

# NEWS AND EVENTS

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## GENEVIEVE CITRON REFLECTS ON THE 2009 OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN

Political Science Major Genevieve Citrin ('09) spent her last semester participating in the coveted Tufts-In-Washington Program and the 2009 Obama for President Campaign in Fairfax, VA.

After many weeks preparing for the potential crowds at the polls and campaigning, Genevieve takes a moment to reflect and share her Election Day experience with our readers.

January 20, 2009, 6:30 am: "Phone rings signaling that the day has finally arrived to make sure that Barack Obama becomes the next president of the United States.

I wake up at the Comfort

Inn in Fairfax, VA, just down the street from the Obama headquarters in Fairfax. After the midnight door-hang rush that ended at 3:30 am, a friend and I decided to take a catnap at the Comfort Inn before hitting the pavement again. Even though I awoke in a delirious state, barely able to open my eyes, I was bursting with energy and excitement. I had been part of the campaign for about 2 months, and on this one day everything I had worked for alongside the numerous field organizers and volunteers were being tested. Nothing I had done in the past mattered anymore, and surely not the myriad of laborious hours I had spent

at the campaign if our last, final get-out-the-vote push do not succeed, and Obama did not only lose the election, but did not win Virginia.

Upon arriving at the campaign, I checked in with my supervisor, discussed strategies and game plans for the day, particularly with regards to George Mason University, and went out to put our talk into action. From the onset, all of us at the campaign exercised in a state of organized chaos; we had plans, we knew what had to get done, we had our volunteer in place, yet with so much riding on this one day and with so much built up angst, nerves and  
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Political Science Major Genevieve Citrin ('09) at work for the 2009 Obama for President Campaign in Fairfax, VA..

## MAJORS WEEK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE MARCH 9TH, EATON HALL 206

Come and explore Majors Week with The Department of Political Science. Professors, Political Science Majors, and staff will be on hand to help answer your questions. We are hosting this event on March 9 between 11:50 am and 1:20

pm in Eaton Hall 206. In addition, if you are a Political Science Major, know of a student who is currently undecided and considering a major in Political Science please encourage them to attend. Also, if you are interested in acting as host or

liaison please contact our Communications Department at [Jeannine.Lenehan@tufts.edu](mailto:Jeannine.Lenehan@tufts.edu). We consider your participation is an integral part of our success and we thank you. **A buffet lunch will be served.**

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## THE TUFTS 2009 SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Application  
Deadline  
is  
March 13th  
11:00 am

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The Tufts Summer Scholars Program is a University-wide initiative was created in 2003 and is administered by the Office of Undergraduate Education. It offers research apprenticeships with faculty and or clinical mentors to motivated Tufts undergraduates. The Program gives students a chance to be on the front line of discovery and scholarship at Tufts today. Every Tufts school, department, and research center provides opportunities for interested students to experience research first hand. By exploring the challenge of creating new knowledge, The Summer Scholars Program brings learning to life.

Senior and Political Science Major, Zachary Baum ('09) was a Summer Scholar during the summer of 2008. We asked him to share his unique perspective on his experience and encourage you to apply and take advantage of this wonderful program and opportunity.

"My experience with Summer Scholars was extremely positive. I intended to use the opportunity to begin research on my senior thesis. My sum-

mer was devoted to researching and reviewing the appropriate literature that my project required as well as formulating an experiment that I would be carrying out in the fall of 2008. My project was a synthesis of two field in political science; political theory and American politics, specifically political psychology. The political psychology section of my project was based around carrying out an experiment which tested the effects of exposing students to their biases. My work in political theory focused on understanding the complex role of bias in a philosophical context. I have been exploring how several philosophers support and condemn bias and reason and how these positions relate to one another and to my project.

Over the summer I was both lucky and pleased to be in contact with two advisors: Professor Schildkraut for my work with political psychology and Professor Devigne for my political theory work. Being able to work with both Professors was incredibly helpful because of the large gap between my different

fields. Each Professor assisted me in their specific field, but talking to them about the opposite field was equally as helpful. Explaining to each of them my work in a field they are not familiar with forced me to understand and present my material much more clearly and precisely.

