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Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony and Departmental Awards

UMW's Kappa Upsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha held its induction Ceremony in the Spring 2021 semester and honored new and returning members to the honorary society.

In May, the Department proudly announced the following award recipients:

Dillon Schweers, Lewis P. Fickett, Jr. Award for Excellence in International Affairs Outstanding Graduating Senior

Eva Waszak, Ann Elizabeth Fitschen Memorial Political Science Award Outstanding Graduating Senior

Gabriel Paguada Matteson, PSIA Alumni Award Outstanding International Affairs Major

Samantha Barrett, PSIA Alumni Award Outstanding Political Science Major

Senior Honors Theses

Nina Burges, "Press Coverage of African-American Diplomats."

Kate Seltzer, "Two Jews, Three Options: An Exploration of Young American Jews' Perspectives on Israel."

Departmental Majors News

Kate Seltzer will be starting the master's degree program in journalism at the University

of Maryland this fall. A senior political science and communication double major, Seltzer recently presented a research paper, "Are American Jews' Views of Israel Changing as a Result of University Education?" at the National Undergraduate Research Conference of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Her research paper is drawn from her undergraduate honors project, which she is producing under the direction of Dr. Lester.

Sarah Pietrowski's research on the impact of Syrian refugees on German policy was presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference and accepted to as the conference of the Virginia Social Studies Association (both in 2020; latter canceled by COVID).

Olivia Mason-Lucas (doing an Honors Thesis with Dr. Martinez)- got accepted to top graduate programs including John Hopkins University, UC San Diego, and American University. Some of these acceptances were offered with scholarships and fellowships.

Undergraduate Research

In the Fall 2020 semester, Austin Chapple and Alexia Inge completed URES projects with Professor Cooperman on women state legislators in the Virginia General Assembly.

In the Spring 2021 semester, Mary-Elise Alworth and Maya Jenkins completed URES projects with Professor Cooperman on women Speakers in state legislatures.

Student Internships: Fall '19-Spring '20

Bryce McAlpine, Fall 2020, Global Dimensions

Brittney Mattheson, Spring 2021, Girl Scouts, Colonial Coast Service Unit, Chesapeake

Sally Burkley, Ultra Electronics Congressional Affairs, summer 2021

Alexander Elvir-Herrera is interning with Sen. Bryce Reeves, R-Spotsylvania Stephanie Turcios is interning with Jennifer Carroll Foy (D) for Governor

Benny Siegel is interning with Stafford County Government

Megan Weeks is interning with Sen. Scott Surovell, D-Fairfax

Killa Zadva, Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington

Faculty Activities

Professor John M. Kramer

John "Jack" Kramer participated on the Roundtable on Health and Demography in the Former Soviet Union, at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, November 2019, San Francisco, Ca.

Professor Elizabeth F. Larus

Elizabeth Freund Larus became Chairman of the PSIA Department in July 2020. In addition to holding down the fort, Professor Larus published the 2nd edition of her book Politics and Society in Contemporary China. Her article, "Taiwan's Military Posture," in Taiwan: Environmental, Political, and Social Issues," Cal Clark, ed. is forthcoming in Summer 2021. In Fall, 2020, Professor Larus was invited to join the National Committee on US-China Larus frequently Relations. Professor commented on current issues in US politics and international relations on CNBC Asia, Indus News and Vietnam News, and in Courthouse News, the Financial Times, and the South China Morning Post. She was the featured guest on the Oct 14, 2020 episode of the talk show On Liberty (University of Sydney) titled "Why the World Needs a Free Taiwan." Professor Larus also published the columns "The US faces significant health, economic and political challenges in the lead up to the 2020 presidential election," for the London School of Economics' (LSE) US Centre in August 2020 and "US Presidential Elections 2020: The Taiwan Factor," in The Diplomat in October 2020. Professor Larus will present research findings on Taiwan's military at the conference "Taiwan and Asia" sponsored by the University of South Carolina in June 2021.

Professor Stephen J. Farnsworth

Stephen Farnsworth, professor of political science and director of the University's Center for Leadership and Media Studies, and Kate Seltzer, a UMW senior double majoring in political science and communication, are co-authors of a research paper, "Late Night Political Humor and the 2020 Presidential Nomination Campaign: A Democratic Field Competes with Donald Trump," which was delivered (online) at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in January 2021. The paper is an update of Professor Farnsworth's recent co-authored book, "Late Night with Trump: Political Humor and the American Presidency."

Professor Farnsworth also offered more than a dozen online lectures on 2020 presidential election for US and international audiences, including at the University of Malaysia, Sabah, the U.S. State Department Embassy in Chisinau, Moldova, and at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where Dr. Farnsworth served as a Fulbright Specialist in 2019. In addition, Dr. Farnsworth fielded more than 300 media calls relating the US and Virginia politics during the current academic year.

