A NOTE FROM
THE CHAIR

What a year! The GW campus was largely empty, with few students in the dorms and all classes online. Only four of the political science faculty had permission to be on campus, and the rest of us worked from home. Our usual array of events and guest speakers were put on pause. Because GW had a virtual commencement again this year, we had to dispense with our traditional brunch for seniors and their families. Instead, many faculty hosted their own “virtual brunch” rooms on Zoom where students could drop in for a quick chat.

But some things did not change. First of all, we continued to have a large cohort of new graduates. Over 300 seniors graduated with majors and minors in political science in May 2021. Many of them provided info about why they came to GW, their favorite classes and professors, and what they plan to do after graduation, and shared photos of their time at GW and in DC (see pp. 7–17). Second, our PhD students continued to get full-time jobs and prestigious post-docs, a particular achievement given the lousy job market this year due to Covid (see pp. 17). Third, our faculty continued to publish their research, get new grants, and win awards for their research and teaching (see pp. 18). We had to do things differently this year, but we continued to do many of same things we always do.

As a final note, my time as department chair will soon come to a close. Starting July 1, Eric Lawrence will become department chair. It has been a pleasure being chair for the past 5+ years, and now it is time to share the fun with someone new. So for one last time, let me wish you a very pleasant and hopefully a very normal summer.

Sincerely,

Bruce Dickson
Department Chair
2021 GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to our Political Science graduates!

Zoe Ades *  Luke Briggs *  Keaton Cooper
Asma Akram *  Brian Broecker * ΠΣΑ  Samantha Cooper
Alejandro Alvarez *  Marissa Brown *  Flavio Corsi Mendez
Jake Antenore  Davis Burton  Blair Cox *
Bridget Anzano *  Tiffany Butler  Sarah Crowley *
Alexi Arbaiza *  Samuel Cady  John Dallessio
Simone Armour  Evan Cameron  William Daly
Vedika Arunachalam *  Joseph Canino  Alec D’Angelo
Emebte Atanaw  Quinn Casey  Sarah Danielelo
Abhishek Bajpai *  Meghan Castellano ΠΣΑ  Nadia Dawit
Ethan Barber *  Thomas Cawley * ΠΣΑ  Alexandra de Roos
Sara Baron *  Nicole Cennamo  Christopher DeLima
Harry Barrett-Cotter *  Zachary Centrella  Danielle Devine *
Logan Basch *  Marc Chaaban *  Berenice Marie Diby
Dylan Basescu *  Allison Chandler  Katherine Dorochenko *
Greta Batista *  Geon Woo Choi *  Shannon Doyle * ΠΣΑ
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Jillian Bendlak *  Kurt Cleary  Erin Duffy ΠΣΑ
Hanan Berg-Brousseau  Dylan Cogan  August Eckstein
Zachary Bernstein *  Dahvi Cohen *  Margaret Evered
Rheise Berro  David Cohen  Carolyn Fauntleroy
Thomas Best  Madeline Cohen  Alexander Federick
Zachary Bloom *  Madeline Cohen  Adriana Feijoo
Jacob Bloomstein  Ophir Cohen-Simayof *  Aaron Feldman *
Erica Brangwynne  James Conley-Lincoln *  Caroline Fenyo
Christopher Brassil  Grace Connolly  Adriana Fernandes
Ben Friedman *  Matthew Converse  Robert Fields

My greatest accomplishment while attending GW has been raising my GPA every semester and greatly improving my independence, discipline, and study habits throughout the past four years.

Ben Shovers

I’m proud of my work with GW SMARTDC. It’s a great organization and allowed me to connect to the greater DMV area while also giving back.

Diane Harris
2021 Graduating Seniors cont.

