



Political Science

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT BOSTON COLLEGE

We are an unusual department, a department that has resisted the trend pushing political science research away from questions that are relevant to citizens and political actors. Though we are particularly strong in the humanistic and qualitative approaches to politics, we celebrate methodological diversity. Thirty-one full-time faculty members (both senior and junior) teach in the department. We are also fortunate to have colleagues in a variety of other research and practice positions. This results in a considerable range in subject matter and academic approach. What unites our nationally renowned faculty is the recognition of the primacy of political problems and the conviction that these problems should determine the methodology that is appropriate in each case.

The master's and doctoral programs are flexible as to fields of study and courses. In addition to the wide range of courses offered within the department, students have the opportunity to take courses in other fields at Boston College as well as at the other institutions that make up the Boston Area Consortium. Students are invited

to study any of the four traditional fields of political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Theory.

The small size of the program—about five to six students are admitted to the doctoral program each year—allows for personal attention and close contact with the faculty. Informal colloquia and more formal presentations supplement the regular order of scholarly exchange; advanced students have an opportunity to teach under faculty supervision. While our primary focus is on the education of our students, we pay a great deal of attention to their professional development, preparing them for the academic and non-academic job markets. Most of our students are given the opportunity to teach their own classes, and all receive advice and instruction on publishing their work.

Many of the graduate courses are seminars in which a considerable amount of responsibility is placed upon the student to analyze readings, prepare written and oral presentations, and guide class discussions. These are experiences we encourage generally in our courses, but the seminar, with 15 or so students, is ideally suited to this purpose. The classes are small, which fosters not only conversation, but also close associations among students and faculty. The atmosphere is informal and collegial: both graduate students and faculty display an unusual blend of practical and philosophical concerns within a tradition of friendly but serious debate and scholarly exchange.

For more information about the Boston College Department of Political Science, please visit us at bc.edu/politicalscience.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Ph.D. Program

REQUIREMENTS

Coursework

Students entering the program with no previous graduate work are required to complete 14 courses (42 credits). Students entering the program with an applicable master's degree are required to complete at least 10 courses (30 credits). The precise number of courses required of master's degree holders will depend mainly on how well their previous work corresponds to our requirements.

The department's course offerings are organized into four fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Theory. These fields are organized into sub-fields (listed below). Students choose one field as their major area of concentration and one as their minor field. Students may also choose to have a second minor. A major consists of eight courses within a particular field, with preparation in at least three sub-fields (four if the major field is Political Theory). A first minor consists of four courses. Students are required to take two additional courses; these may be distributed however the student chooses, and may even be taken in another department or an interdepartmental program (with the approval of the graduate director). These two courses may be used toward an optional second minor, which consists of only two courses.

American Politics

- ❖ American Political Development
- ❖ National Institutions
- ❖ Public Law
- ❖ Federalism/State and Local Politics
- ❖ Parties and Interest Groups
- ❖ Public Policy and Administration
- ❖ American Political Thought
- ❖ Public Opinion, Citizen Participation, and Social Movements
- ❖ Political Organizations, Institutions, and Societal Change

Comparative Politics

- ❖ Themes in Comparative Politics: Democracy, Development, Dictatorship, and Authoritarianism; Politics of Inequality; Religion and Politics; State Building; Civil Society; Social Movements
- ❖ Comparative Politics and Mixed Methods: Case Studies and Fieldwork; Historical Institutionalism
- ❖ Comparative Regional Coverage: Europe, Africa, Eurasia, Latin America, Middle East, South Asia

International Politics

- ❖ International Relations Theory
- ❖ International Political Economy
- ❖ Foreign Policy
- ❖ International Security

Political Theory

- ❖ Ancient and Medieval Theory
- ❖ Early Modern Theory: Machiavelli to Montesquieu
- ❖ Late Modern Theory: Rousseau to Nietzsche
- ❖ Empirical Contemporary Theory
- ❖ American Political Thought

In both the major and minor fields, considerable discretion will be left to students as to the choice of courses.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

All Ph.D. students must demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

After completing their course and language requirements, Ph.D. students take written comprehensive examinations in their major and first minor fields.

Ph.D. students must take the comprehensive exams by the end of their fifth semester.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Dissertation Committee

After completing the comprehensive examinations, the student is expected to assemble a committee of at least three faculty members to direct his or her dissertation, with one of these faculty members agreeing to chair the committee, thus taking on principal responsibility for directing the dissertation.

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Dissertation Proposal

The doctoral student is expected to submit a dissertation proposal to the committee within six months of passing the comprehensive examinations.

Dissertation Seminar

Students in the writing stage, and in residence, are expected to participate in the Dissertation Seminar I and II. The seminars provide students with an opportunity to present work at various stages of completion.

Dissertation Defense

After the dissertation has been completed and approved by the dissertation committee for presentation, the candidate will present a public defense.

M.A. Program

REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. in political science is a two-year program. Students are required to take 10 courses (30 credits), with at least one course taken in three of the four fields of political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics and Political Theory. If a student chooses to write a thesis, eight subfield courses and two semesters of Thesis Seminar are required, and the written comprehensive examination is waived. A student is allowed to take two or, with permission, three courses in other departments. The passing of a comprehensive examination completes the requirements of the program. In lieu of a thesis or a comprehensive exam, students also have the option of taking Advanced Directive Study (ADS) with a supervising faculty member. ADS is a focused final paper project that is based on a paper that a student has already written in a seminar.

FACULTY PROFILES

MARSIN ALSHAMARY

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Religion and politics
- Middle Eastern politics
- Civil society and democracy
- Protest movements

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ♦ "Iraq's Struggle for Democracy." *Journal of Democracy* 34(2) (2023): 150-62.
- ♦ Co-author with H. Hadad, "The Collective Neglect of Southern Iraq: Missed Opportunities for Development and Good Governance." *International Peacekeeping* 30(5) (2023): 668-87.
- ♦ "Religious Peacebuilding in Iraq: Prospects and Challenges from the Hawza." *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 15(4) (2021): 494-509.

KATHLEEN BAILEY

Professor of the Practice

Ph.D., Boston College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Central Asian politics
- Russian politics
- Women in the Middle East
- Politics in the Middle East

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ♦ *Politics and Clan: The Case of Uzbekistan*. Frank Cass Publishers (forthcoming).
- ♦ Co-author with H. Toghrumajian, "It's Time to Get Real About U.S. Interests in the South Caucasus." *National Review*, October 13, 2020.
- ♦ Ed., "Central Asia and Afghanistan." In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam*. Oxford University Press, 2015.

