

The *Tattler*

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PROFESSOR GILL ON LEAVE...

Bradley University granted Professor Emily Gill a sabbatical leave for the spring semester 2010. We congratulate Professor Gill and hope she can make good progress on her next book entitled *Sexuality and Neutrality: Establishment, Free Exercise, and the Controversy Over Same-Sex Marriage*.

Professor Gill's absence from campus next semester has resulted in a few changes to the department's usual pattern of course offerings. First, Professor Lermack will be teaching PLS 207 this spring. Second, given Professor Lermack will be busy in 207, Professor Curtis will offer the senior seminar in American politics. Third, so that we offer upper division theory courses in the Spring, Professor Dannehl will be teaching PLS 300.

What do you do if Professor Gill is your academic adviser? While you can contact Professor Gill by email, Professor Aspin will fill in for Professor Gill during the spring semester.

PROFESSOR CURTIS ELECTED OMBUDSMAN...

In May Professor Curtis was elected Faculty Ombudsman. The Ombudsman can function in cases of non-renewal, tenure, promotion and dismissal and attempts to help the parties achieve a satisfactory agreement. Professor Curtis will be Ombudsman for the next three years and the department is working on fitting the course reduction that comes with the position into the course rotation.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ALUMNI...

Congratulations to our newest alumni. The following majors and minors were awarded degrees in either May or August of 2009

Majors

Ali, Asif S.
Allen, Matthew
Brooks, Sarah
Conlin, Nicole
Cox, Joshua
Custer, Zephania
DeBello, Nina
Divietro, Marianna
Favia, Nicholas
Fitzgerald, Thomas
Franquemont, Martha
Garrett, Clifford
Gesing, Emily
Goldstein, Sarah
Groark, Kathleen
Hammock, Erica N.
Kokjohn, Benjamin
Mahrt, Nichole
Mullner, David
Murphy, Kevin
Patel, Nrupa
Pearson, Eryn M.
Phelps, Ashley
Rowley, Adam
Schilmeister, Emily
Shadnia, Sarah
Vickers, Andrew
Young, Benjamin

Minors

O'Sullivan, Bridgette

GREETINGS TO THE NEW POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS...

Some of these students are new to Bradley University, whereas others have changed to Political Science from another major at BU or are adding PLS as a second major. Welcome to each and every one.

Adcock, Jacob
Amos, Renata
Anguiano, Jennifer
Beaty, Joshua
Bourk, Bridget
Brunner, Mark
Burke, Amanda
Campion, Patrick
Cantu, Derek
Caramagno, Ashley
Carroll, Thomas
Cassidy, Lauren
Czufin, Sarah
Emery, Nikesha
Garcia, Karina
Garrett, Jamar
Gebelhoff, Megan
Giosta, Briana
Green, Kathryn
Harris, Letisha
Hatler, Wade
Humble, Heather
Johnson, Constance
Kim, Jonathan
Kittleson, Michael
Kovach, Christopher
Kraus, David
Marasigan, Sheryllyn
Mayernick, Mercedes
Metoyer, Destinee
Muenster, Emily
O'Brien, Jennifer
Paarlberg, Robert
Payne, Bernard
Prescott, Walter
Remmert, Mitchell
Schumacher, Samuel
Tauchman, Michael
Voirol, Amanda
Welty, Noah

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHANGES...

The Administration of Criminal Justice coordinating committee proposed that a new full-time direction of the program be hired and to be in place for the 2010-2011 academic year. The administration has supported the request and a search committee has just begun a national search for the director.

Provost Bolla has decided to house the ACJ program in a new department which is to be called the Department of Criminal Justice Studies. The biggest immediate change for students will be the addition of new courses to the current ACJ curriculum.

PLS 205 AND PLS 207...

As we did in the spring of 2008, the department is putting a few seats in PLS 205 and PLS 207 on reserve. These courses have experienced significant enrollment pressure from non-majors over the last few years. Since these courses are (1) required of all PLS majors and (2) gateway courses to the more advanced courses in their respective PLS tracks, the department is trying to insure that PLS majors can complete the courses early in their Bradley careers.

Juniors and seniors who are planning on taking any of these courses, please register at your first opportunity so as to increase the chances of your securing one of the open seats. Freshmen-when you register all the open seats may have been filled. If so, WAIT LIST the course you want. After the early registration process is completed we will move as many majors as possible from the wait list into the reserved seats.

GRADUATING IN DECEMBER...

Remember graduation is not automatic. You must apply for graduation early in the semester you intend to graduate. To file your application for graduation, log in to Webster and click the "Other" tab. Paper copies of the undergraduate and graduate applications can be printed from the Registrar's Office web site.

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2010 CLASSES...

Early registration for the 2010 spring semester begins October 29. 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, etc.)
- Register when specified in the *Schedule of Classes*

The *January Interim/Spring 2010 Schedule of Classes* is available only online. You will find it at

<http://www.bradley.edu/classes/>

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 examined the course offerings for the spring semester and considered your academic progress to date, you should then plan to see your departmental advisor. If you have forgotten who your advisor is, there is a list of advisors/advisees on the department's home page, posted in 426, and on [Webster](#).

Academic early registration is scheduled for October 29 through November 5. 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.

CHECK YOUR EXAM SCHEDULE...

Students new to Bradley University may not realize the university has a policy of no more than two final examinations in a single day.

Check your final exam schedule now

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

If you have more than two examinations on one day see your instructors to make arrangements to move one of the exams. If no arrangements can be made, you may petition the appropriate dean to have final examination(s) in excess of two in one day shifted to some other day of the final examination period which is mutually convenient for both the students and the faculty members involved. The deadline date for students to petition for relief from their final examination schedule if they have more than two final examinations in one day is November 23. Students should petition directly to the dean of the college of their major field.

