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The department gratefully acknowledges that this newsletter is made possible through the financial support received from a bequest by a former Ohio Wesleyan student, George Meader, who attended from 1923-1925. Meader was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from a southeastern Michigan district from 1951-1965. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1931. Prior to serving in Congress, he had a private law practice in Ann Arbor, served as a county prosecutor, and as counsel to the U.S. Senate special committee investigating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He served as counsel to congressional committees and resumed the private practice of law after leaving the Congress.

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Mock Convention 2016

Back in 1884, Ohio Wesleyan held its first “Mock Convention”. Since then it has held one almost every presidential election year since 1920. The Mock Convention is a community wide event, bringing together students, faculty and Delaware residents to educate them about the presidential nominating process. It is designed as an educational tool, as well as a social event, for people with various party affiliations to interact and discuss a wide-range of policy issues.

Mock Convention will be held **February 5-6, 2016**. To ensure there is lively debate and competition among a number of candidates, Ohio Wesleyan’s Mock Convention traditionally represents the party currently not in control of the White House. Therefore, the 2016 Convention will be a Republican Party convention.

Professor Ashley Biser is the faculty adviser for the Mock Convention and already has plans to organize alumni delegations.

- Did you participate in Mock Convention while at OWU?
- What are some of your favorite Mock memories?
- Would you like to relive your Mock experience and participate in the 2016 Convention?

We are seeking alums who would be willing to share their memories of the convention and/or those who might be interested in acting as State Chairs and Delegates in the upcoming convention. Please contact Ashley Biser at anbiser@owu.edu Mock Convention has always been an interactive and open event to everyone and we would love to see our alumni participating!



To all of our Facebook users, we are happy to announce that the Politics Department is officially on Facebook! If you would like to receive updates about department events, announcements and information, please follow us at www.facebook.com/OWUPG. Whether you’re an alumni, student, faculty or friend, this page has all the information you could need!



Learn more about Mock Convention 2016 at

<http://mock.owu.edu/>

or on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/OWUMock>

Dr. Joan McLean Retiring



Joan McLean

When Joan McLean first stepped onto campus in 1990, she was applying for a three-year replacement position for a professor who was leaving for Florence, Italy. That was 25 years ago. After years of teaching and service to Ohio Wesleyan, Joan McLean is officially retired. It will be hard to imagine not seeing her everyday on campus, talking with students and sparking interesting debates.

During her time at Ohio Wesleyan, Dr. McLean taught courses on Congress, the Presidency, Introduction to Politics and Conduct of Political Inquiry. Along the way, Dr. McLean introduced two new courses related to her practical political experience: Equality and American Politics and American Politics and the Mass Media.

In 1996, she was the recipient of the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for Encouragement of Teachers. She served as chair of the department and director of the Arneson Institute for Practical and Public Affairs, helping students find internships locally and in Washington. As Dean of First Year Students, Dr. McLean took a few years off from teaching, helping students transition successfully to college life and developed the infa-

mous StART program that all incoming students go through before classes begin.

After returning to the department to resume teaching, she helped coordinate two travel learning trips for students in Vietnam and Ireland. Dr. McLean is passionate about these programs, saying “if programs such as ‘The Vietnam Experience’ and ‘Seeing Europe Through Ireland’s Eye’ are to make an impact, students need to be more than tourists. They must be travelers, open to exploring new places, to connecting with people who speak different languages and have different customs, and to staying safe while doing so.” To add to her incredible list of achievements and service, Dr. McLean was also the Faculty Advisor to five of the Mock Conventions held between 1996 and 2012.

Former student, Kylea Davis '15 says she was lucky to have Dr. McLean as a professor and will fondly remember her as someone who “instilled passion and excitement into her students and helped us to expand our knowledge and curiosity in and out of the classroom.”

Ohio Wesleyan University, especially the PG Department, is thankful for her years of commitment to our students, as well as touching the lives of so many alumni and faculty members.

Professor McLean, you will be missed!

