

# **Political Science Department Reception**

**Celebrating Student  
Achievements  
2019-2020**



## **2019-2020 Degree Recipients**

### **Political Science**

Tina Agyeman  
Allie Bellanca  
Kevin Berling  
MacKenzie Black  
Griffin Brinkman  
Audrey Capannari  
Parker Cellura  
Jillian Cordial  
Claire Cornett  
Tanner Cremeans  
William Doench  
Jack Dohrenwend  
Anna Domer  
Brandon Elmore  
Thomas Farrell  
Amiene Fetwi  
Ben Gallagher  
Constanza Gamardo Oropeza  
Jason Godino  
James Hierath  
Courtney Howard  
Radheya Kulkarni  
Kalena Lapid  
Patrick Laprade  
Austin Levan  
Megan Liebenow  
Lance Lobenthal  
Jalynn Lunsford  
Nicholas Maldonado  
Jackson Matevia  
Chase McGary  
Justine Meyers  
Claire Piorkowski  
Jade Poorman  
Deven Prathapa  
Gianni Quartell  
Martin Rakoff  
Derrick Reedus  
Justin Ryan  
Allison Schermer  
Adam Schuler  
Jasmine Sharp  
Brandon Singleton

Alexander Stanton  
Madeline Sterling  
Christina Szigety  
Richard Vaglianti  
Reese Whitely  
Gabrielle Woehler  
Dayanna Worley

### **International Affairs**

Matthew Aboulfadl  
Maggie Bartolovich  
Jacob Beinke  
Niyonkuru Charlotte  
Giselle Coleman-Martinez  
Jillian Cordial  
Anna Domer  
Maddison Edelbrock  
Rebecca Fletcher  
William Fridlund  
Constanza Gamardo Oropeza  
Mahir Ikram  
Graham Jolly  
Ashley Eun Kim  
Lance Lobenthal  
Maria Maldonado Ramirez  
Ariel McCullough  
Gavin Meinzer  
Deven Prathapa  
Jennifer Reyna  
Jasmine Sharp  
Christina Szigety  
Grant Willis  
Haoyuan Zhu

### **Graduating with Departmental High Honors**

Jillian Cordial  
Ariel McCullough  
Chase McGary  
Martin Rakoff  
Reese Whitely  
Grant Willis

## **Graduating with Departmental Honors**

Maggie Bartolovich  
MacKenzie Black  
Griffin Brinkman  
Audrey Capannari  
Parker Cellura  
Giselle Coleman-Martinez  
Jack Dohrenwend  
Anna Domer  
Maddison Edelbrock  
Brandon Elmore  
Thomas Farrell  
Ben Gallagher  
Jason Godino  
Austin Levan  
Jackson Matevia  
Claire Piorkowski  
Jade Poorman  
Gianni Quartell  
Richard Vaglianti

## **Graduating with University Honors**

### ***Summa Cum Laude***

Regina Barton  
Griffin Brinkman  
Thomas Farrell  
Liza Fridenmaker  
Will Heppler  
Caleb Lay  
Nicholas Maldonado  
Chase McGary  
Claire Piorkowski  
Jade Poorman  
Divya Vinod

### ***Magna Cum Laude***

Audrey Capannari  
Jillian Cordial  
Pranita Dhungana  
Maddison Edelbrock  
Jackson Matevia

Zoha Mian  
Mitchell Mustaine  
Richard Vaglianti

### ***Cum Laude***

Michaela Beno  
Parker Cellura  
McCoy Dressman  
Brandon Elmore  
Jack Kunkle  
Zak Lempert  
Austin Levan  
Faith Lynd  
Katelynn Miracle  
Kifaya Mureb  
Will Murphy  
Joshua Pathrose  
Gianni Quartell  
Martin Rakoff  
Reese Whitely  
Grant Willis

