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Congress-to-Campus

by Clay Hoffman

Rep. Dan Miller (R - FL)

Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D - SD)

Rep. Max Sandlin (D - TX)

The University of South Dakota had the honor to host the Congress-to-Campus program this fall. Congress-to-Campus is a program where past members of Congress visit college campuses across the nation. During these college visits, students have a unique opportunity to interact with past U.S. House members. The delegation this year consisted of Representatives Dan Miller and Max Sandlin. Miller was a five-term Republican Congressman from Florida's 13th District. The largest urban center in Miller's district is Sarasota. Sandlin, a Democrat, served eight years in Congress representing Texas's 1st District. The major city in his district is Texarkana. Sandlin is the husband of former South Dakota Congresswoman, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin.

The members of Congress arrived in Vermillion on October 28. They started the next morning with breakfast with faculty and administrators. After the breakfast, Mary Pat Bierle escorted them to her American Government class for majors. There Miller and Sandlin introduced themselves. Miller remarked that his district had the most Medicare beneficiaries out of all House districts. Sandlin commented that his district had the highest number of Medicare beneficiaries out of all Texas districts. Students then asked the members of Congress questions pertaining to campaign finance, the fiscal "cliff," the personal stress of public service, and the influence of personal morals on voting decisions. Sandlin and Miller were courteous to each other and showed that the gridlock of Washington is a world away from the collegiate atmosphere of Vermillion.

Representatives Sandlin and Miller had lunch with a select group of students in the MUC. The public servants then went to Mary Pat Bierle's American Government class for non-majors. The procedure was the same as in the majors section. After that, the Congressmen prepared for one of two scheduled Farber forums. The first forum was titled, "The Role of Congress in the War on Terror."

The Congress members began the forum, moderated by Department Chair Dr. William Richardson, describing the two most important functions of Congress: oversight and investigation. Rep. Sandlin elucidated that Congress has not declared war since World War II, which is due in part to unilateral action. He then illuminated the fact that the War on Terror is not a conventional war. This led Rep. Miller to talk about how drones are changing the way we see warfare. Miller also expressed his appreciation for the President, a liberal, endorsing the use of drones. The

former House members also articulated their stances on the Patriot Act. They deemed the Patriot Act necessary, due to 9/11. Additionally, Miller and Sandlin talked about the mistakes of the Iraq War and how to avoid those same mistakes with the nuclear situation in Iran. Sandlin and Miller talked briefly about China. They said, "China is a partner, but we should be wary of them as well." Lastly, they talked about hot spots for terrorism in the world. Sandlin said that Africa and the Philippines are two places that have a burgeoning presence for terrorism around the world.

A dinner was held in honor of the Congressmen. Former Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin attended the dinner as well. Students were able to sit with the former House members and talk with them one-on-one. USD First Lady Colette Abbott also attended the dinner and was able to interact with students. Coyote News then individually interviewed Miller, Herseth Sandlin and Sandlin after the dinner.

The final Farber forum was titled "Past, Present, and Future of Congress" and was moderated by former PSL President Teresa Johnson. Congresswoman Herseth Sandlin joined Congressmen Miller and Sandlin. The topics of discussion at this forum ranged from the rigors of campaigning and the need for campaign finance reform to the gridlock in Congress and the subsequent failure to pass the Farm Bill due to this gridlock. Herseth Sandlin commented on how she worked in a bipartisan manner when she was South Dakota's lone Congresswoman. Miller and Sandlin also talked about how they worked in a bipartisan manner. However, all three of the former House members said that being in the majority party was better than being in the minority party. Furthermore, the panelists agreed that politics is getting extreme. There are no moderates left in either party.

This led to the question regarding the Farm Bill. Herseth Sandlin noted that the House as a whole did not see the Farm Bill as a priority. Her rationale behind this was that it was not brought up every day. Furthermore, she bolstered her argument by saying that the fiscal cliff was months away, they could have worked on it. Her husband, Max Sandlin, said he was disappointed that there were some in the House who wanted to cut the nutrition part of the Farm Bill. He made the point that the nutrition section of the Farm Bill helps to feed low-income children. Representative Miller said that he was against some of the spending in the Farm Bill. He told the audience he was a fiscal conservative and there was too much waste in the Farm Bill.