ALI BANUAZIZI

Research Professor

Ph.D., Yale University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Middle Eastern politics
- Religion and nationalism
- U.S.-Iran relations

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ♦ "The Crossing Paths of Religion and Nationalism in Contemporary Iran." In *When Politics are Sacralized: Comparative Perspectives on Religious Claims and Nationalism*, eds. N. Rouhana and N. Shalhoub Kevorkian. Cambridge University Press, 2021.

❖ “Democracy and Democratization in the Middle East” and “The Islamic Revolution in Iran.” In *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, ed. R. Martin. 2nd ed., Macmillan/Cengage, 2016.

❖ Co-author with A. Ashraf, *Social Classes, State, and Revolution in Iran*. Nilufar Publications, 2008.

❖ Ed. with M. Weiner, *The New Geopolitics of Central Asia and Its Borderlands*. Indiana University Press, 1994.

❖ Ed. with M. Weiner, *The Politics of Social Transformation in Afghanistan Iran and Pakistan*. Syracuse University Press, 1994.

ROBERT BARTLETT

Brhakris Professor of Hellenic Political Studies

Ph.D., Boston College

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Classical political philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

❖ *Against Demagogues: What Aristophanes Can Teach Us about the Perils of Populism and the Fate of Democracy*. University of California Press, 2020.

❖ *Aristotle's Art of Rhetoric*. University of Chicago Press, 2019.

❖ *Sophistry and Political Philosophy: Protagoras' Challenge to Socrates*. University of Chicago Press, 2016.

❖ “How to Rule the World: An Introduction to Xenophon's Education of Cyrus.” *American Political Science Review* 109(1) (February 2015): 143-54.

❖ Translation with S. Collins, *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. A New Translation, with an Interpretive Essay, Notes, and Glossary*. University of Chicago Press, 2011.

ALICE P. BEHNEGAR

Professor of the Practice

Ph.D., University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Western intellectual history
- Foundations and issues of the modern liberal democratic nation-state
- American political thought
- Politics and religion
- Law
- Politics and literature

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

❖ “Tocqueville's Puzzling Secularism.” In *Enlightenment and Secularism: Essays on the Mobilization of Reason*, ed. C. Nadon. Lexington Books, 2013.

NASSER BEHNEGAR

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Early modern and contemporary political theory
- Classical political philosophy
- Politics and literature

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

❖ “John Locke's Ambiguous Attitude Toward Nature.” In *John Locke and the Dawn of Liberalism*, ed. W. Jordan. Mercer University Press, 2022.

❖ “Liberalism and Christianity: Locke's Use of the Bible in the Second Treatise.” In *Civil Religion and Modern Political Philosophy*, eds. S. Frankel and M. Yaffe. Penn State University Press, 2020.

❖ “Locke and the Sober Spirit of Capitalism.” *Society* 49 (2012): 131-38.

❖ *Leo Strauss, Max Weber, and the Scientific Study of Politics*. University of Chicago Press, 2003.

FERNANDO BIZZARRO

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Democracy
- Political parties
- Political economy
- Latin American

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

❖ Co-author with R. Pereira, R.S. Vieira, R.J. Barbosa, R. Dahis and D.T. Ferreira, “Free public transit and voter turnout.” *Electoral Studies* 86 (2023): 102690.

❖ Co-author with S. Mainwaring, “The Fates of Third-Wave Democracies.” *Journal of Democracy* 30(1) (2019): 99-113.

❖ Co-author with J. Gerring, C.H. Knutsen, A. Hicken, M. Bernard, M. Coppedge, and S. Lindberg, “Party Strength and Economic Growth.” *World Politics* 70(2) (2018): 275-320.

❖ Co-author with S. Mainwaring and T.J. Power, “The Uneven Institutionalization of a Party System: Brazil.” In *Party Systems in Latin America: Institutionalization, Decay and Collapse*, ed. S. Mainwaring. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

FACULTY PROFILES

JOSHUA BYUN

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Grand strategy
- Alliance politics
- U.S. foreign policy
- Cold War history

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Stuck Onshore: Why the United States Failed to Retrench from Europe during the Early Cold War.” *Texas National Security Review* 7(4) (2024).
- ❖ Co-author with C. Ju, “Under No Circumstances? What the Chinese Really Think about the Wartime Use of Nuclear Weapons.” *International Studies Quarterly* 68(2) (2024): 1-13.
- ❖ Co-author with A. Carson, “More than a Number: Aging Leaders In International Politics.” *International Studies Quarterly* 67(1) (2023): 1-15.
- ❖ Co-author with R. Terman, “Punishment and Politicization in the International Human Rights Regime.” *American Political Science Review* 116(2) (2022): 143-63.
- ❖ “Regional Security Cooperation Against Hegemonic Threats: Theory and Evidence from France and West Germany (1945-1965).” *European Journal of International Security* 7(2) (2022): 143-63.

PAUL CHRISTENSEN

Professor of the Practice

Ph.D., Princeton University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Russian politics
- Social movements
- Globalization
- Radical political economy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Russia as Semiperiphery: Political Economy, the State and Society in the Contemporary World System.” In *The Political Economy of Russia*, ed. N. Robinson. Roman & Littlefield, 2013.
- ❖ “Labor Under Putin: The State of the Russian Working Class.” *New Labor Forum* 26(1) (Winter 2017): 64-73.
- ❖ *Russia's Workers in Transition: Labor, Management, and the State Under Gorbachev and Yeltsin*. Northern Illinois University Press, 1999.

TIMOTHY W. CRAWFORD

Professor

Ph.D., Columbia University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International security
- Alliance politics
- U.S. foreign policy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed. with R. Art and R. Jervis, *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2023.
- ❖ *The Power to Divide: Wedge Strategies in Great Power Competition*. Cornell University Press, 2021.
- ❖ Co-author with K. Vu, “Arms Control as Wedge Strategy: How Arms Limitation Deals Divide Alliances.” *International Security* 46(2) (2021): 91-129.
- ❖ “How to Distance Russia from China.” *Washington Quarterly* 44(3) (2021): 175-94.
- ❖ “The Strategy of Coercive Isolation.” In *Coercion: The Power to Hurt in International Politics*, eds. K.M. Greenhill and P. Krause. Oxford University Press, 2018.
- ❖ “Preventing Enemy Coalitions: How Wedge Strategies Shape Power Politics.” *International Security* 34(4) (2011): 155-89.
- ❖ *Pivotal Deterrence: Third-Party Statecraft and the Pursuit of Peace*. Cornell University Press, 2003.

