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Political Science and International Relations Alumni Newsletter

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The Department of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY-Geneseo wishes you a most Happy New Year! This past year has been an excellent year for the Department, we continue to attract some of the brightest and most motivated young students. The department is soon to complete a search for a new faculty member to provide expertise on South or East Asian Politics for our students, as well as with an ability to provide an array of other courses. This newsletter provides you with information on some of the department's recent activities, biographies of some of distinguished alumni, an introduction to one of our new faculty members, Karleen West, and political humor.

The department will relocate to a renovated Fraser

Hall by January 20. I am glad to leave the Welles area. The renovated facilities will provide faculty with better offices, and students will have access to a "break-out" room that facilitates interaction. The process of weeding through my books and papers is not fun, deciding what should be kept and discarded is both time-consuming but, in a sense, it is a cleansing process at the end I will probably find rewarding.

For the Spring 2015 semester I will be on sabbatical, working on my research on the partisan inclinations of Native American Indians, as well as on regional variation in Caucasian public opinion on immigration and attitudes toward Mexican-Americans. Professor Edward Drachman will serve as interim chair for the semester.

Political Affairs Trip to Washington, DC.



For the past several years the Political Affairs Club has travelled to Washington, DC in October. This year we travelled in September, and were accompanied by Professor Jeremy Grace and 12 members of the International Relations Club. This made for the largest group of faculty and students to travel to DC. The first meeting for students in the Political Affairs Club was with **Kristin Graham-Koehler'91** at the Sidley-Austin Law firm on K Street. In addition to meeting with students to discuss careers in the legal field, Kristin was kind and generous enough to host a

reception for the students and alumni in the area. The next morning we visited the offices of **Jennifer Dunlap'81**, CEO of Development Resources Inc, We then took the metro to the Department of State where we met with **Liz Allen'07**. After our visit to the State Department we travelled by taxi to the Department of Energy where we were accompanied by **Jaime McKay'11**. Ms. McKay, previously worked for the Department of Energy. She currently works for National Capital Region Business Development, this organization oper-



Above: PAC at White House, lower left: PAC at Department of Energy, lower right: Kristin Graham-Koehler, Jennifer Dunlap, and Constance Christakos



ates in five states to get propane implemented as an alternative fuel. After leaving the Department of Energy we hiked over to the Internal Revenue Service where we met with **Tom Brandt'89** and **John Pekarik'98**. We ended our day meeting with **Thomas Buneo'11** at Common Good VA, a Political Action Committee. Tom is also Chief Operating Officer for the Democratic Party of Virginia.

The International Relations Club also had a busy schedule in Washington, DC, meeting with a variety of Geneseo alumni to discuss career paths. The IR Club, accompanied by Professor Jeremy Grace, met with **Chad Salitan'09** at the State Department, **Anna Borshchevskaya'02**, currently a Fellow at the European Foundation for Democracy, **Michael Case'08** at Vox Media, **Ryan Callanan'06** at Booz Allen (a provider of management, technology and security services to civilian government agencies, as well as a security and defense contractor to defense and intelligence agencies, and to civil and commercial entities), and with **Nick Lombardo'09**, a manager at Tata Sons, an Indian Multi-national corporation headquartered in Mumbai,



Top left: Maggie Fogg, Matt Andrews, Thomas Buneo, top right: PAC at Dept of Energy, center: Geneseo students at reception in Washington, DC., lower left: PAC at IRS, lower right: Pierce McManus, previous Model UN President, Zack Perdek, current Model UN President



Maharashtra, India. Tata Sons encompasses seven business sectors: communications and information technology, engineering, materials, services, energy, consumer products and chemicals.

We thank the many generous alumni who gave their time to the faculty and staff of the Department of Political Science and International Relations during our trip to Washington, DC this past September.

Pictured left: Professor Jeremy Grace with Amanda Slobe

Matt Walters and Professor Jeff Koch Discuss 2014 Midterm Elections



Above: Professor Jeffery Koch & Matt Walters

On September 22nd **Matt Walters'94**, President of the Republican State Leadership Committee, came to Geneseo to meet with students interested in careers in the electoral field, as well as to participate in a discussion about elections, with specific focus on the 2014 midterm elections. Mr. Walters was joined by **Professor Jeffrey Koch**. A lively discussion ensued, Matt Walters offering the observations of a professional who works on elections, and Professor Koch offering the perspective of a scholar who observes the process from a distance.





Political Humor

“The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read.” –Mark Twain

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.” —Marion Barry, former mayor of Washington, D.C.