Lastly, the former House members discussed the pitfalls of the Citizens United decision. Herseth Sandlin mentioned that she was a victim of the new campaign finance reform. All three of the panelists agreed that this decision opened the floodgates for negative campaign ads.

It was an honor to host such distinguished past members of Congress. We wish all the best to Rep. Miller, as well as to Reps. Sandlin and Herseth Sandlin, who are making their home in Sioux Falls.

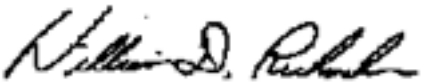
Photo courtesy of Brianna Clark, Coyote News and Megan Card, *The Volante*

A Note From the Chair

The Executive Board is the umbrella governing body for our administration of the four Farber Funds that provide so much benefit to the students of this Department. Normally, the EB meets in person during D-Days. However, the Oct. 5 meeting lacked the needed 25 members to decide on certain by law changes recommended by the Administrative Committee. Accordingly, for the first time in memory, the Executive Board voted by mail ballots on both the bylaw modifications and the related election of four officers to two year terms on the AC. It is my pleasure to announce that the vote was 35 to 1 for adopting the revised bylaws and electing Russell Olson, Kevin Schieffer, Joel Glover and Andrew Christianson to office. Appropriately, the full membership of the Executive Board is once again published in this newsletter along with the qualifications for the various categories that confer voting rights. This list of eligible members is updated every fall just before the annual meeting. If anyone suspects that he or she has been erroneously left off this list, please contact Cheryl Hovorka directly at chovorka@usd.edu or 605/677-5702. Cheryl will immediately check with the Foundation to verify eligibility status.

Once again, this newsletter has been produced as both a glossy hard copy and an electronic version that together will go out to approximately 2,000 alumni and friends of the department. Matt Moen, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and professor of political science, continues to cover the full cost of publishing the hard copy. We are most grateful for his assistance.

I trust that our many friends will enjoy the issue's stories about domestic and international student trips sponsored by the Farber Fund these past few months. This issue also continues biographical sketches of various alumni as well as of members of the department. If anyone has questions about any of the articles, please do not hesitate to contact me at 605/677-5242 or William.Richardson@usd.edu. As always, please also take a moment or two to see the many activities of the department and Farber Fund that are regularly updated on our Web pages: www.usd.edu/polsci and www.usd.edu/farberfund



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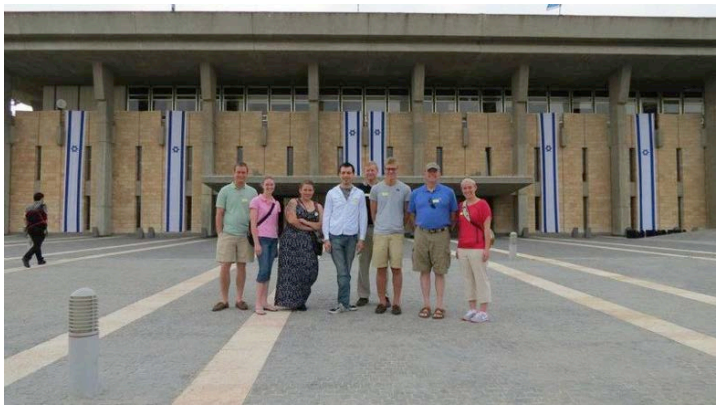
the USD Political Science League,
the International Film Series,
and the USD Poli Sci pages!!

Jerusalem and Beyond

by Jenny Kelly



L to R: Darren Hedlund, Jenny Kelly, Lindsay Strong, Ken Granle, Dana Loseke, Seth Lopour, Tim Schorn and Kasie Olson in front of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament

Soon after the spring 2012 semester ended, six students embarked on the journey of a lifetime. This 12-day study tour, led by Dr. Timothy Schorn, explored the intricate entanglement of religion and politics in Israel and Palestine.