Mackenzie Flynn *
Caroline Fogg
Flynn Freeman
Julie Fuschetti
Jesus Garcia
Luna Sofia Garcia Pereyra
Kevin Gartland
Alison Gentry * ΠΣΑ
George Glass *
Nicole Golden *
Alec Gonzalez
Elizabeth Gooch
Blake Goodman
James Gorell
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Tiffany Guerrero
Gemma Guttenberg
Naseem Haamid
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Isabel Hartnett
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John Hrbac
Tierra Hubbard * ΠΣΑ
Rachel Hunn * ΠΣΑ
Grayson Hussong * ΠΣΑ
Hunter Ihrman
Julian Jacobs
Alison Janega * ΠΣΑ
Zachary Jones
Emmalee Jordan *
Jean Joun
Christopher Kaiser *
Manvitha Kapireddy *
Aanchal Kapoor *
Daniel Kassi * ΠΣΑ
Katherine Keiser
Miles Kelekian *
Sophia Kelleher
Annaliese Keller *
Liam Kelley
Brendan Kelly
Hannah Kelman *
Mackenzie Kent *
Christopher Kim *
Ho Joon Kim
Dana Kippen *
Jace Knie
Ruby Koch *
Ethan Koczent
Elias Korpela
Joseph Kossmann
Lindsay Krieger *
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Brendan Lane *
Alicia Lantz
Myles Laurie
Kira Le *
Matthew Leach *
Graham Leader
Anna Learned *
Aidan Lee
Cheyenne Lemonius
Cooper Leonard
Noah Levin *
Brian Levinson *
Alyssa Levitt
Maya Lilly * ΠΣΑ
Colm Linskey
Jeremy Liskar *
Elizabeth Lukens *
Mariah Mackenzie *
Evan Magallanes *
Emily Maise *
Avery Manousos *
Michaela Martin * ΠΣΑ
Arianna Masotti * ΠΣΑ
Matthew Mastroberti *
Anjini Mathur *
Matthew Mccue
Sophia McDaniel *
Marielena Melero Pardo ΠΣΑ
Stephanie Mertz
Arian Milani *
Alexa Miller-Smith ΠΣΑ
Elizabeth Mintz
Nicholas Molinari

View from a 2018 event for the National Parks Service
Photo submitted by Mary Overton
2021 Graduating Seniors cont.

Massimo Morano
Matthew Motola
Luke Mueller-oden *
Keith Nagy *
Christopher Nardi
Alexander Neumann *
Crystal Nieves Murphy
Odoba Nnani
Charlotte Norris
Noah Nyhart
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Elise Owen
Michael Paisley
Sophia Papan ΠΣΑ
Ju Eun Park
Kyle Parker
Anuj Patel
Daniel Perez *
Donald Peterson *
Rachael Pullen
David Quintero
Zara Rabinovitz *
Menal Raju
Epiphany Ramirez
Jordan Ramsey
Garrison Ream * ΠΣΑ
Josiah Reedy *
Sarah Reichek *
Oleh Reshetniak
Gregory Rice
Samuel Riddle
Marilyn Rivas-Martinez
Mikaela Robes *
Juan Jose Rodriguez
Allison Rosa
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Spencer Shih *
Benjamin Shovers
Caleb Siebeneck
Brooke Siegal *
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Lana Singer *
Samuel Singer *
Gursimran Singh
Zachary Sinykin
Evan Smith
Jacob Smith
Grace Smoker
Hayley Spring *
Jessica Squires *
Luke Stauffer * ΠΣΑ
Kenneth Stibler *
Michael Sugden
Emma Sullivan *
Kyle Sutera *
Elliot Svirnovskiy *
Joseph Swanson
Mikaela Rose Tajo * ΠΣΑ
Charles Tang
Adriana Tapia-Gomez
Astor Tellman *
Heather Templeman
Alison Thomas
Ethan Thomas
Autumn Thompson
Tracy Thompson ΠΣΑ
Lauren Treanor *
Kent Trespalacios * ΠΣΑ
Benjamin Troutman
Ethan Tsui
Ogul Turkoglu
Caroline Uehling *
Peter Van De Pol
Natalia Vasquez *
Alejandra Velazquez
Emily Venezky
Andrew Vipatasilpin
Maywadee Viriyapah *
Justin Vitale *
Eden Vitoff

Photo submitted by Mikaela Rose Tajo
2021 Graduating Seniors cont.

Political Science Joshua Evans III Memorial 2021 Prize is awarded to Madeline Hall, Maya Lilly, Matthew Oberstaedt, and Mikaela Rose Tajo for outstanding academic achievement in Political Science.

Political Science John A. Morgan 2021 Prize is awarded to Manvitha Kapireddy, Sarah Reichek, Luke Stauffer, and Michelle Wolk for outstanding academic achievement in Political Science and showing high promise for the study of law.