Working with Summer Scholars was an especially great experience because I intend to go on to graduate school and become a Professor of political theory. Immersing myself in a scholarly setting, in which I was able to work exclusively on original research was incredibly valuable. Without Summer Scholars I would not have been able to pursue my academic ambitions and for that I am indebted to them."

If you are interested in applying for the 2009 Summer Scholars Program you may contact Laura Doane at [Laura.Doane@tufts.edu](mailto:Laura.Doane@tufts.edu) or visit: <http://summerscholars.Programs.Tufts.edu/>.

The deadline for applications is March 13th at 11:00 am.

## NEW YORK STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY CONFERENCE

May 6th  
Long Island,  
NY

You are invited to participate in the New York Student and Safety & Security Conference on May 6, 2009 in Long Island, NY. Nearly 500 safety experts representing schools, government agencies and

school organizations gathered for last year's event which was featured on CBS News. This year, the conference will offer different strategies in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and re-

covery. To register for this event contact Melissa Davis, Project Coordinator, New-Fields Exhibition, Inc. at 202-536-5000, email [Melissa at mdavis@nfemail.com](mailto:mdavis@nfemail.com), or visit [www.New-Fields.com](http://www.New-Fields.com).

Application  
Deadline  
Thursday,  
February 26th

### APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR TUFTS IN WASHINGTON

The Department of Political Science is accepting applications for the Tufts in Washington Semester Program. This program allows undergraduates to study our national government first-hand. Participating students attend the semester at American University, and may take one

of three tracks that comprise the program; American National Politics, American Foreign Policy, or Economic Policy. The cornerstone of this curriculum is a two day per week internship that is selected by the student. In total this program is the equivalent of four courses.

Students need not be political science majors, but must have taken at least one course in the area they intend to pursue in Washington. The deadline is February 26, 2009. Applications can be found at the Department of Political Science or on our website.

INFORMATION  
SESSIONS  
MARCH  
4TH AND 5TH

### SUMMER CAMPAIGN POSITIONS WITH GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNS

Grassroots Campaigns is looking to hire students for Summer Campaign positions. This summer, Grassroots Campaigns is teaming up with advocacy groups and progressive organizations to tackle the unprecedented problems facing our nation like our

national healthcare crisis and a focus on helping to end global poverty. They are looking to hire students for leadership positions in their summer campaign offices. If you are interested, please join them at one of their information sessions on March 4th at 3:00

and 5:00 pm and March 5th at 3:00 and 5:00 pm at the Mayer Campus Center, Room 220.

For questions prior to the event contact Brian Kiley, Assistant Director at 617-338-7882 or contact him via email at:

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STUDIES

### WEBSITE FOR PROFESSORS OF GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL STUDIES

The Dirksen Congressional Center, a small, non-profit organization has partnered with for-profit Federal Network, Inc. of Washington, DC to develop a website geared to secondary teachers and professors of Government and Social Studies. It is their hope that the professors in the classroom, when teaching concepts and terms relevant to the legislative branch,

will be able to show sample footage from the House and Senate organized in glossary format. They are seeking your input. For information contact Frank Mackaman at 309-347-7138 or via email at [fmackaman@dirksencenter.org](mailto:fmackaman@dirksencenter.org) or visit their website at [www.Dirkencongressionalcenter.org](http://www.Dirkencongressionalcenter.org).

According to their website, the Dirksen Congressional

Center is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization in Peekin, Illinois that seeks to improve civic engagement by promoting a better understanding of congress and its leaders through archival, research, and educational programs. The Center receives support through individuals, corporations, and foundations who are committed to its educational mission.

