POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GRAD STUDENTS!
Adelaide Ababio (MA)
Mohammad Ahmadi (MA)
Nicholas Andrews (PhD)
Claude Beaupre (PhD)
Tracey Cobb (MA)
Joe Crowther (MA)
Jasmine Dionne (PhD)
Kayla Hoffman (MA)
Katsistohkwio Jacco (MA)
Cathryn Johnston (MA)
Sydney Krill (PhD)
Rivka Landsberg (MA)
Fazila Mat (PhD)
Domonic McDonald (MA)
Chris “Kikila” Perrin (PhD)

UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER - SAVE THE DATES!
POLI GRAD ORIENTATION: TA TRAINING
Friday, September 13, 1-5 pm, DTB A357 – Part 1
Tuesday, September 17, 10-2 pm, DTB A357 – Part 2
Questions about the TA training? Contact TAC Can Zhao at zhaocan@uvic.ca.

POLI UNDERGRAD MEET & GREET
Wednesday, September 18, 4-6 pm, VERTIGO LOUNGE, SUB
Mark your calendars for the annual POLI Undergrad Meet and Greet. This event is a great opportunity to share information about the department as well as build a strong connection with our incoming students. Please RSVP to Rosemary at poliao@uvic.ca.

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES 2019-20
DR. CRICKET KEATING, DEPT OF GENDER, WOMEN & SEXUALITY STUDIES, U OF WASHINGTON
“EDUCATING FOR COALITION: POPULAR EDUCATION AND POLITICAL PRAXIS”
Friday, September 20, 2019, 2:30 pm, DSB C118
Popular education is a mode of doing political work that brings people together for dialogue in anti-hierarchical settings to analyze their situations and develop plans for collective action. This talk develops popular education theory and practice in ways that address the complexity of multiple, intersecting forms of oppression and that take up the possibility of forging bonds of interdependent resistance. Co-sponsored by Gender Studies.
GLOBAL SOUTH POLITICAL COMMENTARIES BLOG: GUOGUANG WU

SESSIONAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITY: POLI 101 SPRING TERM 2019
Application deadline: Wednesday, September 25.

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CFGs: “THE LAST WAR CORRESPONDENT & THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM IN CANADA”
Matthew Fisher, Resident Visiting Scholar at the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary and International History and Massey College, U of Toronto
During his talk, Matthew Fisher will look back at a lifetime of reporting from the front lines including his time embedded with the U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion during the 2003 Iraq war. He will also talk about his long association with the Canadian Armed Forces including his most recent deployment on board HMCS Regina when it sailed through the Taiwan Strait in June 2019 and his perspective on the future of journalism in Canada.

CAPI: “DEMISE OF ‘ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS’? REFLECTIONS ON THE HONG KONG RENDITION SAGA”
Cora Chan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong
Thursday, September 12, 3:30-5 pm, DSB C125
The summer of 2019 has seen the largest demonstrations in the history of post-colonial Hong Kong. In this presentation, Hong Kong University Law professor Cora Chan (via video-link) reflects on the causes of the unrest, its impact on China’s “one country, two systems” model for governing Hong Kong, what is needed for the crisis to be resolved, and the relevance of the saga beyond the China-Hong Kong context.

CIRCLE: STAND UP COMEDY FUNDRAISER FOR MAUNA KEA
Thursday, September 12, 7-9 pm, Ceremonial Hall
Featuring local Indigenous and non-Indigenous comedians. Tickets by donation. All proceeds will be donated directly to Mauna Kea action.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES: LANSDOWNE LECTURE
“ON HUMBOLDT’S PLANET: COSMOS, GAIA, AND THE COMING OF THE ANTHROPOCENE”
Laura Dassow Walls, University of Notre Dame
Friday, September 13, 7 pm, HHB 105
Professor Walls works in literature and science and has a continuing interest in the German natural scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt. Her books include *The Passage to Cosmos: Alexander von Humboldt and the Shaping of America* (Chicago 2009), and a future work, *Earthrise*, on the 19th-century concept of Earth as a living, self-making planet. Prof. Walls will discuss how the Anthropocene gives new meaning to Humboldt’s concept of nature. She has been supported by the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEH, the Center for Humans and Nature, and the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies. Prof Walls’ lecture is part of the Colloquium, “Facing the Anthropocene with Alexander von Humboldt’s Views of Nature” which continues on Saturday, September 14, with keynote presentations
CITY TALKS: THE 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION AND THE POLITICAL STAKES FOR CANADIAN CITIES
Thursday, September 19, 7:30 pm, Legacy Art Gallery (630 Yates St)