Political Science Howard C. Sacks Endowed 2021 Prize is awarded to Madeline Yingling for outstanding academic achievement in Political Science, with a focus on Far Eastern Affairs.

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Law School 18%
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STUDENT STORIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Check out stories from our graduates during their time at GW!

From exploring international politics abroad to taking advantage of life-changing internships in Washington, D.C., our undergraduates seek out many opportunities to enrich their studies. Although things changed considerably this past year, our students continued to do interesting internships, take on challenging coursework, and tour all that the nation’s capital has to offer.

FAVORITE GW & DC MOMENTS

“Interning on the Hill.”
Dahvi Cohen

“My favorite GW/DC moment was being able to intern for Senator Sherrod Brown and experience the impeachment trial.”
Abigail Simon

“My favorite DC moment was being in the live audience during a CNN town hall with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on the day that she announced impeachment charges against former President Donald Trump.”
Daniel Perez

“Going on runs around the monuments in the afternoons.”
Adriana Fernandes

“My favorite DC moment was being able to tour the Supreme Court with my proseminar class!”
Brendan Lane

“My favorite DC moment was attending a Supreme Court oral argument.”
Kent Trespalacios

“My favorite GW moment was attending the MSSC Block Party; it was such a great display of the many diverse student orgs GW has to offer.”
Autumn Thompson

“The first week of school when everyone is back from summer and refreshed and happy to see each other.”
Mary Overton

“Exploring museums and parks in DC especially during cherry blossom season! I also love the opportunities GW has offered me, including my various work experiences.”
Cicely Williams

“Just walking and seeing the cherry blossoms in spring.”
Matthew Motola

“Attending the Women’s March and March on Washington.”
Marin Christensen

“The first time I saw the White House.”
Vedika Arunachalam
Favorite GW & DC Moments cont.

“Seeing GW’s Men’s basketball team win a 4 OT game was awesome.

John Dallessio

“Nice walk out to monument on a sunny day.

Geonwoo Choi

“Watching impeachment proceedings from the House gallery.

Erik Homovich

“Having to wake up at 3 AM and casually take a Lyft to the Supreme Court to hear a case for a class assignment. It was freezing, but seeing the justices was cool.

Alexi Arbaiza

“Going down Black Lives Matter Plaza when Joe Biden won the election and getting to see the city finally have something to celebrate in the midst of 2020.

Jordan Dreisbach

“My favorite DC moment was when my friends and I attended a live U.S. Senate hearing. It was exciting to see and hear these larger than life political figures in person.

Caleb Siebeneck

MOST VALUABLE CLASS OR PROFESSOR

“PSC1000 Dean’s Seminar in conflict and commerce taught by Prof. Lupu. I learned so much valuable information that helped me throughout my duration at GW. He’s also just a wonderful professor.

Hannah Kelman

“Politics and Foreign Policy of China with Professor Shambaugh. Extremely informative and inside look at the true inner workings of Chinese policy at a very relevant time.

Robert (Barley) Fields

“My favorite DC moment is when Biden was officially announced the winner of the 2020 presidential election. I was walking outside and I just felt this happy spirit in the air, it finally felt like we were all going to be okay. I remember seeing a mom with her daughter walking, and she bent down to explain why all the car horns were going off. She told her daughter, “this is a win for you. For your future.” I got the chills!

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Clarke

“Professor Betz’s speech on the last day of class.

James Conley-Lincoln

“One of my favorite GW moments was getting to see French President Emmanuel Macron speak in person at the Smith Center.

Neil Hartnett

“My favorite moment was getting to intern at a think-tank while I took classes. I was grateful to have the unique experience of learning about public policy both inside and outside the classroom.

Christopher Kaiser

“The amount of free/cheap cultural events around town are fantastic. There is so much to learn and see that even after four years I haven’t been able to do it all.

Alejandra Velazquez
Nicole Bartels is the greatest prof to grace the department.

Yunjung Seo

My most valuable class was Employment and Retirement Policy with Professor Butler. She was extremely engaging and sparked my passion for public policy; I now have a greater appreciation for how policy impacts the day to day lives of citizens and their security.