DAVID M. DIPASQUALE

Associate Professor of the Practice

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Islamic political thought
- Medieval Islamic, Jewish, and Christian philosophy
- Alfarabi
- Transmission of Greek science to the Muslim world
- Islam and the west

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Al-Fārābī.” In *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, eds. S. Goetz and C. Taliaferro. Wiley & Sons, 2021.
- ❖ *Alfarabi's Book of Dialectic (Kitāb al-Jadal): On the Starting Point of Islamic Philosophy*. Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- ❖ “On Averroes's Use of Logical Methods in Defense of Philosophy.” In *The Pilgrimage of Philosophy: A Festschrift for Charles E. Butterworth*. St. Augustine's Press, 2019.
- ❖ “Averroes.” In *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. M. Gibbons. Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.
- ❖ “The End of Aristotle's Topics and the Beginning of Islamic Philosophy.” In *La lumière de l'intellect: La pensée scientifique et philosophique d'Averroès dans son temps*, ed. A. Hasnawi. Peeters, 2011.

GERALD M. EASTER

Professor

Ph.D., Columbia University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Russian politics and history
- Eastern Europe politics and history
- Modern state and comparative state building

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with M. Vorhees, *The Last Stand of the Raven Clan: A Story of Imperial Ambition, Native Resistance and How the Tlingit-Russian War Shaped a Continent*. Pegasus Books, 2024.
- ❖ “Avoiding the Succession Trap: Leadership Change in Survivor Communist Regimes.” In *The Post-Communist World in the Twenty-First Century: How the Past Informs the Present*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2022.
- ❖ “Policing Protest in Russia.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 54(4) (2021): 74-97.
- ❖ *The Tsarina's Lost Treasure: Catherine the Great, a Golden Age Masterpiece, and a Legendary Shipwreck*. Pegasus Books, 2020.
- ❖ *Capital, Coercion and Postcommunist States*. Cornell University Press, 2012. [Davis Prize for Best Book in Social Science in Eastern European/Russian Studies (2013) and Hewett Prize for Best Book in Political Economy in East European/Russian Studies (2013)].
- ❖ *Reconstructing the State: Personal Networks and Elite Identity in Soviet Russia*. Cambridge Series in Comparative Politics, Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- ❖ Co-ed., *Shaping the Economic Space in Russia: Decision Making Processes, Institutions and Adjustment to Change in the El'Tsin Era*. Ashgate, 2000.

JENNIFER L. ERICKSON

Associate Professor

Ph.D., Cornell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International relations theory
- Global governance
- International security and arms control
- Laws and norms of war
- EU foreign affairs

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Disarming the Dangerous? The Use of Arms Embargoes and Economic Sanctions as Tools of Norm Enforcement.” *Review of International Studies* 46(1) (2020): 96-120.
- ❖ “Arms Control.” In *The Oxford Handbook of International Security*, eds. A. Gheicu and W. Wohlforth. Oxford University Press, 2018.
- ❖ “Leveling the Playing Field: Cost Diffusion and the Promotion of ‘Responsible’ Arms Export Norms.” *International Studies Perspectives* 18(3) (2017): 323-42.

- ❖ *Dangerous Trade: Conventional Arms Exports, Human Rights, and the Politics of Social Reputation*. Columbia University Press, 2015.
- ❖ “Saint or Sinner? Human Rights and US Support for the Arms Trade Treaty.” *Political Science Quarterly* 130(3) (2015): 449-74.
- ❖ “Market Imperative Meets Normative Power: Human Rights and European Arms Transfer Policy.” *European Journal of International Relations* 19(2) (2013): 209-34.
- ❖ “Stopping the Legal Flow of Weapons: Compliance with Arms Embargoes, 1981-2004.” *Journal of Peace Research* 50(2) (2013): 159-74.

DENNIS HALE

Professor

Ph.D., City University of New York

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- American political thought
- Law and politics
- State and local politics
- Constitutionalism
- Modern democratic states

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with M. Landy, *Keeping the Republic: A Defense of American Constitutionalism*. University Press of Kansas, 2024.
- ❖ “Why is the Constitution Not Democratic?” *Real Clear Public Affairs 1776 Series* (2020).
- ❖ *The Jury in America: Triumph and Decline*. University Press of Kansas, 2016.
- ❖ “Worrying About the Jury System.” *Society* 42 (2005): 69-76.
- ❖ “Communitarianism, The Highest State of Progressivism.” In *The Active Society Revisited*, ed. W.C. McWilliams. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.
- ❖ “Welfare and Amenity in the Work of Bertrand de Jouvenel.” *Political Science Reviewer* 32 (2003): 38-57.

RYAN PATRICK HANLEY

Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- 17th and 18th century British moral and political thought (esp. Adam Smith)
- 17th and 18th century French moral and political thought (esp. Fénelon)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ *The Political Philosophy of Fénelon*. Oxford University Press, 2020.
- ❖ *Our Great Purpose: Adam Smith on Living a Better Life*. Princeton University Press, 2019.
- ❖ *Love's Enlightenment: Rethinking Charity in Modernity*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- ❖ *Adam Smith and the Character of Virtue*. Cambridge University Press, 2009.

FACULTY PROFILES

MICHAEL T. HARTNEY

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- American politics
- Political institutions
- Public policy
- State and local government
- Education reform
- Public sector unions

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ *How Politics Make Interest Groups: Governments, Unions and American Education*. University of Chicago Press, 2022.
- ❖ Co-Author with P. Flavin and D. DiSalvo, "State Labor Laws and Government Responsiveness to Public Opinion." *Political Research Quarterly* 76(3) (2023): 1475-85.
- ❖ "Teachers Unions and School Board Elections: A Reassessment." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 11 (January 2022): 237-62.
- ❖ Co-author with A. Dynes and S. Hayes, "Off-Cycle and Off-Center: Election Timing and Representation in Municipal Government." *American Political Science Review* 115(3) (August 2021): 1097-103.
- ❖ Co-author with L. Finger, "Politics, Markets, and Pandemics: Public Education's Response to Covid-19." *Perspectives on Politics* (June 2021): 1-17.
- ❖ Co-author with S. Hayes, "Off-Cycle and Out of Sync: How Election Timing Influences Political Representation." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* (2021): 1-20.
- ❖ Co-author with L. Finger, "Financial Solidarity: The Future of Labor Unions in the post-Janus Era." *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1) (March 2021): 19-35.
- ❖ Co-author with M. Jones, "Show Who the Money? Teacher Sorting Patterns and Performance Pay across U.S. School Districts." *Public Administration Review* 77(6) (2017): 919-31.
- ❖ Co-author with P. Flavin, "Racial Inequality in Democratic Accountability: Evidence from Retrospective Voting in Local Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 61(3) (2016): 684-97.
- ❖ Co-author with P. Flavin, "When Government Subsidizes Its Own: Collective Bargaining Laws as Agents of Political Mobilization." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(4) (2015): 896-911.
- ❖ Co-author with C. Wolbrecht, "'Ideas about Interests': Explaining the Changing Partisan Politics of Education." *Perspectives on Politics* 12(3) (2014): 1-28.

