Greetings from the Political Science Department at Tufts University! Whether you remember us from Eaton Hall or our current home at Packard Hall, we're excited to reconnect with you. In this newsletter, you'll learn about recent events we've sponsored or co-sponsored, new courses that we're teaching, new research from our professors, and incredible work being done by our current students. You'll also see information about what some your fellow Political Science alums are up to. I know I'm not alone among the faculty here in saying that one of my favorite things is to hear from former students and learn about what they've been doing since graduating Tufts. So keep the info coming!

Whenever I tell people that teach about American politics for a living, they always say, “Oh, what an interesting time to do that.” My response is usually, “It's always an interesting time to do that.” But I think many of us can agree that our current moment is especially interesting. Not only interesting, but important. Our course enrollments and number of majors are up, reflecting a heightened interest in our curriculum. We are honored to have the opportunity to help students at Tufts navigate today's tumultuous political landscape, place it in context, and connect it to deeper questions about fairness, justice, and democratic governance. I'm thrilled to share our latest newsletter with you to give you a sense of how we're taking on this responsibility. The light blue text and web addresses link to more information. So click away.

Sincerely,
Debbie Schildkraut (J95), Chair of Political Science

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➡️ 9.12.19 Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor packed the Gantcher Center. Sotomayor explored themes of diversity and reaching consensus with whom we might disagree.

⬆️ 9.5.19 Fmr. Congressman and presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke (D- TX) participated in a Presidential Town Hall where he answered student questions.

➡️ 10.16.19 Two-time Governor Bill Weld (MA-R) participated in a Presidential Town Hall where he articulated his vision of the future of his party.

⬇️ 11.18.19 Robby Mook, political strategist and Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign manager, discussed his career trajectory and what life is like on the campaign trail.

Additional fall speakers included a Presidential Town Hall with Montana Governor Steve Bullock, and an evening with Senator Ed Markey (D- MA).

Visiting Faculty Spotlight

Philippe Reines is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State under Hillary Clinton. From 2002 to 2017 he also served as a Senior Advisor and Spokesman. In 2016 Philippe was assigned the role of playing Donald Trump in Hillary’s preparations for the three General Election debates against him, giving him a unique insight—then and now—into the strengths and weaknesses of his message. Mr. Reines is teaching "Hindsight Might Not Be 2020 – The Upheaval of Political Communications in the Era of Trump” during the Fall 2019 semester.
"This semester, I am participating in the Tufts-in-Washington program through American University. I intern three days a week on Capitol Hill and spend the other two days in seminars hearing from guest speakers and discussing what we've learned. In class, I have heard from current and former members of Congress, as well as advocates and lobbyists from a variety of organizations.

Through my internship, I've had the opportunity to sit in on Congressional hearings and briefings, conduct research and write memos on a wide range of policy topics, and assist with office tasks. Overall, it has been an incredible experience to be at the center of it all!" – Jack Waisel'21

(Photo taken from the Speaker’s balcony). Jack is one of two current Tufts students participating in the Tufts-in-Washington program.

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of Pi Sigma Alpha:

Kamille Bernard
Noah Brown
Grace Fabrycky
David Levitsky
Emily Thompson

Morgan Harper '05, attorney, consumer advocate, and candidate for U.S. Congress (OH-3), spoke at the 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha induction ceremony. Harper underscored the many different types of advocacy she has been a part of and the challenges and rewards of running a grass roots campaign.
Observing Constitution Day

“We’re not going to give into them. It’s important that people who believe this is not what this country is about do something about it.”

Left to right: Amy Spitalnick’08, Professor Debbie Schildkraut, Dean Jim Glaser. At the event on September 16th, Professor Schildkraut moderated. Dean Glaser offered a welcome and program introduction.

