

The *Tattler*

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Opportunity and Early Registration Edition

Internships...

Once again, spring time comes and a young college student's thought turn to -- internships for summer and the fall. It has been a rich internship recruitment season for us and there are numerous opportunities. For those who are thinking about going to DC, BT (former British Telecom) has a paid opening as a Government Relations Intern. The pay is small, only \$7 per hour, but the potential for experience is great. The position is posted on e-recruiting, or you can see Dr. Curtis for more information.

For those of you who are thinking that this historic election year offers some unique opportunities, you are correct. In the local races, Aaron Schock is a Republican seeking election to Congress in the 18th District. He is seeking interns, as is Jehan Gordon, a Democrat seeking election to the Illinois House, 92nd District. A significant number of students are working in the presidential election for Barack Obama, and I'm sure they will accept more interns. I have not been contacted by the John McCain campaign, but would most certainly be willing to attempt to contact them for you. Debbie Halvorson is a Democrat running for Congress (11th District) who is looking for interns in the Joliet area. Of course, Dr. Curtis can help you to get connected with a campaign, regardless of your party preference.

For those who want to see how elections are run from the perspective of the government

itself, Executive Director Thomas Bride of the Peoria Board of Election Commissioners is seeking interns as well. This is a unique opportunity to see how an election is organized and run from the inside.

For those of you who are not excited by the 2008 fall election, there are other opportunities as well, including organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, the Peoria County Juvenile Detention Facility, and Probation Offices in the area. As always, see Dr. Curtis for contact information and the rules for eligibility for academic credit.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ALUMNI...

Congratulations to our December, 2007 graduates:

Majors

Bonello, Tessa K.
Cozad, Julia C.
Hranka, Jennifer M.
Zamma, Troy A.

Minors

Thomas Kurt R.

Graduating in May of 2008?

Not if you have yet to apply for graduation. In the semester you intend to graduate you must fill out the application for graduation. This starts the internal university process of certifying that you have satisfied or will satisfy all requirements by the end of the semester.

Social Service and Government Career Fair...

Don't miss the Social Services and Government Agency Career Fair. The fair will be on **Wednesday, March 26 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.** in the **Michel Student Center Ballroom**. Many of the employers are seeking interns, summer workers, and full-time employees.

The list of participating employers is available at: http://bradley.erecruiting.com/stu/cf_registered_employers?fhnd=2846.

Washington Semester Program: Time to Apply for the Washington Semester Programs for Fall 2008/2009...

Applications are now available to students interested in applying for any of the 14 Washington Semester Programs offered through the Washington Semester Programs at American University in DC during the Fall Semester 2008.

Students who want to make application for the program can pick up an application packet from Dr. Hall (426-C in Bradley Hall) and they are in an envelope on his office door.

The following programs will be offered during the Fall 2008 Semester at American:

American National Politics, Contemporary Islam (3 weeks in the Middle East), Economic Policy, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Business and Trade (Washington section), International Business and Trade (3 weeks in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong), International Environment and Development (3 weeks in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands), International Law and Organizations (travel to UN, Brussels and The Hague), Israel Studies (3 weeks in Israel), Journalism, Justice, Peace and Conflict Resolution (3 weeks in Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia), Public Law, and Transforming Communities and Public Policy

Applications must be completed by March 14, but students may have their applications considered early if they turn them in before that deadline.

Students interested in more information about the Washington Semester in general or about any program in specific may pick up brochures about each of the programs from the display just outside of Dr. Hall's office (426-C). The Washington Semester Program has an excellent and informative website which students can visit at:

<http://washingtonsemester.com>.

Grades earned in the Washington Semester courses are figured in your overall grade point average at Bradley. Students should consult their academic advisor at Bradley to see how the Program course credits will be handled in their major.

Students must have a GPA of at least 2.50 (a GPA of 3.0 or better is preferred) and must be at least a second semester sophomore as of next fall.

Students with questions should contact Dr. Hall (ext. 2495).

2008-2009 Course Notes...

All political science majors and minors are required to complete at least one senior seminar. While decisions on courses for January of 2009 and Spring 2009 will not be made until July, we anticipate offering four seminars during the regular fall and spring semesters. In the fall Professor Gobeyn will offer PLS 491 and Professor Gill will offer PLS 493. In the spring of 2009 Professor Curtis will offer PLS 494 and Professor Dannehl will offer PLS 492.

