

# Department of Political Studies



Dr. Joe Garcea, August 1, 1956 - November 12, 2020

It was with great sadness that the Department of Political Studies bid farewell to Dr. Joe Garcea who passed away November 12, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed by students, coworkers and friends.

There was no limit to Joe's kindness, compassion or the way he truly cared about his fellow human beings. He devoted time to anyone who needed guidance or a friendly face, and always showed everyone that they mattered.

Professionally, Joe was a well-regarded political figure in Saskatchewan. He was highly sought after for comment or insight by journalists, he was enlisted by politicians to work on governmental projects and valued deeply within the community, often connecting students with mentors at local businesses and organizations. Prof. Garcea was a nationally recognized expert in Canadian Politics. He published on a wide range of themes central to the study of politics in Canada, including public administration, local government, and immigration and settlement policy. His work was animated by a commitment to the value of good government and sound public policy to the lives of Canadians and newcomers alike.

His thoughtfulness and humility lasted with his former students, as the general outpouring of love and condolences upon news of his death has shown.

Please visit the Garcea family online memorial page at: [www.mykeeper.com/profile/JosephGarcea/](http://www.mykeeper.com/profile/JosephGarcea/) to leave a note of sympathy for Joe's family.

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# Get to know your PSSA



Hello! The Political Studies Student Association is a student group aimed at building connections both on campus and in the broader political community. We are comprised of Political Studies and International Studies students, as well as students who are simply interested or taking a POLS/IS class! You need not be majoring in POLS or IS to join. Generally, we keep students posted on relevant events/lectures, represent your voice to the department, order merch, and plan the graduation banquet. We also aim to be inclusive, engaged, and fun!

This year looks a bit different with COVID-19, as of course many of our in-person events are cancelled. We are aiming to listen to our members about how they would most like the PSSA to be, as well as expand our outreach. Our current executive is:

Caid Brossart- President

Darian Yee- Vice President Operations and Finance

Zoe Pontikes- Vice President External Affairs

Christina McRorie- Vice President International Studies

Nikaela Lange- Vice President Internal Affairs

Minhal Raza- Executive Secretary

Please find us on Facebook at Political Studies Students Association, or email us at [uofspssa@gmail.com](mailto:uofspssa@gmail.com)

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## Meet Angie Gerrard, Learning Support Librarian, Student Learning Services and Liaison Librarian for Political Studies



Hi everyone, my name is Angie Gerrard and I'm the liaison librarian for the Political Studies department.

Students, do you have a question about the library in general or perhaps a more specific question related to a research assignment? If so, please reach-out to me ([angie.gerrard@usask.ca](mailto:angie.gerrard@usask.ca)) for assistance. A great starting point for your research is the Political Studies Research Guide: <https://libguides.usask.ca/politicalstudies>. If you are teaching a course, please email me and we can chat about the various available library supports. I look forward to working with you all! Watch this [video](#) to find out more about me and my role!

The library offers a wide variety of workshops throughout the year for students and faculty alike. Faculty and staff are highly encouraged to attend the Grad Research Workshops and upper undergraduates are encouraged to attend the Citation Software Workshops. More information regarding workshops can be found [here](#).

Students, if you need to consult the Chicago Manual of Style, we have online access! More information, and links to specific relevant chapters, can be accessed here: <https://libguides.usask.ca/politicalstudies/citing>

I am here to help with any library-related or Political Studies research related questions. You can reach me via email or schedule an appointment via WebEx.

# Global Cafe's go Digital

For those unfamiliar with the Global Café, it was created by Dr Martin Gaal as a unique space on campus to allow internationally minded people to gather and discuss the fascinating world we live in and more importantly to build community amongst ourselves. In normal times, we would meet three times per term, usually in an informal setting, to chat over coffee, and share our thoughts and experiences, while at times bringing in interesting speakers. The Global Café also plays an important role in the mission of the Global Studies Certificate: to encourage students to learn actively, think broadly, act ethically, and engage respectfully.



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This is our third year of running the Global Café and we have had to adapt to our new COVID reality while still aiming to keep the spirit of the Café alive. Instead of meeting in person, we are meeting virtually via Zoom Webinar. While this is less personal, it does open new possibilities by extending our community. We are able to invite new speakers, connect with our alumni, and invite the university leadership to participate. These events are important during a pandemic as a means to reduce the isolation we feel, and help us all cope with the disconnectedness from our university, our studies and research, and the wider world. By bringing our students and faculty together, we ground ourselves and our academic pursuits.

