

Department of Political Studies

On behalf of my colleagues in the Department of Political Studies, I am pleased to welcome everyone back for what is sure to be an enriching and fulfilling academic year. While I'm sure we all wish we were further out of the pandemic and closer to regular life than we seem to be, we are excited to be at least taking some preliminary steps back to normalcy this upcoming term, including offering a number of in-person classes. I certainly hope this progress continues in the New Year. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy as we return to campus life.

I'd like to particularly welcome students who are just starting out on your university journey and hope that we can be a stop, big or small, along your path. On the other end, big congratulations to our graduating students who convoked this past spring or will be doing so this fall. We wish you all the best on your next undertakings and encourage you to stay in touch as your careers take shape.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest member of our department, Dr. Daniel Westlake, who joined us this summer and will be taking the lead in our Canadian Politics programming. He will also be an excellent source of insight as we navigate the upcoming federal election.

Finally, it is with great regret that we start the new academic year without our colleague and dear friend, Prof. Joe Garcea, who passed away last year. Joe was a pillar of our department, as well as the larger University and Saskatoon communities, since he started his career here more than 30 years ago. While he leaves a hole that cannot be filled, the enduring spirit of his kindness and wisdom will live on in all we do. We miss you Joe.

~Neil



A MESSAGE FROM NEIL HIBBERT, DEPARTMENT HEAD

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Faculty News

Welcome back!



We are very happy to welcome Dr. Colleen Bell back from sabbatical for the 2021-22 academic year. Dr. Bell was awarded an Explore SSHRC grant to support student research assistance, and an SSHRC Insight Development Grant with Lou Pingeot (University of Montreal) to study the global origins of Canadian police. Colleen continued her research conducting interviews with 19 police officers who were deployed on UN missions about their experiences and their views on the values that underpin international police assistance. She also worked with two research students to publish a review of National Security, Surveillance and Terror: Canada and Australia in Comparative Perspective in the journal *Surveillance and Society*.

When she wasn't researching, Colleen presented papers at the International Studies Association and the Canadian Political Science Association, and worked as an Editor of the journal, *Critical Studies on Security*.

And most importantly, Colleen found time to spend playing with her kids and walking her dog.

Welcome to the department!



On July 1st, Dr. Daniel Westlake joined the Department of Political Studies as a new faculty member. Daniel comes to us from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

Daniel completed his PhD in political science at the University of British Columbia, with his dissertation looking at the way ethnic minority electoral strength, electoral systems, and far-right parties shape mainstream parties' decision to support or oppose multiculturalism and the influence such decisions have on whether countries adopt multiculturalism policies. After completing his PhD, Daniel taught at the University of Victoria and held a post-doctoral fellowship at Queen's University. His research is focused on both parties and elections and on multiculturalism both in a Canadian and comparative context. He is currently working on projects examining the rise and fall of the NDP between 2004 and 2019 and on the way left parties have responded to the emergence of far-right parties. His teaching focuses on Canadian politics and makes use of in-depth simulations such as model parliaments and constitutional negotiations.

Daniel will be teaching POLS 204 (Canadian Political Institutions) and POLS 226 (Canadian Public Policy) in the fall term.

Congratulations!

Kathy Walker became Dr. Kathy Walker with the successful defence of her PhD. Thesis *Okâwimâwaskiy (mother earth): Regenerating A Wholistic Ethics* in June, 2021. Congratulations Dr. Walker!



From the Department



MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL ANALYSING THE 2021 FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
2:30 - 4:30 PM

The department of political studies will be hosting a virtual panel of experts who will offer their insights on the 2021 federal elections.

PANEL MEMBERS INCLUDE:

MARGOT MOUNBERT
DAVID MISPAINE
CHARLES SMITH
KATHY WALKER
DANIEL WESTLAKE

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Political Studies Speaker Series Event

We are pleased to welcome guest speaker Professor John Packer to the University of Saskatchewan. He will be speaking on the topic of Contemporary Genocides: Violence Against the Uyghurs and Rohingya

Date: September 29th, 1:00pm

Location: Murray 299, Murray Building, and via Zoom

<https://usask-ca.zoom.us/j/94470183423?pwd=WkxZUpLU-2VqVUFta1NoZ2sweVZzZz09>



Prof. John Packer

John Packer is Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution in the Faculty of Law, and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, at the University of Ottawa. He has led a professional career in the field of international human rights, diplomacy and security for over 30 years, advising in numerous peace processes around the world.

The Global Café

The Global Café is a unique space on campus, created to allow internationally-minded people to gather and discuss the fascinating world we live in and, more importantly, to build community amongst ourselves. This is our fourth year running the Global Café and the second year to partner with the Political Studies Student Association. The Global Café will continue to be run remotely this term, but we hope to return to in-person events next term. We are working on the schedule for this term, so stay tuned!

