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OUR MISSION

The Association seeks to “encourage the understanding of and improve instruction and research in political science; to develop collegial relations and cooperation among political scientists in North Carolina and reach out to political scientists in the region; to establish and improve relations between political scientists and public officials; to encourage a greater understanding of government and politics at all educational levels..”

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From the President's Corner...

As this semester comes to an end I would like to encourage you to consider attending the upcoming North Carolina Political Science Association Conference on February 23rd, 2018. This conference will be held at Meredith College in Raleigh and we hope to have a large number of undergraduate, graduate, and faculty presentations from a variety of areas including American politics, international relations, public policy and public administration. It will be a great opportunity for students to present their research and to engage in the academic community. We also offer an institutional membership for \$150. With this membership you receive discounted conference fees for students and faculty.

Earlier this year we had the opportunity to hold a joint conference with the South Carolina Political Science Association (SCPSA). We would like to welcome any members of the SCPSA to attend this year's NCPSA conference. Additionally, we have included information regarding this year's SCPSA conference and The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in the newsletter.

At each year's conference we give out awards that recognize research that contributes to the field of political science. There is an award for undergraduate students that present research, either sole-authored works or coauthored research with another undergraduate student(s). Additionally, there is an award for graduate students, presenting a sole-authored work or a coauthored work with another graduate student(s). We also have a faculty best paper award. We hope you will encourage your students to present their work at NCPSA's friendly and collaborative conference. More information can be found in the newsletter and we hope to see you in Raleigh in February.

Beth Wemlinger, *NCPSA President*



L to R: Terza Lima-Neves, Magdalena Krajewska, Mary Jo Shepherd, Whitney Manzo, Beth Wemlinger, Jason Giersch, John Holder

North Carolina Political Science Association

CALL FOR PAPERS

ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 23, 2018
MEREDITH COLLEGE

The North Carolina Political Science Association is pleased to announce it will host its 47th Annual Meeting on February 23, 2018 at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. We welcome paper and poster submissions from all political science fields, as well as full panel and roundtable proposals. Additionally, we welcome paper submissions from scholars from related fields who are exploring questions of interest and relevance to political science. Faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students are all strongly encouraged to submit proposals for presentation.

Information about registration will be forthcoming. If you would like to submit a proposal, please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/zJimJkVWHvknfziB3>.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: January 5, 2018

Questions? Please contact 2018 Program Chair Whitney Manzo at wрманzo@meredith.edu or NCPSA President Beth Wemlinger at Elizabeth.wemlinger@salem.edu.

POLITICAL SCIENCE AT MEREDITH COLLEGE



Going Strong
MEREDITH
COLLEGE

At Meredith College, a women's college in Raleigh, NC, we have built a political science program that not only teaches important skills like writing and research, but also consciously prepares students for their lives after graduation.

Three years ago, we overhauled the curriculum to include 3 separate concentrations, which were designed to allow students to customize their political science degree based on where they'd like to take their career. The first concentration, Public Affairs, is for those who would like to study political science in graduate school or who would like to enter the working world right after graduation. The second is Public and Nonprofit Administration, and this concentration was a response to our recognition that our students increasingly wanted to work for or even open a nonprofit. The last and most popular concentration is Pre-Law.

Our location in the state's capital has allowed us to build a robust internship program, which all political science majors are required to complete. Students also have the option of doing Enhanced Fieldwork rather than writing a senior thesis; this is an additional internship with more responsibility that gives students project management skills and allows them to explore an additional field of interest. Recently, we began a Moot Court team, which introduces students to constitutional argument (and helps them decide if law school is really something they want to pursue). We competed at our first tournaments this fall. Ivey Burgess, a political science and economics major at Meredith, said, "This year I was honored to be a part of Meredith College's very first Moot Court team... Because of my Moot Court experience I now feel I am better prepared to speak in front of others, receive constructive feedback, and collaborate with a team. The experiences we were provided with will carry us throughout our careers--whatever they may be. I am greatly appreciative of Meredith College and this opportunity."

Another opportunity students have to build skills is through the Meredith Poll. Once a semester, we field a poll to North Carolinians on current issues. Students help write the survey, serve as callers, and students in the required methods course help analyze the data from the survey. Several students have used Meredith Poll data for their senior theses, and two have presented their research projects at major political science conferences.

Both in the classroom and through our programming and events, we encourage women to participate in politics. We firmly believe more female voices are needed in elected and appointed office, and our program aims to equip the next generation of female leaders to fill these roles.

NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

Department of Public and International Affairs

Poli Sci Days

From October 2-4, the Department of Public and International Affairs hosted our annual Poli Sci Days, which is a celebration of our discipline, faculty, and students. Our events are designed to appeal to current and prospective students as well as the broader community. Some events included: a non-profit fair, an interview with a local political journalist, our rendition of “Between Two Ferns” to interview our newest faculty member (Dr. Anup Phayal), a pub-style trivia competition, a panel on graduate school and law school, and a documentary screening. We were particularly pleased with the turnout and interest in our two evening events, which included a panel of local judges, lawyers, and law enforcement to discuss the complicated issue of the use of force and police-community interactions, in addition to a keynote speech from Dr. Sarah Gershon (Georgia State University) to discuss her research on gender, emotion, and the first presidential debate of 2016. Both evening events began with a reception for students, faculty, and alums, as well as friends of our department from the Wilmington community.

Click here for a full list of events:

<http://uncw.edu/pia/documents/PoliSciDays%202017desc.pdf>).

UNCW Faculty Members Travel to Islamabad, Pakistan

As part of a million dollar grant from the State Department that was awarded to UNCW and the International Islamic University-Islamabad, two of our faculty members (Drs. Aaron King and Ben Taylor) led a team of researchers from both universities to study the opinions of political science students at both schools as they relate to current events in the United States and Pakistan, as well as opinions about political science as a discipline. The project is entitled, “A Cross-Cultural Assessment of Political Science Education and Current Events.” Dr. Ben Taylor traveled to Pakistan in October to present the research at the “Local Cities, Foreign Capitals: Finding the Local Anchor in the Global Cultures” conference.

UNCW Graduate Programs Experience Growth and New Opportunities

The Department of Public and International Affairs houses the Bachelor of Arts degree in [political science](#), but also includes three different graduate programs, including the Master of Public Administration ([MPA](#)), a Masters program in Marine, Coastal, and Ocean policy ([MCOP](#)), and a Masters program in Conflict Management and Resolution ([CMR](#)). We are also involved in a dual degree program in Public Administration and Environmental Science (MPA/EVS). Finally, some of our faculty are assisting with the final stages of establishing a joint Ph.D. program between UNCW and East Carolina University in Integrated Coastal and Marine Sciences (ICMS).

NEWS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The Program in Political Science at Johnson C. Smith University Welcomes the First Lady of the Republic of Cabo Verde to Charlotte

In late Spring 2017, the Program in Political Science at Johnson C. Smith University collaborated with Charlotte non-profit, No Backpack Day Organization in welcoming the First Lady of the Republic of Cabo Verde, Her Excellency Mrs. Ligia Dias Fonseca to Charlotte. Mrs. Fonseca served as keynote speaker for the No Backpack Day Annual Conference highlighting the successes of access to education for young girls and raising awareness of the challenges still faced by millions of girls worldwide. The No Backpack Day Organization and its founder, 14 year old Cameroonian-American Mongai Fankam have attracted the attention of global leaders like Liberian Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee and former president of Malawi, Dr. Joyce Banda. The organization has collected more than 10,000 backpacks and school supplies over the last 5 years that have been sent to Cameroon, South Africa, Liberia and this year, Cabo Verde. Students in Dr. Lima-Neves' international politics courses have actively served as volunteers for No Backpack Day for the past four years. This year, students enrolled in her course on Cabo Verdean society and politics helped in welcoming Mrs. Fonseca and planned the process of collecting backpacks.

Mrs. Fonseca's visit shed light on the growing Cabo Verdean community in the southern region of the United States, namely North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. It also introduced Charlotte to the historical connections between the United States and Cabo Verde. The founder of the United House of Prayer For All People, Marcelino Manuel Da Graca, commonly known as "Sweet Daddy" Grace was born on the Islands and is featured in an exhibit at the Levine Museum of the New South. In addition to the Levine, the First Lady visited local elementary and middle schools, the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African/African American Culture and Arts, met with the mayor of Charlotte, Mrs. Jennifer Roberts as well as local businesses interested in exploring African markets, and the local Cape Verdeans of the Carolinas Association. Her visit was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Johnson C. Smith University.



Left: First Lady Ligia Fonseca (l) and Terza Lima-Neves (r) with students enrolled in Lima-Neves' course on Cabo Verdean society and politics

Right: The First Lady's delegation and Johnson C. Smith University President, Dr. Ronald Carter

Associate Professor of Political Science and NCPSA Vice-President, Dr. Terza Lima-Neves Leads A Group of Students to The Republic of Cabo Verde For Study Abroad Program

The visit from the First Lady of Cabo Verde created a buzz for the JCSU Study Abroad Experience to Cabo Verde in May 2017, led by Dr. Terza Lima-Neves, a native of the West African Islands. Dr. Lima-Neves and 6 students (most of whom had never traveled internationally) travelled to Cabo Verde with 250 backpacks and donated them to the mayor's office community bank in the Island of Sao Vicente. They also collected school supplies and personal care items such as diapers, sanitary pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, and shampoos.

The overall purpose of the study abroad trip was to rebrand and reimagine the way we think and speak of "Africa", beyond the sensationalized media portrayals of war, hunger and corruption, to truly get to know the people, the history, and the culture. The trip included visits to a day care center, primary and secondary schools, a day center for street children and another center for children/young adults with exceptional needs. As a result of the existing relationship with the First Lady of Cabo Verde, the study abroad group had the unique opportunity to meet with Mr. Jorge Fonseca, the President of Cabo Verde during a private traditional lunch hosted by his office.