Ginn Library  
Reading Room  
March 5th  
3:30-4:30 pm

### BOOK TALK WITH PROFESSOR JOEL TRACHTMAN

The Edwin Ginn Library and the LL.M. Program cordially invite you to a book talk with Professor Joel Trachtman, Professor of International Law at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. Professor Trachtman will discuss his new book: *The Economic Structure of International Law*.

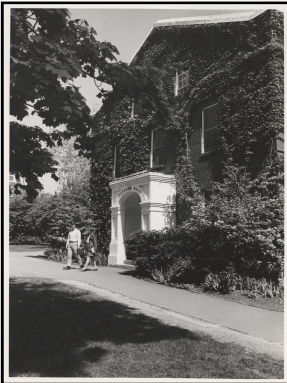
The Harvard University Press explains, "Joel Trachtman explores such topics as treaty-making and jurisdiction; the rise, stability, and efficiency

of custom; the establishment of international organizations; and the structure and role of international legal dispute settlement. At the core of the book lies the question of the allocation of legal power to states. *The Economic Structure of International Law* presents policy-makers and scholars with an over-arching analytical model of international law, one that demonstrates the potential of international law, but also

explains how policy makers should choose among different international legal structures."

We thank Ian C. Pilarczyk, D.C.L., Associate Director, LL.M. Program in International Law for opening their doors to our Political Science Majors. The talk will be held on Thursday, March 5th from 3:30 until 4:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [ian.pilarczyk@tufts.edu](mailto:ian.pilarczyk@tufts.edu).

### OUR MOVE ACROSS THE QUAD AND THE HISTORY IT BRINGS



DEPARTMENT  
OF  
POLITICAL  
SCIENCE  
FINDS A NEW  
HOME IN  
PACKARD  
HALL

The Department of Political Science will be moving across the quad to Packard Hall after commencement. The Professors and Staff in The Department are excited about the move and looking forward to calling Packard Hall their new home. The newly renovated building will house the offices for Department Professors and Staff.

The Department of Political Science currently resides in Eaton Hall. According to the Tufts Digital Library, Eaton Hall "was originally constructed in 1908 to serve as the college library, and then consisted only of the east wing of the building as it now stands. It was built with a gift of \$100,000 from the Carnegie library foundation, and was one of the first of the college libraries to be built with Carnegie funds. Henry Davis Whitfield and Beverly

Sedgwick King were the architects of the building.

Packard Hall, constructed in 1856, was the first dormitory, and the second building constructed for residential or instructional purposes on the Medford campus. Originally designated "Building A," it quickly became known simply as the Boarding House. Students resided in the rooms on the upper floors while the lower level was used as a dining hall. A large barn at the rear of the building housed farm animals and tools, as well as the toilet facilities. In 1885 and 1886 the library was moved from Ballou Hall into the structure, at which point it became known as the Library. The first floor rooms were converted into reading rooms and a curved addition was added on to the back of the building to house the stacks. Students continued to

live in the building until 1901. The Library was moved into the Eaton Memorial Library upon its completion in 1908, at which point Packard Hall assumed its current name. From 1910 until 1915, Packard Hall was assigned as temporary quarters for the Crane Theological School, which had been dispossessed of Miner Hall by the newly formed Jackson College for women. In 1915, Packard Hall was assigned to the Department of English."

By 1999, Packard Hall housed the Development Office and other administrative departments.

If you are a Political Science Major and have questions regarding the move, please contact Jeannine Lenehan, Communications Coordinator [jeannine.lenehan@tufts.edu](mailto:jeannine.lenehan@tufts.edu).

## REFLECTIONS ON THE 2009 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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Spontaneity set the tone for our disorganized organization. Only time would tell how everything would play out and we had no choice but to roll with the punches.

As part of the group of people who had been working on the campaign in Fairfax regularly for quite some time, I was given more substantial tasks on Election Day; organizing volunteers and helping get out the vote on the George Mason campus. This required organizing shuttle rides to and from the polls at Woodson High School, making sure students knew that free shuttles existed and where to catch them, ensuring that the transition to and from the polls was smooth with volunteer expecting them on both ends, and making sure that if the lines were long, students stayed! Coordinating to guarantee that appropriate tools such as snacks, pizza and umbrellas were readily available was essential to this task. As Woodson is one of the largest precincts in Fairfax County, one of our greatest fears was that long lines would form and turn students away. We wanted to do everything we could to make students want to stay, believing that the youth vote was predominantly in favor of Obama.

