



Department of Political Science Columbian College of Arts and Sciences



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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 *
Asma Akram *
Alejandro Alvarez *
Jake Antenore
Bridget Anzano *
Alexi Arbaiza *
Simone Armour
Vedika Arunachalam *
Emebte Atanaw
Abhishek Bajpai *
Ethan Barber *
Sara Baron *
Harry Barrett-Cotter *
Logan Basch *
Dylan Basescu *
Greta Batista *
Emily Baum *
Emily Bauwens * ΠΣΑ
Slovana Becerra ΠΣΑ
Jillian Bendlak *
Hanan Berg-Brousseau
Zachary Bernstein *
Rheise Berro
Thomas Best
Zachary Bloom *
Jacob Bloomstein
Erica Brangwynne
Christopher Brassil
Ben Briedman *

Luke Briggs *
Brian Broecker * ΠΣΑ
Marissa Brown *
Davis Burton
Tiffany Butler
Samuel Cady
Evan Cameron
Joseph Canino
Quinn Casey
Meghan Castellano ΠΣΑ
Thomas Cawley * ΠΣΑ
Nicole Cennamo
Zachary Centrella
Marc Chaaban *
Allison Chandler
Geon Woo Choi *
Joanna Chou
Marin Christensen
Jacquelyn Clarke * ΠΣΑ
Kurt Cleary
Dylan Cogan
Dahvi Cohen *
David Cohen
Madeline Cohen
Madeline Cohen
Ophir Cohen-Simayof *
James Conley-Lincoln *
Grace Connolly
Matthew Converse

Keaton Cooper
Samantha Cooper
Flavio Corsi Mendez
Blair Cox *
Sarah Crowley *
John Dallessio
William Daly
Alec D'Angelo
Sarah Daniello
Nadia Dawit
Alexandra de Roos
Christopher DeLima
Danielle Devine *
Berenice Marie Diby
Katherine Dorochenko *
Shannon Doyle * ΠΣΑ
Jordan Dreisbach * ΠΣΑ
Dora Drezga *
Shaina DSilva
Erin Duffy ΠΣΑ
August Eckstein
Margaret Evered
Carolyn Fauntleroy
Alexander Federick
Adriana Feijoo
Aaron Feldman *
Caroline Fenyo
Adriana Fernandes
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
Erin Grossmann * ΠΣΑ
Noah Guckavan
Tiffany Guerrero
Gemma Guttenberg
Naseem Haamid
Madeline Hall * ΠΣΑ
Diane Harris
Gabrielle Hartman
Neil Hartnett
Isabel Hayes
Anne Healy * ΠΣΑ
Caitlin Hevesy *
Claire Hoffman * ΠΣΑ
Erik Homovich * ΠΣΑ
Haley Horowitz
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 Kassl * 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 *
Tyler Kusma * ΠΣΑ
Joshua Kutner * ΠΣΑ
Alexander La Roche *
Elianna Landau *
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
Odooba Nnani
Charlotte Norris
Noah Nyhart
Charles Oberst * ΠΣΑ
Matthew Oberstaedt *
Joseph O'Brien *
Julia O'Connell
John Olds *
Yannik Omiclin *
Sean O'Neil * ΠΣΑ
Mary Overton ΠΣΑ
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 Reichel *
Oleh Reshetniak
Gregory Rice
Samuel Riddle
Marilyn Rivas-Martinez
Mikaela Robes *
Juanjose Rodriguez
Allison Rosa
Joshua Rosen *
Evan Rosenbaum
Julia Roseneck
Carl Rothenhaus *
Cameron Saad
John Schmidt *
Jessica Schmitt
Nicholas Schor
Michael Schulman
Yunjung Seo
Rachel Shearer * ΠΣΑ
Romaan Sheikh * ΠΣΑ
Madeline Sherbet
Spencer Shih *
Benjamin Shovers
Caleb Siebeneck
Brooke Siegal *
Libby Silber
Abigail Simon *
Keegan Simonsen *
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 Sutura *
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