“We believe that to err is human. To blame it on someone else is politics.” - Hubert H. Humphrey

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts”—Will Rogers

“A diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.”--Caskie Stinnett

“Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company.” Mark Twain

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Lectures During the Fall 2014 Semester

On September 17, Geneseo alum **Dr. Michael J. Hanmer '95**, Professor at the University of Maryland, came to Geneseo to deliver a lecture on "Voter ID Laws and Voting: Understanding the Adoption of Voter Identification Laws in the American States." The research is from a paper Dr. Hanmer co-wrote with



Dr. Daniel R. Biggers that is currently under review for publication.

With research interests in mass political behavior, Dr. Hanmer noted that a large quantity of scholarship is being published on the effect of laws on voter turnout and policy adoption, but very little on the actual adoption of election laws themselves. The goals for his research were to explain the adoption of perhaps the most important election laws – voter identification laws – in the United States from 1972-2011 (1972 signifying the birth of modern elections). He wanted to create a new data set on identification law adoption, draw public attention to election law adoption, and encourage more theory building and data collection on this subject.

Professor Hanmer argued that looking at voter iden-

tification laws was a particularly useful lens through which to view the adoption of election laws. According to him, I.D. laws have the power to influence voter turnout, change the composition of the electorate, reduce fraudulent elections, and increase public trust in the government. He hypothesizes that the process of the adoption of ID laws might influence these factors. To test this, Hanmer looked at state-year election data from 1972-2011. He found that the first state to adopt an identification law was South Carolina in 1950, but that most states did not have any I.D. law until the 2000s. Based on this data, Hanmer hypothesized that switches to a Republican legislature and governor would increase the likelihood of identification law adoption. He stressed that key factors to influence these things would be partisanship, vetoes and mandates, geographic diffusion, and the Help America Vote Act (2002), which forced states to raise the issue of identification by requiring it for some new voter registrants. Ultimately, Hanmer found that the biggest effects in election adoption laws came with switches to a Republican governor and a unified legislature. Understanding these trends is important, according to Hanmer, because I.D. laws have significantly changed both election campaigns (for Democrats and Republicans) and elections themselves. Hanmer maintained that must use this data in order to increase voter turnout and improve the election system as a whole.

Dr. Hanmer received his B.A. in Economics from the State University of New York at Geneseo in 1995, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 2004. He is the author of *Discount Voting: Voter Registration Reforms and Their Effects*, and co-author of *Voting Technology: The Not-So-Simple Act of Casting a Ballot*. He is currently Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies for the University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics. He is married to **Kristin (Allen) Hanmer**, who

graduated from Geneseo in 1995 with a degree in Political Science. Mike and Kristin currently reside in Virginia with their two children.

On Wednesday, September 24, Professor of Political Science **Richard L Pacelle, Jr.** from the University of Tennessee visited Geneseo to give a lecture on ““Forty More Years?””.

According to Dr. Pacelle, three main models of Supreme Court decision-making have dominated literature in political science: (1) The legal model, which argues that the Court makes decisions based on the need for consistency and legitimacy; (2) the attitudinal model, which states that individual justices act on their own personal beliefs and seek to put forth policies in line with collective preferences; and (3) the strategic model, which places the Supreme Court in the larger context of the government as a whole, and states that the Court makes reasonable decisions so as to avoid criticism from other branches of government.

In the talk, and in his book, Professor Pacelle explained that while there are merits to be found in each individual model, none is wholly sufficient to explain modern Supreme Court decision-making. According to him, what is needed is an integrative model that incorporates aspects of all three. So, his argument is that Supreme Court decisions are made based on a variety of factors: precedents, the individual wills of justices, and the system of checks and balances and restraints that these may impose. To test this new model, Pacelle examined a number of different civil and economic legal cases from 1953-2000, following the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. What he and his colleagues found was that the Supreme Court primarily is driven by policy preferences, but is still significantly influenced by other branches of government. Professor Pacelle’s analyses of individual court cases were astute and clear-cut, and his proposed integrative model of Supreme Court decision-making was comprehensive and easy to understand, and highlighted important problems of each long-standing model.

Dr. Pacelle received his Ph.D. in 2003 from Ohio State University. Before joining the Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, he taught at Georgia Southern University, Indiana University, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. His teaching interests are in American politics with a focus on public law. *Decision Making by the Modern*

Supreme Court, coauthored with Brett W. Curry and Bryan W. Marshall, was published in 2011.

On October 1, **Professor David Shambaugh** of George Washington University gave a presentation for the Geneseo Political Science Department about his recently published book, *China Goes Global: The Partial Power* (2013).

The talk and his book centered on the seemingly exponential rise of China on the global stage in the past thirty years. As Shambaugh pointed out, China’s economic, social, and cultural reach extends throughout the world, in a number of important facets – mineral mines in Africa, the economy of the United States, oil fields in the



Middle East, and agriculture in Latin America, among other things. However, according to Shambaugh, the central argument of his book is that this reach is still quite limited, thus making China only a “partial power.”

