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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). You may also visit the LCWS website at www.washingtonsemester.org and Concordia's Global Learning office. The Global Learning deadline for Spring 2021 is March 15th.



Day at the Capitol

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.*

If you would like to learn more about the event, or would like to sign up, visit concordiasga.wixsite.com/capitol.

Pi Sigma Alpha

If you are a declared major in Political Science, and have:

- Junior or senior standing
- Have completed at least 16 hours of Poli Sci coursework, including at least one course at the 300 or 400-level
- Have achieved a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 as well as a minimum 3.5 GPA in your political science coursework

We urge you to apply for Pi Sigma Alpha membership. The department will recognize all new members at an off-campus honors luncheon with department faculty on Tuesday, April 28th. Completed applications are due to Rebecca Moore by Tuesday, March 31. Application forms will be sent to all majors via email.

Email Dr. Moore at moore@cord.edu with any questions.

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 10:30-11:40

256 *Comparative Politics*
Dr. Ken Foster, TR 10:30-12:10

325 *Russian Politics*
Dr. Leila Zakhirova, TR 10:30-12:10

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

362 *Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties*
Bruce Quick, W 7:00-10:00pm

365 *Global Sustainability Issues*
Dr. Leila Zakhirova, TR 12:50-2:30

433 *American Presidency*
Dr. Mike Bath, TR 12:50-2:30

480 *Independent Study*

487 *Directed Research*



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MEET THE TEAM



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COURSE OPPORTUNITY

Humanities Research Seminar

Monday Nights | 7:00-10:00pm

The Division of Humanities is again offering a Humanities Research Seminar open to any Political Science student who desires an intensive cross-disciplinary research experience. Students interested in attending graduate school should find this course of particular interest. All political science students will earn elective credit toward their Political Science major. The course is team taught by Dr. Elna Solvang and Dr. Joy Lintleman.

For further information about how to register for this course, please contact Dr. Rebecca Moore (moore@cord.edu).

POLITICS CAFÉ

“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 Qassam 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

Concordia Poli Sci Major David Lindgren named Outstanding Attorney at the American Mock Trial Regional Competition

I am a sophomore from Crystal, Minnesota majoring in both Political Science (Pre-Law) and English Writing. I chose to study Political Science because I have always enjoyed engaging in discussions with anyone who will listen. Most of my friends at Concordia are politically involved, so my love for politics has flourished.

At Concordia, I compete on the Mock Trial team, sing in the Chapel Choir, co-captain the Ultimate Frisbee team, and work as a FYT Mentor. All the student

organizations at Concordia have helped me find a community of people that are passionate about what I care about. In my free time, you can find me listening to music, eating with friends, or arguing with those same friends. I hope to attend law school after graduating and pursue a legal career specializing in Constitutional Law.



PRE-LAW LECTURE SERIES

March 24 | 7:30pm | The Centrum

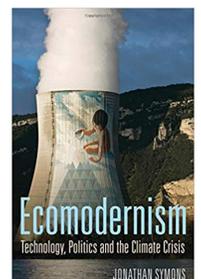
“Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: Does Political Tribalism in the Selection Process Threaten Judicial Independence?” The nomination and confirmation of Supreme Court justices has become increasingly politicized. Does the increased scrutiny (not to mention the conflict and polarization) result in a more qualified bench? What effect does it have on the workings of the Court? Join Federal Appeals Court Judge Ralph Erickson as he presents his take on the state of judicial politics today.

FACULTY READING CORNER

What Dr. Ken Foster is Reading...

Ecomodernism: Technology, Politics and The Climate Crisis

Is climate catastrophe inevitable? In a world of extreme inequality, rising nationalism and mounting carbon emissions, the future looks gloomy. Yet one group of environmentalists, the ‘ecomodernists’, are optimistic. They argue that technological innovation and universal human development hold the keys to an ecologically vibrant future. However, this perspective, which advocates fighting climate change with all available technologies – including nuclear power, synthetic biology and others not yet invented – is deeply controversial because it rejects the Green movement’s calls for greater harmony with nature.



Antidemocracy in America: Truth, Power, and the Republic at Risk

Antidemocracy in America is an invitation to look beyond the daily crises of the Trump presidency and consider the big picture. It offers essays from many of the nation’s leading scholars, experts on race, religion, gender, civil liberties, protest, inequality, immigration, climate change, national security, and the role of the media. Each essay seeks to inform our understanding of the fragility of American democracy and suggests how to protect it from the buried contradictions that Trump’s victory brought into public view.

