### What’s Up in Poli Sci?

**Matthew Manweller**, Associate Professor, had a paper accepted for publication in the Journal of Political Science Education titled "Do Political Reporters need to be Political Scientists?"


**Barb Rieffer-Flanagan**, Associate Professor, will have a comparative book review titled "Religion in International Relations: Rights and Reality," published in *Human Rights Review.* These coauthored essays analyze the works on religious freedom: Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke, *Politics of U.S. Mexico Border* in which I believe."

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**Alanna Vintertun**, a 2012 Political Science graduate, was teaching POSC 210 American Politics and POSC 489 Constitution and Human Rights and Individual Rights, which I believe."

**Ben Caryl**, a 2012 Political Science graduate, was accepted into the MPA program at Sol Price School of Public Policy at USC.

**Cassie Leiseth**, a 2009 Political Science Major, graduated magna cum laude from Seattle University School of Law. During her time at the School of Law, she was a Presidential Scholarship recipient, a King County Bar foundation scholar, a CALI recipient, and a member of the Women's Law Caucus. She also had the valuable experience of externing for a semester at the United States District Court.

**Blake Vintertun**, a 2012 Political Science graduate, was recently hired on as a Campaign Manager for Joel Hussey who is running for the state legislature for the 45th district. According to Blake, "It is a great opportunity that I got a job in my area of study and am doing my part to advance the ideals in which I believe."

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**Alanna-Janelle Dotzauer**, Political Science major, will be part of a team of field organizers for Denny Heck’s campaign for Congress in the new Tenth District in Pierce County. Alanna-Janelle said, “It is a new district, so anyone running in it has the task of introducing voters to an entirely new Congressional District. It will take a lot of voter education and a tremendous communications and field campaign to let people know about the issues and get them involved.”

**Ben Caryl**, 2011 CWU Political Science graduate, has been hired on to Jay Inslee for Washington as a Field Organizer for Snohomish County. He is responsible for managing voter outreach, volunteer recruitment, and representing the campaign in the communities of Snohomish County.

Please keep the department informed of your accomplishments, both while you are attending CWU, as well as after you graduate, by e-mailing Cyndie Strawder at strawdec@cwu.edu.

### Political Science Department

#### Winter 2013 Course Schedule

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*Web enhanced course. Additional 2 hours of coursework via blackboard/web.*

### The Case of the “Two Schaefers”

The Political Science Department is pleased to announce the addition of another Dr. Schaefers. Dr. Donald Schaefer has joined our faculty as a visiting lecturer for the 2012-13 academic year. He should in no way, shape or form be confused with Dr. Todd Schaefer, Professor and Department Chair who has been here since 1996 (and seriously, they are not brothers as some have rumored).

“Dr. Donald” was hired to teach politics and public law courses given “Dr. Todd’s” upcoming sabbatical winter and spring terms and Professor Manweller’s possible election to the WA House this winter.

Dr. Donald Schaefer, who comes to us from a teaching assignment at Lane College, will be teaching POSC 210 American Politics and POSC 425 Constitution and Human Rights winter quarter and POSC 350 Intro to Public Law and POSC 398 International Law spring quarter.

### Political Theory Course Offerings

**POSC 482 Recent Political Thought** will be offered by Dr. Barb Flanagan Winter Quarter 2013 from 12:12:25 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**POSC 482 Early Modern Political Thought** will be offered Spring 2013 by Dr. Timothy Jeske from 5-7:10 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays.
The Curmudgeonly Grammrian

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Office Staff

Cyndie Strawder has returned for her seventh year as department secretary in Political Science. Cyndie’s favorite part of her job is working with the students, so if there is something you need assistance with, please stop by or send her an e-mail and she will be happy to assist you. She will continue sending e-mails about matters we think may be of interest to our Political Science Majors and students enrolled in our classes, such as internship opportunities, department major fairs, canceled classes, etc., so please check out those e-mails you receive from strawdec@cwu.edu.

Also, we are excited to welcome Reality Cummings as our new student assistant. Reality is a Family Consumer Science major, and has previous office experience at Skagit Community College.

Stop by the office if they can assist you or just to say “Hello.”

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