The Department of Political Science at Carleton College will host the Northfield community celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace, which is celebrated annually around the world on September 21.

Supporting this year’s theme, “Sustainable Peace: Building Blocks for Peace,” the program will introduce the 17 Building Blocks for Peace developed by 193 member countries of the UN in September 2015. These issues are challenges for the world to meet by the year 2030, continuing the Millennium Development Goals 2000–2015. These goals aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General, reminds us that development and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. They are essential to achieving peace in our time at any time.

The event will begin with a reception and a formal commemoration of the United Nations International Day of Peace. A variety of musical and other performances will follow to celebrate the theme of Sustainable Peace.

The celebration is free of charge and open to the public. It is organized by the peace and justice groups in the Northfield community with the support of the Human Rights Commission and the Department of Political Science. Participants include the Healthy Community Initiative, Northfield Arts Guild, The Key, Northfield Students for Social Justice, and the City Council.

Greetings from the Chair

It’s an election year! I thought I should point that out just in case you happened to be living on a distant planet for the last few months (and, if so, you’re probably wondering why you came back).

Unlike most other academic disciplines, political science—at least in the classroom—is extra sensitive to the news and current events cycle. Happenings in Syria, Britain, Brazil, the South China Sea, or Ferguson, Missouri, for example, routinely become the topic of discussion and debate in our courses and in our intellectual community on 4th Willis. Occasionally, big events lead us to radically re-think our curriculum. When it comes to “big events,” however, none seems to exert more consistent influence than the four-year pulse of the US political system.

Fall term around here always takes on a special energy during a Presidential election year.

Although you might not believe it, given how perpetual the campaign cycle appears to have become, the aphorism that the election “really begins in September” still seems valid. As summer winds down, families return from summer vacation and school starts, we all seem to get “back to business.” By Labor Day, the background chatter generated by each of the major party conventions has usually coalesced into some stable patterns. The reduction in noise seems to make us more able, and inclined, to comprehend the character and tone of the emerging contest.

All indications seem to be that the election of 2016 is going to be a special one. Arguably, all elections can be labeled ‘historic.’ Since this one features the first female presidential candidate, and quite possibly our first former-first-lady elected president, the label for 2016 should probably be in ALL-CAPS. Both candidates are unlike anything we’ve seen before. Each is deeply disliked by large segments of the electorate. Both political parties convulsed with ideological and intra-party strife during and after the primary. And, the coalitions being formed (or dissolved) by these figures may have lasting consequences for the two-party system. Will 2016 be a year for women to celebrate breaking down barriers? Or, will the final narrative be all about angry white men? Could there be an October surprise (courtesy of Russian hackers, the FBI, terrorists or tax returns)?

How could we not be fascinated by this contest?

It’s notoriously hard to keep the attention of the American public for long, but we seem capable staying focused for about 60 days or so. This goes for students too. I’ve yet to gather any data to validate it, but my feeling is that students appear more energetic every fall. Media streams (social or broadcast) rife with political news, combine with this natural fall-term energy and curiosity to create fertile ground for a little election fever—some renewed enthusiasm for things political. Moreover, our 10-week term overlaps well with the 60-day election run and with our modern attention spans. (Continued on p. 5.)
Greg Marfleet and Barbara Allen successfully led the Carleton College Department of Political Science Off Campus Studies Program in Washington, DC for a second time, spring term (March 26–June 4) 2016. Sixteen students joined the two faculty members over the 10-week term. The professors worked on-site together for the first and last weeks of the program and co-taught the Midterm Break excursion to New York City April 26-May. Each instructor taught four weeks of the trip solo, staying in close contact with the colleague who had returned to campus for that period. This arrangement helped create a coordinated program while allowing each instructor a chance to focus content on their specialty areas.

The DC program included meetings with numerous important actors in foreign and domestic policy, global affairs, and political communication. As they had in 2012, Allen and Marfleet actively recruited members of Carleton’s impressive DC alumni network for a number of these speaker roles. Over twenty alumni with prominent careers in government, academics, advocacy and journalism donated their time and expertise for the benefit of the students. While there are too many to acknowledge them by name here, the program leaders would like to once again extend their thanks to the generous Carls who met with the students this spring. (Continued on page 4.)
Washington DC Seminar, continued

Student academic assignments spanned the program. During the first half of the program, students, working in pairs, collected survey data from respondents at major war and non-war memorials to explore the impact of memorial attendance on attitudes toward foreign policy and the use of force. In the second half, students conducted depth-interviewing and content analysis projects to examine questions regarding civic engagement and public citizenship. Working as teams, they experienced the challenges of developing a research question and hypotheses, collecting quantitative and qualitative data, analyzing and creating visual representations of data, using video cameras and audio recording materials.

