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TUFTS POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS MAKE THEIR MARK AT THE 2009 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

On January 20, 2009 Tufts University Political Science Majors Laura Fong ('09), Shana Hurley ('10), Jake Maccoby ('09), Christine Mumma ('09), and Antonella Scarano ('09) journeved to Washington, D.C. to witness the swearing in of the 44th President of The United States. They braved the frigid temperatures and crowds of an estimated two million people to support and to listen to President Barack Obama deliver his inaugural address.

In her own words Christine Mumma, Tufts senior and Political Science Major from Janesville, WI, shares her experience with our readers. "Being at the inauguration was an overwhelming experience. Surrounded by massive crowds on every side, there was a feeling of anticipation and history in the air, which made waiting in line from 5am seem like a normal occurrence. Having secured a ticket from Rep. Steve Kagen, M.D. (D-WI 8), I found the security to be massive, but fairly efficient, a sentiment not held in every ticket-holding section. I was in the gate by 7:45am, and after a section "re-alignment," I was able to have an unobstructed, though somewhat distant view of the United States Capitol.

The section of people I was standing with became, a sort of, temporary family.

We joked and made comments as different groups were introduced – Congress, the Supreme Court, nominated Cabinet members, former presidents. A jovial camaraderie was formed as "we ", people from all over the country and even world, waited to see Barack Obama take the oath of office and become the 44th President of the United States.

Having been present in Des Moines when Obama won the first caucus, and in Denver where he accepted the nomination, I felt like this was the culmination of an almost two-year journey to what I hope will be a bright new chapter in the history of our great country."



Political Science Major Christine Mumma attended a party hosted by Massachusetts Democrats in Washington, D.C.

From L-R: Will Ehrenfeld ('10), Christine Mumma ('09), and Lucy Perkins (11).

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DEVELOPING LEADERS CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS

This is a call for nominations for the Developing Leaders Conference on February 28, 2009. Please nominate a current freshman or sophomore for the 11th Annual Developing Leaders Conference. "Developing Leaders" are current freshman and sophomore Jumbos who have exhibited leadership potential through their involvement with contributions to the Tufts Community. This could be in any number of ways, from involvement in the classroom to involvement at the dinner table. The Conference brings these students together to discuss leadership topics and build on their knowledge through workshops and activities facilitated by our staff and leadership professionals from outside the university. The Office for Campus Life's continued page 2

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The Deadline for the Economic Development Board Policy and Program Development Internship is Monday, March 9, 2009 5 PM PST And Must Be Received at the EDB Office. The Sonoma County Economic Development Board Policy and Program Development Internship provides recent college graduates with a remarkable opportunity to gain practical experience and make substantive contributions in program development, policy analysis, project management, and research in the field of economic development.

Each year, the Sonoma County Economic Development Board offers six one-year paid internships in Policy and Program Development that run from approximately July 15, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Each intern will be assigned to an area or program of focus: Tourism, Green Business Program, Workforce and Youth Development, Business Environmental Alliance, and Small Business Wellness, based on qualifications and interest. Students with backgrounds in economics, political science, public policy, or liberal arts who have research and report experience are particularly encouraged to apply; applicants must have a Bachelor's degree by the start of the position. In addition to research responsibilities, each intern will coordinate advisory groups comprised of leaders from local businesses, government agencies, and community groups and assist in the development and management of innovative countywide programs and events. During the year-long program, interns develop project management and other professional skills while working under minimal oversight to make important and lasting contributions to the economic development of Sonoma County.

If you are interested in obtaining additional information you may pick up a complete copy in Eaton Hall 315B Door-Box or contact Colette Thomas at 707-565-7170.

Meaningful World Internship Availability

SUBMISSIONS Due by February 10, 2009 Meaningful World was founded by Dr. Ani Kalayjian to help prepare a generation of conscientious individuals who are guided by love, peace, passion, and meaning. According to Dr. Kalayjia, Meaningful World is dedicated to fostering a meaningful, peaceful, and just world in which every individual enjoys physical, mental, and spiritual health. A sense of meaning, peace, and justice, although unique to each individual, is achieved through a transformative journey that integrates knowledge and experience with a sense of responsibility and reflection. This transformative process is also attained through healthy relationships that nurture open, honest, and transparent communication, insight into forgiveness, love and spiritual connection, and active collaborations. Meaningful World offers internships in: Correspondence, international relations, UN meetings, fundraising and public relations. In addition they are involved with research on all levels. In addition opportunities are available in video, photography, film editing, writing, editing, publishing, and website maintenance Creative contributions are also welcome. A preceptor will guide throughout your internship.

Submissions are due by February 10, 2009. Please forward your resume and short statement of purpose to: Akalayjian@meaningful world.com. For interviews call: 201 941-2266 or, for more information visit: www.meaningfulworld.com.

DEADLINE For Nominations Due by February 6, 2009

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hope is that this conference will recognize the contributions of these individuals and encourage them to continue their service when they leave Tufts University to become more active citizens in our world.

The Emerging Leaders Nomination Form can be located on the Tufts website at: http://130.64.107.43/.

You will be asked to provide a short statement on why the student is being nominated.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 6th.

