Students and Faculty Travel to Russia in Leadership Exchange Program

by Thomas Rotnem

As a result of a Strategic Internationalization Grant received by Drs. Rotnem and Bock in 2016-2017, seven KSU students were able to take part in the Global Leadership Exchange Program in Moscow and St. Petersburgh in May. The trip was the third part of a year-long effort to bring together students and faculty from KSU, the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), and St. Petersburg State University to discuss the troubled state of U.S.-Russian relations, as well as potential avenues for altering the current political trajectory. Separately, Drs. Rotnem and Bock held successful meetings with their Russian administrators at these institutions to explore various opportunities for further collaboration.

Left to right: Hunter Hufnagel (IA), Brooke Doss (COMM), Brandon Aladesuyi (ECON), Patrick Gruber (POLS), Nathaniel Gesualdo (Theater), Mirna Zaher (IA), Tom Rotnem

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2016-2017 POLS-IA Honorees

Outstanding International Affairs Student
Sarah Kelsey

Outstanding Political Science Student
Anna Nicole Edmonson

Outstanding MSCM Graduate Student
Tamara Starks

Outstanding MPA Graduate Student
David Snively

Outstanding MSIPM Graduate Student
German Ospina

Outstanding Advisory Board Member
Shawn Davis

Outstanding Alumnus
Spiro Amburn
Congratulations to Patrick Gruber, who received the Outstanding Student Award for the Department of Political Science & International Affairs at the CHSS Homecoming Awards. Patrick is pictured to the left with Department Chair, Kerwin Swint, and Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Robin Dorff.

The Department is excited to announce the recipient of our very first student scholarship. Hallie Huskins (pictured to the right), a senior International Affairs major, received a $1,000 scholarship. Hallie was chosen by a department committee which noted her enthusiasm and professionalism. In the fall, she interned for State Senator Bruce Thompson, a committee chair at the GA General Assembly. Hallie will graduate this year and hopes to go on to graduate study and then possibly a career in the Foreign Service. The Department's new scholarship program is made possible by fundraising and donations by the Political Science Advisory Board, a group of alumni and supporters dedicated to supporting and furthering our department and our programs. Congratulations to Hallie!
We wish to applaud the following Student Group Leaders for their efforts:

Model Arab League - Kamran Sadiq
High School Model United Nations - Sarah Kelsey
Model European Union - Emily Barnes
Society for Global Diplomacy - Laura Alford
Mock Trial - Kensley Fields
KSU Model United Nations - Brandon Vines
KSU Model African Union - Osahenrumwen Osagie

Kudos to International Affairs major, Sarah Kelsey (pictured above), for earning an internship at the Carter Center.

Ten students from Dr. Elizabeth Gordon's Law and Gender class presented their research at the Southeastern Women's Studies Conference in Atlanta on March 25. All their research focused on the intersection of gender, law, and the digital world. Topics included cyberstalking, cyberbullying, cyberlove, and revenge porn. Student presenters were: Durann Dungee, Andrew Holasek, Aziz Kabia, Jacob Moore, John Piratsky, Samuel Prempeh, Kiara Roberto, Nathalia Silva, Danielle Teemer, Selamawit Yakob

This year, MPA students traveled to Belgium in May/June for a study abroad in comparative public administration.

A "tip of the hat" to KSU Political Science Alum Nick Ayers (pictured left), who as the senior advisor and eventual Chief of Staff for Vice President Mike Pence, was named to the senior staff of President Donald Trump's Transition Team. Ayers is a top GOP strategist and former Executive Director of the Republican Governor's Association.

KSU Political Science alum Nels Peterson has been named by Governor Nathan Deal to the Georgia Supreme Court. Nels is currently a justice the GA Statewide Court of Appeals. He was sworn in on December 7, 2016. Congrats to Nels! Our Owl network continues to grow and prosper.

Former KSU Mocking Owls captain Samantha Bowen completed her Master's degree in legal studies from George Washington University. Zack Moore (POLS 2014) graduated from Georgia State College of Law and Ashley Jackson Langston (POLS 2013) graduated from University of Miami School of Law in May 2017.

Twenty MPA students graduated last year and two are pursuing PhDs in politically-related fields. One, Mamadou Samba, is now in charge of the African Immigrants Programs in Washington D.C.'s Mayor Muriel Bowser’s Office. He plans on attending Howard University.

