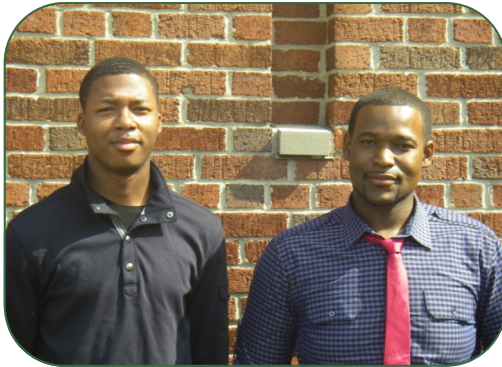


Students in Prestigious DC Internships



Edward Patterson and R. Matthew Norfleet

Edward Patterson is a sophomore at EMU, majoring in secondary education with a concentration in social studies and minor in political science. In the fall 2011 semester, he had the opportunity to intern at the White House. Edward worked in the Office of Presidential Correspondence, which drafts and produces presidential proclamations, messages, and greetings; and operates the White House Comment Line, which provides the President with rapid-fire feedback from the American people. After graduation, Patterson plans to pursue a career in teaching and potentially running for office someday.

R. Matthew Norfleet, a junior and political science major at EMU, recently interned for Congressman Sander Levin in Washington, D.C. In this position, Norfleet had several opportunities to attend congressional briefings, develop research-

laden memoranda for staffers, and had a few interactions with high-profile politicians. He also interned at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, where he attended several workshops that served as a platform for a high-profile speaker, community organizer, or activist to engage interns. Between the two internships, some of the highlights for Norfleet included attending the Annual Legislative Conference, taking a tour of the Capitol dome, witnessing South Korean President Lee Myung-bak address a joint session of Congress, and meeting Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. After graduation, Norfleet plans on returning to D.C. as a congressional staffer before law school. He was recently elected EMU student body president for 2012-2013.

NAFTA Panel

On March 20, 2012, the Political Science Department co-sponsored "NAFTA After 18 Years." The panel drew an audience of over 70 people, and the discussion reflected the very fruitful exchange of perspectives among academics and professional diplomats. Attendees included students from Prof.

Krause's Canadian Politics course and Prof. Stahler-Sholk's Latin American Politics courses.

Panelists included EMU Prof. Volker Krause, EMU Prof. Richard Stahler-Sholk, Consul General of Canada Roy Norton, Consul General of Mexico Vicente Sanchez Ventura, American University Prof. Robert Blecker, and University of Windsor Prof. Stephen Brooks.

Model UN

A delegation of ten students from EMU's United Nations Student Alliance, accompanied by Professors Nitya Singh and Richard Stahler-Sholk, represented the former South American Dutch colony of Suriname at the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in New York City during April 3-7, 2012. After months of research, one of the highlights of the trip was a meeting at the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the UN with Ambassador H.E. Mr. Henry MacDonald.

There were 5,100 university students (half of them from out-

side the United States) participating in the five-day simulation of multilateral diplomacy. Students worked to build consensus around peaceful solutions to a wide variety of global issues, including an arms trade treaty, fresh water management, micro-credit, human trafficking, labor rights of migrants, and order during regime transitions. In recognition of their excellent work, the EMU students received a "Distinguished Delegation" award.

In the Fall, EMU delegations will represent the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Thailand

at the American Model United Nations conference in Chicago.



EMU Suriname Delegation

Black History Month Lecture

The department sponsored a talk on February 20 by Professor Michael Leo Owens of Emory University. Owens addressed "The Silence of the Lambs: The Political Quietude of 'The Black Church' in the Age of Obama."

Using the 1960s as one point of comparison, Owens cited four reasons for the recent lack of political activism, including the rise of the "Prosperity Gospel," cooptation of congregations for other purposes, "demobilization" of many organizations to provid-

ing more routine services, and growing ambivalence about church-based action. Owens is the author of *God and Government in the Ghetto* (University of Chicago Press, 2007).