To be sure, China is indeed still an international economic superpower. Four of the world’s top ten banks are in China, and the nation has the second largest economy in the world (if not the largest) behind the United States. Most people acknowledge that China has one of the most important and fastest-growing economies worldwide, but as Shambaugh demonstrated, there are significant factors that many statistics on China’s economy do not show – such as the economy’s relatively weak structural quality, and its (likely)

inability to sustain its huge long-term growth – that limit the country as an international superpower. Additionally, as the world's single largest energy consumer, China's growing energy needs are shaping national interests, as much – if not more so – than economic development. For example, Shambaugh cited the importance of ships and the sea as means of trading around the world, and the fact that China is increasingly looking to secure these transportation routes shows that it must develop a much stronger navy if it intends to truly become a “global” power.

Moreover, China's access to a “full” rather than “partial” status as a global player is limited severely by its inability to follow international laws and cooperate with other powers on a global scale. For example, the United Nations has revealed that China has been selling arms to countries with high-

ly contested war zones and high-conflict areas, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ivory Coast, Somalia, and Sudan, without properly cooperating with the United Nations by intimidating U.N. arms experts and resisting any attempt by the U.N. to control China's activities. Because of these important issues, according to Shambaugh, China is still a long way away from achieving the international power status that the United States has maintained for many years. Dr. David Shambaugh received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and is currently at George Washington University as a Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and Director of the China Policy Program. He is also a nonresident Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program and Center for East Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution.



Student Internship Experience

Julia Mizutani 16'

I am a Junior International Relations major, with minors in French and Environmental Studies. During the Fall 2014 semester I am working as an intern in a transnational Human Rights Legal Advocacy Organization in New York City.

Receiving a scholarship from Geneseo alum John Merchant allowed me to complete a semester long internship through the SUNY Global Engagement Program in Manhattan. As an intern I work with lawyers trained in international affairs to advance reproductive freedom as a fundamental human right that all governments are legally obligated to protect. The Center for Reproductive Rights uses legal advocacy to bring cases before national courts, international courts, United Nations committees and regional human rights bodies. During my time working for the Global Legal Program sector of the office, I edited shadow letters and wrote cover letters for several United Nations and regional committees to review human rights violations in countries such as Nepal, Malawi, Nigeria and Uganda. I conducted



research on abortion laws across the globe, created excel spreadsheets with the contact information for all of the Permanent Missions to the UN, and researched the link between maternal mortality rates and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. I have also worked in a global office on Wall Street on cases from Kenya. I participated in the UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, witnessing how an issue like child marriage in Nepal can have implications throughout society, requiring action by the international community. While working in a NGO advocacy group, I learned how profoundly important global civil society is to a functioning international system. I find it remarkable to think there now exists a moral code for life, a doctrine of human rights, a set of regulations that states have agreed upon. I was proud to be involved in organizations dedicated to preserving and upholding those standards.

Political science professor works to improve living conditions for indigenous peoples by Sarah Bissell, Lamron, September 5, 2014.

An ongoing battle that is rarely discussed among the student body at Geneseo is that of the efforts of indigenous populations throughout Ecuador to block oil drilling on their land. Assistant professor of political science **Karleen**



70 subjects in an effort to learn more about their struggle and saw some of the impact firsthand. In one area, West was brought to see an oil pit in disrepair in a body of water, which she was able to stand in.

“At one point, I spoke with women who had lumps and welts

West is particularly involved with this topic. West has travelled to Latin America on multiple occasions, most recently to Ecuador on a trip funded by the National Science Foundation with American University professor of government Todd Eisenstadt.

This trip was established to develop an answer to one overarching question: “What makes some indigenous groups so successful in their efforts to prevent drilling in their land?” West and Eisenstadt set out to examine how minority groups are able to make themselves heard in situations where the government and other organizations tend to overlook them.

The research trip lasted for one month and spanned six cities within Ecuador: Cotacachi, Latacunga, Tena, Coca, Puyo and Nueva Loja. While there, West and Eisenstadt observed conditions in the areas of study, interviewed indigenous people and conducted surveys among portions of the population.

A survey conducted by the researchers and Centro de Estudios y Datos, Ecuador’s premier survey company, revealed that those most concerned about the future of the environment were those who were most vulnerable to environmental change—those with little access to running/clean water or electricity.

West individually interviewed approximately

on their legs which were cancerous, because they are bathing in and drinking this water,” West said. “It was one of the most moving experiences—to see the horrible damage and impact on the people.”