## **Graduates earning certificates**

### **Legal Studies Certificate**

Kevin Berling  
Reid Biddinger  
Griffin Brinkman  
Nathan Caraway  
Parker Cellura  
Rain Chou  
Jillian Cordial  
Pranita Dhungana  
Maddison Edelbrock  
Brandon Elmore  
Ben Gallagher  
Will Heppler  
Radheya Kulkarni  
Patrick Laprade  
Austin Levan  
Megan Liebenow  
Jalynn Lunsford  
Nicholas Maldonado  
Jackson Matevia  
Ariel McCullough

Chase McGary  
Will Murphy  
Joshua Pathrose  
Jade Poorman  
Chris Province  
Martin Rakoff  
Amandah Simmons  
Christina Szigety  
Gabrielle Woehler

**International Human Rights  
Certificate**

MacKenzie Black  
Kadi Riffe  
Allison Schermer  
Divya Vinod

**War, Peace, and Security Studies  
Certificate**

Parker Cellura  
Adam Schuler  
Michelle Silva  
Jared Talmon

**Cyber Security Certificate**

Zachary Arno  
Zach Ashbrook  
Nicholas Bashford  
Alexander Baumann  
Zachary Bayer  
Nicholas Beck  
Luke Booher  
Jayson Booker  
Daniel Bowersock  
Dillon Bricker  
Chase Brown  
Markus Bryant  
Jacob Callison  
Katherine Closson  
Tanner Csendes  
Allison Dachenhaus  
Daniel Downie  
Bradley Ford  
Marcella Galla

Johnny Gingras  
Ryan Hammond  
Harrison Hartman  
Christy Hoopes  
Scott Martin  
Maxwell McDonald  
Jack Moreland  
Patrick Narsavage  
Andrew Oeters  
Noah Oki  
Calvin Proffit  
Chris Richard  
Kaylin Scott  
Ryan Selby  
Ben Sence  
Sarah Shalash  
Milton Staderman  
Stacey Tribby  
Malik Vann  
Donald Witt

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

***Nationally Competitive Awards***

**Humanity in Action Fellow**  
Parker Cellura

**Boren Scholarship Alternate**  
Isabel Slonneger

***University, College, and  
Department Awards and  
Scholarships***

***External Awards, Scholarships,  
and Conference funding***

**C-Ring award Finalist**

Caroline Lembright: finalist for the C-Ring  
award

**AACRC Transitions Student of the Year**

Janice Rotich

***University, College, and Department Distinctions***

**Phi Beta Kappa (“The Nation's Oldest and Most Widely Known Academic Honor Society”)**

Ariel McCullough  
Jackson Matevia  
Jade Poorman  
Jillian Cordial  
Maddison Edelbrock

**Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society in Political Science (new inductees for 2020)**

Tyler Joseph Benson  
Mackenzie Alexis Black  
Reghan Buie  
Audrey Elizabeth Capannari  
Matthew Peter Clayton  
Giselle S. Coleman-Martinez  
Jillian Cordial  
Amy Elizabeth Dalidowicz  
Mitchell Clemens Deck  
Michael Farrell III  
Jason E. Gordino  
Sara Nichole Hamilton  
Julieana Suzanne Hay  
Connor Herbert  
Keerthi Jonnala  
Elena Marie Kaufman  
Kaia Y. Lepage  
Dhruv Vijay Maroo  
Kaylor Jay Perone  
Zophia Kali Pittman  
Jade Alexandra Poorman  
Paul A. Riedel  
Nia Viola Maria Thomas

**POL and INTA majors in the University Honors Program**

Caleb Akers  
Taylor Allgood  
Paighton Baker  
Sophie Ballah  
Ann Bennett  
Parker Cellura  
Brianna Connock  
Jillian Cordial  
Andi Dorning  
Brandon Elmore  
Maya Gulani  
Ellen Haney  
Micah Haring  
Connor Herbert  
Kathryn Heuerman  
Katie Huang  
Emma Hynes  
Keerthi Jonnala  
Arlette Kagaba  
Radheya Kulkarni  
Noemi Leibman  
Kaia LePage  
Austin Levan  
Rebekah Littlepage  
Zachary Love  
Laila Lowe  
Dhruv Maroo  
Ariel McCullough  
Layne Miller  
Jason Murray  
Rebecca O'Hare  
Martin Rakoff  
Delaney Rice  
Janice Rotich  
Pablo Ruiz Lopez  
Jason Sponaugle  
Amilcar Miguel Torres-Enriquez  
Lydia Turner  
Emily Walburn

