Department Welcomes Two New Faculty

Donald Campbell

Donald Campbell joined the faculty this fall. For the last eight years, Donald was a professor of law at Mississippi College School of Law, where he taught Ethics and Professional Responsibility; Property; Wills & Estates; Environmental Law; and Construction Law. He obtained his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Florida. His dissertation focuses on the federal judicial confirmation process. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his J.D. summa cum laude from Mississippi College School of Law. Donald served as a clerk for the Honorable Leslie Southwick on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals before going to Mississippi College School of Law.

Along with Dr. Woodward, Dr. Campbell will be teaching the pre-law related courses.

Jennifer Woodward

Dr. Jennifer Woodward’s research focuses on the development and implementation of civil rights laws in education and employment. By looking at the potential of law, courts, and government agencies to shape and be shaped by society, she evaluates the everyday encounters between individuals and the laws designed to protect them. Before joining MTSU, Woodward was a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary, Law and Society Doctoral Fellow at the American Bar Foundation, researcher at the New York Latino Research and Resources Network, in staffing services for the New York State Department of Civil Service, and an instructor at the University at Albany, State University of New York where she received her doctorate in 2013. Currently, she is working on projects related to early interpretations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 made by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the public, and interest groups. Other research projects in progress focus on the importance of teaching pedagogy in higher education and the implementation capacity of government agencies.

Tutoring for: PS 1005, PS 1010 and PS 3001

Kayla McCrary (kdm5y@mtmail.mtsu.edu)
M&T 3:00-5:00; R 11:30-2:00
In the library tutoring area

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Department of Political Science and International Relations, Fall 2016

**Congratulations and Welcome**

**Graduated**

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Spring 2016**
- Shannon Alvis
- Dave Beardsley
- Madison Biggs
- Jarrett Bruce
- Monica Burks
- Christopher Crabtree
- John Gleason
- Caleb Gray
- Lauren Held
- Jason Jones
- Alison Judkins
- Matthew Mezzatesta
- Katie Nicholson
- Summer Owens
- Brian Rosen
- Colina Sanders
- Whitney Stooksbury
- Mykyta Strukov
- Jon Swafford
- Adam Tahirkheli
- Alicia Walker
- John Westmoreland
- Brandon Woodruff

**Summer 2016**
- Freguenet Demisse
- Joseph Kidd

**New Majors**

- Adedeji Ademola
- Teresa Antesberger
- Cailey Apple
- Ava Baghaevaji
- Joseph Barnett
- Leon Bellamy
- Courtney Bingemer
- Ashley Blackwell
- Merri Boeger
- Madeleine Boucher
- Kayla Bowie
- Destinee Brewer
- Saman Briekany
- Hannah Colbert
- Kianna Cooper
- Christopher Cowherd
- Camron Curtis
- Te’Nia Davis
- Beatriz Marie Dedicatoria
- Karissa Dixon
- Sarah Dixon
- Brady Duncan
- Elijah Duncan
- Andrianna Frazier
- Jesus Fregozo
- Jaylin Gibbs
- Lucas Gleaves
- Keven Gonzalez-Ramirez
- Bethany Grate
- Callie Gravely
- Seth Harrell
- Savannah Hatch
- Malik Hearn
- Alyssa Hedges
- Bryce Hicks

Sasha Hines
Shakel Jahan
Bianca Johnson
Thomas Jones
George Kappel
Muhammed Kazem
Kerry Keitzman
Melania Khan
Kayla Long
Beshoy Masood
Madison McConnell
Tamara Milford
Nathan Moore
Shaneisha Oglesby
Shannon Page
Treyton Peters
Tylan Peterson
Susan Pinkston
Khadijah Prater
Nicole Ratchford
Makayla Ruckman
Tyrah Scates
Brandon Steg
Austin Stephens
Savanna Stewart
James Stokes
Martha Strain
Katelynn Thomas
Kathryn Thomas
Madeline Vowell
Carol Wadie
Aja Washington
Nathan Watkins
Sarah Wester
Paul Williams
Vincent Windrow
Joseph Wyatt
Michael Ziegler
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 9 – New Student Orientation
- Oct. 2 – Dept BIKE RIDE
- Oct. 22 & 26 -- LSAT Practice Test & Prep Session
- Nov. 1 – 2016 Election PRE-GAME Show
- Nov. 10 – Night at the Predators

Political Science and International Relations Bike Ride
Sunday, October 2, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Spring 2016 Department ride.