In term one, we had two great events.

**Oct 1st:** Dr Rachel McCormick (BA'97) Canadian Consul General to Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas – “International Cooperation in North American Politics”

**Nov 18th:** Tricia Geddes Deputy Director, Policy & Strategic Partnerships, Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) – “Security of Research in Canadian Universities”

In term two, we have two more events planned:

**Jan 20th:** Dr Martin Gaal, USask in partnership with the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation – “What is Global Citizenship?”

**TBD** (late February/Early March) Canadian Senator on Foreign Policy

For more information or to watch recordings of past events, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/UsaskGSC>  
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# The Global Studies Certificate Without the Global?

In a global pandemic, the world outside of our cities, province or country now seem even further away than normal. Well, let us be honest, anything outside of our living room can feel far away and 'remote' right now. This has created a lot of problems for our students and faculty in different ways both personal and academic. However, it poses a big dilemma for those seeking to attain the Global Studies Certificate (GSC).

The GSC is one of three certificates offered through the Department of Political Studies. It is an opportunity for students to demonstrate both an interest and competency in global affairs. As a certificate, it can be taken on its own without a degree. It can be taken in conjunction with any USask degree. Or it can be taken as an university alumni. There are over 300 courses that count towards the GSC from more than 10 colleges. This diversity creates an amazing cross disciplinary environment in the GSC core courses: IS110, IS201, IS202.

However, the pandemic has created a barrier to enrolling in IS202, the capstone course for the GSC. One prerequisite for enrollment is significant international experience. For example, a study abroad program, an international volunteer position, or being an international student would satisfy this requirement. But how are our students to get such experience during a global pandemic? One new initiative in the department may help. Dr Martin Gaal is working with Aditi Garg from Gwenna Moss and Chantal Hanson from ISSAC to adopt a COIL program in IS202 (Jan 2021) and IS201 (May 2021). COIL stands for Collaborative Online International Learning. In IS202, we will be piloting ISSAC material in partnership with Universidad de La Sabana in Columbia. In IS201, we will be building on this pilot project with Florida International University, USA.

In both cases, the COIL component will satisfy the 'international experience' requirement to enroll in IS202! So if you are interested in the GSC but the pandemic has kyboshed your international plans, contact the department for more information.

[Global Studies Certificate](#) - Department of Political Studies - Arts and Science - University of Saskatchewan (usask.ca)

<https://teaching.usask.ca/curriculum/coil.php#About>



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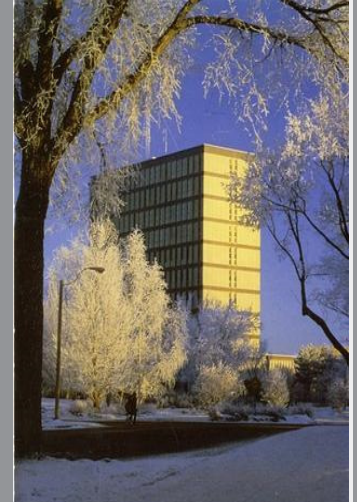
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We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

# Winter 2020 Classes

## International Studies:

IS 110 | Global Issues  
IS 202 | Global Experiential & Cultural Learning  
IS 211 | Introduction to International Studies Development  
IS 402 | International Development

## Political Studies:

POLS 111 | Democratic Citizenship in Canada  
POLS 112 | Justice & Injustice in Politics and Law  
POLS 205 | Canadian Politics and Society  
POLS 222 | Indigenous Governance & Politics  
POLS 226 | Canadian Public Policy  
POLS 237 | Modern Political Theory  
POLS 245 | Politics of Africa  
POLS 251 | Social Movements & Change  
POLS 256 | Understanding Political Science Research  
POLS 261 | Global Politics  
POLS 262 | Global Governance  
POLS 323 | First Nations Policies & Programs  
POLS 333 | Theory & Politics of Law  
POLS 341 | Asian Government & Politics  
POLS 349 | Politics of Canadian Diversity  
POLS 370 | War & Diplomacy in the International System  
POLS 403 | Advanced Topics in Public Law & Public Policy  
POLS 404 | Canadian Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations  
POLS 422 | First Nations Governance  
POLS 431 | Contemporary Political Theory