

Students' Study Abroad Experiences



Trevis Harrold

Trevis Harrold was selected as the first-ever Political/Economic student intern for the U.S. Embassy in Pristina, Kosovo for the summer of 2013. Trevis learned that being a Foreign Service Officer (FSO) is more of a lifestyle than an occupation. He drafted cables and information points to Washington D.C. daily, experienced different cultures, and even went cliff diving. Regarding his experience, Trevis stated, "Going overseas is definitely a life-changing experience!"



Kaitlyn Dugas

Kaitlyn Dugas participated in the EMU-Oxford program during the spring of 2013. Enrolled in Hertford College, her program of study included weekly one-on-one sessions with tutors in international economics and international law.

According to Kaitlyn, her classes required her to write and defend papers each week, following heavy reading assignments. While not studying, Kaitlyn enjoyed rowing, exploring the city, and touring the restaurants in Oxford's Jericho District.

3rd Annual Great Lakes Mock Trial Invitational

On October 26th and 27th, Eastern Michigan University hosted the third annual **Great Lakes Mock Trial Invitational**. It was attended by eighteen teams representing 14 different colleges and universities. In all, approximately 150 students participated. The tournament consisted of nine simultaneous trials running both morning and afternoon of Saturday and Sunday. Eighteen judges were required in each round and were generally Eastern alumni, most of whom are now practicing attorneys. Eastern itself came in third place, following two Ohio State teams. Individual attorney awards were won by Kaitlyn Dugas and Marcus McCray, while individual witness awards were won by Kalindi Pitts and Nino Monea.



2013 EMU Mock Trial Team

Faculty Retirements

Dr. Elaine Martin retired in summer 2013 after 28 years at EMU. Dr. Martin came to EMU with a background in local government and had a long record of department and university service during her time at EMU. In addition to teaching in the MPA program, Dr. Martin taught a popular course on women and politics and another on politics in literature and film. She received her masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. James Pfister retired in the summer of 2013 after 43 years of service at EMU. Dr. Pfister studied international relations at the University of Michigan, and later went on to complete a law degree from the University of Toledo. He spent the majority of his career teaching law-related courses, including international law. Dr. Pfister helped train two generations of students who went on to become successful attorneys and judges.

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Dr. Edward Sidlow Named Faculty Athletics Representative



Dr. Edward Sidlow

In October of 2013, Dr. Edward Sidlow was named EMU's new Faculty Athletics Representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Replacing Dr. Elizabeth Broughton, Dr. Sidlow will serve as a liaison between the university administration and athletics programs. His role will entail working to ensure that all student-athletes maintain a positive academic-athletic balance, meet academic eligibility criteria, and continue to make progress toward degree completion. Additionally, Dr. Sidlow will represent the university and its student athletes at Mid-American Conference and NCAA meetings.

According to Dr. Sidlow, his lifelong passion for sports, respect for college athletes, and his love for working with students are what interested him in applying for the position. He also stated that the position will allow him the opportunity to play an active role in working with and addressing challenges currently facing student-athletes and the NCAA. He states that he's always been interested in the unique challenge that student-athletes face, having to find balance between the pressure of their sports and academics. Dr. Sidlow attended his first NCAA Faculty Association meeting in Baltimore, Maryland the first week of November. Upon his return from the meeting, he remarked, "Not surprisingly, college sports are far more complex than the average person would imagine they'd be!"

Department Updates

- **Part-time Lecturer Laurel Sprague** has been selected as one of two North American delegates to the governing board for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) as a representative of civil society.
- During 2012-2013, **Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein** published two book chapters and an article in the *Journal of Political Science Education*. Dr. Bernstein also accompanied his student, Emma Fitzhugh, to the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning conference in October, where Emma presented a paper on group work and student learning in political science classes.
- **Professors Judith Kullberg** and **Richard Stahler-Sholk** coauthored a paper at the April 2013 convention of the International Studies Association.
- **Dr. Joseph Ohren** has continued to provide leadership workshops to local organizations, including the chambers of commerce in West Michigan and Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti.
- **Dr. Barbara Patrick** has continued her research on educational policy reforms, including two articles published in 2012-2013.
- The University of Chicago Press has published **Dr. Joanna Scott's** *Love and Saint Augustine* in Korean with a new preface.
- **Dr. Nitya Singh** presented two conference papers during the past year and published a journal article on the 2005 nuclear agreement between the U.S. and India.

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Alumni News

- **Gerry W. Breyer** ('76) is Governor Preston E. Smith Regents Professor of Law at Texas Tech University.
- **Adam Dreher** ('11) is in his third year of law school at Michigan State. He has held summer internships with the prosecutor's offices in Monroe and Washtenaw counties.
- **Michael Galunas** ('13) has accepted a position with the city of Northville.
- **Emily Gillingham** ('12) is a second-year law student on scholarship at Michigan State. She has won several awards, including a second place for first-year students in the all-school oral appellate advocacy competition.
- **E. Keith Johnson** ('87) recently retired following a public service career with extensive work in veterans education and several other policy areas, including congressional and state legislative testimony. His final position was as a university administrator.
- **Aaron Knox** ('98) is currently serving as the Director of New and Strategic Accounts for Blackboard Learn North American Higher Education in Washington DC.
- **Scott Leuchter** ('95) has defended his dissertation and has received his Doctor of Psychology degree from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.
- **Benjamin Roeser** ('11) is pursuing an MA in International Relations at New York University. He is currently interning with the Clinton Foundation, working directly for the CEO of the foundation on projects to streamline operations and enhance efficiency.
- **Regina Royan** ('10) was admitted to the School of Medicine at the University of Michigan following the completion of her Master of Public Health at the University of Michigan in 2012. She has been working as a research epidemiologist at Mott Children's Hospital Institute for Population Health.
- **Natalie Burg Vail** ('09) is now writing for *Slate* magazine.