A Message from the Chair

Thank you all for your interest in and support of the Department of Political Science. We do indeed live in exciting times, with compelling ideas and debates ensuing on all sorts of policies and approaches—cutting across all of our sub-disciplines: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and of course Political Theory (our course “Democracy” is ever popular!). As in the past, but especially in today’s environment, we remain committed to our mission of preparing our students to become engaged, aware, and leading citizens in our global society. We are most grateful for your continued generous support which assists us in producing our departmental Honors and Awards event, as well as the student awards themselves, and provides support for student activities such as the Model UN and bringing to campus guest lecturers on topics of current interest, among many other endeavors. We are deeply grateful!

Dr. Patricia Rachal

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Faculty News

Here are some brief updates of what we are doing inside and outside the classroom:

Prof. Jorge Alves has recently published articles analyzing the local roots behind the collapse of left parties in Brazil (*Journal of Politics in Latin America*) and how the relationship between state and local governments tends to hurt public health services in Brazil’s state capitals (*Latin American Politics & Society*). He is now examining how informal practices change political parties as they try to expand. Prof. John Bowman is on sabbatical this spring, working on a new book tentatively titled *Who Gets What? Government and Economic Redistribution*. Prof. Alison Cole is currently serving as the executive officer of the Political Science program at the CUNY Graduate Center. She is the co-editor (with George Shulman) of an upcoming book examining Michael Paul Rogin’s contributions to political theory (*Routledge* 2019) and will be keynote speaker at the *Mémorial de la Shoah* in Paris, France this June. Prof. Ziva Flamhaft is making appearances discussing her memoir *War Widow: How the Six Day War Changed my Life* (*Create Space 2017*) while working on a new book based on interviews with Israeli and Palestinian women bereaved by war. Prof. Michael Krasner maintains his support of high school teachers through the Taft Institute, developing curricula and conducting electoral simulations. He has a forthcoming book titled *Immigrant Crossroads: Incorporation and Place Making in Queens, NY* (*Temple* 2019) co-edited with Prof. Francois Pierre-Louis, former QC.

Prof. Ron Hayduk, and Tarry Hum and is working on a book on applying his Theory of Invited Behavior to President Trump.

Prof. Peter Liberman recently published the article “Vicarious Retribution in US Public Support for War Against Iraq” (co-authored with Linda J. Skitka) in the journal *Security Studies*. In the classroom, he is employing and testing an experimental reasoning-training method in which students use computer software to diagram arguments from political science texts. Prof. Keena Lipsitz has an article under review where she examines why some people are bothered by politicians being uncivil to one another but others are not, while also working on how information format affects how citizens process information about candidates from opposing parties. She is also directing our internship program, which is currently placing students with legislators in Albany and locally with a variety of elected officials, judges and lawyers, including QC alumni City Councilmember Rory Lancman and attorneys Andrew Kimler and John Santora.

Our newest faculty member, Prof. Vanessa Perez, is analyzing the voting behavior and party affiliation of new Puerto Ricans in Florida with support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Prof. Patricia Rachal received her third consecutive five-year grant for $2.7 million from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) to improve the delivery of services to those with deaf-blindness in New York State. Prof. Alex Reichl continues his investigation of the politics of life in New York City, analyzing the planning decisions that shaped public spaces in Times Square and Coney Island and is writing about parking tickets as a window into everyday power mechanisms. Prof. Joe Rollins recently published a new book titled *Legally Straight: Sexuality, Childhood, and The Cultural Value of Marriage* (*NYU Press* 2018). Prof. Yan Sun’s most recent article in her ongoing analysis of corruption in China is forthcoming in the *Journal of Contemporary China*. She also presented findings of her recent project on the state and religion in Xinjiang and Tibet in academic talks.

But enough about us! We would love to share information about your exciting work. Contact Prof. Jorge Alves (jorge.alves@qc.cuny.edu) and we will gladly include your update in our next newsletter.

The Political Science Department is always seeking internship opportunities for our students.

The program requires students to commit to at least one day of interning per week. If you are interested in mentoring a student for a semester or during the summer, please contact Prof. Keena Lipsitz (klipsitz@qc.cuny.edu).
Recent & Upcoming Events

We have hosted a series of exciting events this year. Our Political Science Alumni Reception was held on campus last September, where we honored our award-winning Model United Nations students and Prof. Alves spoke about the old patterns and new trends in politics throughout Latin America. We also engaged the current electoral cycle. Prof. Liberman hosted NY State Senate primary candidates for District 11 Tony Avella and John Liu. The department also held a faculty roundtable on Elections in the Americas, where Profs. Lipsitz and Perez analyzed the 2018 Midterm Election.

Later this Spring, we will continue our Alumni Career Forum series, which allow our alumni to share their varied job market experiences and advice with our current students. Contact Prof. Alves if you would like to volunteer.