

Poli Sci Days: October 17-18, 2016

Poli Sci Days (PSD) Rules

1. PSD events are held on October 17 and 18.
2. Political Science (POSC) classes are cancelled those two days.
3. POSC students must attend one PSD session for each POSC class session missed during the Oct. 17-18 timeframe.
4. Students should submit tickets they receive at their PSD events (with their names written on them) to their regular professors at the first post-Poli Sci Days class session.
5. Other university students are welcome at PSD events where there is room.
6. Students may attend any Poli Sci Days events they wish (they do not need to attend a session at their normal class time), but events are first come first served, so plan to come early. Don't wait until the last minute! Sessions might be full.
7. With any questions, please contact Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department chair, at etan3@radford.edu.



Monday, October 17:

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| 9-9:50am | Guest Lecture by Mr. Parker Schaffel (CIA/State Department) | HETH 014 |
| | Hosted by Dr. Theresa Schroeder, Political Science Department | |
| 10-10:50am | Careers: Interviews | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. John Liptak, Career Center | |
| 11-11:50am | Brexit: New Hope to Europe's Old Separatist Movements | HETH 014 |
| | Professor Robin Taylor, Political Science Department | |
| 12-12:50pm | Lecture: Fight for the Future of the Supreme Court | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. Adrienne Jones, Political Science Department | |
| 1-1:50pm | Drones | HETH 014 |
| | Professor Kent Morris, Political Science Department | |
| 2-2:50pm | Pre-Law Information Session | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. Adrienne Jones, Poli Sci, and Dr. Luke Hunt, Criminal Justice | |
| 3-3:50pm | Race to the White House: The Electoral Map | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. Dennis Grady, Dean, Graduate School and Poli Sci | |
| 4-6:00pm | Documentary: Frontline's <i>The Choice</i> (This event earns two tickets) | HETH 014 |
| | Professor Matthew Brunner, Registrar and Political Science Dept | |

Tuesday, October 18:

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| 9:30-10:45am | Documentary: <i>Meet the Donors: Does Money Talk?</i> | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. Daniel Reed, Political Science Department | |
| 11-12:15pm | Choosing the President in 2016 | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. Tanya Corbin, Poli Sci, and Dr. Scott Dunn and Ms. Kristina Contreras, Communications | |
| 11-12:15pm | Careers: What Can I Do with a Political Science Major? | HETH 043 |
| | Dr. John Liptak, Career Center | |
| 12:30-1:45pm | Careers/Intl: Biggest Mistakes of My International Career | HETH 014 |
| | Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department, and Dr. Kiertsak Toh, Economics Department | |
| 12:30-1:45pm | Careers: Understanding You as You Move into Your Career | HETH 043 |
| | Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department | |
| 2-3:15pm | Careers: A Visit with a Radford alum, Ms. Jenni Goodman Wilder | HETH 014 |
| | Hosted by Dr. Reginald Shareef, Political Science Department | |
| 2-3:15pm | China's Environment: Its Importance for China and the World | HETH 043 |
| | Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department | |
| 3:30-4:45pm | Discussion: Diversity and Inclusion: Back to Basics | HETH 014 |
| | Ms. Natalie Fajardo, Center for Diversity and Inclusion | |
| 3:30-4:45pm | Documentary: The Secret History of ISIS | HETH 043 |
| | Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department | |

Monday, October 17:

9-9:50am Guest Lecture by Mr. Parker Schaffel (CIA/State Department)

HETH 014

Hosted by Dr. Theresa Schroeder, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

Interested in joining the intelligence and foreign affairs community but don't know how? Mr. Parker Schaffel will be joining us remotely from DC to help you figure out what you need to do! Mr. Schaffel has worked as a military and security strategic analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, an intelligence officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves, and a International Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Department of State. His experience ranges from analyst to media relations. Come to this event to see what it takes to be a part of the U.S. foreign policy team!

