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Spring 2024 Newsletter

Message from the Chair



It has been a busy start to 2024 for the Department of Political Science. I had the opportunity to join several of our graduate and undergraduate students on an interdisciplinary J Term course on peace marketing in Southeast Asia. It was wonderful to see how our students' perspectives broaden with exposure to other worldviews and international experiences. I also had the chance to visit with our students spending the spring semester in Washington, D.C. and hear about the experiences they are having in their internships and classes.

For students who are spending spring semester at the Lake Shore Campus, they are accessing a global education as well: visiting with the former president of Northern Ireland, Mary McAleese, and Consul General, Kevin Byrne. They will also have the opportunity to attend the annual Covey and Hartigan lectures later in the term, gaining exposure to cutting edge research and renown scholars.

We are encouraging our students to have thoughtful dialogue around national and global events. On top of global events, election years always increase student interests and desires to be involved in the political process. While many of our students intern or volunteer with campaigns, we are always looking for new experiences to offer them. Please reach out if you would like to offer such opportunities to our students, and we will be sure to share this with them.

Have a wonderful spring,
Molly M. Melin, Professor & Chair



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In the Spotlight

Visit from the Former President of Ireland

Former Irish President Mary McAleese visited Loyola University Chicago on Friday, February 16, 2024, for a public roundtable discussion about the 1998 “Good Friday Agreement.” The event, hosted by the Department of Theology and the College of Arts and Sciences, featured a discussion of ongoing conflict resolution and peacebuilding efforts in Northern Ireland. Pictured here with President Mary McAleese and Kevin Byrne, the Consul General of Ireland in Chicago, are Dr. Melin, Department Chair, and Dr. Peter Schraeder, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.





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Loyola In Washington, D.C.

Our 11 Washington, DC program students enjoyed visiting with Dr. Molly Melin and telling her about their DC experiences. This spring, students are interning in the Senate (with Senators Baldwin, Duckworth, Durbin, and Gillibrand) and the House (Representatives Cleaver, Kelly, and Schakowsky), and with a government relations firm, DC Witness, and the DC Health Association. Students were able to practice their networking skills at the Public Service Affinity Group gathering and game watch organized by with Phil Hale, Vice President for Government Affairs.

Here, Phil Hale, Dr. Susan Dimock, Director of the Washington Internship Program, and Chris Guarino, a DC program faculty member, enjoy a Rambler's Basketball game with some of the internship program students and alumni.



Newsletter readers might be interested to know about The Loyola Public Service Affinity Group directed by Phil Hale. This group is open to all Loyola alumni, students, staff, and faculty who have an affinity for being persons for other through public service. The purposes of the Affinity Group include: 1) supporting all Loyola alumni working in public service; 2) developing a pipeline for students to public service internships and job opportunities; and 3) facilitating transitions for alumni and students within the public sector.



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Loyola In Washington, D.C., continued

The Affinity Group sponsors networking and program events in Chicago and Illinois, in Washington, D.C., and also virtually for alumni and students in other parts of the country. Both Loyola's Inside Government student organization and the D.C. Internship Program are closely allied with the Affinity Group, with members automatically receiving invitations to join.

To join or to learn more, please visit the Public Service Affinity Group at Loyola University Chicago on [LinkedIn](#).

Faculty News

Brian Endless was interviewed on Joan Esposito's "Live, Local & Progressive" show on WCPT820AM on Wednesday February 7, talking about what's happening in Gaza. You can listen to the interview [here](#).

Professor David Doherty and Dana Garbarski (Sociology) run the Cook County Community Survey. Their most [recent findings](#) show that most residents believe the influx of migrants strains local resources but that local communities should be supportive of migrants.

Student News

Students and faculty enjoyed another successful mixer organized by Dr. Jay Kao.





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Student News, continued

Loyola has a very active chapter of the political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha. Dr. G. Agustin Markarian serves as moderator for Loyola's Chapter. Among Loyola undergrads and PSI members engaged in original research are Kelsey Fitzgerald, who recently presented two papers at the PSI National Research Conference in Washington, DC. The papers focused on "Religion and Politics" and "Conflict Intervention, Peacekeeping and Humanitarianism."



Loyola's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, created in 1973, has inducted over 1600 Loyola undergrads in the past 50 years!



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Alumni Spotlight



Toussaint Kafarhire Murhula, S.J., who earned his PhD in the Department of Political Science was recently named to The Africa Report's list of "10 African scholars to watch in 2024." His researched is focused on social justice, democracy and peace, political violence and conflicts, religion, and global public health politics.

Fr. Kafarhire Murhala has been quite busy and remarkably successful since the completion of his PhD at Loyola in 2016. He taught and served as Deputy Director of the Hekima Institute of Peace Studies in Nairobi, Kenya until 2019 and then returned to his home country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where he teaches at the Université Loyola du Congo, and most recently (2022) became the Director of Le Centre Arrupe pour la Recherche et la Formation (CARF), in Lubumbashi, DRC. He also currently serves as the president of the African Studies Association of Africa.

"Kaf" returns to Loyola in May to speak at graduation for Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences! Congrats!



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Faculty Publications

Professor Alex Grigorescu and Professor Claudio Katz recently published [*Lockean Liberalism in International Relations*](#) with Cambridge University Press' "Cambridge Elements Series."

Professor Dave Doherty, Dana Garbarski (Sociology), Raluca G. Pavel (a graduate student in Political Science), and Madeline Jackson (a recent Political Science graduate) published a paper entitled "[Who is Interested in Participating in Participatory Budgeting?](#)" in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

Professor Jay Kao and colleagues published "[Do Gains in Political Representation Sweeten Tax Reform in China? It Depends on Who You Ask](#)" in *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Professor Meghan Condon's article, "[Bring a Friend Along: How Engaged Learning Assignments Can Involve Students' Social Networks and Produce Spillover Effects](#)" was published in the *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Professor Molly Melin, Santiago Sosa (a visiting Fulbright scholar from Colombia), and Mihir Modi (a graduate student in Political Science) published "[Firms & Peacemaking: the Role of Private Firms in Civil War Negotiations](#)" in the *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing*.

Share Your News

We encourage you to share your news with Patrick Boyle (pboyle@luc.edu) for a future Alumni News section of the newsletter.

Interested in mentoring students? Need an intern? Please reach out to Eric Hansen (ehansen4@luc.edu) or Susan Dimock (sdimock@luc.edu).

Please consider [giving](#) to the Political Science Department.