

The *Tattler*

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PRE-LAW CENTER NEWS...

Spring of 2009 saw major advances in the implementation of the Bradley University Pre-Law Center. In February Maria L. Vertuno assumed the position of Founding Director of the Pre-Law Center. Last week the center moved to its new home in 100 Heitz Hall. While some of the Pre-Law Center's functions will not be completely implemented until the 2009-2010 academic year, some activities are currently under way. For example, see the announcement of the round-table discussion by DePaul University law students on the back page of this *Tattler*.

While everyone is encouraged to drop by and welcome Maria to Bradley University, students contemplating applying to law school during 2009-2010 should stop in and discuss the LSAT exam.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPEAKER...

The Political Science Current Issues Speaker Series is pleased to announce that Dr. Vic Kappeler, Foundation Professor and Chair of Criminal Justice and Police Studies at Eastern Kentucky University, will be coming to campus on April 16. In addition to an open session with students earlier in the afternoon (Br 320 at 1:30 pm), on Thursday evening Dr. Kappeler will present a talk entitled: "Policing in the post 9-11 Era: Continuing Conflicts Between Rights and Security." The public is invited, so bring a friend. The talk will be given in Bradley Hall, room 235, at 7 pm. Dr. Kappeler will also be visiting with Dr. Curtis's PLS 440 class on Friday morning (10 am in Br 370) and interested students are welcome to join us.

CAREERS FOR LAS MAJORS...

The Smith Career Center will host a panel of recent graduates to help you better understand the question "What Can I Do With a Degree in the Liberal Arts and Sciences?" Panelist will provide a brief overview of their background as well as advice to help you with your understanding of the variety of opportunities available to you. You will have time to meet with panelist and myself (Career Advisor for LAS) after the presentation. Casual attire is fine and snacks will be provided. Pre-registration is NOT required.

LAS Career Panel: What Can I Do With a Degree in the Liberal Arts and Sciences?

Thursday, April 2

7:00 to 8:00pm

Michel Student Center, Ballroom

Panel members will include:

- Jay Greening (1991, Philosophy) Attorney with Miller, Hall, & Triggs LLC
- Derek Grzanich, DDS (2001, Biology) Dentist with Associates in Dentistry
- Chris Kaergard (2004, History) Deputy Opinion Editor with the Peoria Journal Star
- Dan Pelphrey (2005, Political Science) Legislative Assistant for State Representative David Leitch
- Additional members may be added

Washington Semester Program: If You Hurry, There is Still Time to Apply for the Washington Semester Programs for Fall 2009/2010...

Applications are now available to students interested in applying for any of the 13 Washington Semester programs offered through the Washington Semester programs at American University in DC during the Fall Semester 2009.

Students who want to apply for the program can pick up an application packet from Dr. Hall (426-C in Bradley Hall).

The following programs will be offered during the fall 2009 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), 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 April 6.

Students who are considering applying to the Washington Semester for Spring Semester 2010 are encouraged to go ahead and apply during this summer. Early applications are appreciated. Beat the rush! Apply this summer to go to Washington for the spring 2010 semester. See Dr. Hall for details.

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).

STUDYING OR INTERNING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?

Thanks to the American Political Science Association, the department has numerous copies of the guide ***Studying in Washington: A Guide to Academic Internships in the Nation's Capital.***

If you would like a copy, they may be picked up in Bradley Hall 426.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ALUMNI...

Congratulations to our December, 2008 graduates:

Majors

Carnahan, Christopher
Hranka, Timothy
Lopez, Carina
Seward, Elizabeth

Graduating in May of 2009?

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.

2009-2010 Course Notes...

All political science majors and minors are required to complete at least one senior seminar. While decisions on courses for January of 2010 and Spring 2010 will not be made until July, we anticipate offering three seminars during the regular fall and spring semesters. In the fall Professor Hall will offer PLS 494 on Congress. In the spring of 2010 Professor Curtis will offer PLS 494 and Professor Aspin will offer PLS 492.

For those of you planning the entire 2009-2010 academic year, tentative PLS class offerings for spring 2010 can be found on the last page on the [Guide to Political Science](#), which is available on the department [homepage](#).

There are however, three anticipated changes to the planned offerings for spring 2010 resulting from Professor Gill's sabbatical leave. (1) Professor Lermack will cover the two sections of PLS 207 normally offered by Professor Gill. (2) Professor Curtis will not offer PLS 300; instead he will offer PLS 494. (3) PLS 407 will not be offered.

Those students who plan on graduating in May of 2010 with political theory as one of their tracks should enroll in PLS 308 in the fall of 2009. If you have already completed PLS 308 and need a second junior level theory course please see Professor Gill.

INTERSHIPS...

As we approach pre-registration for the fall, think about an internship. Not only are there lots of good opportunities in government agencies, but there are opportunities in not-for-profit agencies as well. United States Congressman Aaron Schock is soliciting interns. The Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor ("OEIG") should be busy cleaning up after Rod Blagojevich for quite some time, and they are seeking interns. At the local level, agencies such as the City Elections Commission, Peoria County Office of the Chief

Financial Officer, and the Peoria County Department of Planning and Zoning frequently accept interns, and lots of local criminal justice agencies regularly take our interns. Not-for-profit agencies that take Bradley interns include the Nature Conservancy and Planned Parenthood.

Dr. Curtis has all the pertinent information about these internships. For information on how our internship program works, see Dr. Curtis, and visit the website for political science internships at <http://hilltop.bradley.edu/~rcc/480docs.html>.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR ...