## ***University Activities and Experiences***

### **Model UN**

#### **2019-2020 Executive Board**

President- Delaney Rice  
Vice President- Kathryn Heuerman  
Treasurer- Dillon Trafezer  
Secretary- Brenden Pulte  
Head Delegate- Dhruv Maroo

#### **UNCMUNC 2019:**

Outstanding Delegate - Parker Cellura

Honorable Mention - Charley Heintel

#### **WUMUNC:**

Best Delegation WUMUNC 2020

#### **Individual Awards at WUMUNC**

Best Delegate, UNSC Yemeni Civil War -  
Dhruv Maroo

Best Delegate, Jacobite Revolution -  
Brenden Pulte

Outstanding Delegate, Mars 3026 - Parker  
Cellura

Outstanding Delegate, AIDS Crisis - Cara  
MacDougal

Outstanding Delegate, Soviet Politburo -  
Amilcar Torres

Outstanding Delegate, Manifestos and  
Memos - Charles Heintel

Honorable Mention, UNSC Yemeni Civil  
War - Willy Schwerin

Verbal Commendation, Soviet Politburo -  
Ellana Sell

Verbal Commendation, Mars 3026 -  
Kathryn Heuerman

Verbal Commendation, AIDS Crisis -  
Delaney Rice

#### **2020-2021 Executive Board**

President- Kathryn Heuerman  
Vice President- Dillon Trafzer  
Treasurer- Brenden Pulte  
Secretary- Cara MacDougal  
Co-Head Delegate- Amilcar Torres  
Co-Head Delegate- Dhruv Maroo

#### **Awards & Other Accomplishments:**

##### **UC Student Government**

Caroline Lembright  
Chandler Rankin

##### **Study Abroad**

Mateo Burrull  
Niyonkuru Charlotte  
Anna Fischesser  
William Fridlund  
Deion Goldsmith  
Francesca Gottardi  
Evan Gregory  
Julieana Hay  
Kathryn Heuerman  
Katie Huang  
Ethan Kash  
Dhruv Vijay Maroo  
Kaylee McKinney  
Lillian Murray  
Derrick Reedus  
Jasmine Sharp  
Zane Stant  
Ethan Stiles  
Peter Stiver

Dillon Trafzer  
Gin Vitali

### **Graduate and Law School Acceptances**

Mac Cohen -GE Aviation Financial  
Management Leadership Program and UC  
MBA Program

Giselle Coleman-Martinez - American  
University for a Master of Arts in  
Comparative and Regional studies

Jeremy Copeland - Capital Law School

Jillian Cordial - University of Maryland  
(Masters in Higher Education)

Leah Darpel - UC Law

Maddison Edelbrock - Ohio State Law

Brandon Elmore – Lindner College of  
Business MBA

Liza Fridenmaker - AmeriCorps in  
Kentucky

Daniel Jones - UC MPA

Zach Kennedy - University of Dayton  
School of Law

Austin Levan - Case Western Reserve  
University School of Law

Derek Maitland - Capital University College  
of Law

Chase McGary – UC College of Law

Sean Meyer- UC College of Law

Danny O'Connor - UC Law

Claire Piorkowski – Cornell Law School

Jade Poorman - Appalachian School of Law

Nia Thomas – UC MPA

### **GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **Dissertations and MA Professional Papers**

Tina Teater, PhD August 2019,  
Dissertation: “Using Transnational  
Advocacy Networks to Challenge  
Restrictions on Religion: Christian  
Minorities in Malaysia and India”

Colonel Albert Klein, PhD December 2019,  
Dissertation: “Dona Nobis Pacem: Occupied  
before jus post bellum?”