I had been in touch with the Woodson precinct captain as well as the comfort captain, the person in charge of making sure those waiting in line are comfortable by providing food, water, and bathroom breaks, to ensure we were all ready for the arrival of the George Mason University students. We all, indeed, were with plenty of snacks on site as well as an

“emergency” pizza fund available if necessary. On Tuesday morning, therefore, when I arrived at the polls to scope out the scene, I was pleasantly surprised to see that everything was running smoothly, hearing that the shuttles had been great success so far, and that the wait to vote was currently non-existent and had been half an hour at its longest. I was now entirely prepared to send my student volunteers out to the polls to provide a warm welcome for the students still with anticipation that the long lines would form as the day progressed.

After leaving the polls, I went to campus to help my fellow George Mason organizers get out the vote, shuttling people to the polls, and then back and forth from the polls. It was shockingly quiet on campus when I arrived, but nevertheless, there was a steady buzz throughout the day. I did not really realize the power a sign or a handful of students speaking to other students could have, spreading the excitement around the election until that day. Having grown up in a very liberal area, going to a liberal high school, followed by a liberal university, political excitement had surrounded me but on a much smaller degree. At my high school and university, the environment is much more one of consensus and civility marked with political interest but not the same form of heightened energy that I found myself surrounded by at George Mason. Being in a politically contested area, I felt like what I did had more impact, was more motivated to get out the vote, and ended the day feeling much more personally invested in not only the election,

but in Virginia, and who would win it. In addition, the energy that the election generated on campus was of surprise to me. The few weeks preceding Election Day can be described as one filled with political disinterest, only generating small bursts of excitement and activity from a small handful of students on the campus. The scene completely changed, though, on Election Day, as the students at George Mason emerged elated, energized, interested, and motivated. The other major surprising occurrence during the day for me was that the lines at Woodson failed to surface. While we were completely prepared to deal with long lines, entertaining those waiting, predominantly focusing on students, we never were confronted with the opportunity. While somewhat frustrating that we had devoted so much time to prepare for long line and associated negative effects, it was a warm welcome to not have to deal with them during the day. As a result, we were able to focus more on the visibility on the George Mason campus by expanding our number of volunteers on campus and concentrating on getting students to turn out to vote as opposed to making sure that the students that did show up stayed there. As a result, we had a strong, steady presence on campus throughout the day, which I believe had a solid impact, reminding people to get out and vote before the polls closed.

7:00 pm: Our day of work has come to a close. We packed up our signs, stickers, tattoos, and literature into the vans and went back to the headquarters to wait.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE  
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I can safely say I have never been this nervous watching election results before. Having played an active role in a key battleground state, I felt much more personally attached to the outcome. When it was clear that Obama was going to win

the national election, therefore, I was elated but not satisfied; It was not until VA had been called for Obama that I screamed with joy and satisfaction.

Working on the campaign on and prior to Election Day was one of the most unique and rewarding experiences I have and probably will ever have. It taught me a lot about myself, what obstacles I can overcome, what I truly believe in and what I will fight for, as well as exposed me to a much larger world where not everyone thinks the same. It also taught me that what actually happens can often be far from what was expected as was the case with the lines at Woodson and George Mason student activity. I feel truly honored to have been even a small player in this historic event.”



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FACULTY AND STUDENTS ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR  
STORIES AND THEIR IDEAS.

## TUFTS UNIVERSITY DISTINCTION AWARDS

The Distinction Awards recognize the people who make the university an outstanding place to work and learn. Participate in a new Tufts tradition by nominating a staff or faculty member for this honor. Everyone in the Tufts community is welcome to participate. Individuals or teams can be nominated for accomplishing the extraordinary. The deadline for nominations is March 6, 2009. To learn more please visit: <http://distinctionawards.tufts.edu>.

