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MALIK MUFTI PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BEGINS HIS TERM AS CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT

Malik Mufti, Professor of the Department of Political Science, began his term as Chair of The Department in September 2012.

Professor Mufti came to Tufts University in 1992. From 2003 until 2007 he served as Director for the Middle Eastern Studies Program and from 2004 until 2010 he served as the Director for the International Relations Program. Professor Mufti teaches courses on International Relations as well on the politics of the Middle East. He received a Ph.D. and an M.A. from Harvard University, an

M.A. from Yale University, and a B.A. from Middlebury College. He is the author of *Sovereign Creations: Pan-Arabism and Political Order in Syria and Iraq* (1996) and *Daring and Caution in Turkish Strategic Culture: Republic at Sea* (2009). He has also written shorter pieces on the domestic politics, international relations, and political thought of the Near East, including his latest two journal articles “Jihad as Statecraft: Ibn Khaldun on the Conduct of War and Empire” (*History of Political Thought*, Autumn 2009), and “The Many-Colored Cloak: Evolving Concep-

tions of Democracy in Islamic Political Thought” (*American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Spring 2010). Professor Mufti’s current projects include a study of Ibn Khaldun’s concept of *asabliyya*, and a larger research project on realpolitik in Islamic political thought. He is a recipient of the Lillian and Joseph Leibner Award for Distinguished Teaching and Advising.

Professor Mufti succeeds Professor Robert Devigne who served as Department Chair for two terms, 2006 until 2012.



Malik Mufti
Professor & Chair

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EXPLORE A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science hosted a successful *Majors Event* in Packard Hall on Wednesday, February 27th. Students had the opportunity to have lunch and meet with political science faculty from each of the four subfields. In addition, students were briefed on Department programs including Frank C. Colcord sponsored lectures, Tufts in Washington, our annual

Alumni-Student Outreach Event, our Department Newsletter, and our *Student Research Briefing Series*. Students also had the opportunity to meet with current Political Science majors and members of Pi Sigma Alpha (Rho Omicron Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society). Pi Sigma Alpha is student driven and organizes discussions and guest lectures.

If you were unable to attend the event and are considering a major or minor in Political Science we strongly encourage you to schedule an appointment to discuss your interests with a member of our faculty. Visit: <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/default.htm> or email Jeanine Lenehan, Communications Coordinator: jeanine.lenehan@tufts.edu.

THE MORAL PROBLEM WITH NATIONALISM A FRANK C. COLCORD LECTURE

On Friday, March 1st The Department's political theorists hosted a Frank C. Colcord Lecture with speaker Bernard Yack. Professor Yack, a Lerman–Neubauer Professor of Democracy and Chair of the Politics Department at Brandeis University, presented *The Moral Problem with Nationalism*. Yack discussed his book *Nationalism and the Moral Psychology of Community* and how one's attachment to community relates to nations and nationalism. The event was supported by The Department, Pi Sigma Alpha, The Roosevelt Institute, Tufts Republicans, and Tufts Democrats. For more information visit: <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/news/>.

TUFTS IN WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM BY SARAH DAVIS, T '13

BEING IN WASHINGTON
GAVE ME ACCESS TO
INVALUABLE INTERVIEWS
WITH EXPERTS WHO
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INVOLVED IN THE
POLICIES THAT I WAS
RESEARCHING...
I FOUND THAT THE
COMMUNITY OF
STUDENTS I MET IN
WASHINGTON REMINDED
ME OF WHAT I LOVE
MOST ABOUT TUFTS,
STUDENTS FROM ALL
OVER THE WORLD WHO
ARE DEDICATED TO THE
SAME ISSUES I AM.

I consider myself a hands-on person. I often learn best through participating. As an international relations major, I've explored fields ranging from political science to economics to sociology and everything in between.

While I love what I study, the diverseness left me with too many directions for post-grad life. I needed an experience which would allow me to live what I was learning.

I heard about the Washington Semester Program in my second year at Tufts and I knew it was something I needed to do. Returning from abroad in December 2011, I packed up my nicest and most professional clothes and trekked to Washington. Though I'd visited DC at least ten times before, I'd always been a tourist and never had the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the political process that takes place there. The Tufts in Washington Semester Program gave me an opportunity to connect my study of this process with the daily deliberations of policymakers.

I participated in the Foreign Policy program which includes a seminar, an internship, and a research project. Each week,

we would focus on an area or issue of foreign policy "priority" to the United States. Our studies included not only lectures from our professor on the history and context of the topic, but more importantly, discussions with subject experts from a variety of backgrounds including think tanks, government, and private sector.

As a habitual procrastinator, I was not looking forward to the research aspect of the program, yet after months of hard work, I could not be prouder of the paper I produced there. Being in Washington gave me access to invaluable interviews with experts who were actively involved in the policies that I was researching. In addition, since the academic workload was less intensive, it gave me ample time weekly (most often - twice weekly) to meet with my adviser to produce seemingly endless drafts of the project.

The highlight of my time was a conference we attended at the U.S. Institute of Peace commemorating the 40th anniversary of Nixon's opening to China. The all-day event included speakers who were directly involved in this historic event, including Henry Kissinger and

Zbigniew Brzezinski. Our group were the only students attending this prestigious conference which included Chinese diplomats, American journalists, and capped by a keynote by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (where she quoted my favorite movie, *Spiderman*).

Aside from the academic aspects of the program, I found that the community of students I met in Washington reminded me of what I love most about Tufts, students from all over the world who are dedicated to the same issues I am. Living in DC gave me this opportunity to expand my social and professional network in ways that will benefit me in the future. Though the semester flew by and we parted ways for our home colleges in May, I'm sure I will meet my WSP friends again in Washington after graduation.