West presented her findings in Washington, D.C. at the 110th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. At this conference, West and Eisenstadt explained their findings and shared their experiences in a presentation entitled “Lawsuits for the Pachamama in Ecuador: Explaining the Determinants of New Indigenous Movements to Mitigate Environmental Impacts.”

West is looking forward to using this experience in an effort to improve the Latin American studies portion of the political science department. As a new team of Latin American cultural historians has been brought into the Geneseo community across different departments, they will be working together to improve the program. West is looking forward to instituting a new study abroad program in Mexico or Ecuador, and teaching a senior seminar on environmental politics on a global scale. West hopes to turn her research into a book, which is “such a rewarding outcome for research.” She hopes that with both her research and her colleagues’, situations for those living in oppression can be improved and voices can be heard.

Alumni Profiles

Karen A. Smith Bogart'78, PhD

Karen A. Smith Bogart graduated from SUNY-Geneseo in 1978, she is the President of Smith Bogart Consulting, an advisement firm to firms on business growth and turn-around. She has led two start-up firms and has taught at the University of California at Santa Barbara since 2007. She previously was Senior Vice President of Eastman Kodak Company. She was the



Chairman and President of Greater Asia, located in Shanghai, China, responsible for Kodak's businesses and operations across Asia. She also managed many of Kodak's largest global businesses including Professional Imaging, Consumer Printing, and Cameras.

Dr. Bogart has Board of Directors experience with eight

companies in the United States and Asia. Currently, she is a Director of Mohawk Industries (MHK); a NYSE listed floor covering firm. She is a Director of Monolithic Power Systems (MPWR); a NASDAQ listed semiconductor company. She is also a Director of ZBE Inc., a private firm that develops digital printers for commercial imaging. She formerly served as a Director of KODAK India, KODAK China, KODAK China Manufacturing, KODAK Thailand, and MUTEK.

She has served as a director for multiple not-for-profit organizations focused on women's economic self-sufficiency and education. She currently serves on the Fielding Graduate University Board of Trustees. She formerly chaired the Board of Directors for the Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) in Santa Barbara, CA and the Women's Foundation of Genesee Valley in Rochester, NY.

She holds a PhD in Human and Organizational Systems from Fielding Graduate University, a Masters of Arts in Human and Organizational Systems from Fielding Graduate University, a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Rochester, Masters in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, and a BA, Political Science from the State University of New York at Geneseo.

Gretchen Gellert'93

I graduated from Geneseo in 1993 with a dual major in Political Science and Economics and a minor in public administration. I wanted to be a professor of American Civics because I was so inspired by many of my teachers at Geneseo. I wanted to teach from experience so I went to George Washington University/Graduate School of Political Management for a degree in Environmental Politics.

Washington D.C. is a totally different universe than Geneseo! When you meet new people there

they ask about your resume, not your astrological sign or where you grew up. Everyone is measuring up the competition. I learned quite a bit in my two years there both professionally and personally. I was there during the years when Marion Barry was re-elected for Mayor; the White House was shot at (resulting in the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue to vehicular traffic) and was also dive-bombed by a very small plane, and during the 1996 presidential primary. Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the House and Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court. On the personal side, a classmate of mine was shot and killed by a carjacker and my own roommate was carjacked. Thankfully he made it out ok. Crime in Washington D.C. was a huge issue and we had to be extremely careful where and when we went about town.

As part of our degree, we were required to intern for a semester. I chose to intern at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. I was assigned to a scholar who focused on environmental regulation and its effect on both the economy and the earth. He was a moderate thinker and realized the need for regulation but also that it has to fit in with providing a competitive landscape for corporations so they continue to provide jobs at decent wages and products at reasonable prices. The internship was a great experience in that I was tasked with working with staff at the EPA and at OSHA as well as visiting other think tanks in the city and learn about their research on similar topics.

During my last semester at GW, I took a job as a Program Instructor for The Close Up Foundation. It was a program where high school students from all over the country came to Washington D.C. to learn about American Civics and we used the city as our classroom. It was an amazing experience. The students would generally come to my first lesson on Sunday night, bored, annoyed that they had to listen to me and by Friday afternoon were energized and engaged by what they had learned and their role in it all. I was able to bring the students to Supreme Court sessions, introduce them to their Senators and Congressional Representatives, give them up close tours of the Capitol and use their imaginations to teach lessons on civil rights, on war time policies

and issues local to their homes.

After graduation, I left Washington and moved to the NYC area. I needed to start to pay off those student loans and I wasn't in the mindset to appreciate what it took to achieve a doctorate. So I found a job as a trademark researcher with a company called Corsearch (Wolters Kluwer). Trademark research isn't something anyone learns in college so the training program for the position is 6 months. It is an interesting field in that no two searches are the same and we are doing work for Fortune 100 companies. We get to see what companies like Procter & Gamble, Coca Cola, and Home Depot are planning on coming out with. It is a stressful job in that we have to do the work



very quickly and with no mistakes.