Each year Tufts holds an event to honor the federal observance of Constitution Day. This year the Department of Political Science, Tisch College, the Office of the President, and the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences were pleased to welcome Amy Spitalnick’08 back to campus. Amy is the Executive Director of Integrity First for America, "a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to holding those accountable who threaten longstanding principles of our democracy - including our country’s commitment to civil rights and equal justice." Have you seen the "Sue a Nazi" hashtag? Amy and her colleagues are behind the social media movement. Integrity First for America is empowering a group of Charlottesville community members as they sue the neo-Nazis and white supremacists responsible for violence during a 2017 rally in the city of Charlottesville. Amy answered questions about her current work and previous roles as Communications Director and Senior Policy Advisor to the New York Attorney General.
Professor Pearl Robinson is the recipient of the African Studies Association's 2019 Distinguished Africanist Award. The awards ceremony took place the first week of December. More about the award: “The African Studies Association offers a Distinguished Africanist Award in recognition of lifetime distinguished contributions to African studies. The Award is presented at the Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony, and consists of a plaque and a lifetime membership in the African Studies Association.” Professor Robinson was also honored by Tufts University on October 19th during the The Tuftonian Wakanda Gala. Pearl is the inaugural recipient of the Black Excellence Legacy Award. The event celebrated 50 years of the Africana Center at Tufts. (Photos below: Paul Rutherford for Tufts University)

Professor Kelly Greenhill has been awarded a 2020/2021 Leverhulme Trust Visiting Fellowship, designed to enable "outstandingly distinguished academics based in overseas universities to spend an extended period of time at a UK higher education institution." She will primarily be based at SOAS-UCL in London and will present scholarly and public lectures during her time abroad.

Professor Eitan Hersh’s (class of 2005) new book Politics is for Power will be available January 14th. Book description: "Who is to blame for our broken politics? The uncomfortable answer to this question starts with ordinary citizens with good intentions. We vote (sometimes) and occasionally sign a petition or attend a rally. But we mainly “engage” by consuming politics as if it’s a sport or a hobby. We soak in daily political gossip and eat up statistics about who’s up and who’s down. We tweet and post and share. We crave outrage.

The hours we spend on politics are used mainly as pastime. Instead, we should be spending the same number of hours building political organizations, implementing a long-term vision for our city or town, and getting to know our neighbors, whose votes will be needed for solving hard problems. We could be accumulating power so that when there are opportunities to make a difference—to lobby, to advocate, to mobilize—we will be ready. But most of us who are spending time on politics today are focused inward, choosing roles and activities designed for our short-term pleasure. We are repelled by the slow-and-steady activities that characterize service to the common good."

*Eitan will also be attending his 15 year reunion this year! Who else will be there?
Building upon neoclassical realism, Jeffrey W. Taliaferro argues that regional power dynamics and US domestic politics shaped the types of nonproliferation strategies pursued. The overriding goals of successive administrations were to contain the growth of the Soviet Union’s influence in the Middle East and South Asia, as well as to enlist China as an ally of convenience against the Soviets in East Asia. Weaker allies’ nuclear proliferation could facilitate or complicate the realization of those goals. When policymakers perceived an unfavorable regional power distribution and short-time horizons for emerging threats to US interests, they were inclined to pursue accommodative strategies toward an ally. Conversely, when they perceived a favorable regional power distribution and longer time horizons for threats, they were inclined to pursue coercive nonproliferation strategies toward an ally. However, congressional opposition to certain arms transfers and to nonproliferation legislation sometimes led administrations to pursue hybrid strategies—combining coercive and accommodating elements—toward nuclear proliferating allies."

Professor Taliaferro joined Morning Joe on MSNBC on October 2nd to discuss the ongoing impeachment inquiry.


Professor Peter Levine and colleagues at Tisch College authored a report in conjunction with data collected by nonprofit think tank MassINC that found that the Massachusetts legislature under-represents women and people of color. To learn more about the research and to read the report, please visit MassINC.org.

Tufts to host American Political Science Association’s Institute for Civically Engaged Research for 2nd year in a row

The second annual Institute for Civically Engaged Research (ICER) will take place at Tufts University's Tisch College on June 15-20, 2020. It will be directed by Valeria Sinclair Chapman (Purdue), Peter Levine (Tufts), and Amy Cabrera Rasmussen (Cal State-Long Beach). A call for applications will go out in December 2019. To make sure you see the announcement right away, you can add your name to the Tisch College Civic Studies mailing list.
Data for Progress: "Support for Abortion Rights is Increasing Among Young People"

Professor Brian Schaffner collaborated with Laurel Bliss'20 to co-author a piece on *Data for Progress* on generational changes in attitude towards abortion rights. Read the full write-up at dataforprogress.org

Germany and the US: Towards a New Transatlantic Future

Prof. Ike Eichenberg joined scholars from around the country at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs to explore evolving transatlantic relationships. Participants grappled with how the US and Germany can work together to address the future of technology, trade, and security. Listen online at TheChicagoCouncil.org.

