

# Footnotes

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

We enjoyed an exciting and jam-packed academic year. We welcomed several new students at the start of the year along with Dr. Paula Dronen who joined us as our Legal Studies professor and pre-law advisor. Dr. Dronen has created a pre-law emphasis within the department and beginning in August 2016, we will offer a minor in Legal Studies to better meet the needs of our pre-law students. We held an alumni reception during Homecoming 2015 weekend and reminisced with alumni and their families while also giving a tour of our

space for those who had not seen Buller Hall. Pi Sigma Alpha invited Dr. Michelle Chin to speak to classes and conduct an afternoon workshop in April 2016. Dr. Chin '90 (BS, political science) is a Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst for the Learning Policy Institute in Washington, DC. We said goodbye to our graduating seniors (major and minors) in May as well as long-time history professor Dr. Brian E. Strayer who retired at the end of the academic



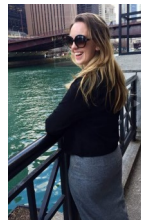
year. We will miss "Strayer the Slayer" for his compassion toward others, his dedication to students, and his humor. We look forward to what this next chapter of his life brings.



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## SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

**Alaryss Bosco '16** (BA, Political Science and JN Andrews Honors Scholar) interned as a legal research assistant at McDonald Murholme Barristers and Solicitors in Melbourne,



Australia. McDonald Murholme primarily deals with employment law and Alaryss worked with clients taking statements, drafting letters and applications to Fair Work Australia, and prepared documents for Barristers in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. She assisted senior partners with a variety of research; notably her research helped win precedent on a new case.

Alaryss told us, "I found the work really stimulating and challenging especially as I do not have a law degree yet; however the position provided unique insight into issues of Employment law and corresponding Human Rights law."

**Shenika McDonald '16** (BS, Political Science and JN Andrews Honors Scholar) received an internship with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in Washington, DC. Describing the summer as "the most amazing experience of my life," McDonald interned for Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (9th Cong. District,



NY) where she spent her days answering phones, assisting constituents, and preparing press releases and talking points for distribution. One of the more meaningful experiences McDonald participated in was Mock Congress. The interns wrote bills to debate in front of Members of Congress, politicians, and staff. McDonald's bill was chosen as 1 of the 5 bills debated for Mock Congress. Her bill, Police Accountability Act of 2015, was debated July 16, 2015. The bill provides for the data collection of police homicides (by the FBI & Bureau of Justice Statistics) and the removal of bias within the grand jury with the creation of special prosecutors.



## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

We hosted a variety of events for the greater AU community. To commemorate national Heritage Months, we held documentary film screenings and created cultural displays. Students from across campus attended events for Hispanic Heritage, Native American Heritage, Black History, Women's History, and Asia Pacific American Heritage Months. Dr. Stephanie Carpenter, along with history and political science students, spearheaded efforts to bring greater awareness to campus regarding these underrepresented groups. Our students gathered for several University workshops and department Colloquiums to discuss issues of current interest including political elections and graduate schools. Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society), Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society), and the Pre-Law Club welcomed new members and hosted events including monthly Vespers, Super Bowl Party, and end-of-the year banquet where the honor societies initiated new members.

**Pre-Law at AU** Currently there are approximately 40 students who are designated as Pre-Law at Andrews. This number represents majors from a variety of departments including business, chemistry, behavioral science, history, political science, sociology, and the Explore program. This past spring we were blessed to have 7 guest lecturers in the new course, Introduction to the Legal Profession. Six were practicing attorneys with a range of practice types and one was the Honorable Judge Mabel Johnson Mayfield, presiding judge in the Family Division of the Berrien County Trial Court. We are especially appreciative to these professionals who willingly gave of their time to speak with our students. These lectures were open to all pre-law students and were required for those enrolled in the course. The opportunity to network with professionals was wonderful for our students, with one student landing a summer internship in a local law office!