Who?: Faculty + Staff + Students + Sponsors + Kids + Friends

Where?: Start and end at Two Rivers Park, by the Wave Pool in Nashville.

How Hard Will It Be?: This will be a “no rider left behind” event—slow, easy with as many stops as people want or need. Round-trip it will be about 16 miles, but it is FLAT and we will go SLOW. So, if you can ride a bike, you can make it just fine. Road bikes, mountain bikes, commuter bikes, comfort bikes, cruisers, tandems, and recumbent bikes are all good.

Traffic?: Almost the entire route will be on the Shelby Bottoms and Cumberland River Greenways, separated from traffic. There are just three blocks on the street between the greenways, and a two block detour off the greenway for a nice food and conversation break.

Food?: At the halfway mark, we will take a leisurely break at Red Bicycle Coffee and Crepes, which has the best crepes in town—both sweet and savory

RSVP at carleton@mtsu.edu.

LSAT Practice Test and Prep Session

Saturday, Oct. 22 8:00 am
LSAT Practice Test

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6:00 pm
LSAT Prep Session

Peck Hall Room 205
Learn more about the law school exam and how to prepare.

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vs St. Louis Blues
Thursday (College Rush Night)
November 10, 7:00 pm

$25 per ticket

Sign up and pay in the Main Office (Peck Hall 209) by Oct. 26

The official sport of the Department of Political Science and International Relations
**Students in the News**

The Funds for American Studies (TFAS) is a comprehensive academic program that allowed Kayo Beshir to spend 2 months in the nation’s capital with students from across the globe. Kayo was paired with the Institute on Economics and International Affairs, which required him to take an economics course from George Mason University. He was housed on the campus George Washington University. “Largely, my time in DC was spent interning for a non-profit at Columbia Light House for the blind. CLB’s mission is to assist DC’s blind and visually impaired overcome the challenges of vision loss. In my internship capacity, I imputed donor data from a recent direct mail campaign, completed acknowledgment letters to donors, researched content for future social media posts, and updated the resource directory as needed.” “The remainder of my time in DC was spent networking with other TFAS students/alumni’s, and listening to guest speakers like Trevot Thrall of the Cato Institute, and Arthur Laffer, known for his conception of the Laffer Curve. In addition, we were required to attend weekly briefings at various agencies and departments that included the Capitol Hill, World Bank, US Institute of Peace, Peace Corps, Mexican Embassy, United Nation’s Refugee Agency. One highlight of my time in DC were group sessions at the State Department with retired and current foreign service officers. Despite my busy schedule, I also found time to tour the great city and attend a Washington Nationals baseball game.”

**Living in Cusco, Peru**

by Lauren Bradish

This past summer I packed my bags, hugged my friends goodbye, and headed for the Nashville airport—I was about to go on the trip of a lifetime. After an eight hour layover in Dallas, a twelve hour overnight flight, and only two hours of sleep, I landed in what would be my home for the next five weeks—Cusco, Peru.