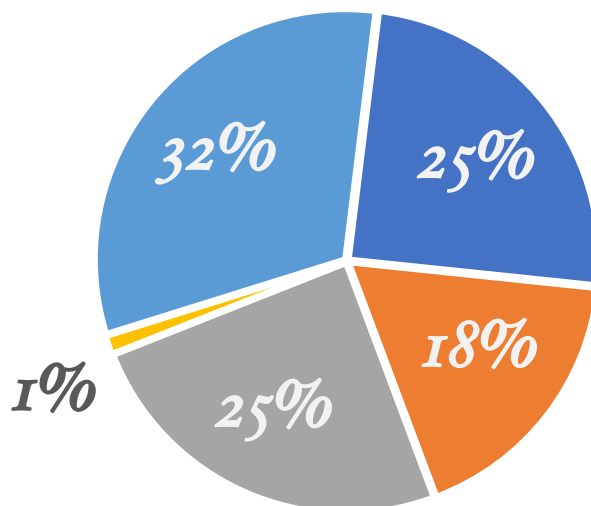
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Mikaela Rose Tajo

2021 Graduating Seniors cont.

Lauren Wagner *
 Yining Wang
 Sara Washienko
 Shawe Watkins
 Madison Watters *
 Peter Wells
 Wei Li Werner
 Janna Whited *
 Nimesh Wijewardane *
 Alexis Williams
 Cicely Williams * ΠΣΑ
 Elizabeth Williams *
 Jackson Williams *
 Joseph Wilton *
 Jacob Winn *
 Rachel Witt *
 Michelle Wolk * ΠΣΑ
 Jillian Wolons
 Yuxuan Xing *
 Timothy Yee
 Madeline Yingling *
 Nathan Young *
 Katherine Youngers *
 Nicole Zavala

* Honors

ΠΣΑ Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society



Plans for after Graduation

Working full-time

Graduate School

Law School

Looking for work

Military

Why did you come to GW?

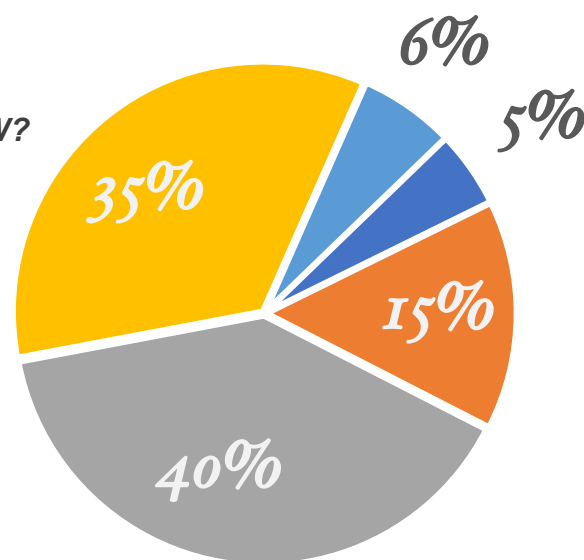
Study Politics

Other

Athletics

Internship and
Career Opportunities

Location



COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

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 Reich, 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.

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

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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

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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

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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

“
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

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

Most Valuable Class or Professor cont.

“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 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 Warsaw - 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.

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

Alexandra de Roos

“

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

Rheise Barro

“

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

“

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

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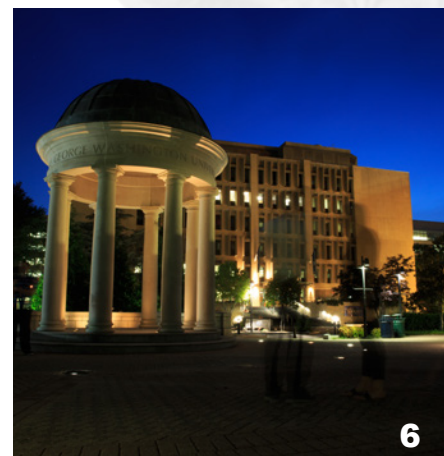
My proseminar course with professor Kimberly Morgan about the politics and policy of immigration. Her devotion to the topic and the discussions had during class were fantastic week in and week out, despite being entirely virtual.