Tufts Observer: "From Turnstiles to Protests: Holding Chile's Government Responsible for Change"

Professor Consuelo Cruz was interviewed by the on-campus publication regarding recent violent political protests opposing wealth inequality and increased living costs in Chile. Read the full article online at TuftsObserver.org

WBUR's Morning Edition with Bob Oakes: "Deval Patrick May Join Race For The White House After All"

Professor Jeff Berry is a regular on *Morning Edition*. He joined Bob Oakes to discuss former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's late entry into the 2020 presidential race. Professor Berry also joined the show following recent presidential debates to opine on Sen. Elizabeth Warren's performances.

Washington Post: "Trump’s request for a ‘favor’ could really hurt Ukraine’s president and his agenda"

Professor Oxana Shevel contributed analysis to the Post’s *Monkey Cage*. She delves into the possible implications of President Trump's alleged ask for a "favor" and the potential regional and international impact on President Zelensky's political career and legacy.
**John Northgraves A'67**
After spending my entire work career in the I/T field, I have been an adjunct "professor" (a.k.a. "the 'Uber drivers of Higher Ed'") in U.S. History at MassBay Community College for the last six academic years. This is no mean feat, since neither of my Masters are in History, Political Science, or anything even tangentially related. HOWEVER, ... true to my Political Science roots, I've managed to covertly insert some Political Science material into the course. I particularly enjoy the lecture on the 1787 Convention, and I make sure the class knows that the answer to the perennial question: "Will this be on the exam?" is a "YES."

**David Day A'71**
David Day was appointed Chairman of the China Belt & Road Task Force by the International Section of the American Bar Association. At a recent conference this Spring in Washington, D.C., Day delivered a presentation on the U.S. Response to China's Belt & Road Initiative. Day also serves as the Chairman of the U.S. Trade Policy Committee for the National Association of District Export Councils (there are some 61 around the country) and represents the Pacific (Hawaiian Islands, Guam, and the U.S. flag territories) and Southwest Region of the United States for this organization.

**James Campbell A'77**
James' new book, *Madoff Talks: Uncovering The Truth Behind the Biggest Ponzi Scheme in History*, is set to be released March 2020. Book description from McGraw Hill: "A revealing, in-depth analysis of the largest Ponzi scheme in history—with new details from Madoff himself, in the most extensive communications he’s had with any media source. By the time his outrageous financial crimes were exposed, financier Bernie Madoff’s clients had lost more than 20 billion dollars. *Madoff Talks* offers the most complete investigation yet into the largest Ponzi scheme—and a rare glimpse into the mind of its chief architect. It’s a story full of indictments, explanations, and startling revelations. The book will uncover, for the first time, the full truth behind the financial fraud. Author Jim Campbell exposes the systemic failure of the Madoff Ponzi scheme, investigating the roles of the SEC; SIPC; the “Big Four” Madoff clients, Madoff’s bank - JPMorgan Chase, the hungry “feeder funds,” the whistleblowers, the Madoff Recovery Trustee, and more, shining a spotlight on the participants in deception. The book will appeal to general readers, as well as investors, business students, and financial professionals looking for tools to identify and diagnose financial fraud and accountancy tricks.
Donald Heller A'81
Donald E. Heller (Political Science and Economics) joined the University of San Francisco in 2016 as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and a professor of education. He is responsible for the university's five schools, libraries, academic affairs, student life, enrollment management, online programs, international relations, additional campus locations, and diversity and community outreach for the university's 11,000 students, 1,000 faculty, and 1,000 staff. Prior to joining USF, he was Dean of the College of Education at Michigan State University, and previously a faculty member at the Pennsylvania State University and the University of Michigan.

John Anner A'82
I got a PhD a few years ago in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University. My dissertation was a statistical analysis of the use of impact measurement in social enterprises around the world, seeking to find a positive correlation between the use of impact measurement tools and firm performance in meeting social and financial goals. I did not find such a relationship. This year, my wife Devora Anner (Tufts '84) retired and I took a new job as the Senior Director of Global Business Development at Women for Women International. We work with women survivors of war in conflict zones around the world.