When they weren’t meeting with prominent DC professionals, or conducting academic research, the students in the program were busy at their internships. Three days each week students would work at a variety of positions around the DC area gaining valuable employment experience and building a professional network. Several students worked on the Hill in the offices of Senators Klobuchar and Franken or Representative Ellison. Others held positions with US government agencies, like Commerce or Treasury, or at research or advocacy organizations like the National Defense University or the Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights.

The program included two well-attended networking events with Carleton alumni, one in DC and one in NYC. The program also included group cultural events: Amateur Night at the Apollo; a Broadway show, Eclipse; a Kennedy Center performance, Hamlet; an Arena Stage production, All the Way; and a Major League Baseball game, Washington Nationals v. Minnesota Twins.

How alumni can help Carleton students

Alumni can offer valuable information and experience to students. Here are just a couple of Career Center programs to explore:

Create an Alumni Profile: By completing an online profile you indicate to current students and fellow alumni that you’re eager to talk about your career path, share advice, and provide insights on how you got from here to there.

Volunteer for 30 Minutes

The 30 Minutes program brings students interested in a specific job or industry face-to-face (or via Skype) with alumni experienced in that field. In just half an hour (hence the name), Carleton networking magic happens!

Gary Wynia Memorial Lecture on Latin American Political Economy

Jorge Domínguez, the Antonio Madero Professor for the Study of Mexico in the Department of Government of Harvard University, will be the featured lecturer on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 4:30 in the Library Athenaeum.

Professor Domínguez’s Wynia lecture, titled “Cuba’s Economic and Social Development Policy Trajectory and Choices,” will provide a thorough overview of his recent work in collaboration with Cuban scholars on two edited books concerning economic and social policy in Cuba.

Professor Domínguez earned his BA at Yale and his PhD at Harvard. He is Chair of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies. He has also served Harvard as the university’s first Vice Provost for International Affairs (2006-2015), Senior Advisor for International Studies to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and he was director of Harvard’s Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (1995-2006).

Professor Domínguez’s research encompasses U.S.-Latin American relations, U.S.-Mexican relations, public opinion and elections in Mexico, and the assessment of democracy in Latin America. Apart from being one of the country’s leading experts on Mexico, Professor Domínguez is a top scholar of Cuba. Foreign Affairs once dubbed him “the dean of U.S. Cubanologists.” He has published more than twenty books on Mexico, Cuba, Central America and U.S.-Latin American foreign relations. His most recent book is Mexico’s Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015).
Bryan Daves has served as clinical assistant professor of political science at Yeshiva University, visiting senior member of St. Antony’s College at Oxford University, and visiting lecturer at Princeton University. He was a Fulbright Fellow in Jordan, and has received USIA fellowships to the American Institute for Maghrib Studies and the American Center for Oriental Research.

Daves’ research interests include the political economy of development, north-south economic relations, new institutional economics, and politics of the Middle East and North Africa. He has published articles in several journals and edited volumes, including *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs* and *The Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*. As a visiting professor at Carleton during fall 2016 and spring 2017, he will teach Game Theory: Politics and Strategy, Methods of Political Research, and the introductory comparative politics course, Democracy and Dictatorship. Professor Daves previously taught at Carleton in 2002-2003.

Melanie Freeze received her PhD in Political Science from Duke University. Her research explores topics of partisan identification, motivated reasoning, polarization, and the quality of public opinion. Professor Freeze has recently published in *American Politics Research* and is involved in other active research projects ranging from the role of voice pitch in candidate evaluations to how bias and identity threats shape the public’s political attitudes and behaviors. She was previously visiting assistant professor of political science at Wesleyan University. At Carleton she will teach the introductory U.S. politics course, Politics in America: Liberty and Equality; Political Psychology; Parties, Interest Groups and Elections; and Methods of Political Research.