## OUR 2015-16 GRADUATES

Alaryss Bosco  
Abdiel Gaytan  
Jasmine Griggs  
Dakota Hall  
Amanda Kling  
Kimberly Laird

Ryan Logan  
Shenika McDonald  
Timothy McLean  
Veronica Penny  
Shawn Schwarz

## FACULTY NOTES

**Stephanie Carpenter** continues as chair of the Department and advisor of Phi Alpha Theta. In November 2015, she coordinated the graduate students sessions for Phi Alpha Theta at the Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting in Little Rock, AR. She completed "The Great Depression and the South," for a forthcoming volume on the New South to be published by Kent State University Press.

**Paula Dronen** continues as our professor of Legal Studies. In June 2016, Paula attended the Pre-Law Advisor's National Council in Chicago, IL. This conference provided insight into the current state of legal education in our country and the challenges that students face.

**John Markovic** is currently researching and writing several manuscripts as well as speaking at conferences and area churches. John

published, "The Idea of Different Human Races, Racialization and the Kingdom of God," in *Church and Society: Missiological Challenges for the Seventh-day Adventist Church* in 2015. He presented a paper at the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historian Triennial Conference held at La Sierra University in March 2016. His recent research involves the Emerging/Emergent Church and Christianity. John is working on several distinct manuscripts : historical treatment; worldview; and Emergence Christianity and SDA.

**Marcella Myers** served as part of a panel about global education for the AU Faculty Institute in 2015. Marcella also published a book chapter, "European Integration and Economic Interests," in *Jurgen Habermas and the European Economic Crisis: Cosmopolitanism Reconsidered* edited by Gaspare

M. Genna, Thomas O. Haakenson, and Ian W. Wilson (Routledge 2016).

**Brian Strayer** completed his manuscript, *John Byington: First General Conference President, Circuit-Riding Preacher, and Radical Reformer* to be published by Review & Herald Publishing Association in 2018 as part of the Adventist Pioneer Biography Series. He presented a paper at the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historian Triennial Conference held at La Sierra in March 2016. Brian retired at the end of the year after teaching at AU for 33 years.

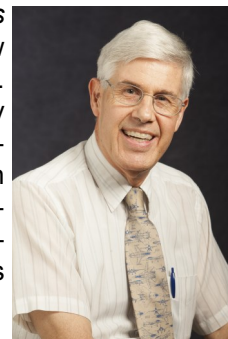
**Gary Wood** continues as advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha and organized club events as well as remaining active in research and conference presentation. He and his wife welcomed their second child, Cyrus, in March.

## BRIAN E. STRAYER ENDOWMENT FUND

Dr. Brian Strayer has created the Brian E. Strayer History & Political Science Research and Travel Endowed Scholarship Fund to assist students with expenses to conduct research, acquire necessary materials, and present papers at professional conferences. As a graduate of the Department of History & Political Science, you can help us reach the target goal of \$25,000 over the next five years. Dr. Strayer has generously started our efforts with \$10,000, but we need **YOUR** help to reach our goal. As a personal thank you for your donation, the first \$100 donor will receive a miniature replica of Chartres Cathedral's stained glass rose window from Dr. Strayer's

office; the first \$250 donor will receive the Excalibur sword (letter opener and glass paperweight) that sat on Brian's desk; the gold-framed portrait of Louis XIV by Hyacinthe Rigaud that hung in his office will be the gift for the first \$500 donor. The first \$1000 donor will receive a framed Roman Catholic indulgence. Those who give \$5000 will receive one of the swords he regularly brought to class. While gifts greater than \$100 are eagerly sought, modest donations are also deeply appreciated. For each donation of \$50, a book from Strayer's office shelves (French, English, American, or SDA history with Dr. Strayer's autograph) will be sent. Will you help

us reach our goal? Please send your check, made out to "Andrews University" with "Strayer Endowed Fund" on the subject line, to: Office of Development, Andrews University, Griggs Hall B213, 8903 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 (AU employees may use payroll deduction). Future issues of *Footnotes* will update how the Brian E. Strayer History & Political Science Research and Travel Endowed Scholarship Fund is growing!