For those of you planning the entire 2008-2009 academic year, tentative PLS class offerings for spring 2009 can be found on the last page on the [Guide to Political Science](#), which is available on the department [homepage](#).



EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2008 CLASSES...

Early registration for the 2008 fall semester begins April 10. What do you need to do?

- Pick up your *Schedule of Classes*
- Run your online degree audit
- Consult with your academic advisor
- Check on Webster for encumbrances and take the steps necessary to remove them (e.g., pay parking tickets)
- Register when specified in the *Schedule of Classes*

The *Summer/Fall 2008 Schedule of Classes* will be available in two places. When they are available, printed copies of the *Schedule of Classes* can be obtain from the Department's Secretary (Kathy Lundy in Bradley 445) or in BR 426. The more up to date *Schedule of Classes* is available online at <http://schedule.bradley.edu> or [Webster](#).

Academic degree audits are available to students on-line through [Webster](#). Check the audit carefully to see your status on all graduation requirements. If you have questions or believe there are errors, check them with your academic advisor.

After you have taken time to look over the course offerings for spring semester and considered your academic progress to date, you should then plan to see your departmental advisor. All students have been assigned an academic advisor in the Department. If you have forgotten who your advisor is, there is a list of advisors/advisees on the department's home page and posted in 426.

Academic early registration is scheduled for April 10 through April 17. Webster is available 24 hours a day; however, you cannot begin to register until the time listed for you in the

Schedule of Classes. This time slot is determined on the basis of the number of hours you have completed. It does not include those you are enrolled in this semester.

Remember, all students with fewer than 24 hours of courses completed at Bradley University, and all seniors (students with 90 completed hours or more) are encumbered. That means they cannot register without seeing an academic advisor and having the encumbrance removed.

May 2008 Courses ...

The department will offer the following courses during May Interim I.

PLS 105 INTRO TO AMERICAN GOVT
M T W T F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
William K Hall

PLS 304 GOVT OF WEST EUROPE
M T W T F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
BR 222 Mark J Gobeyn

PLS 419 INTRO TO PUBLIC ADMIN
Arr R Craig Curtis

PLS 583 READING IN POL SCIENCE
R Arr Mark J Gobeyn

The department will not offer any lecture-discussion or online courses during the two summer sessions. However, internship credit through PLS 480 and independent study credit through PLS 583 and PLS 584 are available. If you are interested in independent study credit this summer, set up the project with the appropriate Professor and then a special section of PLS 583 will be created for you.

FINAL EXAM OVERLOAD?

CHECK your exam schedule now. April 18 is the deadline date for students to petition for relief from their final examination schedule if they have more than two final examinations on one day. Students should petition directly to the dean of the college of their major field. ALSO you will find the rules on how to resolve exam conflicts on page 12 of the *January Spring 2008 Schedule of Classes*.

FALL 2008 PLS COURSES

SF PLS 105	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT		
01	M W F 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM BR 322	Emily R Gill	
02	M W F 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM BR 250	William K Hall	
03	T T 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM BR 125	R Craig Curtis	
04	T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 125	R Craig Curtis	
40	*R* M W F 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM BR 125	William K Hall	
SF PLS 205	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS		
01	M W F 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM BR 261	Mark J Gobeyn	
SF PLS 208	FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		
01	T T 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM BR 270	Charles R Dannehl	
02	T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 270	Charles R Dannehl	
PLS 209	SCOPE AND METHODS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE		
01	M W F 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM BR 370	Larry T Aspin	
02	M W F 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM BR 370	Larry T Aspin	
PLS 290	PARTICIPATION IN MOCK TRIAL		
01	*R* Th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM BR 370	Scott Paulsen	
PLS 302	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		
01	M W F 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM BR 370	Larry T Aspin	
PLS 304	GOVERNMENTS OF WEST EUROPE		
01	T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 322	Mark J Gobeyn	
HP PLS 307	CLASSICAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY		
01	T T 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM BR 050	Emily R Gill	
PLS 310	POLITICAL BEHAVIOR		
01	T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 222	William K Hall	
SF PLS 360	JUDICIAL POLITICS		
01	T T 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM BR 320	Paul Lermack	
02	T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 320	Paul Lermack	
PLS 390	PARTICIPATION IN MOCK TRIAL		
01	*R* Th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM BR 370	Scott Paulsen	
PLS 419	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION		
01	M W F 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM BR 270	R Craig Curtis	
PLS 459	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW		
01	M W F 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM BR 259	Paul Lermack	
PLS 480	INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE		
01	*R* Arr	R Craig Curtis	
PLS 485	RESEARCH		
01	*R* Arr	Larry T Aspin	
PLS 491	SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS		
01	T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 245	Mark J Gobeyn	
PLS 493	SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY		
01	T T 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM BR 245	Emily R Gill	
PLS 583	READING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE		
01	*R* Arr	Larry T Aspin	
70	*R* Arr	Frank Mackaman	