Ayesha Anwar, MA May 2020, MA paper:  
“The Trump Effect?: The Role of  
Presidential Affect in the 2018 Midterm  
Elections”

Abel Tekaligne, MA May 2020, MA paper:  
“Strategic Rivalry Between the United  
States and China Among Selected African  
Countries: Djibouti, Tanzania, South Africa,  
and Malawi”

Laura Wulker, MA May 2020, MA paper:  
"Random Forests for Global CO2 Emission  
Predictions”

Alexis Straka, Defense May 1, 2020.  
Dissertation: “Muslim Americans &  
Electoral Democracy in the Trump Era”

Crystal Whetstone, Defense June 5, 2020.  
Dissertation: “Nurturing Democracy in  
Armed Conflicts through Political  
Motherhood: A Comparative Study of  
Women’s Political Participation in  
Argentina and Sri Lanka”

## Concentrations and Certificates

Ariel Barat, Certificate in Public Opinion and Survey Research, Aug 2020

Crystal Whetstone, Feminist Comparative and International Politics PhD Concentration, Aug 2020

## Graduate Student Publications 2019-20

“City of Cincinnati Government Gender Study Final Report” submitted to City of Cincinnati Gender Equality Task Force by the UC Gender Equity Research Team, January 2020, contributed to UC Political Science graduate students **Ayesha Anwar, Ariel Barat, Chandler, Danielle M. McLaughlin, Anwar Mhajne, Crystal Whetstone, and Murat Yilmaz.**

Fischerkeller, Michael, Harknett, Richard J., and **Jelena Vičić.** “The Limits of Deterrence and the Need for Persistence.” In *Cyber Deterrence Problem*, Aaron Brantly, ed. (Rowman and Littlefield, 2020).

**Gottardi, Francesca,** “Indigenous Rights and Federal Power in the International Legal Framework: A Comparison between the United States and Australia” in “Walking Together in Indigenous Research” Manitoba University Press (Forthcoming 2020).

Hamman, Seth T., **Vičić, Jelena,** Mewhirter, Jack, White, Phillip, Harknett, Richard J. “Deciphering Cyber Operations: The Use of Experimental Methodology for Studying Military Strategic Concepts in Cyberspace.” *Cyber Defense Review*, vol. 5, no.1, pp.135-150, 2020.

Jenkins, Laura Dudley and **Kristina M. Teater.** Forthcoming. “Hindu Perspectives

on the Right to Religious Freedom.” Ed. Silvio Ferrari, Mark Hill, Arif A. Jamal and Rossella Bottoni. *Routledge Handbook of Freedom and Religion and Belief.*

**Kovač, Igor** and Norrin Ripsman. 2020. “Material Sources of Grand Strategy.” In Thierry Balzacq and Ronald Krebs (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy.* (forthcoming)

**Kovač, Igor.** 2019. “Peaceful Accommodation: A New Research Program?” *International Studies Review.* Pp. 324–5.

**Klein, Albert W.** “Attaining Post-Conflict Peace Using the *jus post bellum* Concept.” *Religions* 11(4) 173 (2020).  
<https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/11/4/173>

Mewhirter, Jack M., **Danielle M. McLaughlin,** & Manuel Fischer. 2019. “The Role of Forum Membership Diversity on Institutional Externalities in Resource Governance Systems.” *Society and Natural Resources.*

Mewhirter, Jack M., **Danielle M. McLaughlin,** & Manuel Fischer. 2019. “The Role of Forum Membership Diversity on Institutional Externalities in Resource Governance Systems.” *Society and Natural Resources.*

Runyan, Anne Sisson, Anwar Mhajne, **Crystal Whetstone,** and Rina Williams, “Feminisms in Comparative Perspective,” in Naples, Nancy (ed.). *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Feminist Studies,* in press.