Professor Freeze lives in Northfield with her husband Professor Kent Freeze and their three children.

Jon Olson is a retired commander in the U.S. Navy. He will teach Intelligence, Policy and Conflict during winter 2017. Olson’s 21 years of service as an intelligence officer included over three years of sea duty on aircraft carriers and large-deck amphibious assault ships; direct support to military operations in Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, East Timor, the Philippines, and Afghanistan; staff tours at U.S. Special Operations Command and the U.S. Navy Staff in the Pentagon; and serving as the U.S. Naval Attaché in Helsinki. His intelligence specialization was Human Intelligence (HUMINT) and he is a CIA-trained case officer. Olson is an adjunct professor at Metropolitan State University in the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. He earned a Bachelor of Science in History from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

Olson has co-authored two fiction political/military/thriller novels with David Bruns—*Weapons of Mass Deception* and *Jihadi Apprentice*. He and his wife Melissa live in Webster, MN on a five-acre hobby farm with their six rescue dogs.

**From the Chair, continued**

Professors, too, get election fever. Over the years, faculty in our department have taken advantage of campaign years to design fun, election-centered assignments. A good portion of the alumni reading this newsletter can probably recall participating in one of the news projects that Barbara Allen and I collaborated on in ‘04, ‘08 and ‘12. A few of you who pre-date me might remember even earlier projects that she ran in ‘96 or 2000. Others may remember exploring election-prediction models (like Nate Silver’s) in a methods class or taking a campaigns course with Steve Schier. I’ve already heard rumors about some ambitious plans for class-based election research in our department this fall including some collaboration with colleagues across the river at St. Olaf. It’s bound to be a busy and exciting season. Don’t forget to vote!

*Greg Marfleet, Chair & Professor of Political Science*
Members of the Class of 2016 were honored at the Political Science Department Senior Dinner on May 24 and at Honors Convocation on May 27, 2016.

Mollie Wetherall was honored with the Davis Projects for Peace, a $10,000 award to students for projects that promote peace anywhere in the world, including the U.S., during the summer of 2016. Through a competition on 85 campuses, 100 projects are selected for funding.

She will work at Tubman, the largest provider of domestic abuse services in the state of Minnesota. Wetherall, who majored in both Political Science and in Cinema and Media Studies, will teach filmmaking to adolescents. Using funds from the grant, she will purchase equipment to allow these teens to create their own films. “I believe that the only difference between the teens I’m working with and the wealthiest artists in Hollywood is access (to equipment, to support, to people in the industry),” she said. “By offering equipment and a person to discuss their projects with, the program will cultivate an environment where creative filmmaking is a common occurrence.” She noted that the project will also integrate restorative practices into art-making, offering an outlet through which teenagers can tell stories and heal. Her work will be adaptable to participants’ needs and always in dialogue with the youth coordinators at Tubman. “I’m so grateful to be receiving the grant and for the opportunity to meet more phenomenal, creative young people in Minneapolis.”

Camila de la Vega was recognized with Honors in Independent Study. This award is given for outstanding independent work, based solely on the excellence of the special project, considered independently of a student’s academic average or other qualifying factors. The project need not be in the student’s major field and is available to all students in any class, not just seniors.

Ian Mercer received the Carolyn Applebaum Prize in the Arts, established by Dr. Mark S. Applebaum ’89 and Ms. Joan Friedman in 2014 in memory of Carolyn Applebaum. Carolyn was devoted to theater and worked as a drama teacher. She was an advocate, cheerleader, mentor, and friend to her students. The prize recognizes students who have made a meaningful impact on the arts in student life.

Membership in Mortar Board was bestowed upon the following students:

Julia Holewinski
Reilly Simon

This national honor society recognizes students who have combined distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service to their colleagues and the College community. (Continued on p. 7.)
The following seniors were inducted into *Phi Beta Kappa*:

- Jackson Bahn
- Joseph Burson
- Camila de la Vega
- J.M. Hanley
- Julia Holewinski
- Claire Kelloway
- Emma Rossby
- Reilly Simon
- Emily Spoden

This national honorary scholastic fraternity was founded in 1776. The Carleton chapter was established in 1913 and elects its membership from students who rank in the highest 15 percent of their graduating class and meet other prescribed criteria.