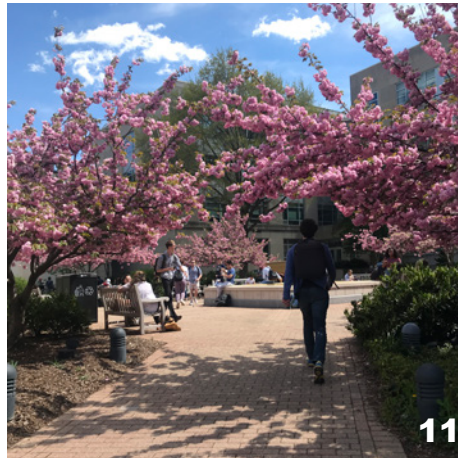
Evan Magallanes

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

Claire Hoffman







Photos from pp. 10–12: **1)** View of the U.S. Capitol - Anonymous; **2)** Snow day on the Mall, March 21, 2018 - Kent Trespalacios; **3)** GW students taking a selfie with National Guard stationed on 23rd st following the January 6th Capitol Insurrection - Emma Sullivan; **4)** The Presidential Inauguration January 20th, 2021 - Marin Christensen; **5)** A The Washington Nationals' 2019 victory parade in D.C. after they won the World Series - Caleb Siebeneck; **6)** GW's Kogan Plaza - Anonymous; **7)** A well-dressed snowman at the Watergate Hotel - Dylan Basescu; **8)** Enjoying the Sun in the Lot next to Tonic :) (pre-covid, of course) - Autumn Thompson; **9)** January of 2018, right when we got back from winter break. Lincoln Memorial, of course! - Samuel Cady; **10)** Sunrise coming up behind the Washington Monument after participating in November Project D.C. - Adriana Fernandes; **11)** Pre-Covid picture I took in Kogan! - Abigail Simon; **12)** The Treasury Department with Christmas decorations, Washington, D.C., 2019 - Hunter Ihrman; **13)** Me at my Phi Alpha Delta initiation on the steps of the Supreme Court in 2019 - Keith Nagy; **14)** Meeting Joe Biden at the Warner Theater for his "American Promise" tour - Alison Gentry; **15)** On the Speaker's Balcony at the U.S. Capitol - Daniel Perez; **16)** Capitol Rotunda, Fall 2019 - Luke Stauffer; **17)** My roommates Sam Winston, Nick Gajda, and Jayson Alvarez at the Army ROTC Formal Dinner in 2019 - John Olds; **18)** GW volleyball class of 2021! Raise high forever! - Callie Fauntleroy; **19)** My friends and I on a GW speciality: a midnight monument walk! - Mikaela Rose Tajo; **20)** Rainbow over Smith on the last day of spring classes c. 2018 - Carl Rothenhaus; **21)** George Washington statue in University Yard on campus - Anonymous; **22)** 2019 Cherry Blossom Season: A day at the mall to play football with Alpha Sigma Phi - Ethan Barber; **23)** Outside CNN's DC bureau following the Jay Inslee town hall on April 11, 2019 - Tyler Kusma; **24)** The Saturn V rocket is projected on the side of the Washington Monument for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission in July 2019 - Brendan Lane.

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

Greatest Accomplishment at GW cont.

“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.

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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

“

Starting an organization that will help black student athletes.