10-10:50am Careers: Interviews

HETH 014

Dr. John Liptak, Associate Director, Career Center

With your resume, "elevator pitch" and portfolio in hand, you are ready for employment interviews. Interviewing for employment is one of the most important life skills college students need to learn. However, there is probably no bigger test of your ability than to be successful during a job interview. The secret to success is preparation and practice. If you have gotten an interview, most likely you have the qualifications they are looking for. One secret is that the position doesn't always go to the most qualified person; it often goes to the one who is best fit for the organization (personality, confidence, enthusiasm, positive outlook, and interpersonal skills). This interactive session will provide you with information related to preparing for an employment interview as well as practice in answering typical interview questions. This session will also cover tips for the anxious interviewer, and suggestions that interviewers wish they could tell every job candidate.

11-11:50am Brexit: New Hope to Europe's Old Separatist Movements

HETH 014

Professor Robin Taylor, Political Science Department

In this class, students will explore the prerequisites for statehood, the right to self-determination and what it means to be a "people". Together we will examine how the creation of the European Union affected separatist movements in Europe and look at how the Brexit vote has changed the separatist debate.

12-12:50pm The Fight for the Future of the Supreme Court

HETH 014

Dr. Adrienne Jones, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

Dr. Jones will discuss the Supreme Court and the politics and importance of the recent refusal by the Republican-led Senate to confirm a new Supreme Court justice.

1-1:50pm Drones

HETH 014

Professor Kent Morris, Political Science Department

This presentation offers a general discussion of the use of drones by the United States in the ongoing Global War on Terror (GWOT), but also drones in everyday, ordinary American life. The goal is to provide students with a history and knowledge of drones, but more importantly, raise student awareness and sensitivity regarding drones. This discussion will present important questions about the continued use of drones by the US military, their effects on military personnel, but also on everyday US citizens in regards to their perceptions of war, the conduct of 'just' warfare, and the incorporation of drones into US domestic life. Topics explored include: drone history, drone autonomy, and concerns over drones in relation to privacy and US national (in)security.

2-2:50pm Pre-Law Information Session: Preparation, Practice, and Participation HETH 014

Dr. Adrienne Jones, Assistant Professor, Political Science, and Dr. Luke Hunt, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice

Radford has a Pre Law program for students interested in attending law school. The RU Pre Law advisors, Dr. Adrienne Jones and Dr. Luke Hunt, provide an information session on how to prepare for law school, what to practice and do at Radford to get ready to apply for law school, and how to participate on the Radford campus in pre-law advisement, the Pre Law fraternity, and Pre Law Society.

3-3:50pm Race to the White House: The Electoral Map HETH 014

Dr. Dennis Grady, Dean, Graduate School and Professor, Political Science

The session will discuss how the Electoral College works in selecting the President. In so doing, we will explore what the candidates must do to win the election. We will discuss what to be looking for as the polls close to see who will likely win the election.

4-6:00pm Documentary: Frontline: The Choice (2016 Presidential Race) HETH 014

Professor Matthew Brunner, Political Science Department and Radford University Registrar

From the website: "Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are two of the most polarizing presidential candidates in modern history . . . FRONTLINE's acclaimed election-year series, "The Choice," returns — going behind the headlines to investigate what has shaped these two candidates, where they came from, how they lead and why they want one of the most difficult jobs imaginable. From veteran FRONTLINE filmmaker Michael Kirk, "The Choice 2016" will investigate formative moments in Clinton and Trump's lives through interviews with those who know them best, providing in-depth, trustworthy reporting and powerful new insights at a moment when voters are being bombarded with conflicting partisan stories about each candidate.

This event earns two tickets, but you must stay for the entire documentary/discussion.

Tuesday, October 18:

9:30-10:45am Documentary on Campaign Finance : *Meet the Donors: Does Money Talk?* HETH 014

Dr. Daniel Reed, Associate Professor, Political Science Department

What do we know about the millionaires (and billionaires) who bankroll our US elections? Why do they do it, and what do they expect to get for their money? In this documentary film, “filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi talks with the mega-donors who are funding America's presidential candidates to find out why they are pouring millions into our elections” (HBO 2016).

11-12:15pm Choosing the President in 2016 HETH 014

Dr. Tanya Corbin, Political Science and Dr. Scott Dunn and Ms. Kristina Contreras, Communications

In this session, we will explore the current campaign environment for the presidential election. We will discuss the role of the media in the campaign, and critically examine election campaign coverage.

