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SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY



College of Arts & Sciences
Department of Government & Politics

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Dear

Greetings from Sacred Heart University!

We trust that you have had an excellent summer and that your life is going well. In light of the many interesting and positive developments within the political science program during the past several years, we decided that the time had arrived for a political science alumni newsletter. If all goes according to plan, the alumni newsletter will be circulated on an annual basis.

Let's begin with some recent developments regarding the status of the political science program, which you will find very pleasing:

- As of July 1, 2005, the Department of History and Political Science, due to the growth of both majors and increase in faculty, was officially divided into two autonomous academic departments. The political science program is now housed in the newly formed **Department of Government and Politics**. We very much like the new name of our department and believe it more accurately captures the orientation and thrust of the political science program at Sacred Heart.
- There are now more than 100 full-time declared political science majors at Sacred Heart. Although most of our political science majors are from the Northeast, we do have a contingent of majors from states outside the region and from several foreign countries.
- We recently received authorization to hire a fourth full-time, tenure-track political science professor. Our intention is to hire a dynamic teacher and scholar with expertise in political economy and public policy. A national

search is underway and we hope to have this position filled by the end of the fall semester or early spring. Upon completion of this search, the political science faculty will consist of four full-time professors, one half-time visiting professor, and several adjunct professors.

- Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, was established on campus three years ago. Students are now inducted into the society each spring during a special ceremony which features a guest speaker. Parents of inductees are in attendance and a reception follows.
- A Pre-Law Club was established within the political science program three years ago. The Club hosts speakers, forums and information sessions for students interested in attending law school.
- The College Democrats and College Republicans continue to be vibrant components of the political science program. The clubs now participate in formal debates with one another every year before large audiences. The clubs are exceptionally active in federal, state, and local election campaigns.
- Army ROTC was established at Sacred Heart University four years ago and is formally housed within the Department of Government and Politics. The program at Sacred Heart is considered the “southern tier” of Connecticut ROTC. The “northern tier,” which serves as the main headquarters, is located at UConn, Storrs. Three officers from UConn teach in the Sacred Heart program and two commissioning ceremonies have been conducted in the Schine Auditorium.
- The political science major was recently revamped from 30 to 36 credits. The major changes include a mandatory two semester political theory sequence and senior seminar. We are entertaining the possibility of a required senior thesis.
- Internships remain an integral component of the political science experience at Sacred Heart and are always encouraged. Students continue to serve as interns at the Connecticut state Capitol, congressional district offices, mayoral offices, the International Executive Service Corps and on election campaign staffs. Several students have attended the George Washington University Summer Semester Program in Washington, D.C., which includes 6 credits of course work and 6 credits of internship in the nation’s capital. Most recently, a new internship was established with the head of security operations at General Electric Headquarters in Fairfield.
- In keeping with tradition, the political science program once again sponsored a trip to the 2005 presidential inauguration. The three day excursion featured a foreign policy briefing, tours of monuments, a guest lecture on the presidential election, and a shuttle to Georgetown. Thanks to

the assistance of Senator Christopher Dodd, we were allocated 50 “yellow” tickets which placed us close to the inaugural ceremony. Security in the nation’s capital was exceptionally tight.

- A Model UN course is scheduled for the spring of 2006, with enrollment already at full capacity.
- Law school and graduate school placement remains impressive.

The political science faculty continue to be dedicated teachers and active scholars:

Full-Time Faculty:

John F. Kikoski (Ph.D. University of Massachusetts), continues to teach the survey course in International Relations in addition to several political science electives, such as Middle East Politics; War; Peace; and Terrorism. Known for his unconventional and cutting edge approach to teaching, “Dr. K.” continues to challenge the analytical ability of students in a most profound way. His current research interests focus on inter-personal communications within public and private organizations, and he has co-authored two innovative books on this subject. He also offers a specialized political science elective based on his research and writing. In 2005, “Dr. K.” received his 25 year service award at the Founders’ Day Ceremony, a much deserved award for his quarter century of service to the Sacred Heart community.

Steven Michels (Ph.D. Loyola University, Chicago), joined the full-time political science faculty in 2002. Dr. Michels’ primary teaching field is political theory, and he has creatively revised and expanded the political theory curriculum at Sacred Heart. He also teaches the survey course on American Government and offers a variety of electives, including Latin American Politics. He is currently involved in an extensive research project concerning the evolution of equality in liberal thought, and routinely presents papers at professional political science conferences. Dr. Michels was the recipient of the Advisor of the Year Award at the Campus Life Leadership Awards Ceremony in the spring of 2005.

Gary L. Rose (Ph.D. Miami University, Ohio) recently completed his 23rd year at Sacred Heart. For the past eight years, he served as the Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, and now chairs the Department of Government and Politics. He continues to teach the American Government survey course along with many electives in American politics, including, among others, the American Presidency and Constitutional Law. He has authored or edited six books on presidential and Connecticut politics and is the recipient of several teaching and faculty scholarship awards. He provides routine political commentary for local, state, and national media. In addition to his work in political science, Dr. Rose serves as the University’s NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative.