MPA Students have also found employment at United Way of Georgia, Make-A-Wish Foundation, City of Milton, GA, CIFAL, United Nations, Atlanta, Georgia Department of Public Safety, and in Community Development for the City of Powder Springs. One undergraduate student has been accepted for a Masters Program in Theology.
The Mocking Owls had another busy and productive season. The Owls hosted the 7th Annual Owl Classic Invitational in October, with 20 teams from all over the region competing at John Marshall Law School. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon, coach of the Mocking Owls, directed the tournament with Mary Loudermilk (POLS 2008) serving as tournament coordinator. Among those judging rounds were 16 KSU alumni currently practicing law or in law school. The Mocking Owls also went on the road to compete at invitational tournaments at Florida State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Rhodes College, University of West Florida, and University of Alabama. One of the KSU teams competing at the regional qualifying tournament at University of Central Florida earned a bid to the Opening Round of the National Championship series. They finished the season with that competition, which was held in Decatur at the Dekalb County Courthouse in March. At various tournaments this season, Callie Christian, Kensley Fields, John Piratsky, Laura Alford, LaMaya Edmonds, and Brandon Vines earned individual attorney or witness awards. Kensley Fields ably served for a second year as team captain.

The KSU Mocking Owls competed at the Capital City Invitational Mock Trial Tournament November 5-6 at Florida State University. Congratulations to POLS major Callie Christian for winning an Outstanding Attorney Award on the plaintiff's side of the case!

Congratulations to Kensley Fields, winner of an outstanding attorney award at the Argo Invitational at the University of West Florida and to POLS major Callie Christian for winning an outstanding attorney award at the Crimson Classic Invitational Mock Trial Tournament. Overall, the KSU Mocking Owls took fourth place at the Crimson, which was hosted by the University of Alabama.
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Tom Rotnem gives Hunter Hufnagel and Brooke Doss some background information on a Soviet leader buried at the Kremlin wall.

In St. Petersburg, before Peter the Great’s Throne (left to right: Joseph Bock, Christian Bozeman (HIST), Hunter Hufnagel, and Brooke Doss)

Tom Rotnem, Hunter Hufnagel, Mirna Zaher, Patrick Gruber, and Brooke Doss strike a pose at the Art Muzeon outside an exhibit of discarded Soviet-era monuments.

KSU students, and Russian Students from MGIMO at the "Symposium on U.S.-Russian Relations" (sponsored by KSU, Georgia Tech and Atlanta Council on International Relations)
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KSU Model European Union Excels at EuroSim Conference

By Tom Doleys

KSU’s Model European Union (MEU) Team participated in EuroSim 2017. Hosted by Binghamton University (NY), EuroSim 2017 brought together over a 150+ students from twenty (20) US and European universities to simulate European Union decision-making. The topic for this year’s conference was “Energy Union”. The assembled delegates spent three days in close quarters navigating the politically sensitive issue of energy sovereignty and what role EU cooperation can play in securing energy supplies. KSU delegates adopted an array of EU “alter egos” at the conference. Team Captain Emily Barnes took on the role of UK Prime Minister Theresa May. Sydnei Church and Eric Brito adopted the roles of UK Minister of Industry and Energy Jesse Norma and UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, respectively. Grecia Torres, Adam Cusick, Chazz Forman, David Edwards and Crystal Morris each took on personas as Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). Finally, Shawna Thompson served as Lord Mogg, director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), a key interest group. All involved executed their roles with poise and grit.

The students deserve special recognition for the patience and good humor they showed when stranded in Rochester by a snowstorm. Despite weather-related challenges, the students found the conference a rewarding culmination to the year’s preparations. In addition to learning more about the European Union, the students became more confident public speakers. Team members also report striking-up friendships at conference with their American and European counterparts – many of which continue to this day. KSU students looking for an intellectually stimulating and rewarding simulation experience are invited to consider giving Model EU a look. All are welcome. For more information, please feel free to contact Professor Doleys (tdoleys@kennesaw.edu).