“Unstable Majorities, Polarization and the Contemporary American Electorate”



Morris Fiorina

On the evening of March 25th, Morris Fiorina was the guest speaker at the Benjamin F. Marsh Lecture Series on Public Affairs. This lecture series was started by alumnus Benjamin Marsh ('50) who exemplified and encouraged others to have active participation in public affairs. Ohio Wesleyan was deeply saddened when Marsh passed away in 2014 but we are glad to have his memory live on through this lecture series, hoping to share his love for politics with current students

and faculty. We were joined by Marsh’s wife, daughter, son, and grand-daughter at the lecture.

Morris Fiorina is the Wendt Family Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and is a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution. He received his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College (1968) and his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester (1972). Fiorina is a very prominent political scientist and author who focuses on American government and politics, with a special emphasis on topics in the study of representation and elections. Fiorina had all eyes on him as he began his lecture,

quoting well-known figures such as Clinton Rossiter, Pat Buchanan, Garry Wills and Dave Barry at the outset.

He went on to emphasize that today’s Democrats and Republicans in Congress are much further apart ideologically than they were 40 years ago. “Democrats and Republicans now look at each other like they’re from different planets,” Fiorina said. “Democrats have moved left and Republicans have moved right, there is no middle ground anymore.” Although political elites are currently polarized in American politics, Fiorina noted that the general public is not. He went on to say that some political scientists disagree and believe instead that the American public is polarized. But, the data show that when it comes to key political issues, voters tend to hug the middle. Fiorina finished his lecture with a theory as to why, since 2000, neither major political party has been able to maintain control of the House, Senate and presidency in back-to-back years. He explained that each party “overreaches” in an election year to win votes from the middle, but when elected, they race back to their ideologically extreme positions to pass legislation, which costs the party in the majority the election in the next cycle. Throughout his lecture, Fiorina told jokes and held the attention of students, faculty and members of the Delaware community. The event was co-sponsored by the Ohio Wesleyan Department of Politics and Government and the Arneson Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs.

2015 DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

JAMES J. HEARN AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additionally, the department awarded the *James J. Hearn Award for Practical Political or Government Service*. This award is given in honor of James J. Hearn, a 1953 graduate. It was established to encourage wider participation by college men and women in the affairs of the government. The 2015 recipient of the James J. Hearn award is **Emma G. Drongowski**.

EARL E. WARNER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Politics and Government Department annually recognizes outstanding students with two awards. The *Earl E. Warner Award for Academic Excellence* was established in honor of Earl Warner, class of 1926. Warner was a professor at Ohio Wesleyan from 1946-1972, acting as Chair of the department from 1954-1960. This award is presented each spring to the Politics and Government Department senior major or majors with the highest grade point averages. This year the award went to senior **Alexandra R. Webb**.

Recent PG Department News—*Congratulations!*

Dr. Ji Young Choi was awarded the status of tenure at Ohio Wesleyan University. Choi has recently published an article, "Rationality, Norms, and Identity in International Relations," in *International Politics*, Vol. 52, No. 1 (2015): 110-127. He was also awarded Thomas E. Wenzlau (TEW) Grants for Faculty and Curricular Development (around \$3,000), which will fund his new research project (Globalization and State Policies: The Rise of East Asian Economies and the Role of the State in a Global Age). He plans to present his research draft at the Global Studies Conference at Imperial College London, the United Kingdom, in July.

Dr. James Franklin has two publications appearing this spring: "Persistent Challengers: Repression, Concessions, and Challenger Strength and Commitment in Latin America" appearing in the journal *Mobilization* 20 (1): 61-80, and a book chapter "Human Rights Naming and Shaming: International and Domestic Processes," appearing in *The Politics of Leverage in International Relations: Name, Shame and Sanction*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Dr. Sean Kay will be a featured speaker at, and writing for, the National Intelligence Council's April Global Trends Project at Indiana University. NIC is the primary analytical body for the Director of

National Intelligence in the US government. This project lays out Global Trends projections 20 years out as the primary forecasting analysis for the US government. The scholars invited are among the very top international and regional experts in America, and Dr. Kay is the only one representing a liberal arts institution.

