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Study Tips

Now that you've:

GONE TO CLASS
and
TAKEN NOTES

Now it's time to:

OUTLINE

After you go to class and take notes, convert them into an outline so you will have a study guide prepared before you realize your final is right around the corner.

Fun Fact

Okay so this isn't exactly a succinct fun fact but it's October, time for some fun!

How well do you know the Department?

Do you know who got their



number of the month: 12

That's the number of Fall 2012 inductees to Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society. Congrats to the inductees on their scholarly achievements!



departmental news

Spring 2013 Registration Underway

If you haven't already done so, make an appointment to see your academic advisor ASAP! Registration for Spring, Maymester, and Summer terms 2013 is going on now. Check out the POLI and GEOG course offerings and get signed up before someone else snaps up your seat in that class you want to take!

It's Competition Season!

It's that time of year: Mock Trial, South Carolina Student Legislature, and Model United Nations teams are traveling the region to compete in their respective activities. Mock Trial has already competed in the Elon University tournament (see picture below) and SCSL is in Columbia for Fall session as of press time for this publication! Model UN will travel to Atlanta for competition in mid-November.

If you are interested in competing in any of these activities, please contact your advisor and/or the advisors for each team: Mock Trial (Mr. Ron Wilson), Model UN (Dr. Pam Martin), SCSL (Dr. Frederick Wood, Dr. Adam Chamberlain).

Wish your classmates well as they represent our department and expertly demolish teams from other colleges and universities!



Mock Trial Team at Elon University, October 2012

Important dates:

11/1

Last day to apply for May 2013 graduation

11/2

Priority deadline for Study Abroad applications

11/6

Election Day – no classes

11/19 - 23

Thanksgiving Break

12/5

Last day of classes for Fall

PhD from...

University of Maryland

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

University of Georgia

West Virginia University

Claremont

*answers at the bottom

Check out the great personalities with extensively different backgrounds we have running our wonderful Department of Politics and Geography at Coastal on the Faculty/Staff page:

coastal.edu/academic
s/humanities
/departments/politics/faculty.html

*Answers in order:

Martin, Ye, Tankersley, Bergeron, and trick question (in the Halloween spirit): Peterson AND Riley

Want to Study Politics Abroad?

In the coming weeks, you'll be hearing a lot about study abroad opportunities. Here's a sneak preview of three opportunities in our own department!

Spring Break in London

March 9 – 17, 2013

Classes available: POLI 491M – Comparative Chief Executives (Spring I – meeting Tuesday evenings from 4:30 – 7:20 during Spring I) with Dr. Holley Tankersley

Other classes on this trip: ENGL 205 – Literature and Culture: Literary London; ENGL 304 – British Literature; ENGL 242 – Studies in British Literature

Maymester – West Africa: Sierra Leone & Ghana

May 13 – June 6, 2013

Classes available: POLI 348 – Introduction to Africa with Dr. Richard Aidoo

Other classes on this trip: HPRO 375 – Global Health Perspectives

Maymester – A Glimpse of Cuba

May 12 – 24, 2013

Classes available: POLI 491 – Politics and Government of Contemporary Cuba with Dr. Jim Henderson

Other classes on this trip: JOUR 399 – Independent Study and SPAN/LATS 326 – Cuban Literature in Translation

Questions? Contact the faculty member listed for each trip, OR contact the Office of International Programs:

<http://www.coastal.edu/academics/international/studyabroad/shortterm2/index.html>

Priority applications for Study Abroad are due on Friday, November 2, 2012; regular applications due November 30.



important deadlines

Graduation Applications

For those graduating in May: Thursday, November 1

To begin the process of applying for graduation, please see Bonnie Senser (EHFA 208). Please also note that the aforementioned dates are the dates that graduation

applications should be submitted to our office; we have subsequent deadlines that we must meet for the Dean's Office and Registrar's Office.

Study Abroad

Priority application deadline: Friday, November 2, 2012

Final application deadline: Friday, November 30, 2012



new programs and courses

Fall 2012 Council on Foreign Relations Academic Conference Call series

Interested in current events concerning the globe? This conference call series can deliver a wealth of knowledge from Ambassadors, Diplomats, State Dept. Officials and leading scholars. Professors and political professionals convene with students in a group to participate in a classroom or around a speaker-phone. Students can listen in live and ask questions so an interactive dialogue will emerge.

SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2012 ACADEMIC CONFERENCE CALL SERIES

Wednesday, November 7, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (ET)

"The Future of the Trans-Pacific Partnership"

Bernard K. Gordon, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of New Hampshire

Thursday, November 29, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (ET)

"The Global Economy: Opportunity and Exclusion"

Terra Lawson-Remer, Fellow for Civil Society, Markets, and Democracy, CFR

Wednesday, December 5, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (ET)

"U.S. Drone Policy"

Micah Zenko, Douglas Dillon Fellow, CFR

Contact: Dr. Pam Martin for more information. Her office is in ARCA 124.



faculty spotlight

Dr. Suheir Daoud

In case you haven't noticed, we're missing a faculty member this semester! Dr. Daoud is home resting with the newest addition to her family, baby Maxim, who was born on October 11. Mom and baby are just fine! If you haven't met Dr. Daoud yet, here's a little info on her background and interests, as previously published by the CCU newsletter, *The Atheneum* (Vol. 3, Issue 3):



Suheir Daoud, assistant professor of politics at Coastal Carolina University, is more than 6,000 miles from her native northern Israel.

Daoud, born Suheir Abu Oksa Daoud, is also concerned for the safety of those who live in the conflict zone, including members of her extended family, who still reside in the Israeli village of Mi'ilya in Western Galilee amid an area surrounded by revolutions and bristling with the possibility of war.