POLS Advisory Board Convenes, Including Event Featuring Lt. Governor Cagle

by Andrew Pieper

The Political Science Advisory Board continues to strongly support the students, faculty, and mission of the Political Science Program. During the 2016-17 academic year, the Advisory Board hosted two major events to support the Political Science Scholarship Fund. In October, the 2nd Annual Political Science Advisory Board Tailgate was held, drawing dozens of alumni, students, faculty and supporters as the Advisory Board catered a BBQ and raised funds to assist outstanding student interns. Alumnus Tricia Pridemore took over as Advisory Board President from inaugural Advisory Board President Shawn Davis, and the Advisory Board proudly added two new members—Eric Johnson and Spiro Amburn, both Political Science Program alumni. Ms. Pridemore helped organize the spring 2017 Student Awards and Recognition Reception. At this event KSU President Sam Olens congratulated the Outstanding Award winner from the Political Science, International Affairs, and MPA programs. Chair Kerwin Swint honored Shawn Davis as the Outstanding Advisory Board Member, and Spiro Amburn was recognized as the Outstanding Political Science Alumnus. The Advisory Board is already working on similar events for the 2017-18 academic year.
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Banner Year for the MPA Program

by Jerry Herbel

The MPA Program completed a successful study-abroad program to the European Union in June to study immigration and national security policy in Brussels, Paris, Madrid and Barcelona. Students visited a number of institutions, including the EU Commission, EU Council and EU Parliament, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Paris, the French Ministry of the Interior and Conseil d’État also in Paris, and heard lectures from scholars at the University of Paris-Sorbonne and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

MPA Students Selected for United Nations Internships

Two MPA students have been selected for internships overseas through the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Brittany McCord will complete her internship in Antwerp, Belgium and Natalia Plasencia will complete hers in Jeju, South Korea.

Job Placements for MPA Students

MPA students obtained full-time jobs in the following organizations during the 2016-2017 academic year.

- Program Analyst, Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Human Resources Manager, City of Marietta
- Program Manager, Make-A-Wish Georgia
- Director of Knowledge Development, United Way of Atlanta
- Financial Aid Counselor, Kennesaw State
- Program Analyst, Georgia Consumer Protection Unit, Georgia Department of Law
- Staff Counselor, International Rescue Committee, Atlanta
- Assistant Director of Leadership Giving, Virginia Tech
- Graduate Program Recruiter, Robinson College of Business, Georgia State
- Program Coordinator, College of Computing, Georgia Tech

Edwards Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations go to the 2017-2018 Edwards scholarship recipient for the MPA Program, Brittany McCord. Brittany was selected by MPA faculty for outstanding contribution to the program and for demonstrated academic excellence.

Visiting Journalists Engage in Discussion on American Elections

KSU Political Science and International Affairs majors joined Dr. Kerwin Swint for a roundtable discussion with visiting journalists from Pakistan. The trip was arranged as part of the journalists’ US tour coordinated by the East-West Center in Hawaii. The discussion focused on American elections and young people's use of mass media.
Zachary Harris, spring 2017 political science graduate, took part in the first cohort of the Siegel Institute Ethics Research Scholars (SIERS) program that began January 2016 (published January 2017). The cohort’s umbrella topic was “The Ethics of Clothing,” and Harris represented the political science perspective through his historical analysis of international trade agreements impacting the textile and apparel industries. Through SIERS Harris was able to develop his original research project from an initial idea, into a formal journal publication, by which adding to the ever growing expanse of knowledge in the fields of applied ethics and political science.

Paper Abstract: This paper is an analysis of published articles that discuss the history of the Multi-Fiber Arrangement (MFA) to the Post-Agreement on Textile and Clothing (ATC) and evaluates the different dynamics and relationships formed by these agreements. The articles primarily focus on different aspects of the agreements and specific countries affected. Throughout all of the articles, industrialized countries and developed countries are interchangeable. A few articles, such as “Growing Protectionism” (1985), use the term Multi-Fibre Agreement (MFA), which is the same as Multi-Fiber Arrangement. The term European Union (EU) and European Community (EC) are also interchangeable. This paper examines and compares articles to discuss the history of the textile and apparel trade from MFA to present.
The Political Science Club reorganized this past fall under the leadership of Ansley Miller. With regular meetings and a dedicated membership, this group of undergraduate students provided invaluable opportunities for students to learn about the 2016 U.S. elections and their consequences. The Political Science Club began by sponsoring an election roundtable in October featuring PSIA Department Chair Kerwin Swint. The Club continued its educational activities with an engaging and important conversation in April titled "Three Months of Trump". This event featured a variety of faculty experts from PSIA discussing the impact of President Trump's early months in office on policy and politics in the United States and beyond. The organization continues to be active and is planning a variety of events, including those focused on the upcoming Gubernatorial contest, for students and the community in 2017-18. Please contact Ansley Miller (amill158@students.kennesaw.edu) if you want to get further involved in this active and important organization.