LAUREN E. HONIG

Associate Professor

Ph.D., Cornell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Comparative politics
- Political economy of development
- State building
- Land politics and property rights institutions
- Natural resource governance

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ Co-author with K.E. Ferree, E. Lust, and M. Phillips, "Land and Legibility: When Do Citizens Expect Secure Property Rights in Weak States?" *American Political Science Review* 117(1) (2023): 42-58.
- ❖ Co-author with A. Harris, "Mutual Dependence and Expectations of Cooperation." *The Journal of Politics* 85(1) (2023).
- ❖ "The Power of the Pen: Informal Property Rights Documents in Zambia." *African Affairs* 121(482) (2022): 81-107.
- ❖ *Land Politics: State-building and the Resilience of Customary Institutions in Zambia and Senegal*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.
- ❖ Co-author with A.E. Smith and J. Bleck, "What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya." *Perspectives on Politics* (2021): 1-18.
- ❖ "Selecting the State or Choosing the Chief? The Political Determinants of Smallholder Land Titling." *World Development* 100 (2017): 94-107.

DAVID HOPKINS

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political parties and elections
- U.S. Congress
- Political behavior
- Research methods

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with M. Grossmann, *Polarized by Degrees: How the Diploma Divide and the Culture War Transformed American Politics*. Cambridge University Press, 2024.
- ❖ Co-author with N.W. Polsby, A. Wildavsky, and S.E. Schier, *Presidential Elections: Strategies and Structures of American Politics*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.
- ❖ *Red Fighting Blue: How Geography and Electoral Rules Polarize American Politics*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- ❖ Co-author with M. Grossmann, *Asymmetric Politics: Ideological Republicans and Group Interest Democrats*. Oxford University Press, 2016.

HANNES KERBER

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., University of Munich

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Early modern political philosophy
- Political thought of European Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment
- Lessing, Kant, Hegel, Schleiermacher
- Heidegger and his legacy (Strauss, Arendt, Gadamer)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed. with M. Fricke and E. Travanti, *Praktiken der Provokation: Lessings Schreib- und Streitstrategien* (Practices of Provocation: Lessing's Literary and Polemical Strategies). Wehrhahn Verlag, 2024.
- ❖ Co-ed. with S. Minkov, *Leo Strauss on Plato's "Euthyphro": The 1948 Notebook, with Lectures and Critical Writings*. Penn State University Press, 2023 (paperback 2024).
- ❖ "Jerusalem and Athens in America: On the Biographical Background of Leo Strauss's Four Eponymous Lectures from 1946, 1950, and 1967, And an Abandoned Book Project from 1956/1957." *Journal for the History of Modern Theology/Zeitschrift für Neuere Theologiegeschichte* 29(1) (2022): 90-132.
- ❖ *Die Aufklärung der Aufklärung: Lessing und die Herausforderung des Christentums* (The Enlightenment of the Enlightenment: Lessing and the Challenge of Christianity). Wallstein Verlag, 2021 (2nd ed., 2024, forthcoming).

KEN I. KERSCH

Professor

J.D., Northwestern University; Ph.D., Cornell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- American political and constitutional development
- American political thought
- Politics of courts

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *American Political Thought*. Polity Books, 2021.
- ❖ "Constitutional Arguments, Constitutional Stories," *The University Bookman* (February 23, 2020).
- ❖ *Conservatives and the Constitution: Imagining Constitutional Restoration in the Heyday of American Liberalism*. Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- ❖ "The Distinctiveness of the Supreme Court: An Historical Institutional Perspective." *Constitutional Studies* 4 (2019): 31-44.
- ❖ "The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era." In *Oxford Handbook of the United States Constitution*, eds. M. Graber, S. Levinson, and M. Tushnet. Oxford University Press, 2015.
- ❖ "The Talking Cure: How Constitutional Argument Drives Constitutional Development." *Boston University Law Review* 94 (2014): 1083-108.

JONATHAN KIRSHNER

Professor

Ph.D., Princeton University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International relations
- Political economy
- Politics and film

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *An Unwritten Future: Realism, Uncertainty, and World Politics*. Princeton University Press, 2022.
- Co-ed., *The Downfall of the American Order?* Cornell University Press, 2022.
- ❖ "Handle Him with Care: The Importance of Getting Thucydides Right." *Security Studies* 28(1) (2019): 1-24
- ❖ *When the Movies Mattered: The New Hollywood Revisited*. Cornell University Press, 2019.
- ❖ *American Power After the Financial Crisis*. Cornell University Press, 2014.
- ❖ "The Economic Sins of IR Theory and the Classical Realist Alternative." *World Politics* 67(1) (2015): 155-83.
- ❖ "Machinations of Wicked Men." *Boston Review* (March 9, 2016).
- ❖ "Keynes's Early Beliefs and Why They Still Matter." *Challenge* 58(5) (2015): 398-412.
- ❖ *Hollywood's Last Golden Age: Politics, Society and the Seventies Film in America*. Cornell University Press, 2012.

PETER KRAUSE

Associate Professor

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International security
- Middle East politics
- Terrorism and political violence
- Nationalism, rebels and revolution

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with N. Hägerdal, "Blowback Operations as Rebel Strategy: How Sectarian Violence Spread from Syria Into Lebanon 2013-14." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 35(6) (2023): 1317-35.
- ❖ Co-author with D. Gustafson, J. Theriault, and L. Young, "Knowing is Half the Battle: How Education Decreases the Fear of Terrorism." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(7-8) (2022): 1147-73.
- ❖ "The Strategies of Counter-Secession: How States Prevent Independence." *Nations and Nationalism* 28(3) (2022): 788-805.
- ❖ Co-ed. with D. Siroky and E. Souleimanov, "Kin Killing: Why Governments Target Family Members In Insurgency, and Why It Works." *Security Studies* 31(2) (2022): 183-217.