Alice Mei was inducted into *Sigma Xi*, the honor society of research scientists and engineers, founded in 1886 at Cornell University. It is an international, multidisciplinary society whose programs and activities promote the health of the scientific enterprise, reward excellence in scientific research and encourage a sense of companionship and cooperation among scientists in all fields.

*Distinction in the Senior Integrative Exercise* (Comps) was awarded to the following students:

- **Jackson Bahn** for his paper, “An Examination of the Effects of Uneven Labor Migration on Informal Village Insurance in Myanmar”
- **Joe Burson** for his paper, “Law and Order: Strategic Considerations and Legal Development Assistance”
- **Mara Daly** for her paper, “Deception in Democracy: An Analysis of the Accuracy of Political Campaign Advertisements”

Camila de la Vega for her paper, “Memories of Injustice: Contesting Identity through Bolivia’s Official Narrative”

Robert Kaylor for his paper, “The Ethnic Security Dilemma: Operationalizing Nationalism to Expand Separatist Theories”

Claire Kelloway for her paper, “Cows, Colleges, and Conservation: How Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges managed erosion and promoted biodiversity on their rented agricultural lands”

Alice Mei for her paper, “Diversity in Deliberation: Exploring Gender and Influence in Foreign Policy Decision-Making”

Nicole Nipper ’17 for her paper, “ISIS and al-Qaeda: Understanding and Differentiating Worldviews”


Reilly Simon for her paper, “The Perfect Storm: The Role of Military Decision-Making in the Success or Failure of Arab Spring Democratization Movements”

Mollie Wetherall for her paper, “Hollowed Out From Within: Guantánamo Force-Feeding and the Struggle for Detainee Agency”

2015-16 *Student Departmental Advisers* Michelle Iruker and Robert Kaylor were recognized for their service. SDAs advise first-year students and others about course offerings and the major.

*Departmental Curriculum Committee* members Reilly Simon and Ben Strauss were recognized for their service. The DCC evaluates curriculum, advises on requirements, organizes departmental events, and generally serves as the formal voice of students in all Department affairs (e.g., hiring).
Lee Sigelman Prize

David Soper ’17 was awarded the 2015-16 Lee Sigelman Prize in Political Science for his paper "The Role of Christianity in Hobbes’ Political Project.”

Soper wrote the paper for POSC 371 Modern Political Philosophy: Science and Humanity, taught by Professor Laurence Cooper. David Soper is a Political Science/International Relations major from Malibu, California.

The Sigelman Prize is awarded for the best political science paper written by a major in the Political Science Department before the end of the junior year.

During his distinguished career as a political scientist, Lee Sigelman (Carleton Class of ’67) was renowned for his scholarship, leadership and wit. He was the editor of the discipline’s flagship journal, the American Political Science Review, 2001-2007.

Majors honored

David Soper ’17 received the Dale and Elizabeth Hanson Fellowship in Ethics. The award, supported by a gift from Dale ’60 and Elizabeth Hanson, is designed to support student research in ethics that might be an extension of work they undertook in a class, or to examine ethical questions as they relate to their major or, more generally, to explore issues that they would not be able to examine through current course offerings. Soper will explore how the contemporary dialogue around the refugee crisis is informed by a variety of political philosophic traditions, as well the ethical implications of how each of those traditions involves different understandings of state obligations to refugees.

Kifaya Taha ’17 was honored with the Class of 1966 Diversity of Achievement Award. This award is given to Carleton students who have made a unique or distinctive contribution to the College or the community. The recipients have demonstrated excellence in their own way in such diverse areas as the arts, community service, student government, academic research, or other areas of contribution.

Membership in Mortar Board was bestowed upon the following students:

Shaun Spinney ’17 received the Paul and Lynn Kelley International Fellowship. The fellowship was created to honor Paul and Lynn, who have done a great deal to support and promote cultural understanding, including medical travels to Central America, years-long service to indigenous and tribal peoples, AIDS work, and much more. The fund is intended to support students with financial need for research fellowships abroad. These fellowships may be in conjunction with senior comps, in collaboration with faculty, or a project of student interest. Spinney will study the potential effects of the modernist central urban planning of Chandigarh, India (and by implication the urban design style of Le Corbusier), on the informal economy of the city using the case study of street vendors. Spinney hopes to understand how the national discourse about street vendors is inflected within the particular setting of this planned city.

