonprofit. ORG students are also involved in conducting research and presenting oral and written findings to an investor or client.

ORG conducts its research under the supervision of Eve Sandberg, associate professor and chair of the politics department. The program requires about $1,500 per year to operate and depends solely on the support of annual donations from loyal alums.

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III. Website Testing: ORG members updated and completed a website that allows nonprofits to self-evaluate their innovation activities.

II. Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County: (assets over $86 million). ORG students created a confidential study of how board members, staff, and key stakeholders received foundation-related information and how they preferred to receive and utilize such material. Recommendations for improving the foundation’s disseminated information were included in the final report.

II. Innovation in Nursing Home Care: For a client who owned nursing homes in New York City, ORG researched best practices in innovation in nursing home care in Northeast Ohio and offered a cash gift to the winning nursing home in an awards ceremony that the students planned. Innovations were evaluated for giving better care and ideally at lower costs during the economic downturn. A literature search provided insights for innovative practices and was included in the consultancy report.

I. IThe Lorain County Urban League (Ohio): ORG students researched the Urban League’s goals for its Save Our Sons program of wellness and healthy living. ORG coded and analyzed data for the Urban League of Lorain County, Ohio, one of four sites participating in a national study on health and wellness targeting African American men. Data included measures over time for diabetes, weight, exercise, medication intake, heart, etc.

I. City of Oberlin: ORG students completed a consultancy report for the City of Oberlin regarding internet technology needs. This study was undertaken at the request of the Oberlin city manager in an effort to prepare the city across several budget cycles for purchases that the federal, state, or county governments would require as well as to improve the interoperability of city agencies.

1) Students researched possible IT regulations or software that state, federal, and county agencies would require of the City of Oberlin in order to comply with regulations or interact for business in the future.

2) ORG Students interviewed key city department heads concerning their existing software and IT practices and needs.

3) ORG students identified similar

III. Management Innovation Study: ORG students surveyed and researched best-management and innovation practices of nonprofits in northeast Ohio in the area of adult education and made a cash award of $3,000 (donated by an alumna) to the nonprofit with the best management innovation practice from 2008 to 2010.

III. Bonner Foundation (Princeton, NJ) Policy Wicki: Students created a policy wicki for small towns conducting an IT needs assessment study.

IV. Business Plan development: A small team of ORG students created a business plan for a start-up, small-scale hydroelectric company to operate in rural Nepal.

The Oberlin College Politics Majors Committee has a Facebook page! www.facebook.com/ocpolitics

The politics department newsletter is published annually. Please send your news for the 2014 newsletter to politics@oberlin.edu.

The Department of Politics is indebted to the individuals and families who have generously provided gifts to enhance our academic program. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the online donation form at www.oberlin.edu/giving/donate (specifying “politics department” in the special instructions box). You may also send a check payable to Oberlin College to the Office of Development, Oberlin College, 50 W. Lorain St., Oberlin, OH, 44074. Please write “politics department” in the memo line. Thank you!
During the spring semester of 2012, Marc Blecher led 11 politics majors on the Danenberg Oberlin-in-London Program, where they undertook an in-depth study of class. Marc counts it as the best semester of his 37 years on faculty. Videographer Daniel Schloss ’07 captured the spirit and substance of this extraordinary semester in film on youtube.

The highlight was a four-day trip to Tyneside (near Newcastle) to study the devastating effects of the 1984-85 coal strike, occasioned by the Thatcher government’s decision to dismantle the country’s coal industry to destroy the National Union of Miners, long the most stalwart organization of the working class. Marc and the students visited local schools, a hospital, a welfare counseling office, and the formerly bustling but now desolate Port of Tyne (where, yes, coal now really is brought to Newcastle) to learn firsthand how people trapped in the rustbelt, and those working to develop the economy and provide social services amidst massive budget cuts, are coping. They hung out with former miners in their pubs, clubs, and union halls; attended a memorial for miners killed in the strike; and had a long, deeply inspiring meeting with the stalwart leaders of Women Against Pit Closures. They met with David Miliband, who long represented part of the area in Parliament and served as foreign minister in the last Labour government. Sharon Blecher documented the Tyneside trip on video.

