International Relations Program Updates

Once again, IR Program witnessed a strong end of the school year.

The Program has consistently attracted academically talented students who have flourished at SJU and have taken advantage of the many opportunities to be global citizens, achieve in the classroom, and apply their knowledge outside of it.

Along with 16 incoming frosh students in Fall 2016, we added 9 new majors and 4 minors during the school year. In Fall 2017, we expect to have 11 new incoming students.

We continuously strive to develop our sense of academic community among our students, alumni, and faculty members.

Kazuya Fukuoka
Director, IR Program

Congratulations, Graduates!

The International Relations Program proudly recognizes the accomplishments of this year’s graduates:

- Anita R Aub
- Ryan Blatt
- Christina Calabrese
- Kierra Dolton
- Ashley Gerald
- Karina Gonzalez
- Alyxus Good
- Christopher Heiniman
- Gage Huber
- Krystyna Kilmowicz
- Molly Ledbetter
- Emily Meehan
- Deepa Patel
- Brian Radermacher
- David Ryan
- Maria Starling
- Nicholas Strittmatter
- Gregory Tonzini
- Kasey Trapp
- Nicholas Turadia
- Kerri Turk
- Delaney Yonchek

Academic Achievement

IR graduates had many academic achievements of which to be proud. Students from the program were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa (2) and Alpha Sigma Nu (2) honor societies. Also importantly, we note that two students won extramural fellowships (St. Andrew’s Scholarship and U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarship). Congratulations!

Departmental Awards
International Relations Award: Kasey Trapp

Honor Societies
Phi Beta Kappa: Christopher Heiniman, Kasey Trapp
Alpha Sigma Nu: Ashley Gerald, Kasey Trapp

Academic Honors
Summa Cum Laude: Christopher Heiniman
Magna Cum Laude: Kasey Trapp
Cum Laude: Kierra Dolton, Ashley Gerald, Emily Meehan, Maria Starling, Nicholas Turadian

External Fellowship
Critical Language Scholarship, the U.S. Department of State: Dan Soucy (’18)
St. Andrew’s Scholarship: Haley Waites (’19)

Conference Participation
The Walsh Exchange, Georgetown University: Julian Zuzarte (’18)
Sigma Iota Rho IR Conference, University of Pennsylvania: Kevin Trimmer (’17), Erin Davison (’19)

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IR Co-Sponsored Events
In the academic year 2016-17, the IR Program co-sponsored the following events.

Fall 2016

- Guest Lecture, "A Dialogue with Mikyoung Kim: Northeast Asia's Difficult International Relations" (September 6)
- Panel Discussion, "Painful Hope: A Palestinian and a Settler Rabbi Talk Peace" (September 13)
- Workshop, "Grad School in IR, Public Policy, Public Administration, or Political Science?" (September 27)
- "US Ambassadors' Visit to SJU" through the collaboration with the Provost's Office (October 6)
- Panel Discussion, "The International Implications of the U.S. Election" (December 8; organized by Sigma Iota Rho)
- Final Study Night (IR Honor Society, Sigma Iota Rho, with Political Science Honor Society Pi Sigma Alpha) (December 13)

Spring 2017

- Panel Discussion, "Teach-In On Immigration And Syrian Refugees" through the collaboration with Dr. Usha Rao (Office of Teaching and Learning) (February 23).
- Guest Lecture, Dr. Mary Malone (Prof at Univ. of New Hampshire; SJU grad, 1995) (February 27).
- "Philadelphia's Founding Mother of Sustainability" (Free Period) through the collaboration with SJU Chapter of CFPA (Coalition for Peace Action) (March 9)
- Mock Student Academic Conference: Julian Zuzarte (IR '18), for Walsh Exchange at Georgetown; Kevin Trimmer (IR '17), for the SIR Conference at U Penn; Erin Davison (IR '19), for the SIR Conference at U Penn.
- Co-sponsored with POL, PSA(Pi Sigma Alpha), and SIR (Sigma Iota Rho) (March 30)
- "Nukes and Nuggets," with the collaboration with SJU Chapter of CFPA (Coalition for Peace Action)(April 5)
- Guest Lecture, "Social Media and Contemporary Cuba" by Dr. Benito Albisa Novo (University of Habana). Co-sponsored with Latin American Studies and Political Science (April 20)
- Final Study Session (IR Honor Society, Sigma Iota Rho, with Political Science Honor Society Pi Sigma Alpha) (May 4)
- Commencement Party (with History and Political Science departments)(May 20)
Hawks Abroad

In this issue, we feature a student recently back from a semester abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia

“Global Hawk lands in St Petersburg”