Great turnout at Presidential debate watch party (pictured at right) Thanks to @KSUDOS and @ksupolisciclub for organizing and promoting this event
Led by their Team Captain, Brandon Vines, the KSU Model UN team had an incredibly successful year. In November 2016, the team cleaned house at the Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN) Conference in Atlanta. The largest number of students in KSU Model UN history attended the Conference. A total of forty-five students from KSU represented countries of Pakistan, Estonia, the Holy See and Uruguay, and took home 12 awards! Specific awards won at SRMUN are indicted below.

Country Awards:
Outstanding Country Delegation Award: Pakistan
Distinguished Country Delegation Awards: Holy See and Estonia
Honorable Country Delegation Award: Uruguay
Outstanding Position Paper Award: Holy See

Committee/Individual Awards:
Chair Award for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs: Sarah Kelsey (Estonia)
Outstanding Delegation in the General Assembly First: Adam Green and Arliss Barrameda (Pakistan)
Outstanding Delegation in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation: Rachel Butler and Lisa Smith (Pakistan)
Outstanding Delegation in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs: Haley Bufka and Raiyan Rahman (Pakistan)
Outstanding Delegation in the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Executive Committee: Hansel Enriquez and Ryan McLendon (Pakistan)
Outstanding Delegation in the Peacebuilding Commission: Jasmine Sutherland and Lauren Grubb (Uruguay)
Outstanding Delegation in the General Assembly Plenary: Samuel Brand and Sam Compagno (Holy See)

In addition, fifteen students from the team traveled to the Bucharest International Student Model United Nations (BISMUN) Conference in Romania. Three students won awards for their participation in this conference. Patrick Gruber won an award for representing Saudi Arabia on the General Assembly Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Committee (GA 3rd), Adam Green won an award representing Malaysia on the Crisis Committee, and James Risner won for his representation of Australia on the General Assembly Disarmament and International Security Committee (GA 1st). Overall, the KSU Model UN team had an outstanding year!
by Charity Butcher

The thirty-first annual Kennesaw State University High School Model United Nations Conference was held March 10-11, 2017 in Prillaman Hall. Kenya Casey, Associate Director of Program Support for the Carter Center’s Health Programs provided an outstanding address during Opening Ceremonies. The theme of the conference was "Pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals." Sarah Kelsey, the Secretary General, began planning the conference with Dr. Charity Butcher, faculty advisor, in May 2016. Sarah and her Undersecretary General, Justin Evans, trained 36 student staff members from various KSU model teams to run the 11 Conference Committees: General Assembly Plenary, General Assembly First, General Assembly Third, African Union, Arab League, Commission on Population and Development, Economic and Social Council, Human Rights Council, Press Corps, Security Council, and World Health Organization. Over 300 students and their faculty advisors attended from 25 area high schools and represented 68 countries. Ten Country Delegation Awards, and three best position paper Country Awards, thirty-three Committee Delegation Awards, thirteen Committee Position Paper Awards were awarded during the conference. The response from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many attending student delegates and faculty advisors remarking that the conference was the best Model UN Conference they had ever attended.

KSU Intern Program Thrives

Kennesaw State University sent 21 interns to the Georgia legislature this session: the vast majority of them were Political Science or International Affairs majors. Seventeen were accepted into the prestigious GA Legislative Intern Program, GLIP (pictured to the right). Heartiest congratulations to all of our interns!
Faculty News & Notes

Congratulations to Dr. **Thomas Rotnem** (left), winner of the KSU 2016 Distinguished Service Award. and Dr. **Christopher Pallas** (right), College of Humanities and Social Science winner of KSU's Early Career Achievements Award.

Kudos the following Department Level Award Winners: Dr. **Susan Raines**, Distinguished Professor Award; Dr. **Maia Hallward**, Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award; Dr. **Andrew Pieper**, Outstanding Professional Service Award

Congratulations to Drs. **Thomas Rotnem** and **Joseph Bock** (as PI and co-PI), who were awarded the KSU Campus Internationalization Prize from the Division of Global Affairs' Strategic Internationalization Grant funding! Their award skype-linked PSIA students enrolled in Dr. Rotnem's Russian Foreign Policy class with Russian students at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) during Fall 2017. Reciprocal faculty and student visits took place in Spring 2017, with the goal of continued collaboration and exchange with MGIMO, Russia's prestigious training ground for future Russian diplomats. Russian faculty and students from MGIMO will also be taking part in a "Symposium on U.S.-Russian Relations" in March 2017 at KSU.