**Sagir, Mustafa,** and Ben Feldmeyer. “Immigration Effects on Crime in a Midwestern, Non-Traditional Destination: A Neighborhood-Level Analysis of



Cincinnati, Ohio.” *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice* (Accepted/forthcoming in June)

**Teater, Kristina M.** “U.S. Foreign Policy and the Defense of Religious Freedom in India.” *Religions* 11(3) 143 (2020).  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/rel11030143>

**Teater, Kristina M.** and Laura Dudley Jenkins. 2019. [Religious regulation in India](#). In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

**Whetstone, Crystal, and Murat Yilmaz.** "Recreating the Third World Project: possibilities through the Fourth World." *Third World Quarterly* 41.4 (2020): 565-582.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01436597.2019.1702457>

Williams, Rina Verma and **Sayam Muktan.** “Hinduism: India, Nepal, and Beyond” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press. (July 2019) doi:  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.764>

(R&R) **McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, Jack M. Mewhirter, James Wright, & Richard Feiock. “Mandated Collaboration: The Case of DVERT.” *Public Management Review*.

### **Awards or special recognition**

#### **Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence**

Crystal Whetstone. Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence for the University of Cincinnati.

Jelena Vičić, Graduate Student Excellence Award for Exemplary Service 2020

Crystal Whetstone, The College of Arts and Sciences nominee for the 2019-20 Excellence in Teaching Award for Graduate Assistants

Danielle McLaughlin, Malcolm Jewell Nominee for best graduate student paper (SPSA, 2020: winner TBA in October)

Mustafa Sagir. Honorable Mention Award. University of Cincinnati IT EXPO 2020 Research Symposium

#### **Grants, Fellowships, Pre or Post doc Placements**

Joy Girgis, Yates Fellowship, University of Cincinnati

Francesca Gottardi

- Recipient of the Arthur Russel Morgan Fellowship, University of Cincinnati College of Law, USA, 2019-21.
- Recipient of the 2019 Law Student Diversity Scholarship, Frost Brown Todd LLC, October 2019.
- Recipient of the Weaver Fellowship, University of Cincinnati College of Law, USA, 2019-21.

Igor Kovač, Taft Dissertation Fellowship, 2019 for “Pervasive Hegemony Theory”

Igor Kovač, Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, 2018-2020

Danielle McLaughlin, Florida State University Predoctoral visiting scholar (2019-2020)

Danielle McLaughlin Taft Political Science Department Dissertation Fellowship, 2020-21

Jelena Vičić, Isabel and Mary Neff Fellow, University of Cincinnati (2019-2020)

Jelena Vičić, Taft Dissertation Fellowship, (2019-2020) declined

Jelena Vičić, UC Center for Cybersecurity and Strategy and Policy Pre-Doctoral Fellow 2020-21

Sayam Moktan Taft Competitive Dissertation Fellowship 2020-2021 “The Migration of Women from Nepal for Domestic Work and the Impact of of Nepalese Government Policies Banning Out-Migration for Domestic Work”

Jelena Vičić, Taft Graduate Summer Fellowship 2020 for “Pressure Points: Misinformation Campaigns and Foreign Influence in Domestic Politics.”

Danielle McLaughlin, University of Cincinnati Taft Summer Fellowship (2020) for “Resource Governance: Who Does and Does Not Participate”

Mustafa Sagir, Taft Summer Research Fellowship 2020 for “Public Opinion Towards Immigrants and Immigration in the US”

Danielle McLaughlin, University of Cincinnati Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship (2020)

Danielle McLaughlin, National Society of Colonial Dames of America Research Scholarship (2019)

Danielle McLaughlin, SESYNC Social Networks Training Grant (2019)

Danielle McLaughlin, University of Cincinnati Graduate Enhancement Award (2019)

Sayam Moktan, Taft Graduate Summer Fellowship Award 2019

Mustafa Sagir, TAFT Graduate Enrichment Award 2019

Jelena Vičić, University of Cincinnati Graduate Enhancement Award (2019)

Jelena Vičić, ICPSR Summer Methods Grant (2019)

### **Competitive UC Graduate Assistantships**

Ariel Barat, Professional Development Graduate Assistant, The Graduate School, University of Cincinnati.