Luke Curtis ’17 Maximilian Esslinger ’17 Michael Schneekloth ’17

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Faculty activities

Barbara Allen has worked with Instant Waves Media to create a biographical portrait of Elinor Ostrom for the UBS Bank project, "Nobel Perspectives." See images and interviews that Professor Allen is using in her film, "Actual World, Possible Future—the lives and work of Elinor and Vincent Ostrom" on the UBS web page about Elinor C. Ostrom, 2009 Nobel Laureate.

Hicham Bou Nassif created a Facebook group called "Eye on the Middle East." He gave a talk at Carleton on October 8, 2015, about ISIS and the factors that created it. The event was sponsored by Carls Creating Political Atmosphere/Discussion (CPAD), a non-partisan student organization.

Laurence Cooper taught several courses for the Tikvah Fund—in New York, in Israel, and online. Topics included Tocqueville, Irving Kristol, Leo Strauss, and "the challenge of the postmodern age." His article, “The New Spirituality, or The Democratization of Divinity and Vice Versa (Has the New Age Come of Age?)” will be published later this summer in the journal Perspectives on Political Science.


With her colleague Çiğdem Çidam (Union College), Professor Czobor-Lupp organized the pre-conference workshop on “Violence in Contemporary Society: Religion, Race, and Gender” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Political Theory.

Czobor-Lupp is planning an off-campus studies program in Romania on the topic of Nationalism and Xenophobia in Eastern and Central Europe. She is also doing research on the topic of care for the self, care for the others, and care for the world, in preparation for the Faculty Research Seminar, which she will lead this coming academic year at the Carleton Humanities Center. She was granted tenure by the Board of Trustees in January 2016.

Kent Freeze participated in a panel at the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference in Portland in 2015, discussing techniques for teaching research methods to undergraduates. He presented a paper coauthored with students Jackson Bahn ’16 and Peter Sang ’17 at the April MPSA meetings on the effects of migration on social insurance attitudes and participation in rural Burma. He also presented a paper on rural to urban migration and attitude change at the Duke University conference on Preferences for Redistribution in Comparative Politics held at Duke University.

Devashree Gupta presented a talk titled "Are We Citizens or Subjects? The Evolution of Claims-Making and Contention in Northern Ireland during the Troubles" on October 21, 2015 as part of a panel on ruling states and citizens in times of war. The event featured work emerging from the Humanities Center/GEI Faculty Research Seminar on "War, Destruction, (Re)Invention: Legacies of Creation and Transformation in the Context of Global Conflict." She published a piece called "Navigating Nationalisms in Deeply Divided Societies: The Case of Northern Ireland’s Immigrant Communities" in SAIS Review of International Affairs (also, one of the volume editors was alumna Emily Walz ’08!). Gupta has a chapter called "Licit and Illicit Transnational Networks During the Troubles" in a book called Theories of International Relations and Northern Ireland, Manchester University Press, (forthcoming 2016).

Professor Gupta also received a Large Faculty Development Endowment grant from the College this year, which she will be using in the next academic year to be on sabbatical. During the sabbatical, she will work on a book manuscript examining patterns of radicalization in social movements. She was recently appointed for a three-year term to the editorial board of the American Sociological Review, with a focus on social movement scholarship.

Richard Keiser participated in a study tour of Rio de Janeiro in June 2015 to research the impact of both the Olympics and "broken windows policing" on favela residents. He presented a paper at the 2016 Western Political Science Association meetings in San Diego, CA, entitled, "Growth Machine or Pluralism? Referenda Politics at the Local Level."

Professor Keiser also gave a lecture and led discussion on “Income Inequality,” November 10, 2015. The event was sponsored by student organization Carls Creating Political Atmosphere/Discussion (CPAD).

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Alfred Montero published an article co-authored with Brandon Van Dyck (Lafayette College) titled, "Eroding the Clientelist Monopoly: The Subnational Left Turn and Conservative Rule in Northeastern Brazil" in Latin American Research Review 50:4 (2015). He presented “The Brazil Crisis and Its Implications for Democracy” on April 19, 2016, at Carleton. Brazil’s long experience with high rates of economic growth, expanding employment and decreasing poverty and inequality came to a stop in the last couple of years. What scholars and pundits did not predict was the unraveling of the political system as well. Calls for the impeachment of current president Dilma Rousseff have grown louder as powerful players scramble in the hallways of Brasilia to reposition themselves during what is the deepest political crisis in the thirty-year history of Brazilian democracy.