FACULTY PROFILES

- ❖ Co-ed. with O. Szekely, *Stories From the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science*. Columbia University Press, 2020.
- ❖ Co-ed. with K. Greenhill, *Coercion: The Power to Hurt in International Politics*. Oxford University Press, 2018.
- ❖ Co-author with E. Eiran, "How Human Boundaries Become State Borders: Radical Flanks and Territorial Control in the Modern Era." *Comparative Politics* 50(4) (2018): 479-99.
- ❖ *Rebel Power: Why National Movements Compete, Fight, and Win*. Cornell University Press, 2017.

MASHA KRUPENKIN

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Stanford University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Partisan polarization
- Political participation
- Text as data

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with S. Iyengar, "The Strengthening of Partisan Affect." *Political Psychology* 39 (2018): 201-18.
- ❖ Co-author with D. Rothschild, S. Hil, and E. Yom-Tovl, "President Trump Stress Disorder: Partisanship, Ethnicity, and Expressive Reporting of Mental Distress After the 2016 Election." *SAGE Open* 9(1) (2019): 1-14.
- ❖ Co-author with G. Huberman, T. Konitzer, D. Rothschild, and S. Hill, "Economic Expectations, Voting, and Economic Decisions Around Elections." *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 108 (2018): 597-602.

MARC LANDY

Professor

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- U.S. presidency
- Federalism
- American constitutionalism
- American political development

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with D. Hale, *Keeping the Republic: A Defense of American Constitutionalism*, University Press of Kansas, 2024.
- ❖ Co-author with D. Hale, "Taming the Modern." *National Affairs* 60 (2024).
- ❖ Co-author with S. Milkis, "The Presidency in History, Leading from the the Eye of the Storm." In *The Presidency and the Political System*, ed. M. Nelson. 12th ed., CQ Press, 2020.
- ❖ *American Government: Enduring Principles and Critical Choices*. Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- ❖ "Incrementalism v. Disjuncture: The President and American Political Development." *Tulsa Law Review* 50(2) (2015): 635-47.
- ❖ "Vindicating the Executive in a Time of Terror." In *Is the Constitution Obsolete?*, ed. T. Main. Carolina Academic Press, 2013.

- ❖ "Obama and FDR." In *The Obama Presidency in the Constitutional Order*, eds. C. McNamara and M. Marlowe. Rowman & Littlefield, 2011.
- ❖ "Terror and the Executive." *National Affairs* (Spring 2010).

JONATHAN LAURENCE

Professor and Director of the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Religion and politics
- Western European politics
- North African politics
- Turkish politics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed. with K. Barkey, *Religious Toleration in Comparative Perspective: A Handbook*, Springer Publishing (forthcoming).
- ❖ Ed. *Secularism in Comparative Perspective: Religions Across Political Contexts*. Springer Publishing, 2023.
- ❖ *Coping with Defeat: Sunni Islam, Roman Catholicism and the Modern State*. Princeton University Press, 2021.
- ❖ *The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims: The State's Role in Minority Integration*. Princeton University Press, 2012.
- ❖ Co-author with J. Vaisse, *Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France*. Brookings Institution Press, 2006.

THIBAUD MARCESSE

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Cornell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative politics
- Institutions and institutional change
- Development studies
- South Asian politics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Public Policy Reform and Informal Institutions: The Political Articulation of the Demand for Work in Rural India." *World Development* 103 (2018): 284-96.

R. SHEP MELNICK

Thomas P. O'Neill Professor of American Politics

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Courts
- Public policy
- Civil rights and Title IX
- Education Policy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *The Crucible of Desegregation: The Uncertain Search for Educational Equality*. University of Chicago Press, 2023.

- ❖ “The Moral Sense and Political Sensibility.” In *Character and the Future of the American University*, ed. J.R. Wilbur. Pepperdine University Press, 2023.
- ❖ “Whose Educational Opportunity?” *Marquette Sports Law Review* 33(1) (2022): 7-37.
- ❖ “West Virginia v. EPA on Climate Change and Administrative Power.” In *Scotus 2022: Major Decisions and Developments of the Supreme Court*, ed. M. Marietta. Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.
- ❖ “Desegregation, Then and Now.” *National Affairs* 47 (2020): 100-18.
- ❖ *The Transformation of Title IX: Regulating Gender Equality in Education*. Brookings, 2018.
- ❖ Adversarial Legalism, Civil Rights, and the Exceptional American State.” In *Varieties of Legal Order: The Politics of Adversarial and Bureaucratic Legalism*, eds. T. Burke and J. Barnes. Routledge, 2017.
- ❖ “Gridlock and the Madisonian Constitution.” In *What Would Madison Do? The Father of the Constitution Meets Modern American Politics*, eds. B. Wittes and P. Nivola. Brookings, 2015.

MARY MURPHY

Professor

Ph.D., Queen's University Belfast, North Ireland

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Politics of Ireland and Northern Ireland
- European Union
- Multi-level governance
- Europeanization

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with J. Evershed, *A Troubled Constitutional Future: Northern Ireland after Brexit*. Agenda Publishing/Columbia University Press, 2022.
- ❖ *Europe and Northern Ireland's Future: Negotiating Brexit's Unique Case*. Agenda Publishing/Columbia University Press, 2018.
- ❖ *Northern Ireland and the European Union: The Dynamics of a Changing Relationship*. Manchester University Press, 2014.

LINDSEY A. O'ROURKE

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- American foreign policy
- International security

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Covert Regime Change: America's Secret Cold War*. Cornell University Press, 2018.

- ❖ “You Can't Always Get What You Want: Why Foreign-Imposed Regime Change Seldom Improves Interstate Relations.” *International Security* 4(2) (2016): 43-89.
- ❖ “What's Special About Female Suicide Terrorism?” *Security Studies* 18(4) (2009): 681-718.