"When you're growing up in that conflict, it becomes a part of you," she says. "I'm a poet and writer, and if you're a Palestinian writer in Israel, you're most likely involved in politics."

Daoud has published articles and poetry in Arabic, Hebrew and English in literary magazines such as *Al-Adab* in Beirut. She was commissioned to write original poetry for the Washington, D.C., Shakespeare Theatre Company's March 2005 presentation of "The Tempest," which was also translated, in sections, from English to Arabic. Daoud's book, "Palestinian Women and Politics in Israel," was published by Florida University Press in May 2009.

Daoud's book, "Through Ghazalah's Windows," talks about growing up as a Palestinian woman. The memoir, said to be the first book by a female to speak about the experiences of Palestinians in Israel, will be published in Italian this summer. (First print was in Arabic in 2001.)

It's poetic in form, divided into 10 vignettes, "about a girl basically growing up and looking out her window to the world," says Daoud. "It's based on the challenges of class and identity."

Daoud earned a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a master's degree in international development and social change from Clark University in Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in political science from Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

From 1996 to 2003, she worked as a political adviser and assistant for a Palestinian Knesset (Parliament) member. She worked in the states starting in 2004, when she served as a visiting scholar at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University, followed by a position as a Mellon Post Doctorate at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and as a visiting assistant professor at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont.

Daoud returned to the East Coast to become a member of CCU's faculty in 2008. "I was searching for a position, and I was impressed with Coastal's Middle East program. I was teaching at some of the most prominent schools out there," she says, "but none of them had a Middle East program.

"I love working with the politics students here because they show an interest in events," she adds. "I would like to see more speakers on the Middle East here, more people teaching Islam and Middle Eastern languages."

- Story written by Ashley Morris for *The Atheneum* (Vol. 3, Issue 3)



student spotlight

Ian Detwiler

Ian Detweiler is a Sophomore in the Poli Sci Dept. living on campus as an RA in Low Country Dorm at University Place. He is also a Peer Leader for First Year Experience. In the Department he participates in South Carolina Student Legislature and Model UN, this year representing China. He is a member of Coastal Carolina Catholics, College Republicans, and the Coastal Activities Board. Ian is the Public Relations Officer to Coastal's most unconventional sport: Quidditch. You might catch him in the penalty box if you venture out to see the Chantigriffs in action at a tournament (the last tournament heated up in the match against Winthrop particularly) with colleges and high schools who have brought the world of Harry Potter out of the pages. Upon all that he also spends his time as a member of the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, and of course, devotes time to his classes in political science and intelligence and national security studies. Ian comes to Coastal from Greene in upstate New York.



what's next? after coastal

Wondering what to do after graduation? Starting to stress out over finding a job or applying for graduate school?

Why not take some time off and serve others before moving to the next chapter of your life? Three opportunities to consider:

AmeriCorps NCCC: a 10-month, team-based, full-time residential program that provides opportunities for young Americans to perform service that addresses the critical needs in urban and rural communities. NCCC members get an education award of \$5550, room and board, and a living allowance of \$4000 as well as limited health benefits, training, and transportation. Examples of projects include disaster relief, environmental work, and community development. Interested? Visit http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/choose/nccc.asp.

Teach for America: a two-year teaching commitment for recent college graduates to teach in urban and rural public schools. Teach for America seeks to fill "high-need classrooms with passionate, high-achieving individuals who will do whatever it takes to help their students succeed..." Teach for America teachers receive training, a full salary (amount dependent upon school district), and comprehensive health benefits as well as an education award of up to \$11,100, student loan forbearance, and money for relocation and transition. See www.teachforamerica.org for more details.

Peace Corps: The Peace Corps was founded in 1961 with the mission of aiding the cause of peace by sending Americans to live and work in developing countries. Volunteers work in one of six program areas: education, youth and community development, health, business and communications, agriculture, and environment. Peace Corps volunteers receive student loan assistance, a readjustment allowance, training, transportation, a monthly living and housing allowance, health coverage, paid vacation days, and advantages in federal

employment. For more information, visit www.peacecorps.gov.



recent graduates

Caitlin Dorman

Recent graduate Caitlin Dorman (Class of 2009) works close to the heart of the political sphere at the Boston headquarters for the Mitt Romney presidential campaign. In this capacity she is an integral member of the surrogate operation, sending top level political principals across the country to campaign on behalf of Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan.

Caitlin handles the logistics and schedules for Governors, celebrities and senior members of Congress as part of a small team. The team works to take care of all the travel arrangements and set-up for events working with the Advance department to ensure that all details are taken care of. She is responsible for over 50 surrogates who are constantly on the road stumping for the Governor and other GOP candidates.



Prior to joining the campaign, Caitlin interned on Capitol Hill for her home state Congressman and afterwards interviewed for a position with the Republican National Committee (RNC) despite being considered underqualified due to her limited political experience. However, she won them over in the interview and they kept her resume on file and she was called to join the team after just a month had passed. While still at the RNC, Caitlin volunteered on Nan Hayworth's (NY-18) successful campaign for Congress (Rep. Hayworth and Caitlin are pictured at right). Through this experience and the connections she made, she was asked to join the freshman Congresswoman's team that January. Caitlin served as office manager and scheduler for 18 months before receiving a phone call to interview for the Romney campaign.

Caitlin shows us how things move at a fast pace in the realm of politics as she started just one week after her interview! Her excitement is palpable as she relishes the close connections she has made in such a short time since graduating from Coastal. She said, "it's a small community, so everyone knows everyone and share a passion for the same topic: politics."



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