Alex Nash, UC Press Graduate Assistant

Chandler, Elected Vice-President, Graduate Student Government, UC

### **Jobs and Internships**

Crystal Whetstone, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University Department of Political Science.

Alexis Straka, Senior Analyst, Nielson.

Albert Klein, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science- Ohio Cyber Range Institute

Peter Stiver: Internship with US Agency for International Development (USAID) (Fall Semester - Present)

Francesca Gottardi: Legal Externship at GE Additive

## **Papers accepted or presented at conferences**

Ayesha Anwar, "The Trump Effect?: The Role of Presidential Affect in the 2018 Midterm Elections," Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2020.

Bekir Ilhan, "Peacetime military innovation in authoritarian regimes: The evolution of China's late Cold War military doctrines." International Studies Association, 2020.

Igor Kovač, "Explaining NATO and EU peacebuilding," October 18 – 19, ISSS-IS Annual Conference in Denver (with Ivan Ivanov).

Igor Kovač, "Pervasive Hegemony: A New U.S. Grand Strategy of Restraint" August 29 – September 1, 2019, APSA Annual Meeting in Washington.

McLaughlin, Danielle, Jack Mewhirter, Mark Lubell. "Spillover and Contagion Effects: Examining how Conflict Spreads Across Polycentric Governance Systems" Presented at International Spring School on Public Policy 2019, Denver, CO.

McLaughlin, Danielle. "The Impact of Social Interdependence on Forum Influence". Presented at SPSA 2020, San Juan, PR.

McLaughlin, Danielle. "The Impact of Social Interdependence on Forum Influence". To be presented at Duck Workshop in Environmental Governance 2020, Seattle, WA. (COVID-19 cancel).

Mewhirter, Jack, and **Danielle McLaughlin**. "The Pitfalls Associated with More Intensive Engagement in Collaborative Processes". To be presented at MPSA 2020, Chicago, IL. (COVID-19 cancel).

Mewhirter, Jack, **Danielle McLaughlin**, Manuel Fischer, and Mario Angst. "Actor Non-participation in Complex Governance Systems". To be presented at MPSA 2020, Chicago, IL. (COVID-19 cancel).

Sayam Moktan 'Young South Asia Scholars' Meet 2020, Geneva (Switzerland), 3-5 June 2020 (Conference postponed due to Covid - 19 to March 2021 tentatively)

Sayam Moktan "Sending State Regimes and International Skilled Migration: Asian Perspectives in the Age of Global Migration" Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 26-27 August 2020 (now postponed due to Covid - 19 to 18-19 February 2021)

Sagir Mustafa. "Trump Effect on Public Attitudes Toward Immigration: Comparison of 2012 and 2016 Presidential Election Campaigns and Testing Alternative Explanations." To have been presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association *2020 Conference*. Chicago, Illinois. 16-19 March 2020. [Covid-19 outbreak cancelled the conference]

Sagir Mustafa. "Explaining the Relationship between Internet and Democracy in Partly Free Countries by Using Machine Learning Models" University of Cincinnati IT EXPO-2020 Research Symposium. Cincinnati, Ohio. 14 March 2020. [Honorable Mention Award]

Sagir Mustafa. "Norm Construction and Tacit Bargaining in the Cyber Domain." International Studies Association-Midwest *2019 Conference*. St.Louis, Missouri. 22 November 2019.