Cusco is located in the southern part of Peru and is situated in the middle of the Andes Mountains with an elevation of over 11,000 ft. It is a beautiful city filled to the brim with color, festivals, and the kindest people you will ever meet. The center of the city is La Plaza de Armas where one can find two cathedrals, all of the clubs, a Starbucks and McDonalds, and a few dozen stray dogs. The most interesting part of my studies abroad was the fact that the national election was happening. What was fascinating was that one of the two candidates was Keiko Fujimori, the daughter of one of the world’s worst dictators and former president of Peru. My host parents were passionate supporters of the other candidate, PPK. We would watch the weekly debates together leading up to the narrow win by PPK. Although I was in class during the week, my group would travel the country on the weekends. I saw ancient Incan ruins in the Sacred Valley and learned about the history of these people. I witnessed one of the wonders of the world, Machu Picchu, and climbed Waynu Picchu (which meant I climbed approximately 217 flights of stairs in two hours). We took a short flight to the Amazon Rainforest and experienced wild monkeys, heat you can’t imagine, and the beautiful scenery. The last weekend I was in Peru, we traveled to Puno and stayed on a small island on Lake Titicaca. The people of this island spoke little Spanish and absolutely no English; instead, they spoke the
indigenous language of Quechua, a language spoken originally by the Inca. Lake Titicaca is the highest navigable body of water in the world, located at higher elevation than Cusco of over 12,000 ft.

Overall, my time in Peru was everything I expected plus so much more. Cusco will always have a place in my heart with its rich culture and wonderful people. If you ever have a chance, I highly suggest you to take that twelve hour flight and experience Peru.

**Students Present Paper at Academic Conference**

Jessica Shotwell and Agnes Porter presented papers at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting:

Jessica’s paper was entitled "Need Assessment and Feasibility Study of Akashanda Health Center," Agnes’ paper was entitled "Eco-Tourism and Deforestation in Costa Rica"

**Dr. Morris**, along with Dr. Chaney in Global Studies, led a group of 12 students in an Education Abroad program to Cuba in January (pic below).

Join us for CUBA JANUARY 2017.

**Department well represented at SCHOLAR’s WEEK**

Research Presentations
- Caitlen Henderson, “To Control or Not to Control: Population Control Policies in Asia”
- Stephen Morris (Faculty), “Variations on a Theme: Political Corruption in Mexico and the United States”

Poster Presentations
- Kayo Beshir, “Why Are Some Nations More Susceptible to Terrorism than Others?” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

Scholars Week presenters, continued...
• **Justin DeMello**  “What are Factors that Possibly Determine a State’s Infrastructure Expenditures?” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

• **Amanda Freuler**, “Why Is Poverty More Prevalent in Some North African Countries than Others?” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

• Marquinta Harvey, Graduate student, Health and Human Performance; Malondria Hooker, Undergraduate student, Health and Human Performance; **Nicole Leblanc**, Graduate student, Political Science; Denise Bates, Faculty, Health and Human Performance; “The Effect of Grassroots Social Media Organizations on the Syrian Refugee Crisis”

• **Emily Lupo**, “Why Do Some European Countries Have More Economic Success than Others?” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

• **Ashley Martinez** “Why Do Some Border Conflicts Resolve in Violence?” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

• **Greg Mayfield**, “Why Are Some Sub-Saharan African Countries So Much More Unstable than Others?” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

• **Olivia Nodine**, “The Acceptance of Women in Leadership Roles: A Study of Latin American National Legislatures” (David Carleton, Faculty sponsor)

• **John Westmorland**, “Rhonda Rousey: Why a Woman Who Wins Can Never Truly Win”

• **John Westmorland** “Gun-Related Homicide in America: Why the Rates Differ From State-to-State”

Scholars Week 2017 / March 27-31, 2017
For information go to: http://mtsu.edu/scholarsweek/index.php
CONGRATULATIONS to the Department of Political Science and International Relations 2015-16 AWARD RECIPIENTS.

Students

- Christopher Sullivan (Normal Parks Award)
- John Gleason (C.C. Sims Award)
- Matthew Lauderback (John W. Burgess Award)
- Katherine Stubblefield (Jack Justin Turner Award)
- Joseph Kidd (Meritorious Award for Moot Court)

Faculty

- Dr. Clyde Willis for College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Advisor Award
- Dr. Andrei Korobkov for 15 years of service
- Dr. Moses Tesi for 25 years of service
- Dr. Lisa Langenbach, Outstanding Teacher Award

Asha Patel was selected by the Organization "Doing Good" as the Nashville Volunteer of the Month for her work with the student organization Ambassadors of VSA Tennessee.

