

Department of Political Studies



Dr. Carin Holroyd is the president and founder of the Vietnam Education Society, a Charity dedicated to providing education to children in the rural communities of Vietnam, and has partnered with the Pacific Links Foundation to help stop the practice of human trafficking along the border regions. The work that has been done to date has changed the lives of many Vietnamese children, who otherwise wouldn't have had access to education or meals, and has increased the general well-being of families in the area.

She had this to say about the most recent work done by the VES:

In October, 2020, central Vietnam was hit by a series of tropical storms and typhoons which caused massive flooding and landslides. People, their cattle and water buffalo were all killed. Water was often as high as the roofs of the houses. Five of the Vietnamese provinces were hit particularly hard. The Vietnam Education Society (VES) built two kindergartens in one of these provinces (Quang Tri) and an elementary school in the Quang Binh province. The two kindergartens are in very poor ethnic minority villages near the border with Laos. VES funds the school lunches for all the children at these two kindergartens.

We were able to give emergency supplies to the families of all 136 children at these two kindergartens -Ta Rung kindergarten and Ba Tang kindergarten. Each family received rice, fish, vegetable oil, fish sauce, a blanket, medical oil and a big floor sleeping mat, and each school was supplied with a generator.



There is always more work to be done and more communities to support. Currently, the VES is raising funds to build a kindergarten in the A Quan Hamlet in the Huong Hoa district of the Quang Tri Province, a community that supports themselves through farming and working in the forests of the region.

To find out more information about this project or the VES as a whole, and if you would like to donate towards this or any other projects, please visit the [VES website](http://www.vietnameducation.ca/). Your support is very much appreciated and always needed.



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Student Achievement

We are pleased to introduce and support Irteqa Khan, an MA student in Political Studies, whose first chapbook *Irteqa Khan* was born in Peshawar, Pakistan. She is a Muslim-Canadian poet of color who lives in the prairies and is currently an MA candidate in Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. Irteqa writes primarily about the psychospiritual, cultural, and linguistic gradations of diasporic living. Her poetry has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and appears in literary journals such as *Spring Magazine*, *The Brown Orient*, *Homology Lit*, and *Anomaly/ANMLY* among others. *rēza rēza* (Gap Riot Press, 2020) is her first chapbook.

rēza rēza was published on December 15, 2020 as part of Season Six of Gap Riot Press's lineup. The initial release sold out within a few days of its launch, and the second edition is currently available via: <https://www.gapriotpress.com/shop/p/irteqa-khan-rza-rza>

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Irteqa Khan

Gap Riot Press is a feminist publisher, operated collaboratively by women and publishes experimental, visual, innovative, and genre-blurring work that push the limits of poetry. They can be found on Twitter at @gapriotpress.

Faculty Awards

As published in College of Arts & Science [News](#) January 7th, 2021

Dr. Kirsten J. Fisher (PhD)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies
New Scholar/Artist Research Award

Dr. Kirsten Fisher is described by her colleagues as a “rising star in her field” who has assembled an impressive body of work that makes significant contributions to peace and conflict studies. As a political scientist, she employs an interdisciplinary approach as she focuses on issues of global governance and human rights, international criminal law, justice after atrocity, and post-conflict social reconstruction, particularly in Africa.



Fisher, who came to USask in 2017, is the author of *Transitional Justice for Child Soldiers and Moral Accountability and International Criminal Law*, and she is the co-editor/co-author of *Transitional Justice and the Arab Spring*. Her articles have appeared in various journals, including *International Criminal Law Review*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Finnish Yearbook of International Law*, and *International Journal of Law in Context*.

In addition to her work on international criminal law, Fisher is considered a leading scholar on child soldiers. Fisher’s award nominators note that she has examined an important question in her work, which is of global significance: What is the best approach to understanding and addressing harmful acts committed by child soldiers to support positive peace and social reconstruction in the aftermath of mass atrocity?

