

# Political Science Newsletter

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## Welcoming Message

The Political Science Department and Pi Sigma Alpha would like to give you a warm welcome to the new, exciting year! We hope that you semester has started off well and you are adjusting comfortably into your new surroundings, classes and professors.

Furthermore, we would like to invite you to participate in a wide variety of activities we have to offer on and off campus, including our Annual Fall Picnic coming up this Friday! (refer to page 3 for more information)

## A New Addition to our Family: Greg Koger

The Political Science Department has a new addition to its faculty this semester. Greg Kroger, the new assistant professor, is currently teaching American Politics, Political Parties, and the Presidency. Next semester he will be teaching a course on Congress and a graduate course on American Politics.

Originally from Spokane, Washington, Kroger has lived in diverse locations ranging from Tena, Ghana to Washington D.C. After completing his B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science at Willamette University, he moved on to complete his Ph.D. in Political Science at UCLA. He specializes in political institutions and representation, focusing on the history and development of the U.S. Congress, political parties, and elections. In the past he has worked as a Legislative Assistant to U.S. Rep. Nethercutt, Teaching Assistant, and Visiting Assistant Professor at UCLA. He has received numerous awards and grants for his work, including the Stewart Dissertation Fellowship from the UCLA Political Science Department.

In his free time Kroger enjoys spending time with his daughter Chase, collecting various styles of music, playing football, racquetball, or tennis, and hiking.

Destin Markland

## Graduation Deadlines!!!

Don't forget that you must apply for graduation. Applications are available in the Registration Center.

**General Dates** - If you plan to graduate at the end of:

Spring Semester: apply by the 2nd week of autumn semester  
Summer Semester: apply by the 2nd week of spring semester  
Autumn Semester: apply by the 2nd week of spring semester.

A \$25 application fee must be paid at Business Services in Griz Central of the Lommasson Center. Applications are due in departments from three to fourteen days in advance of this date. Check with the departments regarding departmental due dates.

## A Sad Goodbye to a Political Science Legend: Forest Grieves

Forest L. Grieves is a professor of Political Science at The University of Montana, specializing in international law and comparative government. Attending Stanford University, Grieves was the first male of his family to graduate from college. After receiving his B.A. in Political Science and a commission from the ROTC Program, he was stationed in Germany as a U.S. Army officer where he worked with refugees. It was experiences like this that instigated an interest in international law and German politics influencing his graduate studies.

Grieves' researched topics such as international environmental law, U.N. peacekeeping, U.S. foreign policy and the European Court of Human Rights. Dedicating a considerable portion of his studies to German affairs, he received commendations from the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut in Saarbrücken, Germany and the Minister-President of the Saarland for furthering German-American relations.

Grieves has worked at the UM for over 35 years, however this year will be his last. He has decided to retire, leaving a legacy behind him in which he helped students develop job related skills while keeping his door open for anyone with questions, concerns, or just wanting to chat. Grieves has received a number of invitations to teach in Germany, but plans to spend the next few years relaxing with his wife and getting himself back in good health. One thing is for sure, Grieves has lived an extraordinary and giving life; no one will ever forget what he has done for his students and the University of Montana.

Julianna Crowley

### Major Requirements

Students majoring in political science must take a minimum of 36 credits of political science, including 100S, 120S, 130E, 150E; and one 300-400 level course in four of the five major fields (American Government, Comparative Government, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Administration).

Twenty-one of the 36 credits must be in upper-division courses. No more than 7 credits of independent study (PSC 496) and internship (PSC 498) combined may count toward the 36 required credits.

One may also chose a focus in either American Government, International Relations and Comparative Politics, Public Administration, or Public Law. For more information check the catalogue or the Political Science webpage at.....  
<http://www.umt.edu/polsci/polsci11.htm>

### Writing Requirements

According to General Education Requirements, all students must a) pass an approved writing course, b) pass the upper-division writing proficiency test, and c) satisfy the upper-division writing requirement in their major.

PSC 300 is designed for students needing to satisfy the first of these three requirements: an approved writing course. This can also be satisfied by taking one of the listed courses in the catalogue.

PSC 400 is designed for students needing to satisfy the last of these requirements: the upper-division writing requirement for the political science major.

Both courses are a one credit course taken in conjunction with an upper-division political science course of the student's choosing. It entails completing writing assignments set by the professor which conform to the criteria set for general education writing courses

## **Political Science Annual Fall Picnic**

The Political Science Annual Fall picnic will be held this **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** at the **McCormick Recreational building**. It will run from **5pm to 7pm**. This will prove to be an exciting event at which faculty, staff, and students of the Political Science Department will have the opportunity to visit with one another while enjoying a casual atmosphere.