By using Cabo Verde as a case study and visiting three of the ten islands, the students learned that even in the same country, there is diversity in people's experiences, history and local culture. As a continent, Africa is made up of over 50 countries with different cultures, ethnic groups, and historic backgrounds. It is very important to travel and get to know people, to hear their stories through their own voices and not through what outsiders imagine and conclude them to be. As Nigerian author Chimamanda Adichie said, "The single story creates stereotypes and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story."

To access the two full articles of the First Lady's Visit and the Cabo Verde Study Abroad trip visit:

<https://terzalimaneves.com/2017/08/04/mrs-ligia-dias-fonseca-the-first-lady-of-the-republic-of-cabo-verde-and-delegation-visit-charlotte-north-carolina/>



Left: Terza Lima-Neves and students with President Jorge Fonseca and First Lady Ligia Fonseca and their staff

Right: Terza Lima-Neves with students in the mountains of Santo Antao Island, Cabo Verde

NEWS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS Continued

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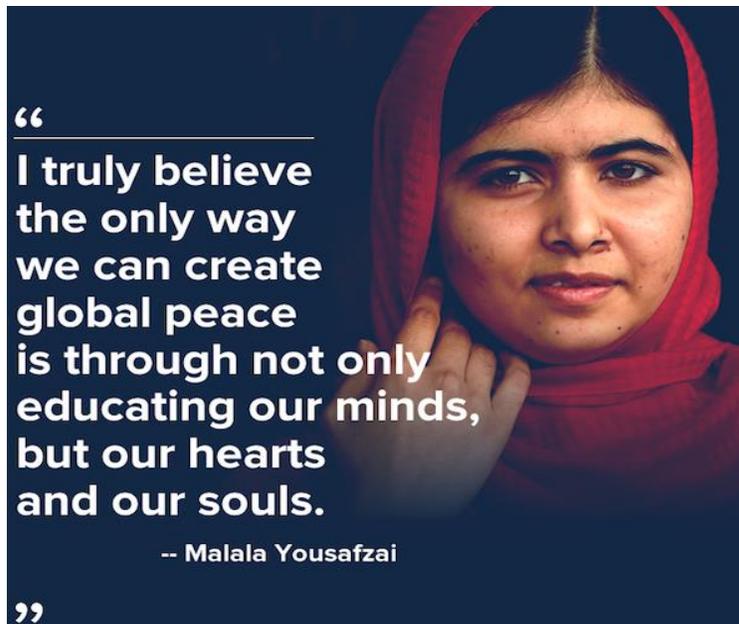
Since 1978, The Citadel Department of Political Science has hosted the biennial Symposium on Southern Politics, which is held on its campus. In 2018, the Symposium will be 1-2 March, and the conference features some of the leading scholars in Southern Politics. For 2018, the plenary speaker is Michael Barone.

See links below for more information:

<http://www.citadel.edu/root/symposiumonsouthernpolitics>

<http://www.citadel.edu/root/symposiumonsouthernpolitics/callforpapers>

A Little Inspiration



2018 SOUTH CAROLINA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

REGISTRATION FORM

If you plan to attend the 2018 SCPSA Annual Meeting at Coastal Carolina University, please complete this form and return it, with your check made out to SCPSA, to Dr. Suheir Daoud (at the address below) before, February 15, 2018.

Please encourage undergraduate and graduate students to attend and participate as well.

Name/Title: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

Status:

Faculty (active or retired)

Graduate student

Undergraduate student

Other (please specify) _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND EXPENSES

2018 Annual Meeting Registration/Membership: _____

_____ \$60.00 Member (faculty, active or retired)

_____ \$30.00 Student (graduate or undergraduate)

*** Luncheon served during the conference is included!

Your registration and check can be mailed to the address indicated on the form. If you so desire, you can also fill out your registration form and provide your registration check the day of the conference. **Please make sure all checks are made payable to "SCPSA."** Receipts will be available for reimbursement and travel expenses.

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Submit Your Paper for the Next Conference

The call for papers for the 2018 conference is posted on the NCPA website.

Send Us Your Department News

The Association invites news from all departments teaching political science in North Carolina. These highlights are provided by our colleagues across the state.

Become an Institutional Member

We encourage those who are frequent attendees and bring students to the Conference, to consider becoming institutional members. Please visit our website for more information and the institutional membership form.

Professional Service Opportunities

All NC political scientists who would like to increase their involvement with the North Carolina Political Science Association are invited to submit their names for consideration to serve on a NCPA committee or as a member of the Executive Council. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the current members of the Executive Council. Our contact information is listed on the NCPA website.

We Look Forward to Seeing You at The Next Conference!

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