Professor Jason W. Davidson

In November 2020 Georgetown University Press published Jason Davidson's fourth book, *America's Entangling Alliances: 1778 to the Present.* Professor Davidson has since presented the book virtually at the University of Genova and George Mason University. He is currently finishing an article on the costs US allies have born in US-led military operations since 9/11 and has begun work on a new project on NATO's Article V.

Professor Rosalyn Cooperman

Rosalyn Cooperman has been promoted to Professor of Political Science effective August 2020. Professor Cooperman serves as an Expert Contributor to the 2020 Election Watch project on presidential and congressional elections sponsored by the Center for American Women in Politics at Rutgers University. Her coauthored piece, "Life of the Parties: Party Activists and the 2016 Presidential Elections," was published by Party Politics journal. In March 2021, the Gender and Political Psychology Network named Professor Cooperman as a recipient of its 2020 Teaching Innovation Award for her work in the classroom to empower and inspire students. Professor Cooperman is presently working on a project that examines women's representation in the Virginia General Assembly.

Professor Ranjit Singh

Ranjit Singh's article "Been Heres' and 'Come Heres' in Stafford County, Virginia: Private Landowners and Land Conservation on the Urban Fringe" appeared in the peer-reviewed journal *Environment, Space, and Place* in Fall 2020. Another article, titled "Arguing BDS in the Undergraduate Seminar" has been accepted by the peer-reviewed journal *Review of Middle East Studies*, and will appear in Summer 2021.

Professor Singh has also delivered a number of recent virtual presentations. In the field of Middle East studies, he presented a case study lecture titled "The Struggle Against Saddam Hussein's Iraq: 1990-1998" to the Naval War College's Strategy and War Seminar (April 2021), and a paper titled "Teaching BDS to Undergraduates" at the 2020 annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). The latter paper was sponsored by MESA's Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies. In the field of environmental studies, his paper titled "Land Conservation on the Urban Fringe: Stafford County, VA" was accepted for presentation at the annual Virginia Social Science Association Research Conference (March 2020). Professor Singh also served as a panelist in UMW's CLEAR "Earth Day Climate and Conservation" Seminar (April 2021); and presented on "Environmental Justice: Shaping Policy through Action" for UMW's Social Justice and Leadership Summit (March 2021).

In June 2021, Professor Singh begins a twoyear term as elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT). Protecting over 8,000 acres of conserved land, the NVCT is the second largest land trust in Virginia.

Professor Emile Lester

Emile Lester's co-authored book, *Teaching About Religion in the American Bible Belt*, will be published by Routledge Press in 2021. The book presents the findings of his threeyear evaluation of the Georgia 3Rs program, a pioneering initiative intended to promote respect for religious freedom and diversity in Georgia public schools. He discussed his research findings on Human Rights Media.

In fall of 2020, Professor Lester appeared on the Virginia NPR program With Good Reason, and the University of Michigan Press podcast series, to promote his recently published *Liberalism and Leadership*. The book examines what determines a successful liberal presidency by looking at the leadership styles of Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy.

Professor Lester is currently working on a book based on his travel experiences in Georgia, and examining the intersection of race, religion, and politics in the South during the Trump presidency. His receipt of UMW's Waple Professorship fellowship has assisted in the writing of this book.

Professor Surupa Gupta

Surupa Gupta wrote several articles on India's farmers' protests and India's trade policy in venues such as *Foreign Affairs* (online), *Foreign Policy* (online) and *The Conversation*. She was on Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Deep Dish podcast explaining the protests. Professor Gupta presented two papers - one on India's economic engagement with Southeast Asia and one on the politics of India's food processing sector - at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association.

Additionally, Professor Gupta continues to serve as the program director for UMW's Women's and Gender Studies program.

Professor Melissa Martinez

In 2021 Melissa Martinez will attend the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association to present her research titled "Does naming and shaming violence from different perpetrators create higher accountability?" Her paper examines whether naming and shaming from the United Nations Human Rights Council against state and violent non-state actors increases domestic judicial accountability efforts. Professor Martinez also presented a paper called "Explaining Compliance from the Northern Triangle within the Inter-American Court of Human Rights" at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in August 2020. She has several manuscripts currently under review in journals.

Alumni Notes

Aida Dedajic is the Engagement Director at The Appraisal Foundation.

Alena Callaghan is a Senior Digital Marketing Manager at Appian.

Alex Obolensky Finance Director at Texas Democratic Party

Alex Olah is Government Affairs Manager at Natural Products Association.

Alexis Waddell, Sales Representative, Carahsoft IT

Alison Berry works for RE Tech Advisors as a Program Sustainability Consultant and Communications and Content Specialist supporting the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Program. Alissa Genovese is a Supervisory Grants Management Specialist at U.S. Department of Justice.