April 6-16	Academic Advisement
April 9-16	Early Registration
April 15,	Incomplete removal deadline
May 5,	Last day of classes
May 6,	Study Day
May 7,	Final Examinations begin.
May 13,	Final Examinations end
May 18,	May Interims 1 & 2 begin
May 25,	No classes, (holiday)
June 5,	May Interim 1 ends
June 8,	Summer Session 1 begins
July 3,	No classes, (holiday)
July 10,	May Interim 2 ends
July 10,	Summer Session 1 ends
July 13,	Summer Session 2 begins
August 14,	Summer



EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009 CLASSES...

Early registration for the 2009 fall semester begins April 9. What do you need to do?

- Review the *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 *Early Registration Timetable*

The **Schedule of Classes** is no longer printed and is only available online. You can access it via Schedule of Classes web page <http://www.bradley.edu/classes/> 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.

Presently the **Early Registration Timetable** can be found in the pdf copy of the entire schedule of classes.

http://www.bradley.edu/classes/summer_fall/su_fa09.pdf Remember the hours used to schedule registration times are completed hours ---- this does not include those hours which you are registered for this semester.

If your degree audit indicates you have general education requirements to satisfy, you can see which Bradley University courses you can use by going to the **General Education Program** website

<http://www.bradley.edu/registrar/genED/>

Just click on the appropriate link and the

approved courses for each requirement will be displayed.

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 posted in Bradley Hall 426, and your advisor will be listed via Webster.

Academic early registration is scheduled for April 9 through April 19. 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.

FINAL EXAM OVERLOAD?

CHECK your exam schedule now. April 17 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 at:

http://www.bradley.edu/classes/winter_spring/exams/index.shtml

MAY I Interim 2009

SF PLS 105 Introduction to American Government (3 hours)

01 M T W T F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM BR 270 William K Hall

PLS 306 Comparative Public Policy (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 205

01 M T W T F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM BR 222 Mark J Gobeyn

PLS 419 Introduction to Public Administration (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 OR 202

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SUMMER SESSION I 2009

PLS 380 Washington Center Seminar (3 hours)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

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PLS 480 Internship in Political Science (1 to 6 hours)

Prerequisite: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR PASS/FAIL GRADE

01 *R* Arr R Craig Curtis

SUMMER SESSION II 2009

PLS 480 Internship in Political Science (1 to 6 hours)

Prerequisite: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR PASS/FAIL GRADE

01 *R* Arr R Craig Curtis

FALL 2009 PLS COURSES

SF PLS 105 Introduction to American Government (3 hours)

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 250 R Craig Curtis

04 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 250 R Craig Curtis

40 *R* T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 032 Mark J Gobeyn

PLS 202 State and Local Government (3 hours)

01 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM JOB 200 Katherine Coyle

SF PLS 205 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

01 M W F 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM BR 261 Mark J Gobeyn

SF PLS 208 Fundamentals of International Relations (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

01 M W F 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM BAK 258 Charles R Dannehl

02 M W F 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM BAK 258 Charles R Dannehl

PLS 209 Scope and Methods of Political Science (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105

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 (1 hour)

Prerequisite: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

01 *R* M 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM BR 225 Maria Vertuno

PLS 304 Governments of West Europe (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 205

01 T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 340 Mark J Gobeyn

HP PLS 308 Modern Political Philosophy (3 hours)

Prerequisite: JUNIOR STANDING CROSS LISTED AS PHL 308

01 T T 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM BR 050 Emily R Gill

PLS 311 Political Parties Electorate and Politics (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105

01 T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 370 William K Hall

PLS 318 International Organization (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 208 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

01 M W F 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM BR 370 Larry T Aspin

SF PLS 360 Judicial Politics (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

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 380 Washington Center Seminar (3 hours)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

01 *R* Arr R Craig Curtis

PLS 390 Participation in Mock Trial (1 hour)

Prerequisite: CONSENT OF THE INSTRUCTOR; JUNIOR/ SENIOR STANDING

01 *R* M 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM BR 225 Maria Vertuno

PLS 419 Introduction to Public Administration (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 OR 202

01 M W F 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM BR 270 R Craig Curtis

PLS 422 Urban Politics (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 AND JUNIOR STANDING

01 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 322 Emily R Gill

PLS 459 Constitutional Law (3 hours)

Prerequisite: PLS 105 AND JUNIOR STANDING

01 M W F 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM BR 259 Paul Lermack

PLS 480 Internship in Political Science (1 to 6 hours)

Prerequisite: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR PASS/FAIL GRADE

01 *R* Arr R Craig Curtis

PLS 485 Research (1 to 6 hours)

Prerequisite: 3.2 AVERAGE IN STUDENT'S MAJOR; JUNIOR OR SENIOR STANDING; CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR; MAY BE REPEATED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 6 HOURS CREDIT

01 *R* Arr Larry T Aspin

PLS 494 Seminar in American Politics (3 hours)

Prerequisite: SENIOR STANDING AND MAJOR OR MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE NO POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR MAY TAKE MORE THAN TWO COURSES IN THE 490 SEQUENCE

01 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 135 William K Hall

"Congress"

PLS 583 Reading in Political Science (1 to 3 hours)

Prerequisite: SENIOR STANDING, MAJOR IN PLS AND CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

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

WHAT IS LAW SCHOOL REALLY LIKE?

Current first year law students from DePaul University College of Law will speak about the realities of the first year of law school

Topics will include what you can do to prepare for law school as an undergraduate, the decision to attend, the application process, and the academic challenges of law school

Friday, April 3, 2009

2 p.m.

Baker Hall B51

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Sponsored by the Bradley University Pre-Law Center

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