ROBERT S. ROSS

Professor

Ph.D., Columbia University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Chinese security policy
- International security

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed., *US-China Foreign Relations: Power Transition and its Implications for Europe and Asia*. Routledge, 2021.
- ❖ “China Looks at the Korean Peninsula: The ‘Two Transitions.’” *Survival* 63(6) (2021): 129-58.
- ❖ “Sino-Vietnamese Relations in the Era of Rising China: Power vs. Resistance and the Sources of Instability.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 30 (2021): 613-29.
- ❖ “Beyond Theoretical Determinism: Exploring The Complexity of Power Transitions” (review essay). *Journal of East Asian Studies* 20(2) (2020): 151-61.
- ❖ “The Changing East Asian Balance of Power and the Regional Security Order.” In *US-China Foreign Relations: Power Transition and its Implications for Europe and Asia*, eds. R.S. Ross, Ø. Tunsjø, and W. Dong. Routledge, 2020.
- ❖ “Sino-Russian Relations: The False Promise of Russian Balancing.” *International Politics* 57(5) (2020): 834-54.
- ❖ “It's Not a Cold War: Competition and Cooperation in U.S.-China Relations,” *China International Strategy Review* 2(1) (2020): 63-72.
- ❖ Co-ed. *Strategic Adjustment and the Rise of China: Power and Politics in East Asia*. Cornell University Press, 2017.
- ❖ “Nationalism, Geopolitics and Naval Expansionism: From the Nineteenth Century to the Rise of China,” *Naval War College Review* 71(4) (2018).
- ❖ “On The Fungibility of Economic Power: China's Economic Rise and the East Asian Security Order.” *European Journal of International Politics* 25(1) (2019).
- ❖ *China in the Era of Xi Jinping: Domestic and Foreign Policy Challenges*. Georgetown University Press, 2016.

SUSAN SHELL

Professor

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Hobbes
- Rousseau
- Kant
- Art and Politics
- Religion and Politics

FACULTY PROFILES

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *The Politics of Beauty: A Study of Kant's Critique of Taste*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.
- ❖ Ed., *The Strauss-Krüger Correspondence: Back to Plato Through Kant*. Translation with Introduction and Critical Essays. Palgrave-MacMillan, 2018.
- ❖ Co-ed. with R. Velkley, *Kant's Observations and Remarks: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- ❖ *Kant and the Limits of Autonomy*. Harvard University Press, 2009.
- ❖ Co-ed. with R. Faulkner, *America at Risk: Threats to Liberal Self-Government in an Age of Uncertainty*. University of Michigan Press, 2009.

PETER SKERRY

Professor

Ph.D., Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Immigration/refugee policy and politics
- Racial, ethnic, and religious pluralism in the U.S.
- Islam in American society and politics
- Societal change and political institutions

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Insane Asylum: On the Immigration Disaster." *National Review* 28(6)(2024).
- ❖ "Exploiting Immigrants: A Game Anyone Can Play." *American Purpose* (October 3, 2022).
- ❖ "Why 'Black Lives Matter' Matters." *National Affairs* (2021).
- ❖ "Puritan's Progress: Lawrence Mead and the Question of American Culture," *The Hedgehog Review* (2021).
- ❖ "Rashida Tlaib's Bad Manners." *The Berkley Forum* (January 23, 2020).
- ❖ "Lost in the Fog: Immigrants and Refugees, Bureaucrats and Activists." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 17(3) (2019): 487-506.
- ❖ "Dancing Around the Caravan: The Media, The Left, and The Catholic Church." *The American Interest* (January 8, 2019).
- ❖ "Splitting the Difference on Illegal Immigration." In *Debating Immigration*, ed. C.M. Swain. 2nd ed., Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- ❖ "American Brotherhood: The Muslim Brothers Are Present in the United States, But Not a Threat." *Foreign Affairs* (April 8, 2017).
- ❖ Co-author with J. Rangel, "Mexican-Americans: New Guys on the Block." *The Weekly Standard* (February 13, 2017).
- ❖ "Nathan Glazer: An Appreciation." *National Affairs* (Spring 2016).
- ❖ *Breaking the Immigration Stalemate: From Deep Disagreements to Constructive Proposals* (principal author; Report of the Brookings-Duke Immigration Policy Roundtable). Brookings Institution, 2009.

PAUL T. WILFORD

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Tulane University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- German idealism, especially Hegel and Kant
- 19th- and 20th-century political philosophy
- Philosophy of history
- Ancient Greek philosophy
- Shakespeare

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-editor with S.A. Stoner, *Kant and the Possibility of Progress*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021.
- ❖ "From Comedy to Christianity: The Nihilism of Aristophanic Laughter." In *Hegel, Tragedy, and Comedy*, ed. M. Alznauer. SUNY Press, 2021.
- ❖ "The Theological Dimension of Agency: Forgiveness, Recognition, and Responsibility in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit." *Review of Metaphysics* 72(3) (2019): 497-527
- ❖ "Hegel on the Trial of Socrates and the End of Aesthetic Democracy." In *Hegel and Ancient Philosophy: A Re-Examination*, ed. G.A. Magee. Routledge, 2018.
- ❖ "What Makes a Kingdom?: Plants, Poetry and Politics in Richard II." In *Athens, Arden, Jerusalem*, eds. P.T. Wilford and K. Havard. Lexington Books, 2017.

COURSES

The combined and varied interests of the faculty, as indicated in the faculty profiles, ensure that the department offers a wide range of graduate course electives. While the number and content of the graduate electives vary from year to year, the following courses are illustrative of the range offered.

Fall 2024

Research Methods in Political Science	Hopkins
Nietzsche's Political Philosophy	Behnegar
Field Seminar in Comparative Politics	Honig
The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences	Alshamary
Realist Theories in International Relations	Kirshner
American Politics from the Ground Up	Skerry
Current Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy	O'Rourke
Leibniz	Hanley
Seminar in International Security	Byun
Comparative Authoritarianism: Russia and China	Easter
Interest Groups in American Politics	Hartney

Spring 2025

Kant "True Politics"	Shell
Democracy and Political Mediation in the Global South	Marcesse
East Asian Security	Ross
American Political Development II	Landy
Ethnopolitics in Eastern Europe	Easter
Political Philosophy of Plato	Bartlett

OUTCOMES

Recent Dissertations

Mohammad Javad Alipour, "Liberating Ayatollahs and Tyrannical Priests: A Study of the Crisis of Power and Reason in Hobbes and Foucault"

Nicholas Anderson, "Dreaming that Sweet Dream: A study of Kant's Anthropology of Hope"

Matthew Berry, "Law, Justice, and Equity in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics"

Sam Biasi, "Insurgent Culture: Strategy and Strategic Change in the Palestinian National Movement"

Andrew Bowen, "Getting Your Message Across: Costly Signaling Success and Failure During the Cold War"

Timothy Brennan, "Montesquieu, Rousseau, and the Foundations of Constitutional Government"