For more information, contact martin.gaal@usask.ca

You might also want to catch up on some of the fascinating talks we had last year:

Dr. Rachel McCormick – Canadian Consul General for Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: <https://fb.watch/7UUAoIU0y/>

Tricia Geddes – The Canadian Security Intelligence Service: <https://fb.watch/7UUHddDqKH/>

Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation – What is Global Citizenship?: <https://fb.watch/7UUSo-u3rd/>

Senator Boehm – Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade: <https://fb.watch/7UUXM18GUt/>

Myanmar Crisis: Voices from the Coup: <https://fb.watch/7UU-W2K6pc/>

Looking for a new playlist? Check out the IS 201 Global Citizenship student picks on [Spotify](https://www.spotify.com)



Academics



The University Library is pleased to announce a new [Learning Hub](#) for students. This site replaces the Student Learning Services (SLS) unit page but continues to include all the essential learning and academic support services and programming previously found on the SLS pages. Please update any of your web pages or resources to reflect the new name - Learning Hub. The URL remains the same <https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/>.

Our [workshops](#) have been scheduled for the entire Fall term and recordings of last year's workshops are available as well. During the month of September, students can learn essential skills for a strong academic start with our [Smart Start series](#). All students (undergrad and grad), instructors, staff, researchers are welcome to attend.

Our [workshops](#), writing help, and math help will continue to be offered online, via Zoom, until further notice (students must have a USask Zoom account to participate). POLS & IS students are encouraged to reach-out directly [Angie Gerrard](#) to set-up a research consultation via Zoom. New to Zoom? Feel free to share this page about Zoom [set up tips](#).

Angie Gerrard, University Library

First Year Research Experience (FYRE)

Each of our 100 level courses in Political Studies and International Studies has at least one First Year Research Experience section each term. A FYRE class asks students to go beyond studying a topic and move towards being a researcher. Students work with their instructor and a research coach through the research cycle:

Step one is defining a Research Question that is both appropriate to the course and 'doable' for a first year student

Step two is Investigating the research topic in order to answer that research question

Step three is Sharing the results of the research

FYRE classes set students up for future success, with 80% of students reporting increased confidence in conducting research. ([USask FYRE Web-site](#))

For more information, contact martin.gaal@usask.ca or visit: [FYRE-Faculty-Package.revised.MM.July2019.pdf \(usask.ca\)](#)



POLS 261 and Statecraft Sim

Last winter, with the generous support of the Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning, we piloted the use of Statecraft Sim in POLS 261 'Global Politics'. Statecraft Sim immerses students in global politics, where they work in teams to represent countries and compete with other teams to achieve their goals in a turn-based computer game. At the end of

the term, students must reflect on how the study of global politics differs from the practice of global politics. Gwenna Moss has extended their support this year, funding a second round with the Simulation. While students have reported the Simulation to be intense, 82% agreed that it enhanced their understanding of global politics.

For more information, contact martin.gaal@usask.ca or visit: [International Relations \(IR\) Simulation | Statecraft Simulations \(statecraftsims.com\)](#)



IS202 with Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

The Global Pandemic has made life, both academic and otherwise, more... complicated. However, it has really made it difficult to gain international experience – a requirement to register for IS202, the capstone course of the Global Studies Certificate. In response, we piloted a trial run with COIL in our January session of IS202 with the Universidad de la Sabana, Columbia. This was a fantastic course, where students met via Zoom and reflected on the extent to which national identity informs foreign policy decision-making. The course was so successful, we have decided that continuing with COIL in our January session would be really useful – both during the pandemic and afterwards. Including a COIL section of IS202 allows students who cannot go abroad for any reason to gain the international experience necessary to complete the Global Studies Certificate.

For more information, contact martin.gaal@usask.ca or visit:

[Global Studies Certificate](#)

[Collaborative Online International Learning \(COIL\) | Educatus \(usask.ca\)](#)

[Global Experiential and Cultural Learning \(IS 202\)](#)



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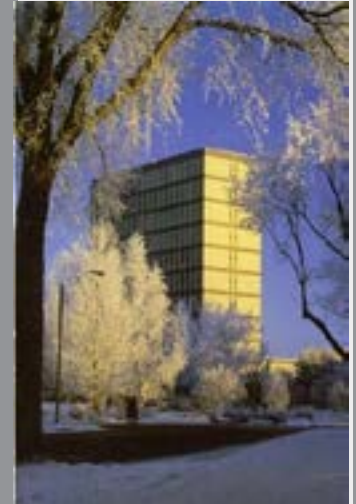
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We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Fall 2021 Classes

IS 110 – Global Issues
IS 201 – Global Citizenship Cultures and Coexistence
IS 202 – Global Experiential and Cultural Learning
IS 211 – Introduction to International Studies Development
IS 402 - International Development

POLS 111 – Democratic Citizenship in Canada (STM)
POLS 112 – Justice and Injustice in Politics and Law (STM)
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POLS 204 – Canadian Political Institutions
POLS 222 – Indigenous Governance and Politics
POLS 225 – Canadian Public Administration & Administrative Law (STM)
POLS 226 – Canadian Public Policy
POLS 236 – History of Political Theory
POLS 250 – Understanding the State in a Global Era
POLS 256 – Understanding Political Science Research (STM)
POLS 261 – Global Politics

POLS 302 – The Politics and Law of Work and Employment (STM)
POLS 303 – Public Law and the Courts in Canada (STM)
POLS 323 – First Nations Policies and Programs
POLS 326 – Comparative Public Policy
POLS 327 – Political Marketing (STM)
POLS 333 – Theory of Politics and Law (STM)
POLS 362 – Global Political Economy
POLS 368 – Comparative Foreign Policy in the Global Era
POLS 431 – Contemporary Political Theory
POLS 460 – Ethics and Global Politics
POLS 461 – Topics in Global Politics