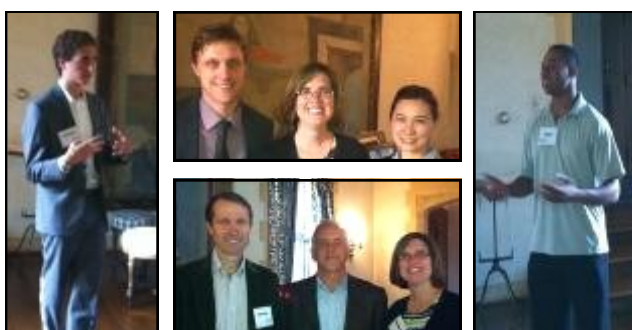


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Happy Holidays!

Best wishes from the Department of Political Science during this holiday season. Fall 2013 has been quite busy with new students, new faculty, and new ventures. We held our first Alumni Reception in September in Chicago, Illinois with alumni in attendance ranging from the Class of 1959 to 2011! Keep reading to learn more about the exciting lives of our faculty, students, and alumni.

--Rosie Clawson,
Professor and Department Head



Clockwise from above, left: Undergraduate Erik Thomas; Martyn De Bruyn (PhD, 2003), Professor Rosie Clawson, and Sangmin Bae (PhD, 2004); Undergraduate Joe Hurst; Professors Mark Tilton, Keith Shimko, and Rosie Clawson

Tony Hustedt, Class of 2011

Following graduation from Purdue with a BA in Political Science, Tony Hustedt departed for Naval Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina and graduated in May 2012. He was then sent to the USS THACH FFG-43, a Frigate in San Diego, California, as the Anti-submarine Warfare Officer. Shortly after his arrival, THACH made a deployment to the Southern Pacific for Counter Narcotics Operations. (Almost 836 pounds of cocaine and more than 1,110 pounds of marijuana were seized, with an estimated street value of more than \$10 million). On port visits during his deployment, Hustedt visited Panama and Guatemala—even hiking Mt. Pacaya, an active volcano. Officer Hustedt’s next assignment is on the USS KIDD DDG-100 as the Force Protection Officer.



Future Boilermakers Tyler and Maggie with their parents Tony and Danielle Hustedt

Alexandra Robinson, Class of 2012

After graduation from Purdue with a BA in Political Science, Alexandra Robinson served as a Judicial Intern for the U.S. Supreme Court. In that role, Alexandra provided public lectures in the Courtroom, conducted research for the Supreme Court Fellow and Counselor to the Chief Justice, hosted foreign dignitaries, and managed a topical index of the Chief Justice’s speeches. She now studies at the University of Virginia School of Law. She spent last summer as a judicial intern for the Court of Appeals of Indiana and is excited about returning to Indianapolis as a summer associate at a law firm in May 2014.



Alexandra Robinson in the Purdue Memorial Union

McCann and Music



Professor Jay McCann with his new mandolin

Upon first glance, one would not know that there is a mandolin-playing professor in the political science department. Tucked away in his corner office, Professor McCann graciously spent time explaining his job and research on the emergence of partisanship among immigrants in the United States. Then he shared a fun fact—his passion for playing his mandolin. While Professor McCann is doing some great research, the focus here is on a hidden talent—playing the mandolin. He has always loved playing the guitar, and he took mandolin lessons in high school and violin lessons in college. Until recently, McCann had an old Italian-styled mandolin that he would play on occasion with neighbors or locally at various music gatherings. Then, his wife surprised him with a birthday trip (age not disclosed) to Louisville to pick up a studio-made Bluegrass-style mandolin! This instrument has prompted him to attend the Bluegrass Jam at the Lafayette Arts Center on the third weekend of each month. Professor McCann reports that he would be happy accompanying any musicians or singers in the political science department and elsewhere – until, of course, the booking agent for the Steep Canyon Rangers calls in search of an opening act. From then on, his appointment calendar will be pretty full.

Laura Young: New Teaching Academy Inductee

Laura Young (PhD, 2013) was inducted as an Associate Fellow into the Teaching Academy on October 9, 2013. This award is a great honor for faculty and graduate student instructors at Purdue. Only thirteen awards were given this year. Dr. Young states, “I am very honored to not only have the opportunity to teach at Purdue among so many distinguished professors, but to have been selected to join their ranks in such a prestigious academy.”



Dr. Laura Young (center) with two students, Andrew Yacinthe (left) and Ashton Alexander (right)

Austin Brinkley: Boilermaker Excellence

In Austin’s words:

“I am a Freshman here at Purdue, but certainly not a first year. My sister attended Purdue, so I have been a Boilermaker at heart for a long time. I graduated from Mooresville High School in central Indiana, and was involved in our local student-government organization. I am currently a political science major here at Purdue; however, economics is one of my passions, so as many freshmen, I am unsure what my final degree will be.



Austin Brinkley (left) and Graduate Instructor Gabrielle Arrowood (right)

I am very aware of what Purdue has to offer, and I plan to take full advantage of it. President Mitch Daniels has said that Purdue offers a world class education, and I plan to obtain this sort of education in order to propel me into my ultimate goal of becoming an attorney. While this may be my ultimate goal, my immediate goal is to be the first person in my family to graduate from college, and with honors. I love athletics, music, and new experiences, and Purdue offers all of these to me readily. I am a member of the Ross-Ade Brigade as well as the Paint Crew. I enjoy the concerts Elliot Hall hosts, as I recently went to see J. Cole with my friends in my dorm. Finally, I am able to experience new cultures and cuisine while here that I never could have imagined.”

In Graduate Instructor Gabrielle Arrowood’s words:

“Austin is a great student because he is always prepared for class, participates, comes up with great examples that are often outside the box, and is always forthcoming and honest about it if he’s unclear on something. And he’ll keep asking questions about it until he understands completely. Austin is a very hard worker and plans to go to law school someday; we’ve talked about the LSAT and joint MBA-JD programs more than once. So if his desire to achieve is any indication, he’ll be quite the successful business lawyer in a few years.”