Back in London, the group spent a day in Parliament as the guests of Angela and Maria Eagle, MPs, including a two-hour meeting with them. They saw several plays and read about politics and class in the UK. After they read her book on class and gender in early 20th-century London, Tracy Chevalier ’84 took them on a tour of Highgate, where the book is set. They met with the policy director of the Bank of England. Experts visited the seminar to convey their perspectives on a range of subjects from the National Health Service to the labor movement to the class sociology of architecture. Additionally, Marc led a walking tour of Karl Marx’s haunts in London, which ends with a collective reading of “Engels’s Speech at Marx’s Graveside” at—where else?—Marx’s graveside!

Marc also arranged to publish an ebook of the students’ field research, What the English Know as Class, which Marc co-edited with Devon Rettew ’13. Student authors include Grace Amber, Alexander Kotlikoff, David Tisel, Steve Quam, Lauren Vandenber, Logan Buck, Isaac Green, Jake Kosinski, Devon Rettew, and Arielle Swernoff.

You can find a copy of the book on Amazon.

We recently celebrated the publication of Robert S. Danforth Professor of Politics Sonia Kruks’ new book, Simone de Beauvoir and the Politics of Ambiguity (Oxford University Press, 2012). (See Sonia’s faculty note on page 5 for details.) About 50 faculty members and students enjoyed refreshments and a reading by Sonia in an event co-sponsored with the Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Louis Grube ’08 (right), being sworn in as attorney at law by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Bill O’Neill.
Marc Blecher published “Class Formation and the Labour Movement in Revolutionary China” in Marxism and Social Movements (editors: Colin Barker, Laurence Cox, John K Krinsky, Alf Nilsen. Brill: 2013, chapter 2, pp. 147-166). And as you will read elsewhere, Marc and Devon Rettew ’13 coedited What the English Know as Class. Marc also published several short pieces on China in Oxford Bibliographies Online, The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements (Oxford: Blackwell), and The Oxford Companion to Comparative Politics (Oxford University Press, 2012) as well as several reviews of new books on Chinese labor. He participated in conferences in Montréal, Shanghai, and Tianjin (China) and continued to serve on the editorial board of the Journal of Chinese Political Science.

Stephen Crowley published (with Miroslav Stanoević) “Varieties of Capitalism, Power Resources, and Historical Legacies: Explaining the Slovenian Exception” in Politics & Society, vol. 39 (2). He also wrote the entry for “Class” in Handbook on Russian Politics and Society (Routledge). He is coeditor of the volume Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective (currently under review). He recently presented a paper, “Labor Protest and Political Change in Putin’s Russia,” at the Kennan Institute, part of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he was a summer research scholar. Steve currently chairs the Department of Russian and East European Studies and the Peace and Conflict Studies concentration at Oberlin.

Paul Dawson is on academic leave this semester working on a research project that investigates trends in 50 years of higher education at liberal arts institutions. This should position him well to take part in an important national dialogue. Paul continues to attract large numbers of students to his courses as well as those wishing to work with him on honors projects. His Election 2012: Who Will Win the Presidency course last fall attracted 96 students. Throughout last year, he guided six honors students in American politics. Paul remains an active contributor on campus, hosting speakers and moderating talks.

Harry Hirsch was appointed to the editorial board of American Political Science Review (APSR), the premier publication of the American Political Science Association. He recently published “Association and Exclusion: The Paradox of Liberal Democracy” in the Amsterdam Law Forum and “Theorizing the First Amendment” in Studies in Law, Politics, and Society, Volume 53. On campus, Harry continues to serve on the Comparative American Studies and Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies faculty committees, and he took an active role in organizing the Year of the Queer speakers series last year. Harry served as chair of the politics department in 2010-11.

Chris Howell’s research investigates the extent to which industrial relations institutions in Western Europe are becoming more liberalized. He published “A Common Neoliberal Trajectory: The Transformation of Industrial Relations in Advanced Capitalism” in Politics & Society in 2011 and “The Changing Relationship Between Labor and the State in Contemporary Capitalism” in Law, Culture and the Humanities in 2012. He is finishing up a book manuscript titled “European Industrial Relations: Trajectories of Neoliberal Transformation” (co-author Lucio Baccaro). Chris developed a new First Year Seminar course, Socialism: Real and Imagined, and is preparing a new course on the future of Left politics. Active on college committees, he has chaired the compensation committee and served on the General Faculty Council, investment committee, and dean search committee. In the last three years, Chris has presented papers and served as a chair and/or discussant at the 20th International Conference of Europeanists in Amsterdam; the Newhouse Center for the Humanities at Wellesley College; the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Seattle; the Swedish Economic History Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden; and the 18th International Conference of Europeanists in Barcelona.