Matthew Lauderback, a summer 2015 graduate in Political Science, was awarded a Fulbright to teach in Germany.

2016-17 Scholarship Recipients

- James Hodge -- Joann Arnold Memorial Scholarship
- Ashaban Patel -- Jane Duke Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kayo Beshir -- George and Cynthia Vernardakis Scholarship
- Christopher Cowherd -- Norman Parks Scholarship
- Kerry Rose Keitzman -- Harry Horne International Relations Scholarship
- James Morton -- Gene H. Sloan Scholarship
- Katie Hickman and Jacob Myhre -- Anne Sloan Scholarship
Internships

Erika Helgeson at the FBI
This past summer Erika Helgeson, a senior International Relations major with a minor in Middle East Studies and Arabic, interned for the FBI, spending 10 weeks at the Baltimore office in a paid Honors Internship program. She spent her internship getting an up close look at the day-to-day operations for the Bureau, learning about Special Agents, Intelligence Analysts and Operations Support careers. Her internship offered a wide variety of exposure to various aspects of the bureau including trainings, tours of operations centers such as the FBI’s training facility at Quantico, and a valuable mentorship. The process required for this internship took 9 months from start to finish of the application process where Erika applied in October, interviewed in February, and passed a federal background check in May. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can be eligible for this internship, applications for the Honors FBI internship open August 26th for more information for to: https://www.fbijobs.gov/students/honors-internship-program

Jessica Shotwell and the Washington Center Program
“This summer I had the amazing opportunity to work as a Health Equity Intern at The Center for Global Policy Solutions, a social action think tank in downtown Washington, DC. At my internship, I was able to enhance my online research and data analysis skills, as well as gain essential time management and prioritizing skills. Publishing two blog posts, and completing an evidence-based policy solutions database on health equity are only a couple of the substantive work experiences I had at my internship.

“The Washington Center provided several networking opportunities and graduate school resources for students, and always served as a helping hand throughout the summer. I thoroughly enjoyed my Research & Writing seminar, as I was able to work on my Honors Thesis in the course. I gained lifelong friends, and grew to love DC as if it were home. Being in the nation's capital this summer was an experience I will truly never forget.”

BY THE NUMBERS

MAJORS (FALL 2016)
-- 83 GENERAL FOCUS
-- 161 PRE-LAW
-- 28 PUBLIC ADM.
-- 4 TEACHING LIC.
-- 69 IR MAJORS
59 students participated in internships in 2015-15 in a variety of areas, including the legislative internship in the spring (shown below).
Rutherford County General Sessions Court Internship Program

The ideal intern will be a student interested in pursuing a legal career as a criminal defense attorney, prosecutor, or public defender.

Every semester and summer we will choose 4 students to work for the Rutherford County General Sessions Court. If selected, you will work in a very hands-on legal environment: working with criminal and civil cases, working directly with the DA, judges, the court officers, and lawyers. This is an amazing experience and one which every Pre-Law student ought to try to do.

**Requirements:**
1. Minimum GPA of 2.5 or approval of Internship Director
2. Interview by Internship Director
3. Interview by General Sessions Court

If interested for SUMMER 2016 or this coming FALL 2016, please contact Prof. Langenbach at lanj.langenbach@mtsu.edu

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**Major Field Test Scores**

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Scores on the Major Field Test for 2015-16 were down this year for both PS and IR majors with an average of 527 for both last year. Disappointingly, this is the first year that the average score for PS fell below the 500 mark since 2011.
Student Organizations

Model UN

MTSU Model UN Searches High and Low Solving Global Problems, Controversies

The Society for International Affairs (Model UN Club) looked locally, regionally, and internationally in search of collaborative solutions to global problems and political controversies in the Spring 2016 semester. MTSU Model United Nations (UN) participated in two inter-collegiate conferences and ended the semester with a multi-day simulation on campus. The club’s second semester under the direction of Dr. Vanessa Lefler was marked for its increased participation in diplomacy and crisis simulation experiences, which will continue to build a promising experiential learning program within the Department of Political Science and International Relations at MTSU.