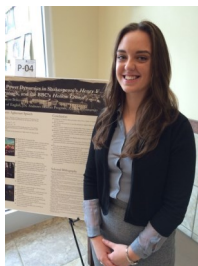


## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

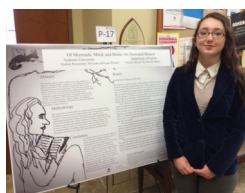
### J N ANDREWS HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLARS

This year, three of our HPSC majors presented their Honors Thesis Research at the annual Honors Scholars and Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium. We honor their research and scholarly work here.

**Alaryss Bosco '16** (BA, Political Science and English). Bosco's thesis, "Machiavellian Framing of Power Dynamics in Shakespeare's *Henry V* as adapted by Olivier, Branagh, and the BBC," examined principles outlined in Niccolo Machiavelli's *The Prince* (1532) that influenced Shakespeare's *Henry V* (1599). A trio of film adaptations (Olivier, 1944; Branagh, 1989; and the BBC, 2012) take related and contrasting approaches to balancing Henry's benevolent morality against his more Machiavellian manipulations. Textural materials including 16th-century archival documents, film historic context, director biography, and the means of production especially influence both play text and more recent presentations of Henry V's character in film.



**Mercedes McLean-Wheeler '17** (BA, History, English, Religion; Secondary Certification). McLean-Wheeler's thesis "Of Mermaids, Metal, and Maine: An Illustrated Memoir," consists of the first chapters of a memoir, offering readers a glimpse of her childhood in rural Maine. The memoir's overarching theme is the interplay between person and place. The work also explores the ability of memory and imagination to shape perception. Included are several of Mercedes' drawings to help illuminate imaginative and lived experiences, evoking the odd but whimsy of childhood. While still rooted firmly in memoir, the project draws from fantasy, magical realism, and graphica, reflecting modern literature's inclination to transcend traditional boundaries of genre and style.



**Shenika McDonald '16** (BS, Political Science). McDonald's thesis, "Race Representatives: Why Black Members of Congress Matter," used the concept of race representation to better understand the legislative behavior of African American members of Congress and to suggest that descriptive representation allows for black political inclusion. McDonald's research examined 200 bills sponsored by 6 members of Congress during the 93rd Congress. This research emphasized the importance of black members of Congress nationwide by highlighting the Congressional Black Caucus' purpose and examining the bills' policy issues for racial significance in consultation with a variety of secondary source material that underscores the importance of descriptive representation for the Black community.



## UPCOMING DEPARTMENT EVENT



The Andrews University Departments of History & Political Science and Religion & Biblical Languages in collaboration with the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research proudly announces its upcoming conference to commemorate the 500-year anniversary of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses*. We welcome all scholarly paper or session proposals for the conference to be held at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, from October 31 to November 3, 2017.

## FROM THE CHAIR

We had a successful year in the Department of History & Political Science. Our department major and minor numbers are on the rise, with a large freshmen class expected this August. We are excited to announce an upcoming event—a joint conference to be held at Andrews University in 2017 commemorating the 500-year anniversary of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses*. Look for future updates on the department website, through alumni mailings, and in next year's *Footnotes*. This past year has brought much transition to the Department of History & Political Science. In May we said goodbye to two members of our department. Dr. Brian Strayer retired after 33 years of teaching at AU and Jennifer Thorman, department assistant, joined One World Center in Dowagiac, MI. Our challenge for the next year is sharing the use of one Administrative Assistant with the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages.

*If you are interested in assisting our students through mentoring, internships, or professional development, we would love to hear from you by email at [history@andrews.edu](mailto:history@andrews.edu). You can also invest in our students' success by giving a gift today at [www.andrews.edu/go/give/history](http://www.andrews.edu/go/give/history) or by contacting the Andrews University Office of Development by phone: 269.471.3124 or mail: 8903 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0660. Please make checks payable to Andrews University and write "History/Political Science Dept" or "Dr. Strayer Endowment Fund" on the memo line. AU employees can give through payroll deduction. Thank you for your support!*

We welcome you to drop us a line—let us know how you are doing, tell us your big news, and fill us in on all your life changes. Look for a future issue of *Footnotes* devoted to our alumni. We wish you all the best.

Blessings,

*Stephanie*