By Anna Atkinson ‘18

Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity. This semester I was fortunate to be able to study in a country that I have such deep interests in—Russia. Getting to study abroad is a gift, and this gift keeps on giving. After taking five semesters of Russian language at St. Joe’s, I could not wait to explore what this country had in store for me. Looking back, I had so much that I did not know. Throughout all the challenges I have had to face in the past, living in a country where I am not fluent in the native tongue may be my toughest one so far. As I started being able to converse with the local people, I felt more at ease. My biggest challenge now led to one of my best rewards. I made a dear friend, Yulia, who works at a store I stumbled upon in the beginning of my trip. She has helped me with so many everyday things, such as finding inexpensive stores and also how to negotiate the price of goods given to tourists. Having a St. Petersburg native as a close friend has been a paid dividend. We have spent a lot of time exploring the arts and culture that makes up Saint Petersburg. She invited me to her home to meet her family and at first, her parents did not believe that she had made an American friend. Studying abroad has given me more skills to make my own judgments. It is easy to pick up perceptions about a country from peers, media, and other daily sources, but living in the country like an ordinary citizen can open your eyes to a whole new perspective of that country. St. Petersburg has now become a second home to me.

On April 3rd, I was spending my spring break in Budapest, Hungary, when I was informed that there had been blasts on a metro in St. Petersburg, causing multiple lives to be lost. My classmates and I were making sure those who stayed in St. Petersburg were all accounted for. Though it was comforting to have friends and family from all over the world check in on me, I also worried about all of those whom I know and care for. This violent attack shook me in many ways, as it occurred right in my backyard. Before the attack, I had always felt safe and secure, although I had been stopped, had my bag searched, and asked to show my registration papers to police on the streets. Nonetheless, this gave me the belief that it would be very difficult for someone to put civilians in harm’s way. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of those affected by terrorism, not only in this one incident, but on a global scale.

I am so very thankful for being able to pursue this opportunity, and to be surrounded by so many new friends that helped me call this place home. I hope that more hawks can take flight and land in this part of the world, and see what beautiful and exciting experiences this country has to offer.

St. Basil’s Cathedral
Moscow, Russia

Project Alumni Profile

As one of the projects to enhance our students’ career opportunities, we are trying to create the network of the alumni and our program homepage now has a section called Alumni Profile. Thank you, Dr. Lisa Baglione, for your initiative!

Try our page: https://sites.sju.edu/politicalscience/files/2017/05/IRAlumProfiles_PDF2015.pdf
Sigma Iota Rho Induction Ceremony

Our new members of Sigma Iota Rho were inducted on April 8 in a wonderful joint ceremony with the Political Science Honors Society (PSA). SIR seniors also received cords for graduation at the ceremony.

Congratulations to New Inductees!

Maxwell Barrile  Claudia Fuentres  Emma Pachon
Natalie Domaas  John McGrath  Maria Starling
Peter Ferris  Emily Meehan  Julian Zuzarte

SIR Seniors

Kierra Dolton  Molly Ledbetter  Kasey Trapp
Ashley Gerald  Emily Meehan  Nicholas Turadian
Christopher Heiniman  Maria Starling

International Relations Courses Fall 2017

Economics
ECN 101 Introductory Economics (MICRO) / MULTIPLE SECTIONS
ECN 102 Introductory Economics (MACRO) / MULTIPLE SECTIONS
ECN 322 International Macroeconomics / Pardo, MWF 11:15-12:05
ECN 477 Chinese Economies / Balasubramaniam, MWF 10:10-11:00

History
HIS 204 Latin American-U.S. Migration / Warren, MWF 10:10-11:00
HIS 208 Historical Intro to Asian Civilizations / Carter, MWF 11:15-12:05
HIS 344 The Middle East Since 1798 / Schumacher, MWF 2:30-3:20
HIS 491 Philadelphia-Area Internship / Abbas, Arranged

Political Science
POL 113 Intro to Comparative Politics / Baglione, MWF 11:15-12:05
POL 115 Intro to Global Politics / Gioioso, TR 2:00-3:15
POL 115 Intro to Global Politics / Baglione, MWF 12:20-1:10
POL 334 Russian Politics / Baglione, MWF 10:10-11:00
POL 339 Dictatorship, Asian Style: China & North Korea / Fukuoka, TR 3:30-4:45
POL 352 Global Political Economy / Gioioso, TR 9:30-10:45
POL 370 Sp Topic: UN in Global Affairs / Devon, W 6:30-9:15
POL 403 Senior Capstone Seminar: Nations & Nationalisms / Fukuoka

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