Later in the semester, the team traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the Emory Model United Nations crisis conference. Lauren Bradish, Molly Gray, Casey Lawhorn, and Carson Turner engaged in a weekend of dynamic negotiations over controversies from history and fantasy. Among them were simulations on the first 100 days of a prospective Trump presidential cabinet, Hollywood resistance to blacklist during the US McCarthy anti-communist period, Gotham city (a la Batman acclaim) politics, and the War of the Roses. The semester ended with a two-part, multi-day simulation conducted in the Model United Nations class and the election of new officers for the 2016-2017 academic year. The simulation took place in class the last three weeks of the term and focused on the geopolitics of Islamic countries beginning with a reenactment of historic, 1991 Security Council negotiations on Western Sahara’s pursuit of independence from Morocco. Last, a full-day simulation resituated Model UN members, students, and MTSU alumni on prospective reconstruction issues for a post-conflict Syria.

At the final organization meeting, Lauren Bradish was elected Society for International Affairs club President and Joseph Kennedy was elected Vice President.
**Mock Trial**

In Spring 2016, Cole Hodge was an All-Region Attorney and Freya Cartwright was an All Region Witness. Teams for the program were in the top ten and captained by Cole Hodge and Wesley Eke. As leaders of the Mock Trial Program this year, Wesley (President) and Cole (Vice-President) are organizing an exciting fall for the program. Teams plan to compete in Invitationals at Wheaton College (IL), Kennesaw State (GA), and the Mid-South Invitational here at MTSU. With a strong cohort of new and returning students, the program looks forward to arguing both sides of the wrongful termination case, *Riley Winters v. TBD, Inc.* this year!

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**Student Evaluations**

Student evaluations from the past fall 2015 and spring 2016 continued to rank teaching within the Department at or above the averages for the college and the university. As shown here for Spring 2016 classes, the average scores for the department fell below the college average in only one category: ‘Organization and Clarity.” The scores in the areas of “Intellectual and Scholarly Approach”, “Motivating the Students” and “Effectiveness and Worth” surpassed the averages for the college and the university.

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**Student Handbooks**

Handbooks are available online and outside the Main Office. Complete information about program requirements, career options, advising, and much more.
Dr. Mario Perez-Reilly passed away on July 6, following an extended illness. He was 79 years old. Those left to mourn his loss are his beloved wife and companion of 54 years, Elizabeth; daughter, Angelina Perez (Marco Barsacchi) of Livorno, Italy; sons Philip Perez (Elizabeth Workman) of Nashville; and M. David Perez of Kingston Springs. Mario had one grandson, Joseph Perez, age 13, the son of Philip and Elizabeth.

Mario came to the United States from Puerto Rico at age 19 to attend the University of Tennessee, where he also was a member of the track team. Upon graduation he went to the University of Kansas, Lawrence, to pursue graduate study. After completing the course work for his Ph.D at UT Knoxville, Mario joined the Department of Political Science where he taught for 49 years. He retired in May 2015.

Dr. Langenbach Receives Outstanding Teaching Award at Fall Faculty meeting.

Dr. Lisa Langenbach received a $17,550 TBR Course Revitalization Initiative Grant to revitalize PS 1005 / POLS 1030 with Motlow State Community College.

Dr. Sekou Franklin served as the Co-Chair of the Program for the Annual Meeting of National Conference of Black Political Scientists in Jackson, Mississippi. And was appointed to the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.
This past April, the Coalition for Mediation Awareness in Tennessee presented the ninth annual Grayfred Gray Public Service in Mediation Award to Adjunct Instructor, Marnie Huff at the Lipscomb University Institute for Conflict Management in Nashville. “I’m honored to receive this award named after Professor Emeritus Grayfred Gray,” said Marnie Huff. “All Tennesseans benefit from the peace-making work of mediators, including the volunteer mediators giving their time and talent at community mediation centers across the state.”