Department Chair Dr. **Kerwin Swint** took part in a panel at The Atlanta Press Club on Wednesday October 12 called "The Race to the White House 2016." The panel included GA House Democratic Leader Stacy Abrams, Republican National Committee rep Randy Evans, AJC political reporter Greg Bluestein, and CNN writer, Thomas Lake.

The KSU Office of Government Relations hosted a 2016 Election Roundtable. "Nothing Normal About This Campaign," they all agreed. Left to right: Moderator Dr. **Kerwin Swint**, Republican strategist Brian Robinson, Democratic strategist Tharon Johnson, and AJC political reporter Shannon McCaffrey.
Dr. Charity Butcher’s article, “Civil War and Terrorism: A Call for Further Theory Building” was accepted for co-publication in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory* and the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. In addition, Dr. Butcher presented a paper with Maia Hallward, titled “Exploring the Intersection of Women’s Rights and Human Rights in Religious and Secular Organizations,” at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in February 2017, and also gave two presentations at the ASEBUSS Romanian-American School of Business, one on “Communication and Negotiation for a Joint Venture” and the other on “Creating and Implementing an Online Program.”

**Judge Bruce Flower** worked as a rules official at his 21st United States Open in Wisconsin and was elected to the board of “Mostly Mutts,” a non-profit animal rescue association.

**Dr. Maia Hallward** travelled to Morocco to study women leaders in Arab monarchies and presented her research in Oman at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference. She also presented a co-authored paper on women leaders in Morocco (with **Dr. Charity Butcher**) that looks at how religious and secular human right organizations approach issues of women’s rights, and co-authored a paper that compares narratives of humanitarian intervention in Yemen and Syria at the International Studies Association annual conference. Dr. Hallward won the Departmental Research and Creative Activity Award in Spring 2017 and also led the KSU Model Arab League to Washington, DC for competition.

**Dr. April Johnson** prepared a manuscript, co-authored by **Rebecca LeFebvre**, titled “Contextual Predictors of Online Protest Behavior: A #Ferguson Case Study,” submitted to *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* and published “Mental Health and Voter Turnout: A Study of Georgia Counties” in *Georgia Journal of Public Policy*. Dr. Johnson also presented on "The Impact of Local Political Context on Supreme Court Perceptions" at the 2017 Western Political Science Association Annual conference.

**Dr. Barbara Neuby** published an article, co-authored with graduate assistant Sandra Barrett, titled “The Case for a Single Currency” in the *Journal of Advances in Economics and Finance* and Dr. Neuby also published a book chapter, titled "Budgetary Assistance for Crises Management", in the *Global Encyclopedia for Public Administration*. She assisted "Destiny's Daughters of Promise" a local group to promote girls' welfare with grant and data suggestions and advised the Georgia Symphony Orchestra on overall finance, and presented a study on "Millenium Development Goals of the United Nations" to the John Birch Society of North Georgia.

**Dr. Thomas Nisley** published an article, “Support for the Peace Corps Across Presidential Administrations: Kennedy to Obama” in *White House Studies* and “Agency, Hegemony, and the International Relations of the Americas” in *International Studies Review*. He also presented a paper, titled “The Peace Corps, the Cold War, and Latin America: Alliance for Progress and Beyond,” at the International Studies Association Midwest Conference, in St. Louis and "Reagan, the Peace Corps, and the Civil Wars in Central America" at the Southern Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
Faculty News & Notes (continued)

Dr. Christopher Pallas presented on "Aid Reduction and Local Civil Society Organizations: Lessons from the HIV/AIDS Sector in Vietnam" in a global webinar titled ‘Whose Responsibility Is It To Push for Well-planned Exit?’ for representatives of international and local NGOs, government agencies, and researchers, hosted by the International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC) in Oxford, UK. Dr. Pallas also co-edited a theme issue of *Voluntas* on aid reduction, and published two articles on the subject including ‘Aid Reduction and Local Civil Society: Causes, Comparisons, and Consequences’ and ‘Is Aid Reduction a Problem for Local Civil Society? Defining the Scope and Challenges of the Phenomenon’ in *International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. Finally, he presented a paper titled 'Analyzing Aid Reduction and Its Impact on Local Civil Society in Post-Conflict States’, co-authored with three KSU students at the International Studies Association in Baltimore.
Faculty Advisors

Global Society
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Model European Union
Model Arab League
Mock Mediation
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