Anne Healy

Prof Michelle Allendoerfer - She was just the most compassionate professor, especially helping us out through the pandemic semester last fall!

Jesus Garcia

My most valuable PSC class and professor was US Political Parties and Interest Groups with Professor Vincent Stine. Professor Stine is such a great lecturer! I learned so much about American politics because he does a really good job of bringing the content to life.

Meghan Castellano

Professor Stoker’s Poverty, Welfare and Work (PSC2240) was my favorite class because it was really well taught and did a great job explaining the intricacies of our social welfare system.

Alexa Miller-Smith

Steven Balla’s Regulation elective class, because I feel like I use the knowledge from that class the most in my everyday life.

Carl Rothenhaus

Constitutional Law with professor Marsh. As a hopeful future law student this class gave me a firm grasp on a future constitutional law class.

Aidan Lee

The most valuable PSC course I took was Energy Policy (and then Environmental Policy) with Professor Ovodenko. Not only did I learn a lot about the ins and outs of these important policy areas, the knowledge I gained in Professor Ovodenko’s course led to my first paid internship which has since chained into more professional opportunities.

Sean O’Neil

Professor Toni Marsh: Professor Marsh is very involved on campus, and always encourages students to participate in GW events and in class. Her classes were always interesting and engaging, and she was always looking to provide the best possible experience for her students. Professor Marsh is an amazing professor at GW!!

Emma Sullivan

Dr. Betz teaching State and Urban Policy Problems. His teaching and course inspired me to declare my major as the Public Policy track. I am now heading to earn a masters focused on public policy and aim to earn a PhD—I don’t know where I’d be if not for that class.

Joshua Rosen

I will always ALWAYS have a special place in my heart from Professor Creppell’s Value Conflict in Politics Proseminar course! The discussions we had inside and outside the classroom were so valuable to me.

Mikaela Rose Tajo

I would say Campaigns and Elections with Professor Warshaw - it completely upended a lot of the conventional wisdom I knew about campaigns and elections and I use that knowledge frequently when talking about those topics.

Tyler Kusma
Most Valuable Class or Professor cont.

“Dennis McGrath. He taught me a new way of thinking about the Founding Fathers and it was okay to think differently.

Alexandra de Roos”

“Politics in the Two Korea’s with Professor Arrington. It was the first PSC elective I took with no background, I learned more in that one semester than I did in most of my other classes, and Professor Arrington made it extremely interesting and engaging.

Harry Barrett-Cotter”

“Dr. Betz was the best professor I had at GW. He demonstrated great care and a passion for teaching his students.

Rheise Barro”

“My proseminar course with professor Kimberly Morgan about the politics and policy of immigration. Her devotion to the topic and the discussions had during class were fantastic week in and week out, despite being entirely virtual.

Evan Magallanes”

“I’ve learned the most by far in Professor Stoker's classes (Poverty, Welfare, and Work; Inequality in the U.S.). It was his class (Poverty, Welfare, and Work) that blossomed by passion for public policy!

Marissa Brown”

“Professor Grynaviski! He helped me realize I want to pursue a Master’s in poli sci and helped me apply for the program.

Claire Hoffman”
FUN OR FAVORITE VIRTUAL CLASS MOMENT

“Every time there’s an animal on screen everyone demands to know its name.”

Dylan Basescu

“The best moments were when my professors would bring on guest speakers, who wouldn’t have been able to join if we were in person.”

Ethan Barber

“I have a professor who regularly showcases his chickens.”

Luke Stauffer

"You’re on mute" is the most 2020 thing I can even think of...

Keaton Cooper

“The power went out for one of my PSC professors mid-class and she ended up canceling that day! About 1/3rd of the way through a 2.5 hour class - what a blessing.”

Yannik Omictin

“The countless times people thought they were muted as they discussed so many personal details to their friends and family, unknowingly giving the class time to form our own opinion.”

Samuel Cady

“Everyone in my media and politics class showed up to our last class meeting in winter holiday attire to surprise our professor. The MVPs dressed in penguin costumes, Santa outfits, fluffy Hanukkah sweaters, and funky holiday hats. To surprise our professor, who worked so hard to make the online experience as rewarding as in person, we even sent him his own light up Hanukkah sweater too!”

Callie Fauntleroy

“When a professor starts talking for several minutes without realizing they are muted.”