Eric Mlyn A'83
Eric Mlyn is a visiting scholar at the Tisch College for Civic Life at Tufts. He is a Distinguished Faculty Fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics and Lecturer at Duke's Sanford School for Public Policy. He was the founding Executive Director of DukeEngage and Assistant vice Provost for Civic Engagement. Before that he was the founding director of the Robertson Scholars Program and served on the Political Science Faculty of UNC-Chapel Hill. He served as the Director of the Certificate in Civic Engagement and Social Change and chairs Duke's Global Travel Advisory Committee. His intellectual interests focus on the role of higher education in fostering democracy and working with undergraduates to foster political and civic engagement. He holds a BA in Political Science from Tufts University and PhD in Political Science from the University of Minnesota.

Homer Venters A'89
Homer wanted to share two recent articles about his book, 'Life and Death in Rikers Island" which deals with the health risks of jail and my work as the chief medical officer at Rikers"
https://www.newyorker.com/books/under-review/do-jails-kill-people/amp
Scott Wortman A'91
Scott J. Wortman, Esq., is a Florida Bar Board Certified Attorney in the area of Condominium and Planned Development Law and a Florida Bar Board Certified Attorney in the area of Real Estate Law and is the founding partner of SJW Law Group, PLLC in Wellington, Florida.

Robert Resnick A'91
I started at Tufts in 1987 with dreams of a career in journalism and left with dreams of a career as an educator. Somehow I made my way to a place where I have the best of both worlds in the role of Sr. Manager of Talent Development at The New York Times... and the Chairman of the Board. Arthur O. Sulzberger is a fellow Tufts alumnus!

Todd Moss A'92
In March 2019, Todd Moss launched the Energy for Growth Hub, a global research network dedicated to ending energy poverty by using data and evidence to promote reliable least-cost power systems in Asia and Africa. The Hub was incubated at the Center for Global Development, a Washington DC think tank where Todd worked for many years as a senior fellow and as chief operating officer. Read more in "Scaling Power for Global Prosperity" in the Stanford Social Innovation Review.

Lisa Levine Urovitch J'92
Lisa is the Government Relations Director for the Museum of Science, Boston. She lives in Ashland, Massachusetts with her husband and six year old daughter.

Eric Schliesser A'93

Seth Metsch A'93
Seth has joined Operative (www.operative.com) as its General Counsel. Operative provides the technology components global media companies need to create their own ad sales and content platform across digital, linear, advanced TV and other channels.

Justin Hollander A'96
Justin was promoted to Full Professor in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning here at Tufts.

Chris Hill A'96
CAPT Christopher F. Hill, USN recently completed a tour as Executive Officer on the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) and will be assuming command of the amphibious warship USS Arlington (LPD 24) next Spring.
Jonathan Block A'99
Jonathan has joined BioCentury, Inc. as an associate editor. He is also pursuing an MPH with a focus on health policy at the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy.

Christina Greer J'00
Christina currently serve on the A&S board of advisors. She recently launched and co-host a NYC focused podcast called FAQ-NYC (https://faq.nyc/) and recently launched a black history line of videos for TedEd on Ida B Wells, James Baldwin, and Bayard Rustin. these will accompany my Political Science videos on Gerrymandering, the electoral college, and Executive Orders. They can be found here: https://ed.ted.com/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&qs=christina+greer

Jonathan Ladd A'00

Alethea Harney A'02
Alethea, a veteran communications aide to the Deval Patrick administration and campaigns of Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren, has returned to the state house as director of communication for Treasurer Deborah Goldberg's office. Harney began her career as a budget analyst for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and then joined Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications as an associate vice president. She later served as director of communications and public affairs in the Governor's Recovery and Reinvestment Office, as a senior advisor to then-U.S. Sen. Joe Biden's 2008 presidential campaign and as campaign press secretary to Elizabeth Warren during her 2012 U.S. Senate run. Harney also serves on the board of directors for Project Bread. She and her husband Patrick live in Cohasset with their son Jack and daughter Emerson.

