PROFESSORS IN THE MEDIA

LEADERSHIP IS FEMALE, IS AFRICAN, IS MUSLIM WOMAN

On 10/25/17 Tisch College of Civic Life honored Saïda Oumulkhairy Niasse, the inaugural recipient of the Global Humanitarian Citizen Award. Known by her followers as “Mama Kiota,” Oumoukhair Niasse is the leader of a Sufi Muslim women’s movement with over 200,000 members across West Africa. A tireless advocate for women’s rights, education, and peace, Mama Kiota has spent more than 50 years establishing schools, mentoring female leaders, and promoting religious tolerance in a region menaced by Boko Haram.

The ceremony celebrated the impact of Mama Kiota’s leadership, featuring Professor Pearl Robinson’s research on Mama Kiota’s movement and acknowledging the impact of her 2016 documentary, MAMA KYOTA. To learn more about Professor Robinson’s work teaching people about Mama Kiota and Muslim women’s rights in Africa, go to her website: mamakiotasmessage.com

David Art wrote a perspective for the March issue of Current History on “The Radical Right’s Gains in the Heart of Europe.” Addressing the rise of “the radical right in the German-speaking world,” Professor Art asks, “is the radical right more powerful now than it ever has been in the post-World War II era? And perhaps most importantly, has one of the most significant features of postwar German democracy, the political irrelevance of the radical right, now come to an end?” Read more >>

Vickie Sullivan wrote an article on Montesquieu’s cautioning of “the fragility of enlightened government” against despotism that was republished on TuftsNow to address the present concern “that there is no final victory over despotism, and that the West too remains susceptible. It is, in fact, an ever-present threat in the human condition.” Read the full article >>

Eitan Hersh was featured in TuftsNow for his work on uncovering the discriminatory intent of Texas’s 2011 voter ID legislation - “Using an algorithm, and delving into millions of publicly available records, [Professor Hersh] determined that while fewer registered voters lacked the necessary ID than had been thought, the effect of the law was clearly discriminatory, disproportionately affecting minorities.” Read more >>

Nimah Mazaheri was featured in a TuftsNow article endorsing his webinar on The Perils and Promise of Oil Wealth - “The solution is for oil-producing countries to develop economic diversification and entrepreneurship plans, said Mazaheri. Countries that are successfully beginning to overcome the paradox of oil wealth have begun investing in manufacturing, agriculture, and services.” Read more >>

“In a new Science Magazine article, Kelly Greenhill and colleagues explore ways to curb the spread of disingenuous information,” leading to an interview on the topic with TuftsNow - “What we are witnessing today is just another manifestation of what has been a long history of actors strategically cultivating and exploiting intra- and inter-group polarization and playing on people’s fears and cognitive biases.” Read more >>

And read the Science Magazine article here >>

Deborah Schildkraut co-wrote a report featured in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences investigating “how different immigration policies influence the social attitudes of immigrant and native-born individuals in the United States.” By using “a 2016 telephone survey of nearly 2,000 individuals in Arizona and New Mexico,” Professor Schildkraut and her colleagues found that “hearing and thinking about welcoming immigration policies led to greater feelings of unity not only for Latino immigrants themselves, but also for most whites surveyed.” Read more >>

A new representative survey of 1,000 Americans, conducted in early September, 2017, explored how the public views the role of women’s rights in U.S. foreign policy. The survey team was led by Professor Richard Eichenberg & Dr. Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, the Director of CIRCLE at Tisch College.” Read the full report: The Pursuit of Gender Equality in American Foreign Policy: A Survey of American Public Opinion >>
Alexis Tatore A’20 worked with Professor Berry on “Brewing Trouble: How the Tea Party Tweets about Trump and What That Reveals about Intra-Party Conflict in the 115th Congress” — My independent study with Professor Berry evaluated whether the Tea Party, a coalition once notorious for intra-party conflict, has transformed in tone under a Republican president. I collected 3,137 Tweets by Republicans about President Trump, studied their evolution over time, and analyzed whether they were motivated by voting alignment, partisan lean, or electoral results. The findings reveal that the Tea Party is supportive and frequently praising of Trump, but that this cooperative relationship is contingent on his alignment with their values. It was a pleasure to work with Prof. Berry on this project and I appreciated his support throughout the semester.

Zara Rancheva & Misha Linnehan are the recipients of the 2018 Elliott Award. The James Vance Elliott Political Science Prize is awarded in the senior year to students majoring in PoliSci whose achievements best combine academic excellence with active participation and effective leadership in campus and civic affairs.