To date, I have been with Corsearch for 18 years. The industry has evolved tremendously since I started. At that time, the internet was still a relatively new frontier. Clients could add on domain name searches to their reports for an extra fee. Within the year, it became standard in all reports. We then started conducting a common law search of web content for an additional fee. Within a few years, that became a standard part of the searches as well. With the internet and the shrinking of global commerce, we have also had to expand

the number of databases we search. We cannot just focus on trademarks in the US but now need to be able to search for similar trademark usage in major markets like Europe, South America and Asia.

I have had a great career and have learned a tremendous amount during my time at Corsearch. I am currently the Director of US Search Operations. I have worked through Six Sigma principles to ensure that my staff are learning and producing the highest quality reports possible. In 2010 and in 2013, Corsearch acquired European trademark research firms. I have been working to integrate the search systems and the staff which has required me to frequently travel to Europe and to host the new staff in our NYC office. I have also been able to be part of the project teams that created our online client facing preliminary search tools as well as search review and trademark watch/policing tools.

My initial dream of becoming a professor never materialized but I have had a fulfilling career in spite of it. I was able to use my teaching skills and learned how to become an effective manager. I still follow politics but not from the two party view. More from the view of what feels right. My years at Geneseo were challenging and helped to prepare me for the work and life experiences I have encountered. I had some fantastic teachers, worked on interesting projects and topics, and met some amazing people during those four years.

I live in the Hudson Valley with my husband, 11 year old twins and a chocolate Labrador.

Thomas Cronmiller'78

Tom Cronmiller received his JD from the University of New Hampshire. Mr. Cronmiller graduated from SUNY Geneseo in 1978 with a degree in Political Science, he is an experienced trial lawyer and counsel to multiple companies, who has tried a variety of cases to verdict in both federal and state courts, including appellate practice. Tom's practice focuses on products liability, complex personal injury, commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation and professional liability litigation, including medical



malpractice, legal malpractice, accounting malpractice and directors and officers liability. Tom's representative clients include multi-national, publicly traded manufacturing companies, large underwriters of commercial and specialty lines of insurance, privately held and public companies. In addition he has represented clients before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Tom is Chair of the firm's Torts & Products Liability Defense Practice Area and formerly the Practice Group Leader of Torts & Insurance Group. Tom is a Certified Federal Court Mediator for the Western District Court of New York, serves as a member of a local rules committee for the Western District of New York, and is a member of the Western District of New York Federal Bar Association. Tom serves as counsel to many small, mid-sized and large privately held companies. Tom provides general legal counsel to accounting firms, food distributors/wholesalers, farm product distributors, food processors, manufactures, information technology companies, and com-

panies involved in real estate. In addition, Tom is a member of the board of directors of a privately held company and is the past treasurer of a not for profit corporation.

Tom has written and lectured on a number of topics, including professional liability, risk management, trial practice and ethics. He has provided multiple CLE and CE programs for clients throughout the Northeast.

Stuart Davidson'93



Stuart Davidson graduated from Geneseo in 1993 with a degree in Political Science. He remembers vividly sitting in Dr. Kenneth Deutsch's office in Welles Hall the day after receiving his LSAT scores, terrified that he would never get into law school. Dr. Deutsch, who Stuart considered an important mentor notwithstanding wholly different political ideologies, told Stuart not to worry – if going to law

school was meant to be, he would get accepted somewhere. And Stuart really wanted to go to law school. Although his grades at Geneseo were hardly exceptional, he had enjoyed and shined in Dr. Deutsch's Legal Theory and Constitutional Law courses. It was meant to be for Stuart to become a lawyer, he thought. But it would not be easy.

Stuart spent the spring of 1993 receiving rejection letter after rejection letter from law schools around the country. He even created a "Wall of Shame" with the letters in the kitchen of his 72 Second Street apartment, which he referred to as the "Kibbutz Countdown." Stuart figured that if he could not go to law school, he would just move to Israel and live and work on a kibbutz.

Then, in June 1993, he finally received an acceptance letter – from the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "There are a lot worse places to go to law school," Stuart said to himself. So, Stuart drove down to Fort Lauderdale from Buffalo that summer, and began the legal career he had dreamed of.

At Nova Law, Stuart excelled. He was quite a bit surprised when his first semester "1L" grades came out, and had received all "A's," quite a feat for any first year law student. Stuart was able to "grade-on" to the Nova Law Review after his first year, went on to earn the highest grades in his class (book awards) in several courses, including Trial Advocacy, Criminal Pretrial Practice, and International Law, and graduated with his Juris Doctorate (J.D.) degree in 1996 summa cum laude and in the top 3% of his class.