## SEMESTER OPPORTUNITY WITH GREENPEACE

Greenpeace is offering an exciting, hands-on opportunity for students interested in a semester-long program packed with action, travel and training. Greenpeace Organization Term suggests students apply as soon as possible as spaces fill up quickly.

Professors are also encouraged to become a member of their Greenpeace Educator's Network. As a member of the network, you will receive emails each semester letting you know of the new opportunities for students with Greenpeace and they will also send you information materials to distribute to interested students. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please contact Linda Capato at [got@wdc.greenpeace.org](mailto:got@wdc.greenpeace.org) or visit [www.greenpeace.org/got](http://www.greenpeace.org/got).

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ~ IN THE NEWS

### JANUARY 2009

**Professor Tony Smith quoted on FT.com, Financial Times, in a January 11, 2009 article and review by Daniel Dombey *The Choice Between Real and Ideal* in review of *The Crisis of American Foreign Policy* by Tony Smith and G. John Ikenberry, Thomas J. Knock, and Ann-Marie Slaughter.** The book addresses whether President GW Bush's policies were "Wilsonian" in inspiration and whether the reverses have weakened or doomed the tradition. "Tony Smith...argues that liberals are more specifically 'the Wilsonian faith in democratic government as a panacea for for much of the worlds ills'..." for more on this article visit <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/b155d2c4-e015-11dd-9ee9-000077b07658.html>.

**Professor Kent Portney noted in *The Somerville News* on January 23, 2009 in an article by Cathleen Twardzik titled *Somerville Leads the Way to Green*.** "The City of Somerville was honored as one of the nation's top environmentally-sustainable cities by the organization, Our Green Cities. Founded by Kent Portney, a professor at Tufts University, it spotlights cities across the country. In Massachusetts, Somerville stands out as the only city to receive a spot in the Top 20." for more on this article visit <http://www.the.somervilleneews.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSection>.

**Professor Jeff Berry quoted on *TheBostonChannel.com* on January 29, 2009 in *New Speaker's Cash Soared As Budget Chairman*.** In an article by *TheBostonChannel.com* incoming House Speaker Robert DeLeo is described as having used campaign donations he received as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to pay for office parties and car lease payments. "While DeLeo's expenses may fall within the state's campaign finance rules, the level of spending could send the wrong message, according to Jeffrey Berry...The Law is one thing, but appearances are another." For the complete article visit <http://thebostonchannel.com/politics/18593073/detail.html>.

### FEBRUARY 2009

**Professor Richard Eichenberg quoted in *USA Today* on February 3, 2009 in an article by reporter Susan Page entitled *Public Mixed on Stimulus Package*.** Reporter Susan Page reports on the stimulus package and offers an overview of the tide of emotions linked to some of the actions taken by President Obama during his first two weeks in office, notably the ordering of the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay closed within a year, and "lifting restrictions on U.S. funding for overseas family planning organizations that also provide abortion services." Professor Eichenberg explains, "Those have particular resonance with conservatives...and some moderates...on Gitmo in particular, there has been Republican pushback that has tapped fears of a terror attack." for more on this article visit [http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/news/20090203/1apoll03\\_st.art.htm?loc=interstitialskip](http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/news/20090203/1apoll03_st.art.htm?loc=interstitialskip).

**Professor Richard Eichenberg quoted in *USA Today* on February 17, 2009 in an article by reporter Susan Page and Tom Vanden Brook *Obama's War: Deploying 17,000 Raises Stakes in Afghanistan*.** The article discusses Obama's move to expand the U.S. deployment of troops to Afghanistan. "It's pretty clear the Democratic Party has made Afghanistan symbolic of their support for combating terrorism," said Professor Eichenberg. For more on this article visit [http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2009-02-17-afghanistan-forces\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2009-02-17-afghanistan-forces_N.htm).