Ronald Kahn completed the article “The Commerce Clause and Executive Power: Exploring Nascent Individual Rights in National Federation of Independent Businesses v. Sebelius (2012)” in the University of Maryland Law Review (Volume 73, Issue 1: 101-152, in press, November 2013). Ron also continued work on his manuscript “Constructing Individual Rights in the Rehnquist and Roberts Courts: Explaining Why the Supreme Court Expands Individual Rights in a Conservative Age.” He was invited to the Discussion Group on Constitutionalism at the University of Maryland Law School in February 2013, where he delivered the paper, “The Commerce Clause and Executive Power: Exploring Nascent Individual Rights in National Federation of Independent Businesses v. Sebelius (2012).” In addition, in 2012-13, Ron was a referee in tenure cases and promotions at Kent State University, the University of Tulsa, the University of Delaware, and the University of California at Irvine. In spring 2012, he was the honors examiner in constitutional law and jurisprudence at Swarthmore College. We are delighted that three years after treatment for a serious illness, Ron continues his research and work chairing the Law and Society Curriculum Committee and administrating the Law Scholars Program.

Sonia Kruks published her book Simone de Beauvoir and the Politics of Ambiguity (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). This is the first full-length study of Beauvoir’s political thinking, and it shows how her work still speaks today to a range of important issues in politics and political theory. These include the political value and dangers of...
liberal humanism; how oppressed groups become complicit in their own oppression; how social identities are perpetuated; the limits to rationalism and rationalist theories of judgment; and the place of emotions, such as the desire for revenge, in politics. Additionally, Sonia has published or submitted papers on topics that include feminist phenomenology, theorizing oppression, and the relationship between politics and ethics. Sonia continues her editorial work as an editorial board member of Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy and of Sartre Studies International: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Existentialism and Contemporary Culture. Her recent presentations include “Toward a Phenomenology of Political Judgment with Simone de Beauvoir,” given at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Simone de Beauvoir Society, held at the University of Oslo (Norway); and “Judging as Who We Are,” given at a symposium on feminist judgment held by the Gender Institute and Department of Government, London School of Economics in May 2012.

Kristina Mani’s book, Democratization and Military Transformation in Argentina and Chile: Rethinking Rivalry (FirstForum Press/Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2011) has been receiving strong reviews. Her work on the economic influence of Latin American militaries appeared in 2011 in articles published in Latin American Politics and Society and in the Bulletin of Latin American Research. In 2012, she was a consultant on Latin American countries for Transparency International’s Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index 2013 report. This past year, she contributed a chapter on the political economy of defense in Comparative Atlas of Defense in Latin America and the Caribbean. Active in her professional associations, Kristina presented a paper at the International Studies Association Venture Workshop on Borderlines in the Americas, and chaired a panel and a roundtable discussion at the Latin American Studies Association annual congress. She was also the recipient of two grants through the GLCA New Directions Initiative—an Exploration Grant to pursue initial study of scholarship on collective memory after violent conflicts, and a Full Grant to organize a GLCA faculty workshop on Collective Memory after Violent Conflict that was held at Oberlin in April 2013. The workshop included participants from four GLCA schools. Kristina also continues her work on campus chairing the International Studies Concentration.

Michael Parkin published “The Impact of Multimedia Technology on Candidate Website Visitors” in the Journal of Political Marketing and “English Proficiency and Latino Political Participation in U.S. Elections” with Frances Zlotnick in Politics & Policy 39 (4). He is concluding his book project that looks at how presidential candidates use entertainment talk shows (e.g., Tonight Show, Oprah) to generate attention and support. Michael was on leave in 2012-13 but returned this year to again direct the Oberlin Initiative in Electoral Politics and the Cole Scholars Program. Active in his professional organizations, Michael presented at several major venues: with Frances Zlotnick he presented “Voting Rights Act and Latino Voter Registration” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago and with James N. Druckman and Martin Kifer he presented “Congressional Campaign Communications in an Internet Age.” Michael also presented “Presidential Campaigns on Late Night TV” at the State University of New York, Geneseo, in March 2012 and “Technological Development of Congressional Candidate Websites: 2002-2008” with James N. Druckman and Martin Kifer at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Seattle.