Erin Ross A'02
Erin was recently recognized by American University as a "Woman to Watch." Erin is currently Senior Managing Director at City Year Los Angeles and the Founder of United Leaders. https://www.american.edu/spexs/news/women-to-watch
Rachel Hoff A'04
Rachel has a new position as the Policy Director of the Ronald Reagan Institute in Washington, DC. Before joining the Institute, she was as Communications Director and Policy Advisor for John McCain at the Senate Armed Services Committee. Ms. Hoff has conducted research and outreach for a number of think tanks in Washington, including the American Enterprise Institute, the American Action Forum, and the Foreign Policy Initiative, an organization she helped found in 2009. She also worked as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Mac Thornberry. Ms. Hoff has worked and volunteered for numerous Republican campaigns and organizations. She has represented Washington DC twice as a delegate to the Republican National Convention and served on the 2016 GOP Platform Committee. Ms. Hoff received a master’s degree in Global Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Austin’s LBJ School of Public Affairs.

Daniel Mandell A'05
Daniel recently began a new job as Legal Counsel to the President of the Republic of Palau. He has setup a website to document his experiences that can be found at http://theunexpectedjourney.home.blog/

Courtney A. Chua A'08

Zach Greenky A'10
Zack currently works outside of the political space. He spent several years in the early part of his career working for New York state mostly in economic development. Zach is happy to connect with graduating students who are looking to explore roles in government.

Raj Reddy A'12 MG'15
Raj finished medical school with honors at Tufts University School of Medicine and has started his residency at Harvard. He will spend the next four years at Brigham & Women’s Hospital as well as Massachusetts General Hospital training in obstetrics & gynecology. Raj has stayed active in the health policy space, most recently as a clinical fellow at the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission.

Atticus Swett A'16
Life has been busy and exciting for this Jumbo political science alumnus! Last August I commissioned as an officer (Ensign-O1) in the United States Navy, preparatory to serving in the Navy JAG Corps. In April I graduated from BYU Law School, and this summer I am getting married! Assuming I pass the bar exam in July, I'll be off to Newport, Rhode Island this fall for Officer Development School and Naval Justice School. It's both hard to believe it has already been three years since I graduated from Tufts, and at the same time hard to believe it's only been three years! Needless to say I am still very much involved in the world of political science as I finally embark on my career, and I continue to be served well by my time on the hill.

In Memorium
The department is saddened to share the news of the passing of Leo Thomas Casey A'91. He was a dedicated Delta Upsilon brother and member of the track & football teams. Leo passed away on May 15, 2019.
A note from Jumbo Professors:

We are writing to you from our offices here in Packard Hall, overlooking the beautiful Green on the Tufts campus. As we write, our students are finishing their final papers and preparing for their fall exams. Stacks of blue books are everywhere! Our faculty are deep into their teaching (and grading) and they are pursuing an incredible set of research projects. (Check out our webpages and Twitter handles to see what we’re all up to!)

As fellow Tufts alumni, and now professors here, we are writing with a request: keep us in mind for your end-of-year giving. We are doing so much for students that you can chip in to support. Here are two concrete things you can help support:

**Experiential learning.** Last year, our newest professor, Brian Schaffner, ran a real-time poll in his Public Opinion seminar. Every student designed a polling question. The questions were fielded to a high-quality nationally representative audience. Students wrote their papers about their survey results. You can see a Twitter threat with some of their results [here](#). Department funds help pay for data collection like this. This is just one out of a host of experiences that give our students practical knowledge and skills. Others include group trips to off-campus sites, guest speakers from the real world, etc.

**Undergraduate research.** Some of the best educational experiences we offer to students are through hiring them to work on research with us. The students learn how to collect and analyze data, draft reports and articles, and build a range of research skills. Research assistantships are invaluable to our majors, and financial support helps us offer the opportunity to more students. Each year, several of our students also attend undergraduate research conferences at other universities. The Department always tries to cover their expenses so that costs never prevent students from having these opportunities. So far this year, Department funds have helped two students collect original data for senior theses on public attitudes toward climate change and environmental action.

You can support this kind of work by contributing directly to the political science department. Here’s the [link](#).

Thank you all for keeping us in mind. And please don’t forget to come back and visit! One of us (Debbie) is celebrating a 25th reunion this year and is serving on the reunion committee. You can find more on reunions [here](#).

Thank you, and best wishes for 2020!

Professor Eitan Hersh (class of 2005)
Professor Debbie Schildkraut (class of 1995)

PS - Feel free to contact us with questions: eitan.hersh@tufts.edu or Deborah.Schildkraut@tufts.edu