Political Science Degree Completion Checklist

University & College General Requirements

- 124 Total Semester Hours 90 LAS Hours
- 30 Residence Hours
- 24 of last 30 Hours in Residence
- 40 Total Junior Senior Hours 30 LAS Junior Senior Hours

University General Education Requirements

- Communications 103 (SP) 3 hours
- Composition freshman level (C1) 3 hours
- Composition junior level (C2) 3 hours
- Mathematics (MA) 3 hours
- Western Civilization (WC) 3 hours
- Nonwestern Civilization (NW) 3 hours
- Fine Arts (FA) 3 hours
- Human Values Literary (HL) 3 hours
- Human Values Philosophical (HP) 3 hours
- _____ Social Forces and Institutions (SF) 6 hours
- Fundamentals of Science (FS) 3 hours
- Fundamentals of Science or Technology (FS/TS) 3 hours

PLS Requirements

- PLS 105
- PLS 205
- PLS 207
- PLS 208
- PLS 209
- _____ Two 300 and above courses in first sub field
- _____ Two 300 and above courses in second sub field
- Senior Seminar
- Departmental GPA (all 200 level and above must be over 2.01)

PLS Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Arts

- 101 102 201 202; OR 300 level

Bachelor of Science (As of spring 2007)

_____ To receive the Bachelor of Science degree, students must successfully complete at least 6 hours of courses selected from physical and natural science, mathematics, computer science, statistics, or quantitative methods in addition to the hours used to fulfill the University general education requirements. The following courses may be used to fulfill the additional 6-hour requirement for the B.S. degree—all courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, geological sciences, physics, mathematics (except MTH 100 and MTH 109), technical mathematics, and, in addition, these courses: BMA 372, ECO 319, FCS 303, PSY 415, PSY 536, QM 262, QM 263, and SCI

Protecting the Illinois River--A Time for Action

The Dirksen Congressional Center in partnership with the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service at Bradley University are holding an important public policy symposium entitled "Protecting the Illinois River...A Time for ACTION!" The symposium will be held on March 7, 2008 at the Gateway Building on Peoria's riverfront from 1 to 5 p.m. Additional financial support is being provided by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Congressman Ray LaHood is inviting the entire Illinois congressional delegation. Lt. Governor Pat Quinn is inviting all state elected officials who serve the Illinois River Watershed. Col. Robert Sinkler is inviting Major General Don Riley the Director of Civil Works for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers national headquarters. Additionally, all of the stakeholder groups that have been passionately working to protect the Illinois River from Chicago down to Alton are invited to attend..

This symposium will have three major sessions:

1. A look at the progress that has been made in the Illinois River Watershed over the last decade by various stakeholder groups;
2. How can the Illinois River be elevated to the level of national importance of restoration efforts like the Everglades;
3. How can our federal and state elected officials work together in a coordinated effort to secure the \$1.72 billion in ecosystem restoration monies authorized under WRDA 2007, which passed Congress in an overwhelmingly bipartisan manner.

Attached you will find the registration form. The link to the symposium's webpage is <http://www.bradley.edu/continue/river/index.html> where you can register online.

All Bradley University faculty and students and District 150 faculty and students will be given free admission due to the generosity of our sponsors. Just designate this on your registration form.