

# NEWS AND EVENTS

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## PROFESSOR VICKIE SULLIVAN AND KATHERINE BALCH

### *THE POLITICAL THOUGHT OF ROUSSEAU AND MONTESQUIEU*

#### 2013 NPSA CONFERENCE

Professor Vickie Sullivan and Katherine Balch, a senior double majoring in political science and history, presented a jointly authored paper on *The Political Thought of Rousseau and Montesquieu* at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference in Philadelphia this past November. Katherine (Katie), T '14, was the only undergraduate to appear on their panel. Her participation in the conference was supported by the

Undergraduate Research Fund at Tufts.

The paper originated as a final paper for Professor Sullivan's seminar on Montesquieu during the fall semester of 2012. Professor Sullivan had been mulling over this particular topic for several years and provided Katie with references, related to the topic, that she had collected.

Katie's seminar paper won

the Belfer Prize for the best paper submitted in a political science course in academic year 2012-2013. Together they revised the paper to propose and present it at an academic conference. Professor Sullivan received a grant-in-aid from the Faculty Research and Award Committee to facilitate their collaboration over the summer of 2013. The Political Science Department also pro-

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Montesquieu & Rousseau

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## PROFESSOR DEBRA JAVELINE

### *THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC POLITICAL SCIENTISTS ARE NOT STUDYING: ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE*

#### SPONSORED BY PI SIGMA ALPHA

On Wednesday, February 12th Pi Sigma Alpha hosted a well-attended talk with Professor Debra Javeline, *The Most Important Topic Political Scientists are Not Studying: Adapting to Climate Change*.

Professor Javeline spoke on how the world is being transformed by climate change. She explained that even if today, all countries could somehow immediately reduce

greenhouse gas emissions, existing emissions would still guarantee continued climate change, and that climate change has considerable impact. "Although we need to continue mitigation efforts to minimize damage, the reality is that we also must learn to live in a world transformed by climate change—to adapt, reduce our vulnerability."

Professor Javeline reviewed the field of climate change adapta-

tion and explored the important contributions to adaptation that could be made by political scientists.

Pi Sigma Alpha President Caroline Sherrard was "very surprised by what Professor Javeline presented. I had never considered the all of the ways in which adaptation to climate change are important and its direct relevance to political

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Professor Debra Javeline described how the world is being transformed by climate change.

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vided for Katie's summer work.

The commentator at The Convention was so enthusiastic about the paper's contributions to the scholarship that he recommended they submit it to a refereed journal. They are currently working on submission.

### Vickie Sullivan Biography

Vickie Sullivan is a Professor of Political Science (Ph.D., University of Chicago). Professor Sullivan teaches and

studies political thought and philosophy. In addition she maintains teaching and research interests in a new subfield of political science, *politics and literature*. Her articles have appeared in *The American Political Science Review*, *History of Political Thought*, *Political Theory*, and *Polity*. For more information on Professor Sullivan visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/faculty/sullivan/>.

### Katherine Balch Biography

In addition to her political science and history majors, Katie, T '14, is a composer and pianist currently enrolled in the Tufts University-New England Conservatory (NEC) of Music dual degree program.

Katie is the recipient of the Russell E. Miller prize in history, the Albert H. Imlah prize in history, the Belfer Prize in Political Science, the MacJannet Scholarship, and grants from the Granoff Special Project Fund, Tufts Summer Scholars, and the Undergraduate Research Fund.

Katie is also an alumnus of the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, the European American Musical Alliance, and the Atlantic Music Festival. For more information on Katherine Balch visit <http://www.katherinebalch.com/Bio.html>.

## EXPLORE A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, NOON, PACKARD HALL, SECOND FLOOR  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

The Department of Political Science will host our annual event to introduce students to a major in Political Science. Students will be introduced to political science faculty and the subfields and discuss the Honors Thesis Program.

Students will also hear about opportunities to participate in Tufts in Washington, to write for the PS Newsletter, to publish a student research briefing, to participate in our annual alumni-student outreach event, and learn about internship opportunities.

In addition, there will be representatives from Pi Sigma Alpha and Tisch Library.

For more information contact Jeannine Lenehan, Communications Coordinator, [jeannine.lenehan@tufts.edu](mailto:jeannine.lenehan@tufts.edu).