For more information please contact the Office for Campus Life at 617-627-3212 or email at ocl@tufts.edu.

HERBERT SCOVILLE JR. PEACE FELLOWSHIP

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, a competitive, national program that provides college graduates the opportunity to work in Washington, D.C., with a publicinterest organization focusing on international security issues. The program has awarded 115 Fellowships since its inception in 1987. The fellowship is offered twice yearly, in the spring and fall. It lasts from six to nine months and provides a stipend, health insurance, and travel costs to Washington. The Scoville Fellowship does not award grant or scholarship money to students.

Scoville Fellows may undertake a variety of activities, including research, writing, and advocacy in support of the goals of their host organization and may attend coalition meetings, policy briefings, and Congressional hearings. Following their fellowships, they have written fact sheets, letters to the editor, opinions and editorials, magazine articles, briefing books and reports, organized talks and conferences, and been interviewed as experts by the media. Many former Scoville Fellows work for the U.S. and international NGOs, the Federal Government, and academia, or attend graduate school in political science or international relations.

The Department of Political Science encourages those interested in peace and security issues to visit the Scoville website: www.scoville.org. While we strongly encourage Tufts University Political Science majors to apply, it is important to note that although the majority of Scoville Fellows received college degrees in political science, government, international relations, or history, they do not require any specific major.

There is no application form. They may be submitted via email and the application requirements are listed on the website along with links to each of the twenty-five participating organizations. You may also access the work of current and former Scoville Fellows.

The deadline for the Fall 2009 application is February 2, 2009.

All United States citizens, and foreign nationals residing in the United States, are eligible to apply; non-United States citizens living outside of the United States are not.

If you have any questions regarding the Fellowship please contact Paul D. Revsine, Program Director, Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, 322 4th Street, NE, Washington, D.C., 20002, 202-543-4100 x 2110. THE DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2009 APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 2, 2009.

> Herbert Scoville Jr Peace Fellowship

"Providing opportunities for Tomorrow's Leaders in Peace and Security"

2009 JONATHAN M. TISCH PRIZE FOR RESEARCH ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

On March 5th The Department of Political Science in cooperation with The Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service will co-host the 2009 Jonathan M. Tisch Prize for Research on Civic Engagement.

The 2009 Award will be presented to Elinor Ostrom. Professor Ostrom is a Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science at the University of Indiana. Prof. Ostrom will discuss citizenship, civil society, and the role of universities in a conversation with Peter Levine, Director of Research for Tisch College.

In laboratory experiments, she studies when and how human beings cooperate. As a formal theorist, she has contributed essential insights to our understanding of collective action and collective choice. She has also collaborated with and advised nonprofit organizations in many countries as they address practical issues.

The event is being held from 3:30-5:00 pm, Crane Room, Paige Hall. For more information you may contact Tisch College at 617-627-3453.



Elinor Ostrom To receive the 2009 Jonathan M. Tisch Prize for Research on Civic Engagement

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER PLEASE CONTACT JEANNINE LENEHAN COMMINCATIONS COORDINATIOR DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE JEANNINE.LENEHAN@TUFTS.EDU. FACULTY AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND THEIR IDEAS.

University and Department Awards Nominations

At the beginning of spring semester academic departments are asked by the University to nominate students for a variety of University-wide and departmental awards. The Department of Political Science would like to see Political Science majors nominated for, and to win, more of these awards. You can help in the nomination process by providing us with information about yourself that we might not otherwise know.

Please take a moment to compete the questionnaire below targeting information connected to particular awards. Please forward the completed questions by email to your advisor by January 30, 2009. In the subject line please write "Awards Questionnaire". You will need to complete all of the questions listed above to be considered for the award.

If you have any questions you may contact Professor Elizabeth Remick at Elizabeth.Remick@tufts.edu.

On behalf of the Department of Political Science Awards Committee, thank you.

University and Department Awards Questionnaire

- 1. Name, Year, University ID Number
- 2. Advisor
- 3. Address, Phone number(s)
- 4. Cumulative GPA
- 5. Do you have any particular areas of interest in Political Science? Why do they interest you?
- 6. Are you involved in any extra-curricular activities at Tufts, including organized sports? Please explain.
- 7. Are you involved in any community service activities outside of the University? Please explain.
- 8. Are you currently employed? If so, how many hours each week do you work, and in what capacity?
- 9. Describe your summer or winter break, or other past work experiences you have had.
- 10. What are your future plans? Do you intend to go on to graduate or professional school? Do you plan to have a career in one of the following areas: (a) science; (b) university teaching administration; (c) elementary or early childhood education?
- 11. Please describe the greatest academic accomplishments and challenges of your academic career.
- 12. Please describe the greatest personal accomplishments and challenges of your academic career.
- 13. Please provide evidence of leadership: Positions held, formally and informally.
- 14. Have you received a grade of A- or above in *each* of the following areas? If so, please list the course and grade: *Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities.*
- 15. Has your extracurricular work at Tufts University included efforts to define Tufts University as a multicultural environment in which race, ethnicity, religion, class, gender, and sexual orientation are not barriers to the full enjoyment of community membership? If so, please explain how.