



# Political Science

Newsletter of the Political Science program &  
the Center for the Study of Homeland Security

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## Upcoming in 2020-2021

- Join the **Political Science Club** and get active on campus!
- Apply to **intern with a legislator in the Colorado State Assembly!** Application information will be distributed in September.
- Don't forget to register to vote if you're not already for the November 3 elections!
- For more, visit [csupueblo.edu/political-science](https://csupueblo.edu/political-science) or email [joel.johnson@csupueblo.edu](mailto:joel.johnson@csupueblo.edu)

## Highlights from 2019-2020

### Student spotlight

- Ian Byrd ('20) was recognized with the Outstanding Political Science Award of 2020.
- Emma Sommer published a paper in the student journal, El Rio, entitled "Justice for All: John Rawls' Theory of Justice and the Green New Deal."
- Shay Dabney helped organize community protests in Denver against police violence and the killing of George Floyd, and her efforts were noted in the Denver Post.
- Jacob Topping helped organize similar protests in Pueblo, and his efforts were noted by the Pueblo Chieftain.
- Sabina Garduño de la Vega participated in the annual Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) at Texas A&M university.

### Internships

- Shay Dabney, Jacob Topping, Jackson McFadyen-Ray, and Alexander Daugherty interned in the Capitol with elected members of the Colorado State Assembly.
- Garrett Graham interned with Creative Assurance, led by Prof. Mark Tallman.

### Jobs & Alumni

- Diana Rios-Martinez ('19) accepted a job with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services.
- Johnea Jacobs-Hathaway ('19) accepted a job with the Public Defender's Appellate Office in Denver.

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### Events

- In October, the Political Science Club, partnering with the League of Women Voters, hosted A Night with the Candidates, a meet-and-greet with candidates for Pueblo District 60 School board and the Pueblo City Council.
- Governor Jared Polis accepted an invitation from the CSU-Pueblo Political Science Club to visit campus and meet with students, but the event had to be cancelled when COVID-19 shut down on-campus events.

### Faculty spotlight

- Prof. Ryan Strickler published a research article, "Racial Conservatism, Self-Monitoring, and Perceptions of Police Violence," in the journal *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (with Edward Lawson). He also presented a research paper "The Presidency, Partisan Cues, and Public Perceptions of Non-Electoral Institutions" at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

### Political Science program news

- Starting in 2020-21, the Political Science program is offering an expanded methods curriculum. The two courses, Political Analysis I & II, focus on analysis, critical thinking, & communication in the social sciences.
- The program launched a new graduate-level course geared toward secondary education instructors: POLS 591 Teaching American Politics, with Prof. Ryan Strickler.

### Homeland Security program news

- Two exciting new faculty joined the Homeland Security program for AY2020-21!
- Dawn Zoldi is the current Deputy Director of the U.S. Air Force Academy Center for Character and Leadership. During Fall 2020 she is teaching Introduction to Homeland Security (POLS 270).
- Kelci Burckhardt is a former CIA analyst who taught two courses in the Political Science during Spring 2020. In Fall 2020, she is teaching a new, online version of POLS 373 Intelligence and National Security.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Political Science prepares students for a wide range of careers in the private, public, and non-profit sectors, including government, business, law, policy analysis, politics, public relations, lobbying, & more.

Because the curriculum focuses heavily on the development of analytical skills -- along with knowledge of public policy, politics, current events, and history – **political science is regularly recognized as one of the best majors for undergraduates.**

The Political Science program at CSU-Pueblo offers many exciting and essential courses that cover topics such as American elections, the U.S. Congress, terrorism, public policy, international relations, democracy and dictatorship, human rights, and foreign policy. For more, visit [csupueblo.edu/political-science/](https://csupueblo.edu/political-science/)