The Tufts in Washington Semester Program through American University is a program that allows undergraduates to study our national government first-hand. Students need not be political science majors to participate. To learn more visit: <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/civic/DC.htm>.

PROFESSOR VICKIE SULLIVAN CELEBRATES THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACHIAVELLI'S PRINCE THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES



On Friday, March 15th the Italian Cultural Institute and the Department of Italian at Georgetown University celebrated the 500th anniversary of *Machiavelli's Prince throughout the centuries*. Panelists included Professor Vickie Sullivan who presented *Machiavelli's Literary Self Portraits: Clizia, The Dis-*

courses, Alternating Epochs, and Literary Fame; Robert Bireley, S.J., Loyola University, Chicago, IL who presented *Machiavelli and the Antimachiavellians Exemplified by Giovanni Botero*; and Massimo Scalabrini, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN who presented *Pallas Armed: Machiavel-*

li, Bacon, and the Doctrine of Empire.

For more information visit: <http://itaian.georgetown.edu/364654.html>

FOURTH ANNUAL POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI-STUDENT OUTREACH EVENT MONDAY, MAY 20TH - FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

The Department of Political Science will host their fourth annual Alumni-Student Outreach Event. The Event is open to all political science majors and its intent is to encourage and generate dialogue with our PS alumni who will help current students answer many of the questions they have regarding resume and career building strategies. In short, it is a wonderful forum to develop mentors in areas that our political science majors aspire to and we thank our

Political Science Alumni for their generous and overwhelming support!

- The Event is divided into three weeks.
- A week in advance of the Event, Ms. Lenehan will forward each major a spreadsheet of the participating Political Science Alumni. In addition, it will list the year they graduated, their current position, when they can be contacted, their preferred method of contact (either

email or phone), and some additional notes to help better acquaint you.

We ask all Political Science majors who are participating to:

- Be prepared. Have a list of questions ready.
- Be a good listener.
- Remember to call only during the times listed.
- Remember, this is not a job interview, this is a mentoring session.

- Remember to follow up with a "thank you" to your mentor(s).

- Most importantly, enjoy! This is a great opportunity to build your understanding of the field you're interested in and, possibly, develop lifelong connections.

For questions, please contact Jeannine Lenehan, Communications Coordinator, Department of Political Science, x 75769 or via email jeanine.lenehan@tufts.edu.

2013 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 2013 Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Last year's symposium was very successful with over 100 students present-

ing. We encourage our Political Science majors to take part.

For more information about the event or to register and submit an abstract online please visit bit.ly/TuftsURSS.

The deadline for registration is Monday, April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns about the registration or application process please email tuftsresearchsymposium@gmail.com, email Harry Bernheim at harry.bernheim@tufts.edu, or Anne Moore at anne.moore@tufts.edu.

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Story in the Public Square: The Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University and The Providence Journal invite undergraduate students to write a story that may inspire public action around an issue that the writer considers important to military veterans. Winning stories will be published online at the Pell Center. A \$1000 grand prize and two \$250 honorable mentions will be awarded. Visit www.salve.edu/pellcenter.

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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.

RESEARCH INSTRUCTION & ARC TUTORING

With research papers and finals on the horizon please remember that the Academic Resource Center offers free tutoring in writing, time management, and public speaking for all AS&E students. Refer to the ARC website for tutoring schedules <http://uss.tufts.edu/arc/>. In addition, Connie Reik, Research and Instruction Librarian is available to help guide you with your research. Please contact her at connie.reik@tufts.edu or 617-627-2073.

SUMMER COURSES

Political Science Summer Session I and II course offerings: For a complete list visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/curriculum/coursesSummer2013.htm>.

The Fletcher School Summer Session, May 20th until June 28th: Three international relations courses and three business courses are being offered including Foundations in Financial Accounting and Corporate Finance, Managerial Accounting, Data Analysis and Statistical Methods for Business. Courses are offered to current juniors and seniors at a special discounted rate. For more information visit www.fletcher.tufts.edu/summer-session.

IN THE NEWS

James M. Glaser, Professor and Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts & Sciences, shares his research and findings on the evolution of U.S. domestic politics and race relations in the 21st century in his new book, *Changing Minds, if not Hearts: Political Remedies to Racial Issues*, which is scheduled for release on August 1st (University of Pennsylvania Press). In this book, Glaser and his co-author Timothy J. Ryan argue that attitudes toward racial issues are actually quite flexible and that politics can change how people think about issues of race, even if not having any impact on their sentiments or prejudices. Glaser and Ryan show that political strategies that mitigate a common impulse to understand political issues in a "group conflict frame" can actually build white support for minorities, even on controversial issues like affirmative action, reparations, racial profiling, and financial support for overwhelmingly black public schools.

In the March 12, 2013 issue of *The Boston Globe*, "Michael Sullivan's website borrows from the past," reporter Eric Moskowitz asks Professor Jeffrey Berry to weigh in on the striking resemblance of Former U.S. attorney Michael J. Sullivan's published views, on his newly launched website, to those of Richard Tisei who lost his bid for a North Shore congressional seat last fall. According to Moskowitz "all seven policy statements on Sullivan's 'Issues' page [are] drawn from statements on the 'Issues' page for Tisei's unsuccessful campaign." Both pages were drafted by Paul Moore, Tisei's former campaign manager who is now Sullivan's campaign manager. When asked Moore stated that he considers the issues in this election much the same issues in 2012, Professor Berry explained that even if he was borrowing from himself, Moore should have acknowledged on the website that the text were the same positions taken by Richard Tisei, and that Michael Sullivan shares the same point of view. "The real context here is that these Republican candidates are all short on money, their organizations are being created on the fly, and they have little choice but to do as much as they can with as little as they have, and that explains why shortcuts are taken. Putting up a campaign website is no small task."