Ben Kaminoff A’18, has an upcoming article in the April issue of the Butler Undergraduate Research Journal, based on the research he conducted in Professor Masuoka’s American Racial Politics seminar. Entitled “Do Black and White Americans Hold Different Views on Marijuana Legalization? Analyzing the Impact of ‘The War on Drugs’ on Racialized Perceptions of Legalizing Marijuana,” Ben’s article seeks to explain the linkage between the War on Drugs and development on views of marijuana legalization. As Ben has addressed, “while most scholars argue that Americans are supporting marijuana legalization at higher rates because of personal freedom, this stance neglects to consider the divergent role that Black Americans have with marijuana laws in the country.” After interviewing White and Black Americans over the age of 35, Ben’s “results preliminarily show that while White Americans develop views on legalizing marijuana based on traditional notions of personal freedom and drug abuse, Black Americans generate their views based on ‘linked fate’ conceptions of group interests related to the history of drug laws and the experiences of Blacks in the criminal justice system.”

POLISCI ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Joseph G. Sullivan A’66 — After Tufts I went on to get a Masters in Government from Georgetown University before entering the U.S. Foreign Service in 1970. I did a 38 year career beginning as a Vice Consul in Mexico City and concluding with service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. Principal Officer in Havana, Cuba, Ambassador to Angola and Ambassador to Zimbabwe. Coming from a working class background in Dorchester, I would never have learned of the opportunity to work for the Foreign Service if it were not for Tufts and my Fletcher school graduate assistant at the Tufts PoliSci Department.

Donald Heller A’81 - Following a career as a faculty member in educational policy at the University of Michigan and Penn State University, I joined Michigan State University as Dean of the College of Education in 2012. Following four years there, I came to the University of San Francisco as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in 2016, and as the Chief Academic Officer, I am responsible for the university’s five schools, libraries, online programs, international relations, diversity and community outreach for the university’s 11,000 students, 1,200 faculty, and 1,000 staff.

Chulsu Kim A’64 - After graduating from Tufts I went on for my graduate studies at UMASS/Amherst for my M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science. In the 1970s, I returned to Korea to joined the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy as Deputy Minister for Trade, becoming Korea’s chief trade negotiator. Twenty years after I joined the government, I rose to become Korea’s Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy. In 1999 I returned to Seoul to teach trade policy at Sejong University, a private university in Korea before being asked to serve as the President of the university. Since retiring from the university in 2005, I joined a Seoul based law firm as a senior advisor and helped to establish a research and consulting institute, Institute for Trade and Investment (ITI). I recently published a book entitled, Trade Winds of Change: Korea in World Trade (2015) >>
NEW COURSES

**PS 20: INTRODUCTION TO CIVIC STUDIES**  
Ioannis Evrigenis, Erin Kelly, and Peter Levine  
Exploration of contrasting conceptions of active citizenship with roots in philosophy and practical experimentation. This course aims better to understand how people engage with their communities and develop strategies for building a better world -- what we should do, create, nourish and sustain good communities.

**PS 118-01: INSIDE CONGRESS & THE 2018 MIDTERMS**  
Steve Israel  
Former Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY), who chaired the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee from 2011-2016, will dissect and track the elections in real-time, covering the essentials of polling, media, fundraising, Superpacs and campaign organization. Behind-the-scenes campaign experts will participate in classroom discussions.

**PS 119-01: SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS: U.S. NATIONAL ELECTIONS**  
Eitan Hersh  
This is an advanced research seminar with two aims: a) To present and discuss scholarship on several aspects of U.S. national elections, b) To accommodate research papers on U.S. national elections. The primary goal of the course is to help students compose exemplary, quantitative original research papers, and we will spend time every class meeting developing these papers.

**PS 119-02: SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS: POLLING THE 2018 ELECTION**  
Brian Schaffner  
The class will focus on understanding and analyzing the 2018 U.S. midterm elections through the perspective of political polling. Special attention will be paid to understanding what factors affect how people evaluate candidates, decide who to support, and turn out to vote in midterm elections. A main component of the course will be a class project to develop, conduct, and analyze a survey of voters during the 2018 elections.

**PS 188-01: TOPICS IN IR: THE POLITICS OF SELF-DETERMINATION**  
Vartan Oskanian  
The course will study and analyze several currently active self-determination movements, through the dual lenses: international law on self-determination and global politics, and assess whether these movements can rely on international law to support their independence claim -- or it is all politics.

**PS 188-03: TOPICS IN IR: FREEDOM OF RELIGION, CONSCIENCE AND BELIEF -- AMERICA’S ROLE IN DEFENDING THE FIRST FREEDOM ABROAD**  
Katrina Swett  
This course will examine the state of religious freedom globally, the role that the US has played in advancing international religious freedom and the very different dynamics of religious freedom politics internationally & domestically.