Alexis Williams

“

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

Christopher Kim

“

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



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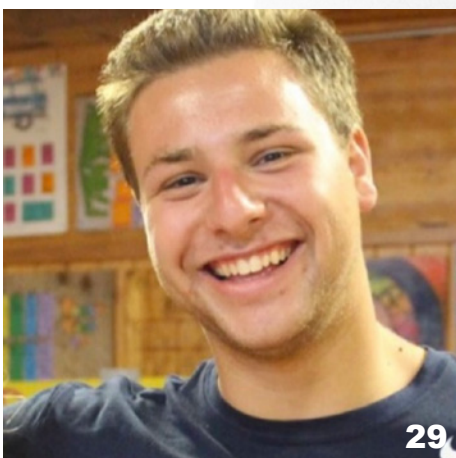
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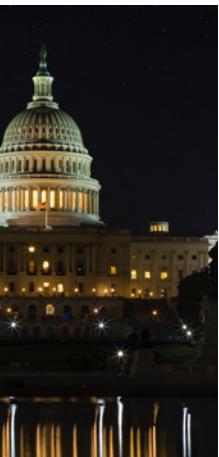
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Photos from pp. 15–16: **25)** Me in November of 2019 on Capitol Hill, where I had been interning that semester - Maddy Sherbet; **26)** Opening night for Eurydice by GW Shakespeare, Nov. 7, 2019, Lisner Downstage. Directed by me! - Alejandra Velazquez; **27)** Hying the crowd up at G-Dub Madness in Fall 2018! The hyping-up didn't actually work, unfortunately - Yannik Omictin; **28)** The Washington Monument with a rocket projection to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. July 19, 2019 - Jordan Dreisbach; **29)** Photo submitted by Benjamin Shovers; **30)** One last cherry blossom picture in Kogan :) - Maya Lilly; **31)** Fall Ball, 2018 - Greta Batista; **32)** Emily and Jack Mitchelltree sitting in the WRGW radio station, preparing to direct a podcast - Emily Venezky; **33)** The picture is from the Lincoln Memorial during the time following 1/6/2021. It has proven an extremely bizarre year to be in DC, and this picture really captures that experience to me - Madeline Hall; **34)** Picture of me representing GW Women's Ice Hockey. In spring 2020 I broke my ankle skiing so I ended up coaching that season - Libby Lukens; **35)** My Senior Photoshoot for Squash at the Monuments - Vedika Arunachalam; **36)** Sophomore year me in front of the Washington Monument, minutes before a storm rolled in. - Jacquelyn (Jackie) Clarke; **37)** Women's March, 2018 - Arianna Masotti; **38)** On the Mall walking back to Campus after the parade for the Washington Nationals World Series Victory - Alexandra de Roos; **39)** Photo submitted by Rheise Berro; **40)** Terrace of the Elliott School - Sigma Kappa Founder's Day Brunch (2019) - Bryn Learned; **41)** Washington Monument - Geonwoo Choi; **42)** Photo submitted by Evan Magallanes; **43)** Photo submitted by Asma Akram; **44)** My first internship on the Hill, 2019. Little did I know I would be roaming the hallowed halls of Congress - Alexi Arbaiza.

GRADUATE STUDENT PLACEMENTS

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**.

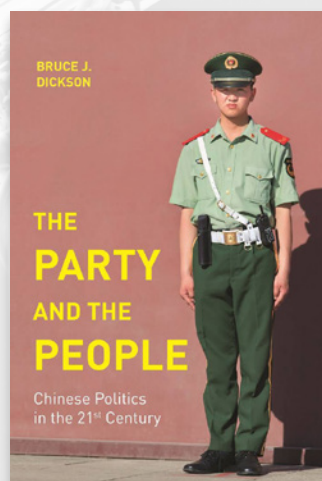
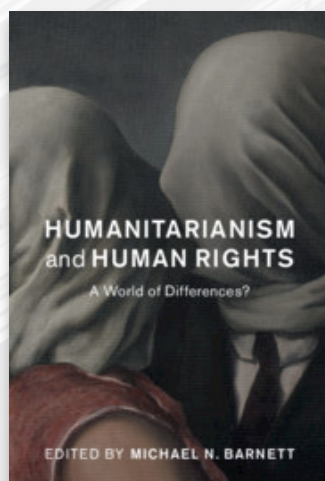
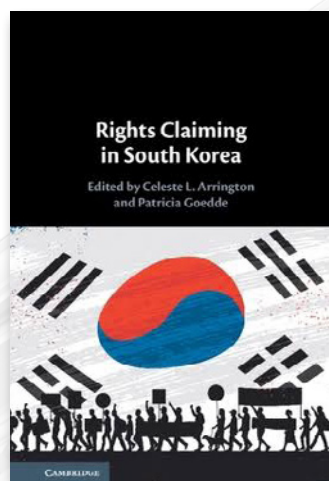
Elizabeth Pertner, PhD 2020, accepted a research position at the Center for Global Health Engagement through the **Uniformed Services University** and the **Henry Jackson Foundation**.

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**.
- **Lucia Rafanelli** published the chapter "[Toleration and Political Change](#)" in Mitja Sardoč ed., *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration* (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming).
- **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:



REMEMBERING ROBERT RYCROFT & BURTON SAPIN

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.

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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 Grier 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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