Following his graduation from Nova Law, Stuart was sought after by several Big Law firms in South Florida, but opted instead to join the Broward County, Florida Public Defender's Office in order to represent the most indigent and needy in society. During his five-year tenure at the Public Defender's Office, Stuart tried over 30 jury trials, became a Lead Felony Division Attorney, and defended individuals charged with major

crimes ranging from third-degree felonies to life and capital felonies. Some of his notable cases at the Public Defender's Office included representing an individual charged with capital homicide for murdering, by suffocation, the owner of a motel in Fort Lauderdale, and representing one of the first women in the United States charged with battery on a child after being caught on camera by a "Nanny Cam".

In 2002, after a brief stint with a boutique law firm specializing in securities and white collar criminal defense law, Stuart began working for the largest law firm in the United States dedicated solely to prosecuting class action lawsuits, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, whose lawyers were in the process of achieving record-breaking settlements totaling \$7.2 billion from those persons and banks responsible for the collapse of Enron. At Robbins Geller, where Stuart became a partner in 2007, he has played a major role in recovering over \$100 million for shareholders of publicly-traded companies due to officer and director misconduct, for consumers harmed by fraud and deceptive trade practices, and for healthcare providers for underpayments by HMOs. Stuart was interviewed by Law360, one of the most widely read online legal newsletters, in July 2011 <http://www.law360.com/articles/254865/q-a-with-robbins-geller-s-stuart-davidson>, and has been quoted in The New York Times, The Miami Herald, the Sun-Sentinel, and the San Francisco Chronicle, among others.

Among his notable achievements while at Robbins Geller, Stuart served as co-lead counsel in *In re UnitedGlobalCom, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery and alleging breaches of fiduciary duty by the board of UnitedGlobalCom in connection with the sale of the Company to its majority shareholder, Liberty Media, which settled for \$25 million just weeks before trial. Stuart also served as class counsel in *Kehoe v. Fidelity Federal Bank & Trust*, a landmark consumer class action alleging privacy violations on behalf of Florida drivers which settled for \$50 million, and as court-appointed co-lead counsel in *In re Pet Food Products Liability Litigation*, a multidistrict consumer class action involving the 2007 industry-wide recall of 5,300 pet food products contaminated with melamine, where Mr. Davidson represented thousands of aggrieved

pet owners nationwide against some of the nation's largest pet food manufacturers, distributors and retailers, and which settled for \$24 million.

Just recently, in December 2014, Stuart helped to achieve the largest financial recovery for shareholders in connection with a corporate buyout in Florida history. Representing the former shareholders of the Winn-Dixie grocery store chain following its takeover by BI-LO, Stuart helped secure an \$11.5 million settlement for the shareholders.

Currently, Stuart spends a substantial amount of his time representing a class of former National Hockey League players in the National Hockey League Players' Concussion Injury Litigation in Minnesota federal court, a consolidated class action which alleges that the NHL failed to warn its players of the short and long-term effects of repeated concussions and head trauma, resulting in players suffering from serious brain diseases such as Alzheimer's, dementia, CTE, and Parkinson's. This case has received worldwide media attention, and Stuart has been interviewed by numerous news outlets, including ESPN, and is scheduled to appear on 60 Minutes Sports in early 2015.

Most importantly, however, Stuart lives in Boca Raton, Florida with his wife of over 18 years, Suzanne (née LaMarch), also a 1993 Geneseo graduate, and their two wonderful children, Aaron (age 13), and Lindsey (age 10). Stuart believes that none of his personal and professional good fortune would have been possible were it not for the wisdom, guidance, and education he received from Dr. Deutsch at Geneseo, who he would like to thank personally.

Brenda C. Reddout, Ph.D

Dr. Brenda C. Reddout graduated from SUNY-Geneseo with a degree in Political Science in 1978, she is Western Region Director of Catholic Charities of Central Florida, a position she has held since 2009. In that capacity she is responsible for providing services such general case management and financial literacy through the Family Empowerment Program, senior programming through

Lake Morton Senior Center, and food for the poor in three counties through the Agape Food Bank, the Feeding America food bank for her area. In addition, she is responsible for all anti-hunger programs for Catholic Charities across its nine county service area. Prior to joining Catholic Charities, she served 12 years on the Polk County School Board. She was the first African-American woman elected to county-wide office in Polk County, Florida.

Born and raised in Rome, New York, Reddout earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo, and a master's degree from the New School for Social Research (now New School University). She earned her doctorate in education from Capella University, where she focused on academic achievement of at-risk children.