11-12:15pm What Can I Do With a Political Science Major? HETH 043

Dr. John Liptak, Associate Director, Radford Career Center

One of the first questions that the majority of students ask after they have chosen political science as their major is, “now what can I do with a Political Science major?” The answer I usually provide is “students who major in political science develop skills that are valued by employers including research, analysis, writing, oral presentation, critical thinking, synthesis, and problem solving. Students may find employment in business, government, nonprofits, social services, and educational institutions depending on their skills and experience.” But how do you know what the specific jobs are within each category, or which jobs fit your interests, skills and values. In this session, students will complete the Political Science Scale to assess their interests in 10 Political Science specializations, identify specific occupations related to their interests, and explore suggestions for being successful in each specialization.

12:30-1:45pm The Biggest Mistakes and Greatest Triumphs of My Career: Confessions of a USAID Administrator & a UN Inspector HETH 014

Dr. Kiertisak Toh, Department of Economics, and former Country Director for USAID in Kenya and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, who served as Chief of Staff, United Nations’ Inspector General’s Office.

In October 2015, Dr. Kiertisak Toh and Dr. Tay Keong Tan jointly presented at the first *Pol Sci Days* on “A Day in the Lives of a USAID Administrator & a UN Inspector” to a packed-room audience. This year, we have a follow-up event featuring these veterans from the world of global development. This closed-door session brings you into the exclusive world of globe-trotting experts of two premier international development agencies. Our speakers will reveal their hidden secrets and real-life experiences in far flung places and difficult situations. Find out about the greatest failures and successes in their careers and what they have learned from them.

What moral dilemmas can you expect when you work in a huge bureaucracy with diverse international staff? How does one navigate the minefields of ethical trade-offs and conflicting stakeholders' interests? Come and find out about the most difficult challenges that await you when you pursue a career in international development!

12:30-1:45pm Understanding You as You Move into Your Career

HETH 043

Dr. Paige Tan, Professor and Chair, Political Science Department

In this session which serves as a preview to Dr. Tan's new one credit spring 2017 course on Professionalism in the Public and Non-Profit Sector (POSC 293), we will cover recent research on students' readiness for careers and help students understand the skills they are acquiring at Radford and how these relate to the workplace. We will look at hard skills like teamwork/collaboration and also softer skills like grit and growth mindset.

2-3:15pm Careers: A Visit with a Radford alum, Ms. Jenni Goodman Wilder

HETH 014

Hosted by Dr. Reginald Shareef, Professor, Political Science Department

Ms. Goodman Wilder, a Radford grad with an MS in Public Administration and Policy from Virginia Tech, is going to speak on how her education has help prepare her for the position of Public Information Coordinator for Radford City. In this position, she develops the city's strategic communication plan. She serves as the point person with the media and the public for Radford; this includes maintaining the city's website, Facebook, Twitter, and more. She helps organize city events such as the Highlander Festival. The primary function of a Public Information Coordinator for a governmental agency is to provide information to the public as required by law and according to standards of the profession. Importantly, Public Information Coordinators differ from public relations departments in business organizations because marketing plays a less significant role.

2-3:15pm China's Environment: Its Importance for China and the World

HETH 043

Dr. Paige Tan, Professor and Chair, Political Science Department

Images coming out of China show smog-choked cities and citizens wearing surgical masks as part of their daily commute routine. Beyond the hype, what is the state of China's environment? Why is China's environment in the condition that it is? How can an understanding of Chinese politics help us to understand the environment and vice versa? What does China's environment mean for the world?

3:30-4:45pm Discussion: Diversity

HETH 014

Ms. Natalie Fajardo, Center for Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity and Inclusion: Back to Basics will break down and explain the basic terminology, concepts, and trends around Diversity and Inclusion. This workshop is committed to providing the foundation and tools to navigate topics of social justice and inclusion and the tools to create inclusive spaces. There will also be opportunities to engage in conversations dialogue for students, staff, and faculty to increase their awareness and acceptance of diversity and enhance their individual understanding of their own identity and culture, which can make a

positive impact on our campus community. All levels and individuals are welcome to join us for this great professional development opportunity!

3:30-4:45pm Documentary: *Frontline: The Secret History of ISIS*

HETH 043

Dr. Paige Tan, Professor and Chair, Political Science Department

From Frontline's website: "The inside story of the radicals who became the leaders of ISIS, the missed warning signs and the U.S. failures to stop the group's brutal rise."