Fisher’s theoretical work is grounded in her commitment to the value of field research. This continues with a 2020 article published in *International Criminal Law Review*, a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Explore Grant awarded in 2019, and an application for a SSHRC Insight Development Grant to be included in the 2021 competition to support more field research in northern Uganda, where communities continue to grapple with how to achieve post-conflict and social justice in the aftermath of two decades of conflict and atrocity. Fisher also serves as the student advisor for the College of Arts and Science’s new certificate program in [Politics and Law](#).

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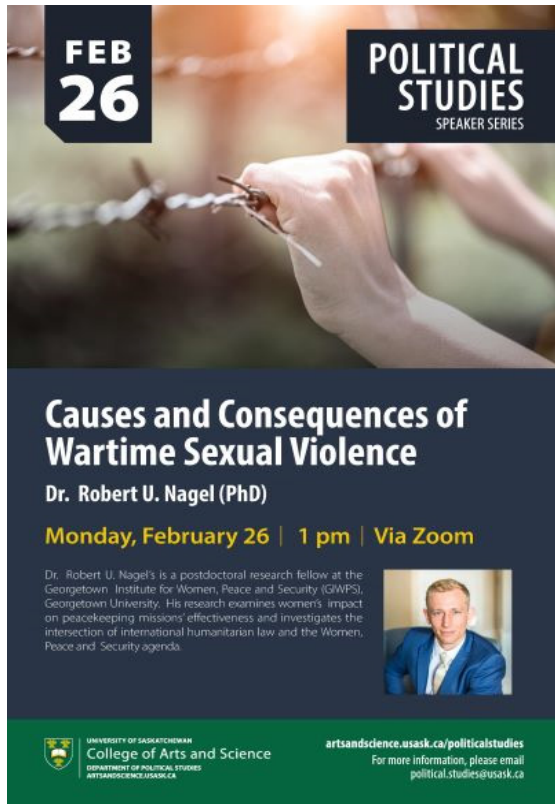
Our congratulations to three outstanding students, who were awarded Undergraduate Student Awards in 2020. Caid Brossart (left) received the Gordon and Naomi Barnhart Scholarship in the Study of Canadian Governance, awarded to those students with exemplary service in activities dedicated to the study of Canadian Governance. Quinn Rozwadowski (not pictured) received the George McNevin



Award in Public Service for those students who excel in academics in Political Studies courses and intend to pursue a career in public service. Heather Poirier (right) received the Dorothy Jackson Nenniger Scholarship for academic achievement in an undergraduate Honours Degree program in Political Studies.



Upcoming Events



FEB 26


POLITICAL STUDIES
SPEAKER SERIES

Causes and Consequences of Wartime Sexual Violence

Dr. Robert U. Nagel (PhD)

Monday, February 26 | 1 pm | Via Zoom

Dr. Robert U. Nagel is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS), Georgetown University. His research examines women's impact on peacekeeping missions' effectiveness and investigates the intersection of international humanitarian law and the Women, Peace and Security agenda.



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- Second**, PSSA members get **discounts** at local restaurants.
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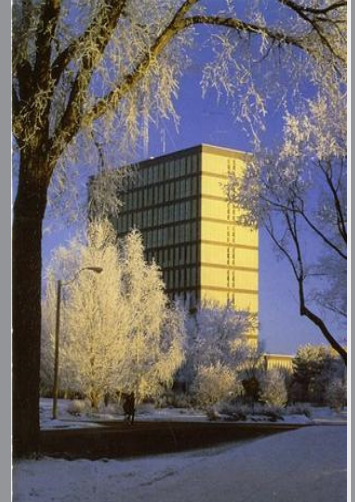
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We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Spring/Summer 2021 Classes

Spring 2021:

International Studies:

IS 201 | Global Citizenship Cultures & Coexistence

Political Studies:

POLS 111 | Democratic Citizenship in Canada
POLS 112 | Justice & Injustice in Politics and Law (STM)
POLS 204 | Canadian Political Institutions
POLS 222 | Indigenous Governance & Politics
POLS 326 | Comparative Public Policy

Summer 2021:

International Studies:

IS 110 | Global Issues

Political Studies:

POLS 205 | Canadian Politics and Society
POLS 236 | History of Political Theory
POLS 256 | Understanding Political Science Research
POLS 322 | First Nations Management & Administrative Systems