Arianna Masotti

“No. They were all awful.”

Alex La Roche

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT GW

“My greatest accomplishment has been being the Talk Director at the WRGW radio station for two years. I’ve been so lucky to have an amazing community of station members and to have supported so many passionate writers/radio hosts.”

Emily Venezky

“My greatest accomplishment while attending GW is that a law review I wrote for my "Equality and the Law" class was published in the Spring 2021 edition of the Columbia Undergraduate Law Review.”

Michelle Wolk
GW Men’s Rowing top program finish of 13th in nation.

James Gorell

I feel extremely grateful for the clubs/organizations I have gotten to be a part of during my time at GW, and I am especially thankful for the experiences of serving as the K-Family Chair for Circle K International and learning my clients’ stories while working as a Consultant at the GW Writing Center. I consider myself extremely lucky, however, for my time interning at D.C. Hunger Solutions during my senior year. DCHS is one of the most hardworking, supportive team environments where every individual is passionate about working hard to end hunger in D.C., and I consider myself so lucky to have worked with such incredible people for such an important cause!

Madeline Hall

Being elected College Republicans chairman.

John Olds

Starting the GW Women’s Ice Hockey team then coaching the team to win championships.

Libby Lukens

I wrote an honors thesis for my other major, Women’s Gender, & Sexuality Studies, and presented my research at GW Research Days.

Maddy Sherbet

My greatest accomplishment while attending GW was all of the internships that I was able to have that enriched my political education in so many ways. I am about to complete a year long internship with one of the top lobbying firms in DC and it would not have been possible without everything I learned in my PSC courses at GW.

Bryn Learned

GW gave me the opportunity to find a job even before I had my degree. In September 2019, I was honored to receive a presidential appointment at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and I spent almost a year and a half as the social media manager for the agency. In January 2021, I was the public affairs transition coordinator and I implemented a plan to prepare the Treasury Department and its bureaus (IRS, U.S. Mint, BEP, etc.) for the presidential transition. During COVID-19, I oversaw the creation of digital tools and web content to help people access resources like Paycheck Protection Program loans and Economic Impact Payments. For this, I was awarded the Secretary’s Honor Award and the Public Affairs Certificate of Distinguished Service. To date, I am one of the youngest Treasury employees in recent years as I received my appointment at age 19.

Hunter Ihrman

I got elected as President of GW College Democrats!

Keith Nagy

I am happy to lead the Roosevelt Mid Atlantic team, and represent GW across multiple states.

Sarah Crowley

Not flunking out.

Evan Cameron

My greatest accomplishment while at GW was to graduate from GW - the first member of my family to achieve a Bachelor's Degree in the US.

Flavio Corsi Mendez

My greatest accomplishment while attending GW would be completing my BS in applied math in 2 years. Many doubted my ability to complete such a rigorous major in such a short time period, but I did it!

Greta Batista
Greatest Accomplishment at GW cont.

“Being able to intern while taking classes. The ability to take classes about government and simultaneously intern at some awesome non-profit organizations allowed me to see how the organizations and things that I read about in textbooks work outside of academia. I got the chance to see how the things I learn in the classroom can be applied outside, and has also shown me how valuable studying Political Science is.”

Anjini Mathur

“My greatest accomplishment at GW has been receiving the Joshua Evans III commencement prize.”

Maya Lilly

“Becoming a more confident individual who is not afraid to share her opinions and knowledge. I am grateful that the two majors I chose made me very happy at GW.”

Asma Akram

“Being able to find a job post-grad in a field I really wanted to be in is definitely my biggest accomplishment.”

Christopher Kim

“Starting an organization that will help black student athletes.”

Alexis Williams

“Being able to intern while taking classes. The ability to take classes about government and simultaneously intern at some awesome non-profit organizations allowed me to see how the organizations and things that I read about in textbooks work outside of academia. I got the chance to see how the things I learn in the classroom can be applied outside, and has also shown me how valuable studying Political Science is.”

Anjini Mathur
Each year, Political Science has on-market PhD candidates and graduates seeking placement at top-tier schools and companies throughout the globe. Below are some recent placements to celebrate:

**Samer Anabtawi**, PhD 2021, accepted an Assistant Professor position at University College London in the United Kingdom.