Dr. Joan E. McLean served as an academic advisor for the documentary *Women In Politics*. The documentary is one of the second-season episodes in the PBS series *MAKERS: WOMEN WHO MAKE AMERICA* viewed on-line at

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2365361204/>

2014-2015 Department Lectures

BENJAMIN F. MARSH LECTURE SERIES ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Morris P. Fiorina, Wendt Family Professor and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, presented a talk entitled "Unstable Majorities, Polarization, and the Contemporary American Electorate" on March 25th.

JOHN KENNARD EDDY MEMORIAL LECTURE ON WORLD POLITICS:

Mark R. Beissinger, Henry W. Putnam Professor of Politics at Princeton University, was our guest speaker on

April 2nd. His lecture was entitled "Ukraine, Russia, and the End of the Post-Cold War Political Order".

CORINNE LYMAN LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES:

Randall Schweller, noted author and Professor of Political Science and a Social and Behavioral Sciences Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow at Ohio State University, was our guest speaker on October 13th. His topic was "Maxwell's Demon and the Golden Apple: Global Discord in the New Millennium".

OTHER LECTURES:

John Sides, Associate Professor of Political Science at George Washington University, spoke on October 29th on "Will the 2014 Midterm Election Give Republicans Control of Congress?"

Daniel Haybron, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Saint Louis University, was our guest speaker on January 20th. His topic was "The Moral Basis of Happiness Policy".

The department is grateful to these endowed lecture series which enable us to bring prestigious speakers to campus.

Alumni Updates

Paper responses mailed to us last summer/fall were destroyed in the water pipe break last January. As a result we were unable to check those entries recorded in the fall. Please email any corrections to pllauche@owu.edu or mail to:

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<p>2013 Rose Moller-Jacobs Master of Science, Patent Law, Univ. of Notre Dame, Armstrong Teasdale, Patent Engineer</p>	<p>2010 Elizabeth Collins Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (JD); Associate Attorney, Brouse McDowell, LPA, Cleveland, OH</p>	<p>2006 Wesley Goodman Managing Director at Conservative Action Project Washington, DC</p>
<p>2013 Tyler LeFevre JD/MBA Candidate, The University of Akron, Saturday MBA Adviser in the College of Business Administration</p>	<p>2010 Ross McDonald Delaware County Board of Elections, Election Services Manager</p>	<p>2005 Kelsey Chin JD, December 2007, The University of Michigan Law School Walgreen Co., Senior Attorney, Securities & Corporate Finance</p>
<p>2012 Megan Hoffman Master of Public Administration, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University, City of Upper Arlington, Graduate Intern</p>	<p>2009 Amanda Olivier (Thompson) Wake Forest University (JD); Logistics Director, ASID Carolinas</p>	<p>1999 Jon Morgan McGill University</p>
<p>2012 Reed Fogle MPA, University of Connecticut City of Westerville, OH, Management Assistant</p>	<p>2009 Renee Colvin Law, College of William and Mary School of Law Baltimore County Office of Law, Assistant County Attorney</p>	<p>1997 Christopher Laux J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, Ernst & Young LLP, Partner/Principal</p>
<p>2012 Kristen Suarez MA, Psychology, Gerontology, Chicago School of Professional Psychology; MA in Social Work, Health & Aging Specialization, OSU (May, 2015)</p>	<p>2009 Jessica Monroe J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, Schwarzwald McNair & Fusco LLP, Associate Attorney</p>	<p>1993 Wesley Perry National Sales Executive, CPI-HR, Solon, OH</p>
<p>2011 Sarah Ingles In Progress -- JD Candidate, Capital University Law School; The American Cancer Society, Community Events Specialist</p>	<p>2008 Amanda Woerman (Matthews) PhD, Molecular Medicine, George Washington Univ.; Post-Doctoral Fellow, Inst. for Neurodegenerative Diseases, UC San Francisco</p>	<p>1986 Robert Shinn University of Richmond (J.D.); Partner at Capital Results, Richmond, VA</p>
<p>2011 Malaina Hicks Master of Education in Secondary Education, Grand Canyon University, Haugland Learning Center, Teacher</p>	<p>2008 Matthew Laferty Master of Divinity, Yale University, 2011, Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, Executive Director and Chaplain</p>	<p>1984 Chris Combs Executive Director, Coalition of Care Catalyst, Safe Families Greater Cincinnati, OH</p>
<p>2011 Megan Evans International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Rockville, MD</p>	<p>2007 Brent Perrin Freedom Partners, Political Research Analyst</p>	<p>1984 George Pilat J.D., Case Western Reserve University School of Law Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA, Partner</p>
	<p>2006 Jeff Van Schaick Watco Companies, AVP Government Affairs</p>	<p>1984 Thomas Villane Design 446, President</p>
		<p>1984 Judith Christrup Master of Arts, Military History, 2009, Norwich University,</p>