Crystal Whetstone. "Moving from Women, Peace and Security to Gender, Peace and Security and Beyond." To have been presented at the *Women, Peace and*

*Security Conference*. Binghamton University. Binghamton, NY. 23-25 April 2020. [Covid-19 outbreak prohibited travel]

Crystal Whetstone. "Expanding Access to Activism: A Comparison of Argentine and Sri Lankan Mothers of the Disappeared." To have been presented at the *International Studies Association 2020 Convention*. Honolulu, Hawaii. 25 March 2020. [Covid-19 outbreak cancelled the conference]

Crystal Whetstone. "Political Motherhood and Feminism: Collaborating across Differences in Approach to Women's Political Participation." *International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference 2020*. Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN. 6 March 2020.

Crystal Whetstone. "Who Counts as a 'Worthy' Activist in Global Civil Society?" iPoster session. *The 2019 American Political Science Association Meeting*. Washington, DC. 30 August 2019.

Francesca Gottardi, "Federalism and Indigenous Rights in the International Legal Framework: Comparing the United States and Australia," *International Political Science Association (IPSA)*. Lisbon, Portugal. July 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19),

Francesca Gottardi, "Environmentally Sustainable Development and Indigenous Women's Activism," *Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Conference*, Los Angeles, USA. April 2020 (virtual May, 2020),

Francesca Gottardi, "The Use of Native American Mascots in American Sports," *78th Annual MPSA Conference*, Chicago, Illinois, USA. April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19, uploaded virtual presentation)

Jelena Vičić. "Responsible Skepticism: Countering Information Warfare in the Digital Age," with Gregory Winger and Alex Oliver. Panel presentation at *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual convention*, April 2020, Chicago, Illinois.

Jelena Vičić. "Deciphering Cyber Operations: The Use of Experimental Methods and Simulations for Studying Military Strategic Concepts in Cyberspace" presentation at *Bridging the Gap: Workshop on Cyber Conflict* at *Columbia School of International and Public Affairs*, November 2019, New York City, NY.

Jelena Vičić. "Deciphering Cyber Operations: The Use of Experimental Methods and Simulations for Studying Military Strategic Concepts in Cyberspace" with Seth Hamman, Jack Mewhirter, Phillip White and Richard Harknett. Presentation at *CyCon 2020 US*, Washington, DC.

Jelena Vičić. "Public vs. Private Actor Interests in Cyberspace: Security Dilemma for the New Age." Panel presentation with Gregory Winger, at the *ISSS-ISA 2019 Annual Convention*, October 2019, in Denver, Colorado.

Jelena Vičić. "Competing Images of Liberal Internationalism." Panel presentation with Brendan Green at *Central and Eastern European International Studies Association (CEEISA-ISA) Joint Conference*, June 2019, Belgrade, Serbia.

Jelena Vičić. "Euroskepticism vs. the Establishment: Challenging the Status Quo?" Panel presentation at *Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Student Conference*, April 2019, Minneapolis, MN.

## **Other conference contribution**

Danielle McLaughlin, Discussant on Environmental Policy Diffusion Panel, SPSA 2020, San Juan, PR.

Danielle McLaughlin, Discussant on Policy Conflict Panel, IPPA 2019, Denver, CO.  
Francesca Gottardi, Discussant of the panel “Human Security”, MPSA 2020, Chicago, Illinois.

Francesca Gottardi, Discussant for panel, “Human Rights Legacy,” MPSA 2019.

## **Guest lectures**

Ariel Barat, “Online networking and digital presence for grad students,” Graduate Colloquium, January 28, 2020.

Francesca Gottardi, September 26, 2019. U.S. Commercial Service Cincinnati “Doing Business in the European Union: Legal and Practical Considerations.” Presented on “The Civil Law System, a Comparison with the Common Legal Tradition.”

Francesca Gottardi, SS 2020. Guest lecturer for Prof. Umphres for the International Law and International Human Rights segment. Course: “Law, Politics, and Society.”

Francesca Gottardi, FS 2019.. Guest lecturer for Prof. Lewis for the International Law, International Human Rights, and European Law segment. Course: “Law, Politics, and Society.”

Alexis Straka, “Nonacademic Career Options for Political Scientists,” Graduate Colloquium, November 20, 2019.