## PROFESSOR LAWRENCE LESSIG

### STANDING JUST FAR ENOUGH OUTSIDE

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 4:30PM, ASEAN AUDITORIUM

On Tuesday, March 4th the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service will present a talk on institutional corruption by Professor Lawrence Lessig, *Standing Just Far Enough Outside*.

Professor Lessig is the Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School, and Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University.

He was also a professor at Stanford Law School, where he founded the school's Center for Internet and Society, and at the University of Chicago.

Professor Lessig clerked for Judge Richard Posner on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court. Lessig serves on the Board of the AXA Research Fund and on the advisory boards of Creative Commons and the Sunlight Foundation. He is a member of the American

Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Association.

Professor Lessig holds a B.A. in economics and a B.S. in management from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A. in philosophy from Cambridge University, and a J.D. from Yale University.

This event is supported by the Department of Political Science, Department of Philosophy, and the Communication and Media Studies Program.

## ***THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC POLITICAL SCIENTISTS ARE NOT STUDYING: ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE***

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science research.”

“Adaptation is critical in dealing with this present and future crisis,” Javeline said. “Political Science research can answer questions such as *what forms of government are more likely to invest in adaptation or why do some areas adapt more quickly than others?*”

“My goal is to convince just one student in this audience that this is an important issue that should be studied by political scientists and I hope that I influence that student to conduct research in this area.”

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Debra Javeline is an Associate Professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame. Trained as a specialist in

the former Soviet Union and survey research methodology, she has become increasingly concerned about the climate crisis and now devotes a significant part of her research and teaching to understanding climate impacts and the possibilities for mitigation and adaptation.

For a complete biography on Debra Javeline please visit <http://politicalscience.nd.edu/faculty/faculty-list/debra-javeline/>.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & THE DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS PRESENT

HUGH LIEBERT

*IS THERE A 'WORLD ELSEWHERE'?*

*THE SOLDIER, THE STATE, AND SOME VERSIONS OF CORIOLANUS*

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH, (TIME AND VENUE TBD)

On Monday, April 14th Hugh Liebert, Assistant Professor of American politics, policy, and strategy in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy will present *Is There a 'World Elsewhere'? The Soldier, the State, and Some Versions of Coriolanus*.

Coriolanus is famous for having served, abandoned, attacked, and re-prieved Rome. Since antiquity his story has illustrated how civil orders

both require and fear military men. However, the way in which Coriolanus' story has been told has changed significantly. Liebert examines three Coriolani: those of Plutarch's *Life*, Shakespeare's play, and Fiennes' movie to consider what they can teach us about the perennial nature and the present state of civil-military relations.

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Liebert is a recent John Marshall visiting research fellow in the Jepson School of

Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond in Virginia. Liebert received his B.A. from Harvard University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago. His primary areas of interest are Greek and Roman political thought and American politics. He is the co-editor of *Executive Power in Theory and Practice*, and has published articles in *History of Political Thought* and *The Review of Politics*. His first book *Plutarch's Politics*, is currently under review.

PROFESSOR NILS RINDGE

*LEGISLATIVE NETWORKS IN THE U.S. AND THE EUROPEAN UNION*

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH, BARNUM HALL, ROOM 104 (TIME TBD)

On Tuesday, April 15th Nils Ringe, Associate Professor for the Department of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will present *Legislative Networks in the U.S. and the European Union*. Ringe will introduce the concept of lawmakers' centrality in legislative co-voting networks as a measure of individual-level influence.

In other words, we use legislators' voting patterns to measure their social connectedness and, on the basis, examine the structural positions of individual lawmakers to determine their relative influence. The basis of this conceptualization of voting as a relational activity is a simple cueing dynamic where lawmakers follow the lead of particular colleagues

when voting on the floor.

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Ringe's research and teaching interests are European Union politics, legislatures, political parties, social networks, and elections. For a complete biography on Nils Ringe please visit: <http://www.polisci.wisc.edu/people/person.aspx?id=1065>.