SENIOR SEMINAR NOTES...

There are two seminars being offered this spring. Professor Aspin will offer PLS 492 on Global Environmental Politics and Professor Curtis along with Brad McMillan will offer PLS 494 on political leadership. Also, Dr. Gobeyn will offer PLS 491 during the January interim.

NEW POLITICAL THEORY TOPIC...

Normally the department would offer PLS 407 this semester. However, with Professor Gill on sabbatical, Professor Dannehl is stepping in and developing a new topic course is political theory. This semester PLS 300 will be offered on the topic of Foundations of Political Economy. Students interested should contact Professor Dannehl for specifics on course content and structure.

JANUARY COURSES...

The department only offers a small number of course options during the January interim.

PLS 380	Arr		Curtis
PLS 480	Arr		Curtis
PLS 491	MTWTF	9:15-1:00	Gobeyn

WAIT LIST BASICS...

Wait lists are maintained for each course only during early registration for the Fall and Spring Semesters. The wait lists are only active during early registration (i.e., you can only add your name to the wait list during early registration). When signing up for a wait list remember that you cannot be registered AND wait listed for more than 18 1/2 semester hours.

During early registration as space becomes available in a class, students on the wait list are automatically added to the class in the order they signed up for the wait list. If only two of ten people on a wait list are added in this fashion, the two who signed up first for the wait list are the ones added to the class.

Once early registration is over, departments receive copies of the wait lists for all their courses. After reviewing the wait lists, departments may decide to manually add none, some, or all students on the wait list to a class. Whatever the department's decision, the wait list ceases to exist. If you have not been moved from the wait list either automatically during early registration, or manually at the close of early registration, then you must take some positive steps to be added to the class. You can try adding the class via the standard drop/add process or make a special request to the instructor or department to be added to the class.

A final note. When the Political Science department manually moves you from a wait list to a class, we will send an email message to your Bradley University email address. Other departments do not do this, so you must check your schedule to see if you have been added to a class.

INTERSHIPS...

There have been a number of internship opportunities this semester. For spring and summer 2010 see Dr. Curtis in Bradley Hall, room 486, call him at 677-2492, send him an e-mail at rcc@bradley.edu, or visit his web site at <http://hilltop.bradley.edu/~rcc/480docs.html>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL...

Fall Semester 2009

November 18, Wednesday Incomplete removal deadline
November 25, Wednesday Thanksgiving Recess begins
November 30, Monday Classes resume.
December 8, Tuesday Last day of classes
December 9, Wednesday Study Day
December 10, Thursday Final Exams begin
December 16, Wednesday Final Exams end
December 19, Saturday Commencement

January Interim January 4-18

January 4, Monday First day of classes
Classes meet Monday–Saturday
January 18, Monday Final Examinations will be held in the morning only
January 18, Monday Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Classes in session
January 19, Tuesday Grades due

Spring Semester 2010

January 17, Sunday Residence halls open
January 20, Wednesday Classes begin
March 13, Saturday Spring Recess begins
March 22, Monday Classes resume
March 24, Wednesday Mid-term grades due
April 14, Wednesday Incomplete removal deadline for Fall 2009, January Interim 2010, and January study abroad
May 4, Tuesday Last day of classes
May 5, Wednesday Study Day
May 6, Thursday Final Examinations begin.
May 12, Wednesday Final Examinations end
May 15, Saturday Grades due
May 15, Saturday Commencement.

You must apply for graduation.

SPRING 2010 COURSES

- SF PLS 105 Introduction to American Government**
01 M W F 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM BR 250 William K Hall
02 M W F 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM BR 125 William K Hall
03 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 091 Katherine Coyle
04 T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 235 Angela Weck
- PLS 202 State and Local Government**
01 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 370 William K Hall
- SF PLS 205 Introduction to Comparative Politics**
Prerequisite: PLS 105 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR
01 M W F 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM BR 261 Mark J Gobeyn
02 M W F 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM BR 132 Mark J Gobeyn
- HP PLS 207 Introduction to Political Thought**
01 T T 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM BR 120 Paul Lermack
02 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 120 Paul Lermack
- PLS 209 Scope and Methods of Political Science**
Prerequisite: PLS 105
01 M W F 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM BR 370 Larry T Aspin
- PLS 290 and PLS 390 Participation in Mock Trial (1 hour)**
Prerequisite: CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR
01 *R* T u 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM BR 370 Maria Vertuno
- PLS 300 Topics in Political Thought "Foundatns of Pol Econ"**
Prerequisite: PLS 207
01 T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 245 Charles R Dannehl
- PLS 306 Comparative Public Policy**
Prerequisite: PLS 205
01 T T 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM BR 322 Mark J Gobeyn
- PLS 319 International Political Economy**
Prerequisite: ECO 222; PLS 208; OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR
01 T T 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM BR 245 Charles R Dannehl
- PLS 420 Public Personnel Administration**
Prerequisite: JUNIOR STANDING
01 T T 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM BR 270 Scott Paulsen
- PLS 421 The Politics of Regulation**
Prerequisite: PLS 105, AND JUNIOR STANDING
01 M W F 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM BR 370 R Craig Curtis
- PLS 460 Constitutional Law**
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)**
01 *R* Arr Larry T Aspin
- PLS 492 Seminar in International Relations "Global Environ Pol"**
01 M W 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM BR 245 Larry T Aspin
- PLS 494 Seminar in American Politics "Political Leadership"**
01 T T 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM BR 370 R Craig Curtis and Brad McMillan
- PLS 584 Reading in Political Science (1 to 3 hours)**
01 *R* Arr Larry T Aspin

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
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- 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 101