RETURNING FAVORITES

**PS 13: SOPHOMORE SEMINAR: RACE & CLASS IN AMERICAN POLITICS**  
James Glaser

**PS 134: COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST**  
Malik Mufti

**PS 157: MARKETS, MORALS, & RELIGION**  
Dennis Rasmussen

**PS 184: SENIOR SEMINAR: BETTER THAN THE TRUTH**  
Kelly Greenhill

**PS 187: INTELLIGENCE & NATIONAL SECURITY**  
Jeff Taliaferro

**FALL 2018 COURSES**


- **PS 21**: Intro to Comparative Politics  
M/W 9:00am-12:30pm

- **PS 41**: Western Political Thought I  
M/W 1:00-4:30pm

- **PS 42A**: Western Political Thought II  
T/TH 1:00-4:30pm

- **PS 172**: U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East  
M/W 9:00am-12:30pm

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- **PS 42B**: Western Political Thought II  
M/W 1:00-4:30pm

- **PS 61**: Intro to International Relations  
T/TH 6:00-9:30pm

- **PS 165**: U.S. Foreign Policy  
T/TH 6:00-9:30pm

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4.4 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES: U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE STEPHEN G. BREYER
6pm in Cohen Auditorium, hosted by Tisch College and PoliSci
Join us for an engaging conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer about law, interpreting the constitution, and the current state of our civic institutions. Appointed by President Bill Clinton, Breyer has served as Associate Justice of the U.S Supreme Court since 1994. *Free tickets available at the Campus Center Info Booth*

4.6 BUILDING AN URBAN FUTURE: A Conversation with Adam Forman
2:30pm in the Rabb Room, Tisch College, hosted by Pi Sigma Alpha
Adam Forman is the Chief Policy and Data Officer at the Office of the New York City Comptroller. He manages the economic and workforce development, technology, arts, and transportation portfolios for the Office. Prior to this position, he was a Senior Researcher at the Center for an Urban Future, a New York based think-tank. In 2015, he was recognized by City & State as a “40 Under 40 Rising Star” in New York City politics.

4.10 VICTORIA NULAND: THE EVOLVING RUSSIA CHALLENGE
5:30 PM in ASEAN Auditorium, hosted by the Fletcher School
Victoria Nuland will talk about her time in the U.S. government and the current approach of the Trump administration to Russia policy. Nuland is CEO at the Center for a New American Security. She is also a Senior Advisor at the Boston Consulting Group, and Brady Johnson distinguished practitioner at the Grand Strategy at Yale University.

4.11 COME TOMORROW: The Politics of Waiting for Citizenship
4:30pm in the Rabb Room, Tisch College, hosted by Pi Sigma Alpha
Join us for an engaging talk with Noora Lori, Assistant Professor of International Relations at Boston University’s Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies. Her research focuses on migration, citizenship, and security in the Persian Gulf. Her published work has examined migrant policing, naturalization policies, temporary migration schemes, statelessness, and racial hierarchies in comparative perspective.

4.13 COVERING COMMUNITIES: Outsider Perspectives
12-2pm in the Remis Sculpture Court, co-sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha
This Tufts Daily panel invites 2 professional journalists to discuss the methodology behind being an “outsider” reporter covering an underrepresented community.
- Shannon Dooling is a reporter for WBUR radio and part the New England News Collaborative, who has written on immigration, ICE, the travel ban, and daily life.
- Katherine Cheairs is a documentary filmmaker and community educator based in NYC. As the Founder of 3rd Eye Films, she devoted years to the make her documentary Ending Silence, Shame & Stigma: HIV/AIDS in the African American Family.

4.14 2 CUTE 2 BE ERASED: workshop w/ Pidgeon Pagonis
12-1:30pm in the Rabb Room, hosted by the LGBT Center
“Intersex/Trans/GNC/POC Resist the medical industrial complex” with a workshop by intersex activist and filmmaker of The Son I Never Had, Pidgeon Pagonis. All identities welcome.

4.27 SENIOR HONORS THESIS EXCHANGE SYMPOSIUM
8:30am-3:30pm in the Chase Dining Room
This year we have an outstanding number of Honors Theses in History, International Relations and Political Science. Join us for panel presentations by these students throughout the day. We’ll all share a celebratory lunch around noon. Professors Drusilla Brown and Richard Eichenberg will be our keynote speakers.

4.30 PS/IR BBQ!
11:30-2pm on the Tisch roof
rain relocation is the Remis Sculpture Court
Celebrate the end of another fantastic academic year with your friends and favorite professors from PS & IR with an American style BBQ!