This will be a potluck, so please sign up to bring a little special something! The sign-up sheet can be found on the door of the Political Science office.

Thank you and I hope to see you there!

## **Graduate Students**

We would also like to give a warm welcome to new and returning graduate students,

Jill Andrea Ahmann, Eldena Nicole Bear Don't Walk, Coral E. Beck, Samuel Bernofsky, Jean Marie Cornwall, Julianna Engh, Brad Faulhaber, James Stephan Fay, Joshua Fegley, Leighanne Caroline Fogerty, Kjersten Forseth, Alan Paul Fugleberg, David Dominic Nganga Gachigo, Patricia Ann Guiberson, Ryan Darrell Hammon, Julia Ann Hartman, Deborah Evelyn Holland, Kristen Inbody, Nicholas Kirwasn, Katie Lee Kleinhesselink, Curtis Emil Larsen, Kathryn McEnergy, Virginia Lynn Niccolucci, Jason Matovich, Melanie Noto Brock, Sara Lynn Orbe, Michiko Sabrina Owa, Marian Moore Palaia, Elaine Ruth Palmer, Megan Anisa Phillips, Jean-Bertrand Ribat, Maya Russell, Khalid Sagnawi, Amy Marie Scott, James Howard Steele, Tara Steinke, Michael M. Weintz, Mary K. Windecker, and Jin Zhou

## **Pi Sigma Alpha**

**What is PSA?** Founded in 1920 at the University of Texas, PSA is the national honors society for political science graduate and undergraduate students. PSA has more than 460 chapters in colleges and university in the United States.

**The UM Chapter**, Epsilon Mu, is the University of Montana's chapter of PSA. Epsilon Mu is one of the most active honors groups at the University of Montana. The organization participates in a wide variety of events, such as organizing political debates, holding an annual career day for political leaders each spring, and monitoring speeches and forums. Epsilon Mu has won Best Chapter Award from the National Office of PSA four years! PSA Epsilon Mu meets every week, Tuesdays at 7pm in LA 344.

**We Are Recruiting New Members!** Pi Sigma Alpha needs you! If you have a 3.0 average in your political science classes and meet some other criteria, you may be eligible to become a member! This is a great way to become involved and meet other political science students.

**We would also like to extend our congratulations to the members of Pi Sigma Alpha for a wonderful year and having won Best Chapter Award once again! Keep up the good work!**

## Scholarship Information

**Philo Bennett Scholarship** - Competition is open to all undergraduates (preference given to juniors and seniors) who have expressed scholarly or career interest in government and who will be full-time UM students throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) excellent G.P.A., overall and in Political Science; b) submission of a writing sample on a topic pertaining to good government; and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

### **Anthony "Tony" Allen Doohan (see Newberry)**

**Susan K. Grebeldinger Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science major or minor (undergraduate or graduate--B.A./M.A. students) who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award and who has a career or scholarly interest in legal studies. Criteria: a) excellent GPA and demonstrated high performance in political science courses, b) submission of a writing sample with legal emphasis and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**Kain/McKay Scholarships** - Several scholarships are awarded each year to declared Political Science undergraduate majors who must be full-time UM students throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) strong GPA in Political Science, b) strong overall GPA, and c) a current copy of a unofficial transcript must be included with the application.

**Anthony "Tony" Allen Newberry (Doohan) Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared undergraduate Political Science major who will be a full-time student throughout the academic year of the award and who has a career or scholarly interest in international studies. Criteria: a) strong G.P.A. and b) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**Thomas Payne Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science Major (junior, senior, or higher) who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) excellent GPA and demonstrated high performance in political science courses, and b) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**Alan D. Robertson Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science major (sophomore, junior or senior) who graduated from a Montana high school and who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award. Criteria: a) minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, b) evidence of leadership activities on campus or in the community and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

**E. Paul Sliter Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science major (junior or senior) who will be a full-time student throughout the academic year of the award. The recipient must have participated in community service and must have demonstrated political involvement.

**Maude and Grover Waldron Scholarship** - Awarded to a declared Political Science/Public Administration major (undergraduate or graduate) who will be a full-time UM student throughout the academic year of the award and who has a scholarly or career interest in state and local government and politics. Criteria: a) strong G.P.A. (at least a 3.4 in Political Science), b) one letter of recommendation and c) a current unofficial copy of transcript.

*All Political Science scholarships will be announced in Political Science classes early in March and will be awarded in late March. Application forms are available in the Political Science office (LA 350).*