Allessandra Askins is a Contracts Manager at SANS Institute.

Ally Blanc is Deputy Counsel to a Massachusetts State Senator.

Amanda Mulhern is a Commercial Contracts Manager at CGI.

Amber Reeves is an Analytics Developer at Langley Federal Credit Union.

Aaron Richardson has been named editor of the Charlottesville Daily Progress.

Amina Shafi is an Associate Counsel of Refugee and Asylum Law at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Amy Smetana is Program Manager at TEACH.

Andrea Keefer is a Budget and Policy Specialist for the Department of Planning and Budget.

Andrew Lowdon is Associate at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Painter is Partner at Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C.

Andrew Radel is a Public Safety Officer at NTS Group.

Andrew Smith is a Program Officer at American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative.

Anna Boning is an Attorney at the IRS Office of Chief Counsel (Large Business & International). Annie Morris is Director of Government Relations at ODU.

Annie Unger is an Account Manager at The Common Application.

Ariel Scharf is Project Associate, East and Southern Africa Region, at Chemonics International.

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Benjamin Harris is Lead Organizer at AARP Take A Stand.

Benjamin Harmon is Digital Account Executive at Hibu.

Beth Kendall is an Associate Attorney at PennStuart.

Bobby Durrette is Founder of D&D Brewery, Lodge and Restaurant, Honduras.

Bradd Buckingham is a Program Analyst at Tiburon Associates.

Brady Deremer is a Senior Manager at Sony.

Brandon Robinson is a President, Association Management at Eisenman & Associates, Inc.

Brenda Reyes is an MBA candidate at the Kogod School of Business, American University.

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Brianna Gavigan is a Grants and Program Administrator at Capital for Change, Inc.

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Caitlin Quinn is an Associate at Herren Associates, Inc. and MBA Candidate at University of Maryland Smith School.

Callie Dolloff is an English and Spanish language instructor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is pursuing a Master's Program in translation and interpretation at the University of Buenos Aires.

Caroline Wood is a financial analyst at The Boston Foundation.

Carrie Mitchell is working for the Department of Defense.

Chapin Fausel is an Associate Attorney at Schiller Barnes Maloney, PLLC.

Chris Dimotsis is a Development Officer at Virginia Community Development Corporation.

Christine LaPlaca is a Copywriter at China Global Television Nets in Beijing.

Christopher M. Winslow is an elected a member of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors.

Conan Smeeth is ESL Teacher at Globus International.

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Danielle Mackey is a Freelance Journalist for Periodista Independiente.

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Ed Egee is the Director of the Office of Congressional & Public Affairs at National Labor Relations Board.

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Elizabeth Kaknes is Assistant Professor of political science at Marist College.

Elizabeth Terry Rose is an Architecture, Design and Engineering Reference Librarian at Library of Congress.

Elizabeth Weaver is a Publisher at Elevation Outdoors Magazine (Summit Publishing, LLC).

Elspeth England is a Trial Attorney at U.S. Department of Justice.

Emily Lowrie is Senior Policy Advisor at Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. She worked on a bill sponsored by VA Sen. Bryce Reeves that passed both houses of the VA legislature requiring postvention services to be available at universities to support students after a suicide.

Emily Rothstein is pursuing her graduate program in Post-war Recovery Studies at the University of York, UK. Erik Johnston serves as the director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Erin Albright is a free-lance Consultant: Human Trafficking, Forced Labor, Task Forces & Policing.

Erin Perugini is an Assistant Team Lead at Bloomberg Law.

Fernando Meersohn is Senior Manager of Corporate Relations at the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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Jessica Wells is the Director of Membership Programs at the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation.

Joe Buanannata is Manager of Program Operations at Inclusive Prosperity Capital.

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John Cronin is working as a Virginia Management Fellow for the Commonwealth of Virginia- Department of Elections.

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Kate Johnson is the Senior Associate Director of Advocacy at the Alzheimer's Association®.

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Kate Miceli is a State Affairs Counsel at American Association for Justice.

Kathryn Schubert Godburn is President and CEO at Society for Women's Health Research.

Kathy Loden is the Parliamentarian and Director of Operations for the Committee on Homeland Security at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Katie Leesman is an Associate Attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP.

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Kelsey Sheffer is a Case Worker at Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Services District.

Kendall Carty is working for Governor Robert F. McDonell in the Department of Education. Kenneth Scheiber is a Teacher at St. Mary's-Ryken High School.

Ken Scheiber, will be ordained permanent Deacon for the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington on June 26, 2021. Kevin Diana is a Budget Manager at National Protection and Programs Directorate.

Kevin Hickerson is the President of the Fairfax Education Association.

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Rabih Abusmail has been elected to the Spotsylvania County School Board. He is the youngest official to be elected in that county.

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Zachary Handlin was admitted to law school at the College of William and Mary.

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