Eve Sandberg was appointed chair of the politics department in 2012-13 for a four-year term. In 2012-13 she also served as director of the Oberlin Initiative in Electoral Politics (OIEP), Cole Scholars program. That same year, she completed her term as the elected national cochair of the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars. Eve also completed a recent term as an elected faculty representative on the College Faculty Council. Her current work is forthcoming in Eve Sandberg and Seth Binder’s “‘The Moroccan Spring and King Mohammed VI’s Economic Policy Agenda: Evaluating the First Dozen Years’ in Mohsine El Ahmadi, ed. Une Jeunesse Révoltée (Rabat: Marsam Editions, 2013 forthcoming) and in the English language edition: The Birth of the Arab Citizen and the Changing Middle East, eds. Mohsine El Ahmadi and Stuart Schaar (Northampton, MA: Interlink Publishing, 2013 forthcoming). Eve anticipates soon submitting Eve Sandberg and Kenza Aquertit-Mzibri, Moroccan Women, Activists and Gender Politics: An Institutional Analysis. (Rowman and Littlefield’s Lexington Books). Eve has presented papers, chaired panels, and served as a discussant in venues such as the African Studies Association’s annual conventions in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.; the American Political Science Association’s annual convention in Seattle; and at the International Studies Association’s annual convention in Montreal. Eve traveled with history professor Carol Lasser on a Powers Travel Grant this past summer on an exploratory trip to Israel and the Palestinian Territories to find Palestinian and Israeli partners for an Oberlin summer program for women students and civic leaders from ages 20 to 32. Eve also conducted workshops on running for office for the League of Women voters in Oberlin and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs (Ohio State University), and she wrote and analyzed a congressional district poll to help a Lorain County agency that serves the disadvantaged to win its levy vote in the November 2013 election.

Ben Schiff, in addition to teaching about war, arms control, international law and organizations, and on the Israel-
Palestine conflict, continues his work on the role, operations, development, and political implications of the International Criminal Court. Since his 2008 Cambridge University Press book, *Building the International Criminal Court*, he’s been in demand at conferences and as a contributor of articles and book chapters about the ICC, and he is currently working on a sequel to the book. His most recent publications include “Diplomacy and the International Criminal Court” in the *Oxford Handbook of Modern Diplomacy* (2013); “The ICC and R2P: Problems of Individual Culpability and State Responsibility” in *Trials and Tribulations of International Prosecution*, (Lexington Books, 2013), several handbook and yearbook publications, and a piece on the ethical implications of the ICC in the Carnegie journal, *Ethics in International Affairs*. Ben has given presentations about the court at the UC-Berkeley Law School’s Human Rights Center; in a James Chase Memorial Lecture at the Bard Global Studies and International Affairs Program in New York; and to panels at annual International Studies Association meetings at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, in February, 2012, and at the University of Helsinki in late 2010.


**Harlan Wilson** revised an essay, “Burke and the Nature of Politics,” for the forthcoming collection of essays titled *Interrogating Nature*, edited by Joseph Lane and Peter Cannavò, MIT Press (expected 2014). He also worked on his invited lead essay to the *Oxford Handbook of Environmental Political Thought*. Harlan presented “Edmund Burke and the Nature of Politics” at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, and was an invited presenter at the roundtable “Great Courses in Environmental Political Theory” at the Western Political Science Association’s annual meeting in Portland. Harlan served as acting chair of the politics department in 2011-12. He also continued to serve as the elected presiding officer of the College Faculty, a post in which Oberlin faculty choose a single colleague to officiate their faculty meetings. He continues to be a contributing member to the Environmental Studies Program and led students in the London program in spring 2013.

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**MARCH 14-15, 2014**

An unusual number of politics alumni who have pursued academic careers work in the area of political theory. Many were inspired at Oberlin by the remarkable teaching and mentorship of Harlan Wilson. Harlan, who will retire in 2014, has been a member of the department since 1972. For many years, he was the sole faculty member teaching political theory.

A symposium on Democratic Political Theory will be held March 14-15, and will bring several alumni to campus to speak about their current research. The participants, who represent nearly three decades at Oberlin and illustrious scholars all, include: Joan Tronto ’74, University of Minnesota; Tim Kaufman-.

**Osborn ’76, Whitman College; Alan Houston ’80, UC-San Diego; Eric Orts ’82, University of Pennsylvania; Jamie Mayerfeld ’85, University of Washington; and Chris Buck ’01, St. Lawrence University.

Talks will cover topics in democratic theory, environmental democracy, the continuing significance of historical democratic thought, business-state relations in a democracy, and issues of college faculty governance. All are welcome to attend what promises to be a great event! For more information contact Tracy Tucker at tracy.tucker@oberlin.edu.