Alumni Updates

The Nature Conservancy of Long Island, Director of Special Events

1983 Scott Martin

Columbia University (MIA, M.Phil., PhD); Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY

1980 Judith Katz (Schnidman)

MBA, Marketing, George Washington University, M.A. Jewish Education, Towson University; Faculty in Economics at Community College of Baltimore County

1977 Ken Sternad

Furthered Education at Fairfield University; Retired, UPS, Vice President, Global Public Rela-

tions & Media Affairs, President of the UPS Foundation Norcross, GA

1976 Anne Kleindienst

University of Virginia (JD); Shareholder/Director/Attorney at Polsinelli P.C., Phoenix, AZ

1968 Wayne W. Clark

UC Berkeley (PhD. in sociology); Director of Behavioral Health at Monterey County Health Department Carmel Valley, CA

1956 Robert Istnick

Family news to share—our grandson, Maxell Carl Richards, graduated in 2014—5th generation to graduate from OWU. Frankfort, MI

1956 William White

University of Cincinnati (JD); Now Self-Employed; Retired-Arbitrator, New York Stock Exchange, (FINRA) & U.S. District Ct. Western Dist. PA Wexford, PA

1950 Julian Martin

Wayne State (MPA); Retired Austin, TX

1950 Ned Myers

Valparaiso University (JD); Retired, Macon, GA

1949 Phyllis Sain (Heigley)

CSULA (MA in Education); Retired, Glendora, CA

Moot Court

This year's team consisted of 18 students, comprising 9 teams that competed in regional competitions for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association.

Six of Ohio Wesleyan's teams competed November 14-15 in the Great Lakes Regional in Saginaw, Michigan, and three competed November 21-22 in the Midwest Regional in Wooster, Ohio. The competition involved two-person teams arguing constitutional issues before a panel of judges and lawyers who portray Supreme Court justices. PG majors Berger/Herbert finished 17th in the nation. Berger won the award for the 9th best individual orator at the competition, ranking her in the top 6% of orators who competed in the nationals and in the top 1% nationally. PG majors Bernstein/Mowad also put in a strong performance, missing qualifying for the elimination rounds by a single ballot.

This is the 4th straight year Ohio Wesleyan students have qualified for the national championships.

In the 2014 championship round PG major Liam Dennigan and ISP/French major Memme Onwudiwe won four of six ballots in preliminary rounds to advance to the final day of competition at the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State. For the competition students simulate presenting legal arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Members of Moot Court 2014-2015:

Katie Berger	Caroline Hamilton	Matthew McCord
Jordan Bernstein	Ying He	William McNamara
Ben Danieli	Rhiannon Herbert	Lidia Mowad
Zahki Davis	Anji Herman	Memme Onudiwe
Josh Denison	Katalyn Kuivila	Alex Pavlechko
Liam Dennigan	Jerry Lherisson	George Rice

Michael Esler, Advisor



Competing at Nationals (L-R): Lidia Mowad, Jordan Bernstein, Michael Esler, Rhiannon Herbert, Katie Berger

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Benjamin G. Danieli Alexandra R. Webb
Lauren A. Holler Amanthi U. Weerasinghe

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Rhiannon M. Herbert
Li-Tzu Liu
Matthew D. McCord
Mira C. Singhal
Luke G. Waters

Pi Sigma Alpha provided a complete list of Ohio Wesleyan's Upsilon Chapter, beginning with the 1934 charter members. The list appears on the PG website at <http://politics.owu.edu/newsAndEvents.html>

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