Laurel Collins (NDP Candidate for Victoria Electoral District), Racelle Kooy (Green Party Candidate for Victoria Electoral District), and Nikki Macdonald (Liberal Party Candidate for Victoria Electoral District)

What are the political stakes of the 2019 federal election for Canadian cities? This first City Talks event of the Fall 2019 series will consist of a discussion with three federal candidates running for election in the Victoria Electoral District: NDP Candidate Laurel Collins, Green Party Candidate Racelle Kooy, and Liberal Party Candidate Nikki Macdonald. Each will begin with opening remarks followed by a discussion with the audience moderated by Deniz Unsal (Anthropology, University of Victoria).

DR. NICOLE TRUESDELL, AVP CAMPUS LIFE, BROWN UNIVERSITY: SEMINAR AND LANSDOWNE LECTURE (ANTHROPOLOGY)
“Unsettling the Discipline: An Anti-Diversity Story”
Monday, September 23, 11.30am, COR B107

“Black Decolonial Praxis: A Liberation Story”
Tuesday, September 24, 7pm, DTB A102

Dr. Nicole Truesdell is the Assistant Vice President for Campus Life and the Director of the Institute for Transformative Practice at Brown University. In this role she oversees the following student centers and programs: the Brown Center for Students of Color, Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender, LGBTQ Center, First Generation-Low Income Center, Global Brown Center for International Students and The Office of Veteran and Commissioning Programs. These centers and programs are focused on space making and future thinking for various student populations. Previously, Dr. Truesdell was formerly the Senior Director for the Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusiveness (OADI) at Beloit College and affiliated faculty in the departments of Anthropology and Critical Identity Studies. OADI is an office she created in 2015 that both housed programs focused on working with undeserved and underrepresented populations in higher education and conducted faculty and staff development around decolonizing pedagogies. She received her PhD from Michigan State University in Anthropology in 2011, her MA in Anthropology from both Michigan State University (2009) and Louisiana State University (2005), and her BA in Anthropology from Beloit College in 2003. As a trained socio-cultural anthropologist, Dr. Truesdell examines larger systems of oppression and focuses on local means of resistance within marginalized communities. Her general research interests are in racialized citizenship and belonging in the UK and US, decolonial black feminist praxis, and critical university studies. She has published in various journals and edited volumes, and is currently working on a book manuscript on decolonial black feminist praxis. She is incoming President of the Association of Black Anthropologists.

CAPI: “THE KELSEN-SCHMITT DEBATE AND THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS IN POLITICAL CRISIS IN THAILAND”
Rawin Leelapatana, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkom University, Thailand
Thursday, September 26, 3:00-4:30 pm, SED C168

Carl Schmitt and Hans Kelsen were prominent jurists during the Weimar Republic who engaged in the debate on the nature and use of emergency powers in a political crisis of liberal democracy (‘PCLD’). This thesis considers how this debate might apply to Thailand. In post-absolutist Thailand after 1932, the conflict between the pro-democracy and the conservative factions reflected the PCLD, and resulted in military coups together with martial law supported by the suspension of liberal democracy viewed as a
threat to the nationalist-conservative tradition known as Thai-ness and other uses of emergency legislations by the government of both factions.

**WEST COAST MODEL EU**

**Applications open from Sept. 4 – Nov. 22**

The West Coast Model EU is a simulation of a European Council summit, which takes place every Spring in Seattle, WA. UVic sponsors four undergraduate students each who represent EU member state delegations, as either the Head of Government or the relevant Minister. Registration, travel and accommodation costs are covered by the EUS program at UVic. With thanks to JMCE, this year four UVic students received full funding to attend the 2019 West Coast Model EU, a simulation of a European Council summit. Two teams represent EU member state delegations, as either Heads of State or Ministers. Alina Sobolik won an honourable mention as the Head of State for Poland for her work on the issues of common immigration and border schemes. More info at https://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/europe/travel-and-learn/model-eu/index.php