## **Service to Political Science Department, University, or Community**

Erin Chandler, President, Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

Ariel Barat, Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)  
Mustafa Sagir, Vice President Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

Bekir Ilhan, Secretary Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

Erin Chandler, Elected Vice-President, Graduate Student Government, UC for 2020-21

Francesca Gottardi: Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), National Leadership Honor Society Mar. 2020 – Present. Accepted As a 2020-21 member.

Francesca Gottardi: PSGSA Board Member.

Francesca Gottardi: International Law Society vice-President (2019-2020)

Francesca Gottardi: October 18, 2019. University of Cincinnati, panelist for “Scholarly Organizations: Having a Successful Conferencing Experience.” Event Organized by the Graduate School.

Sayam Moktan Volunteer at the 2020 One World Gala and Global Trivia Competition organized by the World Affairs Council – Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, on March 6<sup>th</sup> <https://www.oneworldgala.com>

Mustafa Sagir, Project Manager, Kentucky Gubernatorial Election Exit Poll Project. 5 November 2019

Jelena Vičić. Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence (PMGSE) Committee Chair for AY 2019/2020

Jelena Vičić. Graduate School Decanal  
Search Committee member AY 2019/2020

### **Professional Development**

Ayesha Anwar, Cincinnati Cities for  
CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of  
all forms of Discrimination Against  
Women) Research Assistant

Ayesha Anwar, Protect Ohio Research  
Team, Election Security Project Research  
Assistant

Mustafa Sagir, Protect Ohio Research  
Team, Election Security Project Research  
Assistant

Francesca Gottardi: Senior Articles Editor  
of the *Human Rights Quarterly*.

Francesca Gottardi: Freelance contributor  
for the *Valsugana News* magazine, section  
of culture and international politics.  
Interviewed the last surviving prosecutor to  
the Nuremberg trials, Mr. Benjamin  
Ferencz.

Dani McLaughlin: SESYNC Social Networks  
Training, Annapolis, MD, 2019

Dani McLaughlin: ICPSR Spatial  
Econometrics Training, Ann Arbor, MI,  
2019

Dani McLaughlin: International Spring  
School on Public Policy, Denver, CO, 2019

Mustafa Sagir. Independent Study with Dr.  
Mewhirter on Machine Learning and  
Applications in Political Science

Peter Stiver: Grad-Undergrad Research  
Connections, Research Mentor Training /  
Certification

Peter Stiver: Accepted, University of Oslo,  
International Summer School in  
Development , 2020 (tentative that it might  
go digital)

Jelena Vičić: ICPSR Social Networks,  
Causal Inference training, Ann Arbor, MI,  
2019

Jelena Vičić: CASOS Semantic Networks  
Analysis training, Pittsburgh, PA, 2020  
Jelena Vičić: Preparing Future Faculty  
Program

Jelena Vičić: Protect Ohio research project  
assistant, University of Cincinnati, 2020

Jelena Vičić: IT Graduate Certificate, School  
of IT, University of Cincinnati, 2020

### **Inaugural Class: Masters of Public Administration- Social Justice Program (MPA-SJ)**

2019-20  
Jacqueline Lewis  
Amy Greene  
Rachel Hockel  
Annabel Melean  
Eunique Avery  
Kristin Gasperetti  
Ryan Lee James

### **Incoming MPA-SJ class (2020-21)**

Festus Adewopo  
Joy Girgis (Yates Scholar)  
Adrianna Hernandez-Ortiz  
James Hierath  
Daniel Jones  
Sunga Kufeyani

Janiah Miller (Yates Scholar)  
Alex Nash (UC Press GA)  
Victoria Radcliffe  
Margaret Wallman  
Joey Williams Zachary Ziv

### **Other Cool Things**

Ayesha Anwar: Read 25 books this year.  
Francesca Gottardi: Passed the NY Bar Exam, ran two marathons and became a running coach.  
Mustafa Sagir: My son started Kindergarten. My daughter became one year old :)

**Congratulations to all of our graduate students for an OUTSTANDING year!**