Dr. Reddout has served as an adjunct instructor for Ithaca College, for the New School for Social Research, for Florida A & M University and for Southeastern University. She has also served as a community facilitator for the University of South Florida. It was in that role that she established a community development corporation (CDC) in Winter Haven, Florida. Prior to moving to Winter Haven in 1993 from Syracuse, New York, Dr. Reddout worked extensively in community and economic development and health care, and owned her own marketing communications firm. She has provided consulting services in marketing, health care, community development, and education to major corporations and nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Reddout has served as a member of the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and was president of READ Polk for three years. She has served as Board representative to the Polk Education Foundation Board, and serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Winter Haven. She re-established the mentoring program at Denison Middle School, and is on the school advisory committee at Harrison School for the Arts. She is a graduate of Leadership Polk (class II). She has received a number of local awards recognizing her community service. She and her husband, Dr. Jeff Reddout, a neuropsychologist for Winter Haven Hospital and in private practice, have two daughters. Her oldest daughter, Jordan, graduated from Harvard University and earned her master's degree at the Uni-



versity of Southern California in television and film production. She currently works for Sony Pictures Entertainment. Her youngest daughter, Paige, graduated from high school in May 2014 and is employed by Publix Supermarkets.

Jennifer Toritto Leonardo'93

Jennifer Toritto Leonardo graduated from Geneseo in 1993 with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice. Ms. Toritto Leonardo received her JD from Brooklyn Law School in 1996. As a law student, she was selected for the Edward Byrne Memorial Prize for academic excellence in the field of criminal procedure and the Brooklyn Law School Trial Advocacy Excellence Award for achieving the overall highest grade in Trial Advocacy.

Following law school, she landed her "dream job" as an Assistant District Attorney with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office serving under then Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. As an Assistant District Attorney, Ms. Toritto Leonardo prosecuted all types of misdemeanor and felony crimes, ranging from



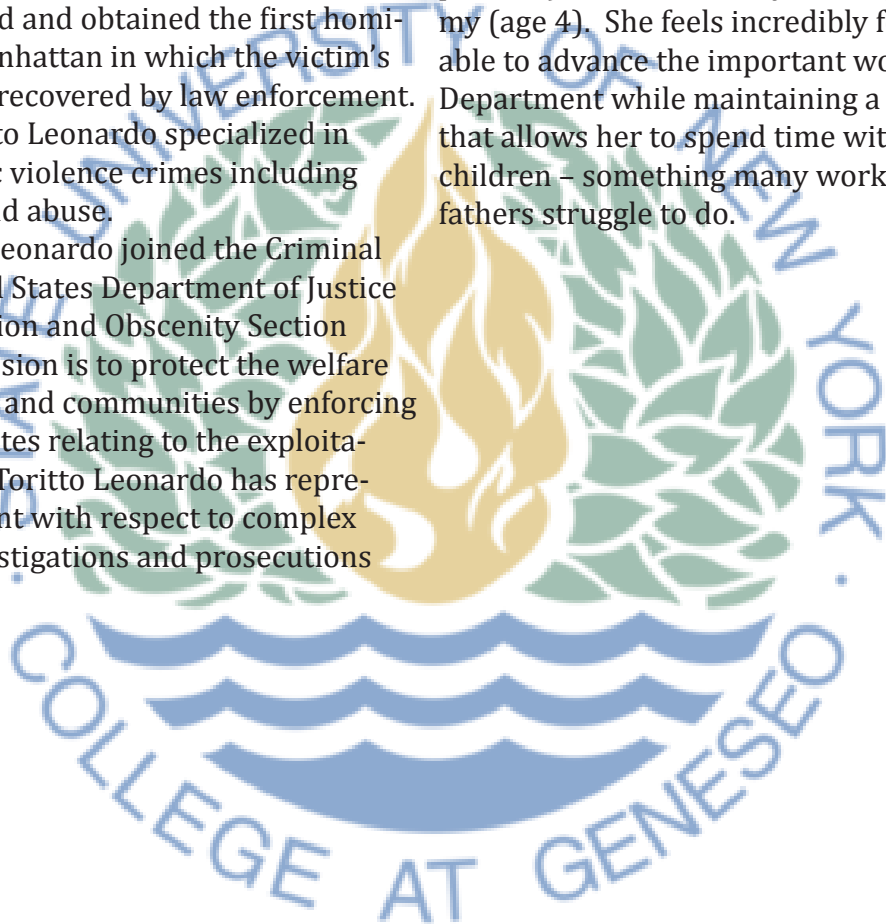
fraud and larceny, to serious violent offenses. For example, in 1998, Ms. Toritto Leonardo and her co-counsel prosecuted and obtained the first homicide conviction in Manhattan in which the victim's body has never been recovered by law enforcement. In addition, Ms. Toritto Leonardo specialized in prosecuting domestic violence crimes including rape, assault, and child abuse.

