

## Alumni Newsletter

### Department Welcomes David Klein



David Klein

David Klein will become the new department head in summer 2016. Klein is coming to EMU after 19 years at the University of Virginia, four of which he served as Associate Chair of the Department of Politics. He earned his bachelor's at Georgetown and his Ph.D. at Ohio State.

Klein's teaching has focused primarily on American law and courts, with excursions into research methods, voting rights, and representation. At EMU he plans to develop new courses in political psychology and comparative courts. He has published books and articles on judicial decision making, the dynamics of precedent, judicial elections, and psychology in judging.

Concerned about academia's increasing emphasis on producing publications at the inevitable expense of the student experience, Klein is thrilled to be joining a community with thriving academic teams and student research programs, caring alumni, and incredibly dedicated faculty and staff. He looks forward to meeting many of you in the coming days. He replaces Arnold Fleischmann, who returns to the faculty after seven years as department head.

### Political Science Students Study and Intern Abroad



Left: Lauren Grossman at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels. Center: Anjali Martin with students in Malawi. Right: Melissa Dreffs (left) and Anna Fuqua-Smith (right) wait to hear the Pope speak in Cuba.

One of the awesome opportunities available to EMU political science students is studying or interning abroad. During Fall 2016, Anna Fuqua-Smith and Melissa Dreffs studied abroad in Cuba, Lauren Grossman interned for the U.S. State Department in Brussels, and Anjali Martin researched her senior thesis in Malawi.

Fuqua-Smith ('15) and Dreffs ('17) took classes on Cuban history, politics, economics, and culture, as well as Spanish. The program included other opportunities to volunteer and visit locations relevant to various aspects of their studies. "I was attending an English class at 8 AM twice a week to help lead dialogue in English," Fuqua-Smith elaborated. "We also participated in a couple of volunteer activities...which included volunteering on an UNDP (United Nations Development Program) recognized agriculture center."

Both felt the timing was unique given the gradual reopening of U.S.-Cuban relations. "As the relations began to improve between the two governments, I wanted to go see Cuba, learn what the people have experienced, and observe the effects the blockade has had on them," Dreffs stated. The program allowed for homestays with Cuban families, generally disallowed under the blockade, which enhanced the immersive nature of the experience.

Lauren Grossman is a senior, graduating this spring with a double major in International Affairs and French. Grossman served as a State Department Public Affairs intern from January to the end of March. "I feel that I've gained a better understanding about what goes into U.S. diplomacy and the importance of different sections of an embassy," Grossman stated, "On the ground the organization is much more nuanced and requires both internal and external diplomacy in order for the mission's goals to be maintained."

The study abroad experience can enhance a variety of future career aspirations. All three cited the importance of being able to perfect language skills while abroad. Dreffs added that the knowledge of working with others globally will be valuable in whatever career she chooses. For Grossman the variety of projects she worked on, and people that she met will provide a strong basis for a future career in international relations and diplomacy (continued on Page 2).

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(continued from Page 1) Anjali Martin, a senior political science major, is returning from a trip to Mtenthara, Malawi. Martin performed research for her senior thesis about girls' access to education in rural Africa. Martin and Dreffs both presented research based on their experiences abroad at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 1.

As these students demonstrate, EMU political science students are making an impact across the globe, even before they graduate. We can likely expect future fantastic endeavors from these four when they join the ranks of the department's distinguished alumni.

## Students of the Year

**Political Science:** Kourtney Lovett

**Public Administration:** Marnie Michel

**Public & Non Profit Administration:** Alexa Timmreck

**Public Safety:** Joseph Meadows

**International Affairs:** Lauren Grossman

**Interns:**

- Travis Conley (City of Ann Arbor Department of Public Works)
- Britney Davis (Washtenaw County Public Defender)
- Evan Sweet (Oakland County Parks Department)

## Congratulations to Our 2016-2017 Scholarship Winners!

**David Hortin Public Law Student Scholarship:**

Anthony Gonzalez

**Robert O. McWilliams Memorial Scholarship:**

Annie Somerville

**Political Science Study Abroad Scholarship:**

Deborah Munganga

**Richard Fierens Memorial Scholarship:**

Jordan Giles

**Father Bernard J. O'Connor Scholarship in Civic Engagement:**

Kellie Majcher

## Department News

- **Dr. Judith Kullberg** was chosen to serve as President of EMU's Faculty Senate.
- **Dr. Joseph Ohren** will retire at the end of this academic year. A celebratory event will be held for him (details to follow).
- **Dr. Edward Sidlow** provided next-day analysis of the presidential debates on "Michigan's Big Show," a syndicated radio program in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and seven other cities in the Lower Peninsula.
- **Professors Beth Henschen, Judith Kullberg, and Ebrahim Soltani** presented papers at the annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago.

## Alumni News

- **Derek Moss** ('07) has accepted a position as Senior Intelligence Analyst with the City of Detroit, Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.
- **Nino Monea** ('14) accepted a clerk position for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormick after graduating from Harvard Law School in 2017.
- **Giles Tucker** ('11) was just hired as the Executive Director of the Lincoln Park DDA after holding the position for an interim period of six months.
- **John Q. Adams** ('15) entered the MPA Program at Wayne State University.
- **Brian Einhorn** ('63) has been recognized by Best Lawyers as the 2016 Lawyer of the Year in the Professional Malpractice Law—Defendants category in Metro Detroit.
- **Jerry Boykin** ('66), a civil litigation attorney and counsel to the law firm of Bean, Kinney & Korman, PC, was inducted into the Virginia Hall of Fame.

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