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CONSTITUTION DAY 2013

THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH FILMMAKER KEN BURNS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, NOON, COOLIDGE ROOM, BALLOU HALL

On Tuesday, September 17th the Office of the President, Office of Academic Affairs for Arts & Sciences, the Department of Political Science, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, the Communications and Media Studies Program, in conjunction with The Constitution Project will celebrate Constitution Day.

In 2004 Constitution Day became a recognized federal holiday when legislation

authored by Senator Robert Byrd was signed into law. The Act mandates that all educational institutions that receive public funding provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on or near September 17th every year.

This year Tufts University will join The Constitution Project for a live webcast panel discussion on wrongful convictions and a view-

ing of excerpts from the film *The Central Park Five*.

The large number of exonerations throughout the country in recent years has revealed disturbing flaws in our criminal justice system. "Despite too many high-profile miscarriages of justice, our system continues to convict innocent people of crimes they did not commit. As a nation, we cannot continue to tolerate a status quo that robs innocent men and

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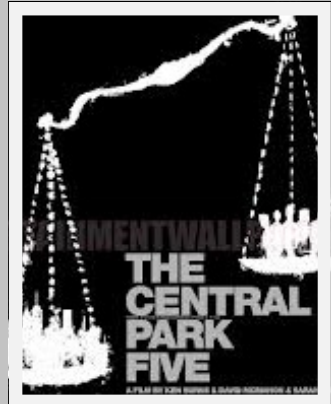
The Department of Political Science is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Beckley as Assistant Professor, an appointment which he began in the Fall of 2012.

Professor Beckley came to Tufts as a Fellow at the Bel-

fer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School (2011-2012) and from his position as a Fellow of the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College, a fellowship which he continues

to hold. In addition to his contributions to academic scholarship he has also worked extensively in the policy arena, serving as an Associate with the RAND Corporation, and a Faculty Fellow with the US Depart-

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CONSTITUTION DAY ~ PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON *THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE*

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women of their liberty, while also allowing guilty persons to remain free,” explains Larry Akey, Director of Communications for The Constitution Project.

The Central Park Five, a new film from award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns, tells the story of the five teenagers from Harlem who were wrongly convicted of raping a woman in New York City’s Central Park in 1989. Directed and produced by Burns, David McMahon and Sarah Burns, the film chronicles the Central Park jogger case for the first time from the perspective of the five teenagers whose lives were upended by the miscarriage of justice. Despite the fact that DNA evidence from the crime did not match any of *The Central Park Five* suspects were still convicted based largely on their false confessions. The film explores, amongst other issues, why innocent people sometimes confess to crimes they did not commit.

Please join The Constitution Project in honoring Ken Burns who will also participate in a riveting panel discussion on the role that false confessions play in wrongful convictions. Excerpts from the film *The Central Park Five* will also be part of the program. NPR’s Carrie Johnson will moderate the discussion. Other panelists include Shawn Armbrust, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project; Saul Kassin, Professor of Psychology at John Jay College; and Jim Trainum, retired detective for the Washington Metropolitan Police Department.

The Program includes a buffet luncheon. Doors will open at 11:45am and the Program

will begin promptly at noon in the Coolidge Room, Ballou Hall.

This event is open to the public. If you have any questions please email Jeannine Lenehan, Communications Coordinator, Department of Political Science, jeannine.lenehan@tufts.edu.

We look forward to seeing you there!

POLICYMIC DEMOCRATIC NEWS & MEDIA PLATFORM

Policymic is a high-quality democratic news and media platform powered by millennials,” explains Nicholas Demas (T ‘15). “I worked at Policymic as an intern and it was a remarkable experience. My time here has given me the opportunity to express my passion for politics, develop as a writer, engage with a variety of current events, and build a substantial portfolio of published work.”

According to Demas, their platform engages smart, young thinkers in thoughtful discussion around current events. New writers have the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of digital media, compose content, and work directly with an editor to receive feedback to help promote their work.

For more information on Policymic please visit <http://www.policymic.com> or contact Policymic Community Editor, Caira Connor at caira@policymic.com.

Professor Deborah Schildkraut to Deliver a Constitution Day Lecture

On Tuesday, September 17th Professor Deborah Schildkraut will deliver a Constitution Day lecture on *The Constitution and Human Nature* to the Lone Star College-Tomball community in Tomball, TX.

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ment of Defense, a Junior Fellow with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and an Intern with the Carter Center. He earned his BA from Emory University and his PhD from Columbia University.

Professor Beckley's research focuses on Sino-American international relations and brings a unique perspective to the field. The conventional wisdom in this area among policymakers, academicians, and the general public is that China is rapidly overtaking the United

States as a military and economic power. Professor Beckley refutes this claim, arguing instead that despite China's dramatic rise, the disparity between the United States and China in both prosperity and military might has, in fact, grown considerably during the last two decades.

The rigor of his research combined with the originality of his ideas have won him both the Carl Beck Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in International Relations from the International Studies Association (2009), as

well as the Amos Perlmutter Prize for Best Essay of the Year awarded by the *Journal of Strategic Studies* (2010) in recognition of an article titled "Economic Development and Military Effectiveness."

Professor Beckley will bring this unique perspective, expertise, and experience to Tufts classrooms this fall, when he will offer courses on Chinese Foreign Policy (PS 0188-12) and US Foreign Policy Toward Asia (PS 0188-13).

For more information visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/faculty/beckley/>.