Professor Montero is now the Senior Editor of Latin American Politics and Society.

Tun Myint shared his interpretation of the November 2015 Myanmar/Burma election with the campus and wider community: “Do elections promote democracy? Interpreting Burma/Myanmar’s election results” on November 19, 2015. He also presented a research paper titled "Public Memory (Not History) in Political Transition: Political Economy of Democratic Transition in Myanmar/Burma" at the 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 7 through 10.

He presented “Climate Change and the Economies of Developing Countries: Global Responsibilities for Climate Change,” May 26, 2016. The event was co-hosted by the International Relations Council and the Sustainability Office. Using Zambia, Ethiopia, Laos, and Thailand as case studies, Professor Myint discussed the debate between "developed" and "developing" countries on the responsibility for climate change and how it de-unites the global community in imagining solutions for climate change.

The American Presidential Election panel discussion, May 11, 2016, moderated by and in honor of Professor Steven Schier on his retirement. Clockwise: Steven Schier & panelist Janet Box-Steffensmeier of The Ohio State University; panelist Lawrence Jacobs, University of Minnesota; the crowd in Great Hall; panelists Nicol Rae, Montana State University, and Michael Alvarez ’86, CalTech.
Alumni updates

1963
Robert Seddig is an adjunct professor at College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine, having retired from full-time teaching at Allegheny College in 2012, where he taught for 45 years. Seddig was awarded the Julian Ross Prize for Excellent Teaching and has an endowed professorship created by a benefactor: the Robert G. Seddig Professorship in Law and Policy.

1965
Dan E. Turnquist retired after more than 35 years in the US State Department Foreign Service serving in Guadalajara, Guatemala, Managua, Caracas, Stockholm, Paris, Brussels (US Mission to the EU), Bonn, London, Washington, a year at Harvard, and three years as Diplomat in Residence at the University of Michigan. We split time between Centennial, Wyoming and Guadalajara. I volunteer at the library and museum in Centennial, serving on the board of the latter. I am also on our Home Owners Association Board. In Guadalajara I am very active in the American Society and Democrats Abroad. I read a lot and belong to two book groups. And I am still a political junkie, even though I am no longer paid to do that like I was in the FS.

1966
Bill Craig, St. Michael, MN. Although nominally retired, I still promote and assist professional local government as a Senior Advisor for the International City/County Management Association, and as an Ambassador for the League of Minnesota Cities. Anyone interested in local government as a career (or a second career), shoot me an e-mail wmpcraig@aol.com, or call at 763-497-3577.

1970
Bill Craine. I am in my second term as the elected Chenango County Treasurer, Norwich, NY.

1971
Katherine Currier, Professor Emeritus, Elms College, Chicopee, MA. Recently mostly retired after 30+ years of undergraduate teaching in legal studies and criminal justice. Still updating my paralegal textbooks, but mostly enjoying fun stuff like Zumba, kayaking, line dancing, and vegging out between our winter home in Florida and summer home in Massachusetts. Also starting an online Masters program in art history.

1983
J. Scott Johnson, Professor of Political Science, St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. Spring Semester, 2016, saw me directing my fourth study abroad program for CSB|SJU, this time in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. While I will never exceed Hartley Clark’s directorship of the Geneva Seminar 35 years ago, I still have aspirations towards grandeur.

1986
Susan Olson, Financial Advisor, Abacus Wealth Partners, Sebastopol, CA. I just earned my CFP® certificate to complete my transition from school superintendent/CFO to financial advisor. I’ve spent 30 years dancing around the edge of my Poli Sci degree, branching out into cultural geography and women’s studies, then education, now investment management and financial planning. Being at my 30th reunion recently allowed me to reflect that this may be the closest I’ve been to Poli Sci, career-wise, as I work to align clients’ investments with their individual (political, economic, cultural) values.