Shilo Shadid Brooks, "The Cultural Crisis of Modernity and its Remedy According to Nietzsche"

Brendan Bucy, "Robust Citizenship and Democracy: A Study of Pericles' Athens"

Gregory Burnep, "The War on Terror and the Separation of Powers Tug-of-War"

Kimberley Burns, "The Moral Foundations of the Social Contract in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau"

Selene Champion, "Divided Cities: Segregation and the Political Geography of Muslim Representation in Western Europe"

Rebecca Clark, "Montesquieu on the Geography and History of Political Liberty"

Thomas Cleveland, "The Accounts of the Origin of Law in Plato's Laws"

Allison D'Orazio, "The Psychology of Athenian Imperialism"

Daniel Geary, "Coping With Democracy, Coping with the Culture War: A Policy History of the National Endowment for the Humanities"

Grayson Gilmore, "Hobbes and the Birth of Civil Science"

Perin Gokce, "The Rise of Religious Nationalism in Turkey and India: The Power of Organization"

OUTCOMES

Thomas Goodman, “The Twilight of Indirect, Senatorial Elections: Emerging Popular Legitimacy on the Eve of Reform, 1890-1913”

Sam Hayes, “Courtroom Cartography: How Federal Court Redistricting Has Shaped American Democracy from Baker to Rucho”

Yuan He, “Creditor Government Intervention in Sovereign Debt Crises”

Yuxing Huang, “Asymmetric Statecraft: Alliances, Competitors, and Regional Diplomacy in Asia and Europe”

John Hungerford, “The Political Animal: Aristotle on Nature, Reason, and Politics”

Jiyeon Im, “Legislating Free Commercial Societies: Montesquieu on the Nature and Morality of Commerce”

Courtney Kaminski, “From a Duty to a Right: The Political Development of the Second Amendment”

Christopher Lauriello, “Church and State in Dante Alighieri’s Monarchia”

Timothy Lehmann, “Montesquieu and Rousseau on the Passions and Politics”

Yael Levin, “Peirce’s Conservative Progressivism”

Rachel Mackey, “Politics and Bureaucracy in the Modern State”

William Mayborn, “Ever Vigilant: Chinese Perceptions of Adversarial Alliances”

Maria McColleston, “Executive Power in Unlikely Places: The Presidency and America’s Public Lands”

Timothy McCranor, “Rousseau, Arendt, and the End of Politics”

Elitsa Molles, “Identity Politics in Local Markets: Comparing Immigrant Integration Outcomes in the ‘New’ Europe”

Peter NeCastro, “Enlightened Reactionaries: Progress and Tradition in the Thought of Christopher Lasch, Paul Goodman and Jane Jacobs”

Inhwan Oh, “An Interactive Theory of Power Projection: How the Leading Sea Power and A Challenger Avoid or End up in a War”

Heather Pangle, “Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill on Liberty and Empire”

Tyler Parker, “Securing Status: Why the Gulf Governments Support U.S. Policies in the Middle East”

Leor Sapir, “Regulate Now, Explain Later: Understanding the Civil Rights State’s Redefinition of ‘Sex’”

Adam Sliwowski, “Situating Freedom: A Study of Hegel’s Philosophy of History and Theory of the State”

Peter Wilkin, “Aristophanes” Critique of Philosophic Wisdom In Clouds, Women at the Thesmophoria and Frogs”

Jacob Wolf, “Harmonizing Heaven and Earth: Democratization and Individualism in American Religion”

Adam Wunische, “Forced to Govern: Armed Statebuilding Operations and the Limits of Military Effectiveness”

Chengzhi Yin, “Accommodation or Coercion: China’s Choices of Alliance Balancing Strategies”

Jonathan Yudelman, “The Elements of Progress: Ideology and History in Hobbes and Vico”

Recent Placements

TENURE-TRACK PLACEMENTS

College of the Holy Cross

Emory University

Kenyon College

Marquette University

Mercer University

Michigan State University

Middlebury College

Ohio University

Regent University

St. John’s College, Annapolis

St. John’s College, Santa Fe

Takushoku University (Tokyo)

Tsinghua University (China)

U.S. Naval Academy

University of Austin

University of Dallas

University of Houston

University of Notre Dame

University of Texas, Austin

University of Utah

University of Virginia

University of Wales Trinity

Saint David

POST-DOCTORAL PLACEMENTS

Boston College

Emory University

European University Institute

Furman University

Harvard University

McGill University

Northern Illinois University

Princeton University

University of Colorado

University of Texas at Austin

University of Virginia

MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The oldest and largest of the University's eight schools and colleges, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, and Master of Science. In addition, numerous dual-degree options are offered in cooperation with the Carroll School of Management, the Boston College Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, and the School of Social Work.

With approximately 900 graduate students and more than 500 full-time faculty, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences is small enough to know you as a person, but large enough to serve you and prepare you for a rewarding life and satisfying career.

Academic Resources

PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Department of Political Science takes an active role in helping students find attractive academic positions. The department's placement program is directed by Professor Robert Bartlett. A key component of the program is the annual employment seminar, in which young faculty discuss their searches and distribute written suggestions and hints. In addition, the director and other faculty review each student's resume and other documents pertaining to the job application process. Finally, the faculty who have worked most closely with a student are responsible for writing and calling on his or her behalf.

BOSTON AREA CONSORTIUM

The Boston Area Consortium allows graduate students to cross-register for courses at Boston University, Brandeis University, and Tufts University.

BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The University is home to eight libraries, containing nearly 3 million volumes; more than 700 manuscript collections, including music, photos, art, and artifacts; 625,000 e-books; and more than 600 electronic databases. O'Neill Library, Boston College's main library, offers subject-specialist librarians to help with research, to set up alerts to publications in areas of interest, and to answer any research- and library-related questions.

THE BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Boston Library Consortium allows Boston College students access to millions of volumes and other services at 19 area institutions in addition to the world-class resources available through the Boston College Library System.

THE GRADUATE CONSORTIUM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies (GCWS) brings together scholars and teachers at nine degree-granting institutions in the Boston area: Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Simmons University, Tufts University, and the University of Massachusetts Boston. The GCWS is devoted to graduate teaching and research in Women's Studies and to advancing interdisciplinary Women's Studies scholarship. Students can engage in the community and cross-disciplinary study promoted by the GCWS in myriad ways. Through courses, attending events, and organizing conferences, these initiatives provide a learning environment unlike any other.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

Boston College is located on the edge of one of the world's most vibrant cities. Just six miles from downtown Boston—an exciting and dynamic place to live and learn—Boston College is an easy car or “T” ride away from a booming center for trade, finance, research and education.