TUFTS IN WASHINGTON INFORMATION SESSION AND LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, NOON, PACKARD HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

On Wednesday, September 18th the Department of Political Science will host a Tufts in Washington (TiW) Information Session. Professor Dennis Rasmussen, Tufts University faculty liaison for TiW, and a representative from American University will be available to answer your questions.

The purpose of the Tufts-in-Washington program is to allow Tufts undergraduates the opportunity to study our national government firsthand. Participating students attend the

Washington Semester at American University and may take one of two tracks: American National Politics or American Foreign Policy. The program includes the equivalent of four courses, the cornerstone being an internship of the student's choosing, which is arranged soon after arrival in Washington. In addition, students work two days a week at their internships.

Students need not be political science majors, but they must have taken po-

litical science or international relations courses in the area they intend to pursue in Washington. Applicants may not apply before their fourth semester of college work. Students must be at least a first semester junior by the time they enroll in the program in Washington.

The information session will be in the Packard Hall Conference Room, second floor. You may also visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/civic/dc.htm>. Pizza will be served.

PI SIGMA ALPHA INDUCTION CEREMONY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

On Wednesday, October 9th the Department of Political Science will hold their annual Induction Ceremony for the 2013 Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) inductees.

The ceremony will begin promptly at noon on the 3rd floor of Packard Hall where Professor Deborah Schildkraut

will transition the new members. There will be a luncheon immediately following the ceremony. All PSA members and PS faculty and staff are invited to attend. PSA President Caroline Sherrard and Vice President Elissa Miller will hold a closed-door meeting after the luncheon in the Packard Hall Conference Room.

For more information contact Jeannine Lenehan at jeanine.lenehan@tufts.edu.

The Department of Political Science established the Rho Omicron Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. Pi Sigma Alpha organizes discussions and guest lectures.

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ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR
STORIES AND THEIR IDEAS.

STUDENT RESEARCH BRIEFING SERIES

The *Student Research Briefing Series* is designed to cover a broad range of topics in American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory & Philosophy. The briefings are also intended to enhance student appreciation of student research completed in the Department of Political Science. In addition, the publication hopes to serve as outreach to interested undergraduates and prospective students considering a major in Political Science.

The publication is student-produced and the research was conducted during their undergraduate studies.

If you are a student interested in contributing to the *Student Research Briefing Series* or a professor within the Department of Political Science and have a student paper you would like to highlight, please contact jeannine.lenehan@tufts.edu or visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/studentresearch/> to learn more.

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IN THE NEWS

On September 9, 2013 the Political Science faculty gathered to celebrate the latest books by our distinguished faculty (listed alphabetically by last name): Jeffrey Berry (with Kenneth Janda, Jerry Goldman, & Deborah Schildkraut), *The Challenge of Democracy: American Government in Global Politics*, 12th Edition (Cengage Learning 2014); **James M. Glaser**, *Changing Minds if Not Hearts: Political Remedies to Issues of Race* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013); **Natalie Masuoka** (with Jane Junn), *The Politics of Belonging: Race, Public Opinion and Immigration* (University of Chicago Press, 2013); **Kent Portney**, *Taking Sustainable Cities Seriously: Economic Development, the Environment, and Quality of Life in American Cities*. Second Edition (MIT Press, 2013); **Deborah Schildkraut** (with Kenneth Janda, Jeffrey Berry, & Jerry Goldman), *The Challenge of Democracy: American Government in Global Politics*. 12th Edition (Cengage Learning 2014).

On September 7, 2013 Tim Hartford of BBC Radio's *More or Less: Behind the Stats* interviewed Associate Professor Kelly Greenhill on *The Death Toll in Syria* and the prospect of western intervention after a chemical weapons attack to the east of Damascus. How many people have been killed? The numbers vary greatly. As of this interview, the U.S. government reported 1,429 deaths including children while France reported 281 deaths. "They are claiming to be answering the same question, but they are speaking to a different set of issues based on a different set of expectations," said Professor Greenhill. Tim Hartford asked Professor Greenhill if the disparate numbers were tied to politics. "It's at least in large part about politics," Greenhill said, "and a large number is arguably, particularly important to the Obama administration as it's resting its case for military action." To listen to the complete interview visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/moreorless>.

On August 6, 2013, Policy Analyst Micah Zenko from *Foreign Policy Magazine* reported on *Why women are less inclined to start wars in Walking Loudly and Carrying a Big Stick*. In the article Zenko heeded the words and teachings of Professor Richard Eichenberg. "The [gender] gap is also one that is sustained over time and is consistently found whenever or wherever comparable questions are posed regarding prospective military options," said Zenko. "Richard Eichenberg of Tufts University, who has written several essential works on gender differences in security attitudes, found: There are many commonalities in the views of men and women, but the direction of gender differences is *always and everywhere* that women are less supportive of using military force than men." For more visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/news/inTheNews.htm>

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013 WBUR's *Cognoscenti* published an article by Professor Malik Mufti: *A Possible Model for Democracy in Egypt? Look at Turkey*. Professor Mufti looks at the parallels between Turkey and its Arab counterparts. For more visit <http://cognoscenti.wbur.org/2013/07/10/a-possible-model-for-democracy-in-egypt-look-at-turkey>.

In the July 25, 2013 edition of *The Atlantic*, Alexis C. Madrigal reported on *Why Do Women Disapprove of Drone Strikes So Much More Than Men Do?* In the article, Madrigal highlighted Professor Richard Eichenberg's findings. "[Drones] really do seem to be different," They're a way of waging a war that men support far more than women," said Madrigal. Professor Eichenberg's research also found, "women were far more sensitive -- and negative -- about the prospects of civilian and military casualties in the war." For more visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/news/inTheNews.htm>.