1988
Bruce Bonnet, Certified Hypnotherapist, Los Angeles. Re-elected to my 7th year as President of the Hypnotherapists Union for the US, part of the AFL-CIO. Recently won a battle in Nevada against the Psychology Board there which allowed our union members to keep working in that state. Teaching law and ethics classes at a hypnotherapy college, and using hypnosis to help clients with issues like Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, insomnia, and sports performance. Addicted to political news on MSNBC.

1990
Allison Keeley, Head Volleyball Coach, East Stroudsburg University. Contemplating a career change to academia or politics, I recently earned an MA in International Relations. For now, I am still coaching volleyball at East Stroudsburg University in the Poconos. All guests welcome!

1995
Cate Stillman, Founder, Yogahealer.com and Yoga Health Coaching. I wrote and published my first book, Body Thrive, Uplevel your Body + Your Life with 10 Habits from Ayurveda + Yoga. It’s done really well in the world of Ayurveda and Yoga. My training organization, the Worldwide Organization of Yoga Health Coaches, is taking off with over 100 coaches around the globe. I’m learning how to be a CEO as I lead a remote team out of my home bases in the Tetons and the Mexican coast. It’s all a blast. You can see the world I’ve created at yogahealer.com.
Michael Zwirn, Director of Foundation Relations, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC. In March 2015 I took on my current role and have had the chance to help several Carleton alumni get internships or entry positions in the DC think tank world. Unable to make reunion because it conflicted directly with my son’s eighth birthday!

Brian Levy, VP, Pollin Energy and Retrofits (PEAR) pear-energy.com, Amherst, MA. Founder, Minim Homes, Washington, DC. Founder, Micro Showcase, Washington, DC. I’ve been in DC for 13 years now, but switched from government to private sector. Working at two different startups, one that does energy efficiency and renewable finance, the other designs and builds modern micro homes and mobile workspaces. Also doing a fair bit of mentoring, gardening, sailing, paragliding, and meditation on the side. But clearly the priority this year is keeping Trump out of office!

Megan (Clymer) Haddock, Seattle. After 15 years on the East Coast we are moving to Seattle! My husband, Scott Haddock ’01, got a super new job so we are quitting our jobs and heading west with our two kids, Jack (3.5) and Callum (1.5). Not sure where we will live or what I will do when we get there (I’m open to suggestions). The future is wide open! Hoping to connect with classmates when we get there in September.

David Strandness, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Uber. My wife and I are enjoying living in the Bay Area, and going hiking with Juneau (our 1 year old puppy) on the weekends.

Anthony Baquero, Immigration Attorney. My wife, Jihan Elshazly Baquero (class of 2007), and I welcomed our first child into this world on February 10, 2016. Andre Anthony Baquero was born happy and healthy. He brings unlimited love to our lives and we feel very blessed.

Andrew Navratil, law student, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta. I had a very successful first year of law school! I was also accepted into the joint JD/MPA program at Georgia State and will graduate with both degrees in May 2017.

Helen Ashton, medical student, Class of 2017, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA. I am currently in my last year of medical school at Emory University School of Medicine and will be applying for residency in Family Medicine this fall. I have been spending the past two months in Managua, Nicaragua working in a community clinic and carrying out a five-month research project, piloting a teen pregnancy intervention. I’m ever grateful for the STATA skills that I acquired in my Methods class at Carleton—still using them today!

Beth Seraydarian, Talent Development Specialist, EDSI, Los Angeles. In June of 2016, I graduated from Northwestern University’s MS program in Learning and Organizational Change.

Trevor Hill, Associate, Acquisitions & Strategic Development, SunPower. I recently started a new job at SunPower in the Bay Area. I will be working on strategy and acquisitions in the utility scale solar space, with a focus on the US and Latin American markets.

Justin A. Jack, Esq. Federal Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Recently concluded my year-long judicial clerkship with United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and will soon start a second clerkship with the Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal.

Trevor Hill
Development Associate, Lennar Multifamily Communities, Minneapolis. After completing a two-year analyst program working on the capital markets desk of the investment bank Piper Jaffray, I transitioned to the real estate development industry earlier this year. I now work for Lennar Multifamily Communities, developing luxury apartments throughout the twin cities. In June I was elected to serve as a board member on the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association.

Julian Wyss, Atlantic Council, Washington, DC. Finished graduate school at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the fall before moving to Washington, DC, where I’m working at the Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think-thank.

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