Throughout the primary season and elections, Kent Syler was a staple on Channel 4, providing analysis of the campaigns and the electoral results.

In May, Dr. Stephen Morris offered the inaugural address “Corrupción en México a través de los años” at the Colegio de Jalisco in Guadalakara, and in August delivered a talk entitled “Corrupción y Política en México: Una visión histórica” for the opening of classes at the Instituto Mora in Mexico City. He also participated in the radio program Zigma OiniónPública to discuss corruption in Mexico.

Dr. Korobkov presented multiple scholarly papers at the 9th World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies, the 47th annual convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the Gaidar Forum on “Russia and the World: The View of the Future,” the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, where he also participated in a roundtable discussion on the media coverage of crisis, and the “Rethinking Russia” International Conference in Moscow. Dr. Korobkov also wrote/published a dozen pieces including book chapters and op-ed pieces in Russian-language outlets on migration and Russian politics, including “Why Kerry's visit to Moscow won't improve U.S.-Russia relations,” and “What Russia and the West miss in the Syrian conflict” both in Russia Direct, and conducted numerous interviews with Russian media.

Dr. Lefler obtained a Faculty Research and Creative Activity Committee Summer Research Grant for summer 2016 on the project “Bargain Shopping for Peace? Examinations of the Strategic, Structural, and Cultural Influences on Interstate Conflict Management.” She also has a co-authored paper (with Brian Lai, University of Iowa) accepted for publication in the Review of International Organizations entitled "Examining the role of region and elections on representation in the UN Security Council.”

Dr. Zhen Wang’s article “Government Work Reports: Securing State Legitimacy through Institutionalization” was accepted for publication in the prestigious peer-reviewed journal The China Quarterly.

Dr. Tesi has book chapter titled “Politics and Society in Cameroon: Change and Continuity” set for publication.

Political Science professor Dr. Mark Byrnes has been named Interim University Provost and Political Science professor Dr. Karen Petersen has been appointed Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.
Alumni News

Carry Smith (2016) has begun a PhD program in political science at Clark University in Atlanta.

Joey Meyer (2014) received his MA in International Affairs from the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs in May. He will be living in Arlington, VA and working for the Department of Justice in the Office of the Inspector General as a program analyst. Joey participates in our Virtual Mentoring program.

Robyn Diez Crossman graduated MTSU (PS) in 2007 and obtained an MA in public policy in 2011. She has worked for the US Government for eight years and is currently a decisionmaker for Veterans disability claims.

Frequenet Demisse is beginning work at the Department of Small and Local Business Development for the Government of Washington D.C.

Virtual Mentoring Program
Contact former students now working in a variety of fields or in law or graduate school. Get tips and advice.
www.mtsu.edu/politicalscience.virtualmentoring.php
The **M.A. in International Affairs** seeks to prepare students for careers in an increasingly globalized world by providing a remarkable combination of analytic research and practical applications tools for employment in

- International development and relief
- International business
- International organizations such as the UN and World Bank
- Governmental and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) focusing on global poverty alleviation, human rights, or environmental policies
- International security and peace
- Foreign policy think-tanks
- Analysis and risk management firms
- Government and foreign service
- Homeland security
- Military and intelligence services

The **ABM program** allows qualified students to double-count up to 12 graduate credit hours toward both the **B.S. in International Relations** and the **M.A. in International Affairs**.

**Requirements**

If you meet the requirements as a junior with GPA of at least 3.25 with two semesters of study remaining, you can

- get your master's degree in five years,
- take up to 12 hours of graduate coursework that will count toward both your undergraduate and your master's degrees, and
- avoid the expense of taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Formal application to an **ABM program** should be made upon completion of a minimum of seventy-five (75) credit hours in the undergraduate program, including Advanced Placement credits. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two semesters as full-time students at MTSU.

Assistantships awarded on the basis of merit are available.