Prof. Michael Leo Owens

New and Revived Courses

The department added two new courses this year: American Politics and the Media (Prof. Sidlow) and International Political Economy (Prof. Singh). And for the first time in almost 20 years, we offered Canadian Politics in the winter (Prof. Krause).

Mock Trial Tournament

EMU hosted the 1st annual Great Lakes Mock Trial Invitational Tournament on January 28-29. President Susan Martin welcomed teams from 16 universities. The University of Chicago and Michigan State were the top two finishers, followed by EMU. A large contingent of alumni served as judges for the four rounds of competition. Plans are already in the works to host the 2nd annual tournament during the fall – check the department web site for details.



Mock Trial in Action

Alumni News

- **Mark Koneda** ('01) has used his political science degree to work as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army.
- **Becky Renkola** ('08) received her law degree from the University of Toledo and works as a staff attorney for the Monroe County (MI) Family, Probate, and District Court.
- **Rebecca Kurtz** ('08) graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in May 2011 and is now working as a staff attorney at the firm Baker & Hostetler in Cleveland, Ohio.
- **Hani Garabyare** ('09) is working as a staff assistant for Senator Carl Levin.
- **Nathan Kaczmarek** ('10) will begin training in November with the city of Toledo's Police Academy.

2012 Undergraduate Symposium

The Political Science Department had fifteen student presenters at the 2012 Undergraduate Symposium in March. Papers covered a variety of topics related to American politics, public policy, law, and international relations.

Political Science Funds

If you are wondering how you can give something back to the Political Science Department, please consider making a contribution. Donations are tax-deductible and support scholarships, alumni events, and educational programs.

<http://emufoundation.org/index.php/home.html>

Faculty News

Jeffrey Bernstein gave invited lectures on teaching and learning issues at McMaster University (Hamilton, ONT) and Washtenaw Community College. His chapter, "Plowing through Bottlenecks in Political Science: Experts and Novices at Work" is forthcoming in an edited volume entitled "*SoTL in and Across the Disciplines*." The book will be published this fall by Indiana University Press.

Arnold Fleischmann's chapter, "Urbanization of the South," was published in *The Oxford Handbook of Southern Politics* (Oxford University Press).

Judith Kullberg and **David Singer's** chapter, "Bringing Neuroscience into Political Science: The Caregiving System and Human Sociopolitical Evolution," was included in the edited book, *Moving Beyond Self-Interest: Perspectives from Evolutionary Biology, Neuroscience, and the Social Sciences* (Oxford University Press).

Gregory Plagens' coauthored article, "Mexican American Public Sector Professionals: Perceptions of Affirmative Action Policies and Workplace Discrimination," was published in the March issue of the journal, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*.

Raymond Rosenfeld's coauthored book, *Comparative Civic Culture: The Role of Local Culture in Urban Policy-Making*, was published by Ashgate Press.

Richard Stahler-Sholk coedited and contributed to *Luchas 'Muy Otras'*, which continues his work on the Zapatista movement in Mexico. The book was published in Spanish by the Metropolitan Autonomous University in Mexico City.

Congratulations to 2012-13 Department Scholarship Winners

John Barson Endowed Fellowship — Jennifer Hawes

James H. Brickley Endowed Scholarship — Scott Rosencrans

Richard Fierens Memorial Scholarship — Vincent Malainy

Joseph Ohren Student Internship Award — Vincent Malainy

David Horton Public Law Scholarship — Antonino Monea

Robert O. McWilliams Scholarship — Kaitlyn Hill

Fr. Bernard O'Connor Scholarship for Civic Engagement — Lance Fortney

Political Science Study Abroad Award — Eric Sippert, Arlo Walsman

Students of the Year Honored at April 10 Ceremony

Political Science — Emily Gillingham & Neil Weinberg

Public Administration — Scott Rosencrans & Hillary Schmitz

Public Law & Government — Antonino Monea & Rachel Heatley

Public Safety Administration — Shawn Adams & Edward Brown

Interns of the Year — Julie Kaim, R. Matthew Norfleet, Edward Patterson

International Affairs — Kaitlyn Hill