**MAY 25, 2014**

Join us at the Commencement/Reunion Weekend reception for politics majors and alumni, Sunday, 10 a.m. to noon, Rice Faculty Lounge.

**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL WORK?**

The International Studies Concentration is planning to build career networking opportunities for Oberlin students who are interested in international affairs. If you have experience in this area—whether in advocacy, development, diplomacy, law, or other areas, public or private—and would like to serve as a resource for our students, please contact Kristina Mani, chair of the International Studies Concentration, at kmani@oberlin.edu. Your involvement can be as small or as large as you’d like!
HONORS STUDENTS
Fifteen students successfully completed the politics department honors program. They are listed here, along with their thesis.

American Politics:
Vlad Bursuc: “Amateurism and Professionalism in the National Collegiate Athletic Association”
Ashley Docherty: “The Effects of Charter Schools on Public Education”
David Fegley: “Exchanging Ideas: Policy Entrepreneurship and Stakeholder Inclusion in Maryland’s Health Care Exchange Creation”
Thomas LaVoy: “Strict Photo ID, Voter Turnout, and Race”
Dana Paikowsky: “The Opportunity in Disorder: National Trauma and Presidential Authority”
Maria Shafir-Volk: “The Tea Party in American Politics”

Comparative Politics:
Jake Kosinski: “Drug Markets and the State: A Perspective from Political Economy”
David Tisel: “Unfree Labor and American Capitalism: From Slavery to the Neoliberal-Penal State”
Daniel Zipp: “Patterns of Labor Disputes among Chinese Migrant Workers: From a Movement to a Moment”

International Relations:
Sara Coco: “The Role of Soft Power: Exploring Hezbollah’s Success in the 2006 Conflict with Israel”
Jessica Michek: “Domestic Institutional Strength and Foreign Influence: The Impact of Aid on Foreign Policy in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan”
Lauren Muscott: “Parallel Pillars: How International Relations Theory Can Explicate and Rebalance the Three Pillars of the Responsibility to Protect”

POLITICAL THEORY
Aaron Braun: “Varieties of Exceptionalism: The Case of Israel/Palestine”
A.D. Hogan: “Theorizing Women?”

STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS
Elizabeth Glickman: Fulbright to South Korea
Robert Palacios: Truman Scholar Finalist
Poy Winichakul, alumna: Mitchell Scholar Finalist (turned down a Fulbright to Malaysia)
Ty Diringer: Dalai Lama Fellow
Alessandra Feerer: Shansi Fellow, Beijing, China

POLITICS DEPARTMENT PRIZES
The Comfort-Starr Prize in Politics rewards excellence in the study of political science. Recipients: David Fegley, Jake Kosinski, Lauren Muscott, Michael Sadowsky, and Rachel Stelmach
The Aaron Wildavsky Memorial Prize is awarded to our top graduating major specializing in American politics and public policy. Recipient: Dana Paikowsky
The John D. Lewis Memorial Prize awards our best seniors in political theory. Recipients: Lucien Ferguson (Political Theory); Joseph Condon (American Politics); Grace Amber and Devon Retlew (Comparative Politics); Jessica Michek (International Politics); and Leah Goldman and David Tisel (Excellence in Studies)

STUDENT CONFERENCES
Lauren Muscott served as Oberlin’s student delegate to the U.S. Military Academy Student Conference in November 2012. Jessica Michek served as the student delegate to the U.S. Naval Academy Student Conference in April 2013.

CONGRATS TO OUR CLASS OF 2013 POLITICS MAJORS AND MINORS!

Grace Amber
Lena Amick
Emily Asp
Emmett Booth
Michael Bradford
Aaron Braun
Vlad Bursuc
David Capozzi
Joshua Cartee
Alexandria Cho
Sarah Coco
Kira Cohen
Joseph Condon
Brittany Craig
Charles
Crawford-Silva
John Crittenden
Brittany Dawson
Andrew DeCarlo
Ornella DelleNoci
Ashley Docherty
Amy Dwyer
Eric Enrico
David Fegley
David Felserfeld
Emily Feld
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Andrew Fox
Zachary Freed
Angela Garcia
Oscar Garcia
Elizabeth Glickman
Eliana Goldman
Leah Goldman
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Helmsworth
Paige Higbie
A.D. Hogan
Alexandra
Hohausen
Amanda Jacir
Zachary Jaspers
Lucia Kalinosky
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