

# POLI SCI MONTHLY

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTERESTED IN LIVING, STUDYING, AND WORKING IN WASHINGTON, DC?

The Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) offers Concordia students an opportunity to live, study, and intern in Washington, DC while earning Concordia academic credit.

For further information, please contact Dr. Rebecca Moore in the Political Science department ([moore@cord.edu](mailto:moore@cord.edu)). You may also visit the LCWS website at [www.washingtonsemester.org](http://www.washingtonsemester.org) and Concordia's Global Learning office. The Global Learning deadline for Spring 2021 is March 15th.



### DAY AT THE CAPITOL

March 26, 2020

Student Government Association will be hosting their annual "Day at the Capitol" in partnership with Minnesota Private Colleges on March 26. *This event is free of charge to all students.*

During the day, students will have scheduled meetings with their state representatives and senators. During those times, you will be able to advocate for the continued funding of the Minnesota State Grant, which benefits many Cobbers. You will also have the time to share with these elected officials other issues that you care about, such as climate change, government spending, gun rights, etc. This is a bipartisan event, and all are encouraged to attend (including international students or non-Minnesota residents).

If you would like to learn more about the event, or would like to sign up, visit [concordiasga.wixsite.com/capitol](http://concordiasga.wixsite.com/capitol).

### POLITICAL SCIENCE SPRING 2020 COURSES

121 *Thinking about Politics: Intro*  
Dr. Rebecca Moore, MWF 1:20-2:30

211 *U.S. Political System*  
Dr. Mike Bath, MWF 10:30-11:40

241 *International Politics*  
Dr. Rebecca Moore, MWF 10:30-12:10

256 *Comparative Politics*  
Dr. Ken Foster, TR 2:40-4:20

305 *Global Political Islam*  
Dr. Leila Zakhirova, TR 12:50-2:30

350 *Environmental Policy-Politics*  
Dr. Ken Foster, MWF 1:20-2:30

328 *Politics of Development*  
Dr. Ken Foster, MWF 1:20-2:30

355 *Petroleum Politics & Planet*  
Dr. Leila Zakhirova, TR 10:30-12:10

381 *Political Parties and Interest Groups*  
Dr. Mike Bath, TR 10:20-12:10

393 *Public Policy*  
Dr. Mike Bath, TR 12:50-2:30

### MASTERCLASS WITH NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

#### AUTHOR DAVID TREUER

Political Science students are invited to participate in a masterclass with David Treuer whose book *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee* was a National Book Award finalist in the nonfiction award category. Participating students will be expected to read a substantial excerpt from the book. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Moore ([moore@cord.edu](mailto:moore@cord.edu)).



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## MEET THE TEAM



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# POLITICS CAFÉ

Held over a light meal, Politics Cafe events offer students and political science faculty members an opportunity to engage in informal discussion of important and timely issues in American and global politics. Discussions are moderated by both faculty and students and may include special guests. Whatever the topic, these events allow students the chance to apply classroom learning to contemporary political issues in a relaxed atmosphere.

## **Crisis in Iraq: What Americans Need to Know**

February 18 | Jones A | 12-1pm

In recent months, Iraq has plunged into its worst political crisis in years. The government has responded to mass protests, mostly by young people, with violent force. At the same time, conflict among political leaders has intensified. If we look beyond the headlines, what do Americans need to know about what is happening in Iraq? A Concordia student from Iraq will share her perspective, providing insider information and sparking discussion about political change in a key country in the Middle East. Lunch will be served.

## **“Instability in Iran: a Two-Front War?”**

April 7 | Jones C/D | 12-1pm

U.S. airstrikes leading to the death of Iranian military commander Qas-sam Soleimani in early January generated anti-U.S. anger and a military response from Iran. At the same time, the Iranian regime is the target of mass internal protests directed at the regime. Can Iran sustain a two-front war: one against the West and one against its own people? How should the United States respond? Has the U.S. killing of Soleimani made the world more peaceful or more conflictual? Who are the real beneficiaries of the US-Iran hostilities? Join us for a discussion led by Dr. Zakhirova on these and other questions related to U.S.-Iranian relations. Lunch will be served.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Mason Stevenson

I am a senior political science major and business minor. I grew up in Kenyon, Minnesota. I started college as a pre-med biology major but found my passion for political science through the drama of the 2016 election cycle. Currently I work for Churches United, a homeless and low-income resource non-profit in Moorhead. I have always known that I wanted to find a career that helped other people and made a positive impact on the world and political science is a perfect avenue to make that change in the world. After college, I plan on working at Churches United for a time, helping solve the homelessness epidemic in Fargo-Moorhead. After that I plan on using my degree to aid the public through governmental/non-profit work in the environmental and social realms. As I leave Concordia this spring, I would like to thank my amazing professors. Without their advice, and expertise, I would not be in the position I am in to succeed post-graduation. I would also offer my advice to the underclass political science students. Keep searching for ways to apply your passions and skills. Your place in the world is out there just waiting for you to find it.



## FACULTY NEWS

**Dr. Foster** has received the 2019 Clay County Recycler of the Year Award. The award recognizes his work over the past five years to engage students in helping Clay County Solid Waste make progress in reducing waste. Student teams from his Environmental Policy and Politics course have completed a variety of projects, including one focused on reducing plastic bag waste and one focused on increasing recycling rates in apartment buildings. In doing this, students have earned a PEAK while learning valuable skills and contributing to the community.

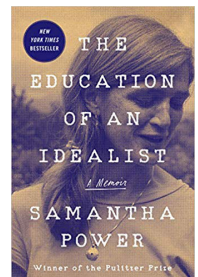


## FACULTY READING CORNER

### What Dr. Rebecca Moore is Reading...

#### **The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir by Samantha Power**

In her memoir, Power offers an urgent response to the question “What can one person do?” and a call for a clearer eye, a kinder heart, and a more open and civil hand in our politics and daily lives. *The Education of an Idealist* traces Power’s distinctly American journey from immigrant to war correspondent to presidential Cabinet official.



#### **Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover**

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara’s older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University.