**Jangai Jap**, PhD 2021, accepted a post-doctoral position at University of Texas-Austin.

**Alexander Kirss**, PhD 2021, accepted a post-doctoral position at University of Southern California.

**Kendrick Kuo**, PhD 2021, accepted an Assistant Professor position at the U.S. Naval War College.

**Shannon McQueen**, PhD 2021, accepted an Assistant Professor position at West Chester University.

**Elizabeth Pertner**, PhD 2020, accepted a research position at the Center for Global Health Engagement through the Uniformed Services University and the Henry Jackson Foundation.

**Steven Schaaf**, PhD 2021, accepted an Assistant Professor position at University of Mississippi.
FACULTY ACCOLADES & NEWS

• **Celeste Arrington** has won the 2021 GW Office of the Vice President for Research Early Career Scholar Award. This marks the 6th year in a row a GW political scientist has won this award.

• **Steven J. Balla** has been named co-director of GW’s Regulatory Studies Center.

• **Sarah A. Binder** was named University Parliamentarian for GW’s Faculty Senate.

• **Ingrid Creppell** celebrates 25 years of continuous full-time service to GW this year.

• **Charles L. Glaser** is the recipient of the 2021 William and Katherine Estes Award from the National Academy of Sciences.

• **Martha Finnemore** has won the 2021 GW Office of the Vice President for Research Distinguished Scholar Award.

• **Stephen B. Kaplan** was selected as an outstanding professor within the Elliott School of International Affairs by the Xi Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity at GW.

• **Iris Malone** received a Department of Homeland - Security National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center of Excellence grant for the project “Effect of Organizational Dynamics on Terrorist Threats and Counterterrorism Responses,” with co-PI is Martha Crenshaw (Stanford University).

• **Mike Mochizuki** is this year’s winner of GW’s Elliott School Harry Harding Teaching Award.


• **David Shambaugh** celebrates 25 years of continuous full-time service to GW this year.

New books from professors Celeste Arrington, Michael N. Barnett, Bruce J. Dickson, and Stephen B. Kaplan are linked below:
Robert W. Rycroft
Robert W. Rycroft of Annandale, VA, passed away on Saturday night, May 1, 2021. Robert was Professor Emeritus of The George Washington University and taught there for 25 years as Professor of Political Science, Science and Technology, and International Affairs. Robert received his PhD from the University of Oklahoma-Norman and did his Post-Doc at Princeton University. He was an expert on the Civil War and had a fondness for the New York Yankees, the Washington Nationals and Old English Sheepdogs. He is survived by his wife Kimberly, two stepchildren Alex and Erin Lutz, and a sister Anne.

Published in *The Washington Post* on May 6, 2021.

Burton M. Sapin
A longtime Washington, DC, resident and devoted father, grandfather, and spouse, died in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, at the age of 93 on December 13, 2020. Born and raised in the Bronx, NY, Burt served in the Navy at the end of WWII after graduation from Columbia University. After the war, Burt received his Ph.D. from Princeton University. A political scientist and scholar in the field of International Relations, he served at the State Department during the Kennedy Administration, but spent most of his career in academia. Burt's collaborative academic work in the 1950s and 1960s is widely credited with initiating the field of US foreign policy studies. He spent a significant part of his career at George Washington University as Dean of the School of Public and International Affairs, now the Elliott School of International Affairs. Although his scholarship revolved primarily around US foreign policy, he had a longstanding interest in Japan and love of Japanese culture; he maintained connections with Japanese friends, colleagues, and former students throughout his life. Burt remained an avid reader and observer of world affairs, but in his later years he turned his attention increasingly to family and the joys of friendship, good food, and music. He was also an avid sports fan, staying true to his Giants in both baseball and football, and recently becoming a Miami Heat fan. He attended many Griefer Family Circles over the years, regaling young and old with stories from the early years of the family in New York. He was always eager for news of his five grandchildren and loved hearing about their burgeoning interests and careers. Burt's devotion as a father was deep and never faltered. He unswervingly focused on the issue at hand and calmly provided rational advice when asked. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Bennett of Palm Beach Gardens, FL., his daughter, Julia Sapin of Bellingham, WA, and his son, David Sapin of Chevy Chase, MD.

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