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T.V. PAUL  
*PAKISTAN: THE WARRIOR STATE*

On Monday, April 21st T.V. Paul, Professor of International Relations at McGill University, will speak on his forthcoming book, *Pakistan: The Warrior State* (Oxford University Press). Paul specializes and teaches courses in international relations, with an emphasis on international security, regional security and South Asia. Paul has authored and edited 15 book (all published through major university presses) and nearly 55 journal articles or book chapters. The talk will begin at 5:30pm in Mugar Hall, Room 200, The Fletcher School and is open to all political science faculty, Fletcher faculty and students.

IN THE NEWS

In the February 4, 2014 edition of **thepsychreport**, *Immigration: The Disconnect Between Perception and Policy*, reporter Max Nesterak spoke with Professor Deborah Schildkraut on American perception of the country's current immigration policy and regarding President Obama's comments on immigration in the State of the Union. Schildkraut explained that she was surprised how little President Obama discussed immigration reform. [However], "I don't think he thought there was much to be gained from laying out specifically what he wants," she explained. "Rather, he wants congress to really come together with something." Visit: <http://thepsychreport.com/current-events/immigration-the-disconnect-between-perception-and-policy/>.

On February 2, 2014 Bob Oakes of WBUR spoke with Professor Jeffrey Berry on the how the age of talk radio and cable news is aimed more at insulting than informing. [Berry] "calls all of this *the outrage industry* and explains the rise of this media genre in his new book *The Outrage Industry: Political Opinion Media and the New Incivility* which he co-authored with Sarah Sobieraj." (see below) "This is a business that tries to polarize us—that's their function in the business world," Berry explained. "They make money by offering political commentary that gets riled up about the political system." Visit: <http://www.wbur.org/2014/02/03/outrage-industry-jeff-berry>.

The January 8, 2014 issue of *Tufts Now* highlights Machiavelli's humanism in *The Prince* and Vickie Sullivan and Ioannis Evrigenis, Professors of Political Theory, and helps readers to understand Machiavelli as the founder of modern day politics. To read the full article visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/news/inTheNews.htm>.

Recent and upcoming faculty publications:

**Jeffrey Berry, Skuse Professor, American Politics, Political Behavior:**

"The Outrage Industry," Jeffrey Berry (Author), Sarah Sobieraj (Author), (Oxford University Press, 2014).

**Ioannis Evrigenis, Associate Professor, Political Theory:**

Greek translation of *Fear of Enemies and Collective Action* (February 2014, Crete University Press).

*Images of Anarchy: The Rhetoric and Science in Hobbes's State of Nature* (Cambridge University Press, April 2014).

**James Glaser, Professor, Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts & Sciences, American Politics, Political Behavior:**

"How 'Race Neutrality' Can Save Affirmative Action," *The Washington Monthly*, November/December 2013. Available on line: <http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/toc/novemberdecember2013/index.php>.

**Natalie Masuoka, Assistant Professor, American Politics, Political Behavior & Public Opinion, Race & Ethnic Politics:**

"The Politics of Belonging: Race, Public Opinion, and Immigration" (University of Chicago Press, 2013).

**Dennis Rasmussen, Assistant Professor, Political Theory:**

"The Pragmatic Enlightenment: Recovering the Liberalism of Hume, Smith, Montesquieu, and Voltaire" (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

**Elizabeth Remick, Associate Professor, Comparative Politics, East Asia:**

"Regulating Prostitution in China: Gender and Local State building, 1900-1937" (Stanford University Press, March 2014).

**Vickie Sullivan, Professor, Political Theory:**

"Alexander the Great as 'Lord of Asia' and Rome as His Successor in Machiavelli's *Prince*," *The Review Politics*, 75 (2013): 515-537.

"Criminal Procedure as the Most Important Knowledge and the Distinction between Human Divine Justice in Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws*," in *Natural Right and Political Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Catherine Zuckert and Michael Zuckert*, ed. Ann Ward and Lee Ward (University of Notre Dame Press, 2013).

**Kelly Greenhill, Associate Professor, International Relations, Security Studies:**

"Counterinsurgency," Joel Krieger (ed.), *Oxford Companion to International Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2014).

"Ain't That a Shame? Hypocrisy, Punishment and Weak Actor Influence in International Politics," (with J. Busby), H. Rich Friman (ed.), *The Politics of Leverage: Name and Sanction in International Relations* (Palgrave Studies in International Relations, forthcoming).