Home to some of New England's most prestigious cultural landmarks, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Hall, and the Freedom Trail, Boston provides a rich environment for those passionate about art, music, and history. For sports fans, Boston hosts a number of the country's greatest sports teams: the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, and, of course, Fenway Park's beloved Red Sox. Found within a short drive from Boston are some of New England's best recreational sites, from the excellent skiing in New Hampshire to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod.

Boston also offers a wide range of family friendly attractions, including the Children's Museum, New England Aquarium, Franklin Park Zoo, and the Museum of Science. There are roughly 50 universities located in the Boston area, and the large student population adds to the city's intellectually rich and diverse community. Events, lectures, and reading groups hosted by world-renowned scholars abound on area campuses, providing abundant opportunities to meet and network with other graduate students and faculty throughout the Boston area.

The University

Boston College is a Jesuit university with 15,000 students, 880 full-time faculty, and more than 190,000 active alumni. Since its founding in 1863, the University has known extraordinary growth and change. From its beginnings as a small Jesuit college intended to provide higher education for Boston's largely immigrant Catholic population, Boston College has grown into a national institution of higher learning that is consistently ranked among the top universities in the nation. Boston College is ranked 36th among national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Today, Boston College attracts scholars from all 50 states and over 80 countries, and confers more than 4,300 degrees annually in more than 50 fields through its eight schools and colleges. Its faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last 10 years. The University is committed to academic excellence. As part of its most recent strategic plan, Boston College is in the process of adding 100 new faculty positions, expanding faculty and graduate research, increasing student financial aid, and widening opportunities in key undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University is comprised of the following colleges and schools: Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, School of Social Work, and Clough School of Theology and Ministry.

General Resources

HOUSING

While on-campus housing is not available for graduate students, most choose to live in nearby apartments. The Office of Residential Life maintains an extensive database with available rental listings, roommates, and helpful local real estate agents. The best time to look for fall semester housing is June through the end of August. For spring semester housing, the best time to look is late November through the beginning of the second semester. Additionally, some graduate students may live on campus as resident assistants. Interested students should contact the Office of Residential Life.

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY, S.J., GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

One of only a handful of graduate student centers around the country, the Murray Graduate Student Center is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole. Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, two smart televisions, kitchen, deck and patio space, complimentary coffee and tea, and more. Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. The Murray Graduate Student Center also maintains an active job board (available electronically), listing academic and non-academic opportunities for employment both on and off campus.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART

Serving as a dynamic educational resource for the national and international community, the McMullen Museum of Art showcases interdisciplinary exhibitions that ask innovative questions and break new ground in the display and scholarship of the works on view. The McMullen regularly offers exhibition-related programs, including musical and theatrical performances, films, gallery talks, symposia, lectures, readings, and receptions that draw students, faculty, alumni, and friends together for stimulating dialogue. Located on the Brighton campus, the McMullen Museum is free to all visitors.

CONNORS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Working closely with the Graduate School, the Connors Family Learning Center sponsors seminars, workshops, and discussions for graduate teaching assistants and teaching fellows on strategies for improving teaching effectiveness and student learning. Each fall, the Learning Center and the Graduate School hold a “Fall Teaching Orientation” workshop designed to help students prepare for teaching. The center also hosts ongoing seminars on college teaching, higher learning and academic life; assists graduate students in developing teaching

portfolios; and provides class visits and teaching consultations, upon request. Through these and other activities, the Connors Family Learning Center plays an important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

MARGOT CONNELL RECREATION CENTER

The Margot Connell Recreation Center redefines the future of fitness and recreation at Boston College. The 244,000-square-foot, four-story structure offers our community an inspired space to play, pursue sports, gather with friends, and work out. This facility includes a fitness center, rock climbing wall, jogging track, aquatics center, wood-floor basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-activity courts, multi-purpose rooms for spin, yoga, and fitness classes, and so much more.

BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

The Boston College Career Center works with graduate students at each step of their career development. Services include self-assessment, career counseling, various career development workshops, resume and cover letter critiques, and practice interviews. In addition to extensive workshop offerings, Career Center staff members are available throughout the year for one-on-one advising about any aspect of the career path. The Career Resource Library offers a wealth of resources, including books, periodicals, and online databases.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The application deadline for fall admission is January 2 for the Ph.D. program and February 1 for the M.A. program. Please visit bc.edu/mcgs for detailed information on how to apply.

Application requirements Include:

❖ Application Form:	Submitted online, via the MCGS website.
❖ Application Fee:	\$75, non-refundable.
❖ Abstract of Courses Form:	A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.
❖ Official Transcripts:	Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferral from all post-secondary institutions attended.
❖ GRE General Test:	Official score report.
❖ Three Letters of Recommendation:	From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.
❖ Statement of Purpose:	A brief (1-2 page) discussion of an applicant's preparation, motivation, and goals for their proposed course of study.
❖ Writing Sample:	A sample of an applicant's best work (usually a course paper or equivalent) related to their proposed field of study.
❖ Proof of English Proficiency: (international only)	Official TOEFL/IELTS reports accepted.

Financial Assistance

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

The Department of Political Science offers financial assistance to all doctoral students in good standing. Students function as either research assistants or teaching assistants within the department and receive a competitive stipend in exchange for their service. In addition, doctoral students receive full-tuition scholarships for all coursework relative to their program.

These awards are renewable for up to five years, contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and progress toward the degree as well as satisfactory performance in teaching as evaluated by the faculty.

Each year the department awards the Thomas P. O'Neill Fellowship to a Ph.D. student in American Politics. This fellowship carries a competitive stipend and a full-tuition scholarship. The award entails some assistance to the O'Neill Professor or other activity related to the O'Neill Program. An endowed chair was established in 1981 to honor the former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. '36.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. If additional funds are needed, student may apply for a Grad Plus Loan. For more information, see the Graduate Financial Aid website at bc.edu/gradaid or contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294.

OFFICE FOR SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) assists both faculty and graduate students in finding sources of external funding for their projects and provides advice in the development of proposals. OSP maintains a reference library of publications from both the public and private sectors listing funding sources for sponsored projects. In the recent past, graduate students have received research support from prominent agencies, corporations and organizations such as the Fulbright Commission, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the American Political Science Association, the American Chemical Society and the American Association of University Women.



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