Visiting Professor

Beginning in the fall of 2005, Paul Madonna (Ed.D. Columbia University, J.D. Touro College) who is currently employed as the Vice President for Finance and Administration at Sacred Heart, will join the political science faculty as a visiting professor. Dr. Madonna has served as an adjunct faculty member within the political science program and will now offer two courses per semester for the Department of Government and Politics. His teaching specialty is European government and politics, which includes electives on Western and Eastern European politics, European political integration and British politics. Dr. Madonna coordinated a student trip to several European countries last year, and plans to conduct another trip to Europe in the coming Academic Year. He is preparing a course on Irish politics scheduled for fall of 2006.

Adjunct Faculty on the Fairfield Campus

Louise E. DiCocco-Beauton, Esq. (J.D. Quinnipiac School of Law) teaches a specialized political science elective, Lobbying and the Legislative Process. Attorney DiCocco-Beauton is a full-time lobbyist and director of governmental affairs for the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Students who enroll in this course are exposed to practical politics and the fine art of lobbying. A trip to the Connecticut state Capitol is a component of her course.

Christopher P. DeSanctis (M.A., Regents University) teaches the survey course on American Government. For Academic Year 2005-2006, Mr. DeSanctis will serve as a full-time temporary instructor within the political science program. Mr. DeSanctis has extensive expertise in practical politics, including his work as Policy and Communications Aide to the Mayor of Jersey City, and as campaign manager for a New Jersey gubernatorial race.

Alka Jauhari (Ph.D. University of Lucknow) is responsible for several political science electives, including South Asian Politics, African Politics, and International Organizations. Dr. Jauhari also assists with Introduction to International Relations on the University's branch campus in Stamford. Dr. Jauhari is from India and is intimately familiar with the complex politics in that region of the world. She has served as a political science adjunct at Sacred Heart for many years.

Kate O'Gara (M.A. Fairfield University) teaches the survey course on American Government and serves as one of the key faculty members within the Academic Incentive Program (AIP) at Sacred Heart. She has extensive teaching experience at both the college and high school level, including her appointment as the chairperson of the social studies department at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Jersey.

Matthew C. Reale, Esq. (J.D. Villanova University) teaches the American Government survey course, and for the past several years has coached the SHU Debating Society, an organization he helped form as an undergraduate student in 1983. An alumnus of the political science program at Sacred Heart, Attorney Reale is a partner in the law firm of Anthony and Reale in Shelton, Connecticut.

Adjunct Faculty on the Branch Campuses

Eileen M. Heaphy (M.A. American University) teaches the International Relations survey course on the branch campuses in Stamford and Derby. Ms. Heaphy is currently the Executive Director of World Affairs Forum based in Stamford. Prior to this position, she served as a career foreign service officer within the U.S. State Department with assignments in Western Europe and Latin America.

Domenic Quattrociocchi (J.D. Franklin Pierce Law Center) is scheduled to teach the survey course on American Government on the branch campus in Derby. He is currently a social studies teacher at Wilby High School in Waterbury where he directs the talented and gifted program. In addition to academic teaching, Mr. Quattrociocchi is a Tai Chi instructor.

The Department's Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Loretta Winter has served as the political science program's administrative assistant for seven years, and has been an employee of Sacred Heart University for approximately 25 years. She is the individual who "makes the wheels turn," and needless to say we are all grateful for her dedication and attention to detail.

What Have You Been Doing?

Now that we have brought you up to date regarding recent developments in the political science program at Sacred Heart, including the professional activity of our faculty, we would like for you to share with us what you have done with your life upon graduation from college. Information that you supply will be listed in our next political science alumni newsletter scheduled for 2006. We will organize the names of our political science alumni under their year of graduation.

Here is what we would like to know about you:

Name (be sure to include your maiden name)

Town and State you currently live in

Occupation

Law School or Graduate School Attended (degree obtained)

Number of children (names if you prefer)

Miscellaneous (anything you want to share in 1 or 2 lines with your political science alumni)

We are interested in developing an extensive political science alumni network and would very much appreciate a response from you. The political science program has experienced such phenomenal growth over the years and a well organized alumni network is now the logical extension of this very positive trend. If by chance you know of a political science alumnus who did not receive this newsletter, please send us the person's address, or have the person e-mail us directly; a newsletter will be sent immediately. Names and addresses have been obtained from the Alumni Relations Office at Sacred Heart, and we noticed that some of our graduates are not accounted for.

You can either mail your response to Dr. Gary L. Rose, Professor and Chair, Department of Government and Politics, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT 06825, or send an e-mail to roseg@sacredheart.edu.

Thank you very much, and be sure to visit our Department's new website in September.

Sincerely,

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