In 2004, Ms. Toritto Leonardo joined the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice in the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section ("CEOS"). CEOS's mission is to protect the welfare of America's children and communities by enforcing federal criminal statutes relating to the exploitation of children. Ms. Toritto Leonardo has represented the Department with respect to complex and multi-target investigations and prosecutions

involving the production and distribution of child pornography, trafficking of children for commercial sexual exploitation, and in "sex tourism" cases involving United States citizens that travel abroad for the purpose of engaging in sex with minors. She has tried numerous cases involving the exploitation of children, including one of the first federal sex trafficking of minors cases resulting in a defendant's sentence to a mandatory term of life imprisonment. She also regularly provides training and guidance to both U.S. and foreign law enforcement and prosecutors and has travelled throughout the world to meet with foreign delegates on issues related to human trafficking and child exploitation.

Ms. Toritto Leonardo is a two-time recipient of the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Advocacy for Protecting Citizens from Online Crime and was recently asked to join the Board of Directors for a non-profit organization based in New York City dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged and neglected children through early childhood intervention and education.

Ms. Toritto Leonardo lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband Chris (also a former prosecutor from the Manhattan DA's office, now working in private practice) and her two boys Nico (age 6) and Sammy (age 4). She feels incredibly fortunate to be able to advance the important work of the Justice Department while maintaining a flexible schedule that allows her to spend time with her two young children - something many working mothers and fathers struggle to do.



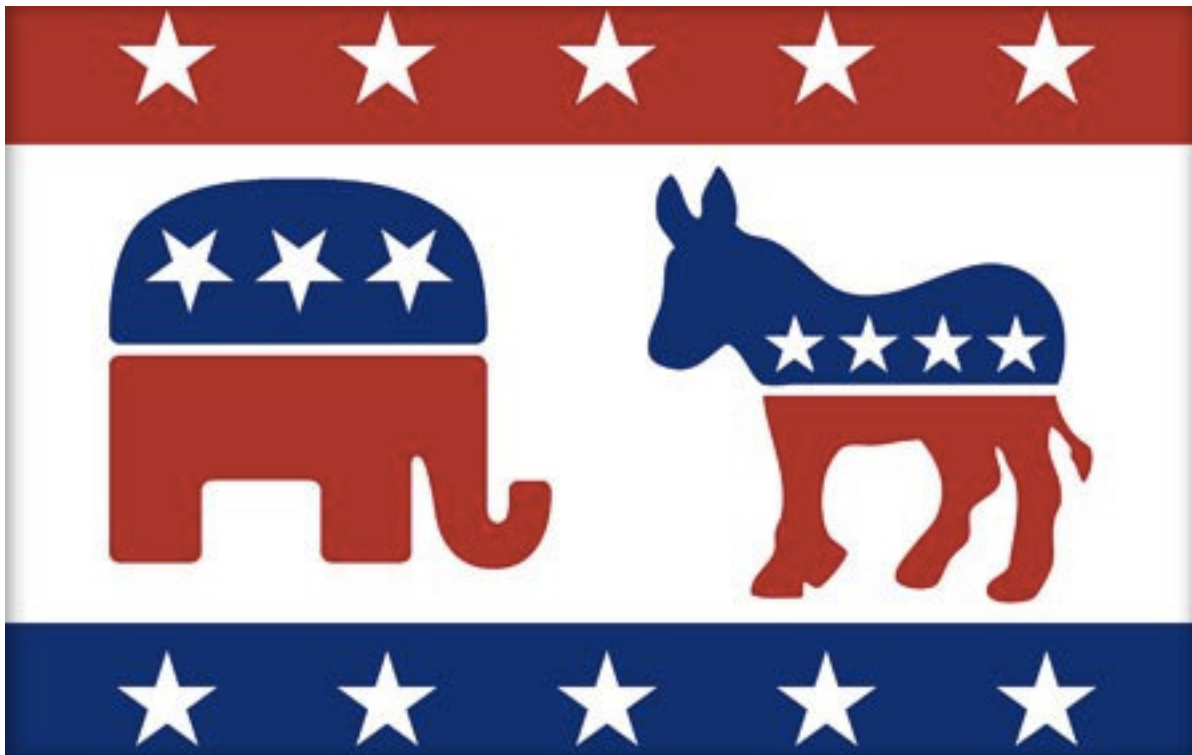
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Top left: Faculty meeting, bottom left: Professors Jo Kirk and Eunju Kang, and above: Professors Qayum, West, and Grace



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