The trip began in Jerusalem, Israel where students visited the Knesset, Yad Vashem and Mount Hertzl. These places gave students a glimpse into the establishment of Israel as a nation, the connection between the Holocaust and Jewish immigration to Israel, and the close connection between religion and politics. Students were also given their first real taste of kosher food and enjoyed eating things such as pita and hummus, shawarma and kebabs.

After discovering modern Israel, the students spent two days in the Old City of Jerusalem, learning more about the importance of the city to Muslims, Jews and Christians. Students were able to visit the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. After spending the day getting lost in the confusing maze of Old City streets, students got a taste of authentic Armenian food and learned about the Armenian genocide along with the Armenian people's evolving role as a minority in Israel.

After spending five days in Jerusalem, the group moved on to Ramallah, located in the West Bank. There, the students were able to visit Birzeit University and talk with students about their college experience. That evening, the group met up with a couple of USD alumni who reside in Ramallah. The dinner was enlightening because the couple was able to better explain the conflict from a first-hand perspective. The next day, students were given the honor of meeting with the Deputy Minister of Information, former Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei, and the head of the Palestinian Olympic Committee, Jibril Rajoub. Rajoub invited the students to a soccer game between Palestine and Pakistan, scheduled for later in the evening, and then set up an afternoon tour of the West Bank for the students. The students were then able to talk with the head of a non-governmental organization (NGO) that coordinates peaceful Palestinian protests and tour the Church of the Nativity. Later that evening, after attending the soccer game, students were treated to dinner with Rajoub and the Palestinian and Pakistani soccer teams. The evening ended with a ceremony commemorating the importance of the soccer game, which was the first international game played in the West Bank.

The last four days of the trip were spent in Tel Aviv, Israel, where students were able to visit Independence Hall and Tel Aviv University. At both places, students learned more about Israel as a modern nation. They also took a day trip to Haifa to visit the famous Baha'i Gardens and learn more about the Baha'i religion. While the trip had been full of learning, the last day was spent relaxing on the beach in Tel Aviv.

The trip was an eye-opening experience on many different levels for all of the students. Students were challenged in their beliefs, and now they better understand the different perspectives of both Israelis and Palestinians. Both Israel and Palestine made an indelible mark on the students and their experiences there will not soon be forgotten.

DC Study Tour 2012

by Mary Pat Bierle

Front: Madison Warder, Alisa Olson, Becca Reiter, Megan Card, Lexy Schuman and Brandi Hansman
Back: Kevin Robb, Sen. Thune, Isaiah Wonenberg, Blaine Reynolds, Tyler Stenberg, Jason Thiel and Chad Neswick

In its current reincarnation, the 7th annual Farber Fund trip to Washington, D.C., under the supervision of faculty member Mary Pat Bierle, scored a first.

For the first time, these 12 political science and criminal justice students visited policymakers in four Executive Branch departments—Defense, State, Interior and Agriculture. Yes, they visited Capitol Hill, where Senator John Thune always meets the students for breakfast in the Senators Dining Room. Yes, they went to Arlington National Cemetery, the Newseum and the Smithsonian—and even a baseball game (Go, Nats!). However, the opportunity to meet with policymakers in four different federal bureaucracies was a record.

As usual, the students are very grateful to their fellow South Dakotans and USD alumni who graciously gave their time and talent. For instance, USD alumnae Lynn von Koch-Liebert connected students with her equally talented husband, Peter Liebert, detailed to the Office of the Secretary, who in turn set up a fascinating meeting on the Department of Defense's cyber policy initiative. Undersecretary of Agriculture Dallas Tonsager, a native of Oldham, S.D., once again opened his doors for briefings on rural telecommunications and economic development. Former USD diversity officer Keith Moore welcomed students to the Bureau of Indian Education, where he served as director. Jon Walz, another successful USD alumnus, gave students an inside look at his work with the State Department's non-proliferation programs. Finally, Prudence Bushnell, retired U.S. Ambassador, and a lifelong friend of Mary Pat, entertained the students with tales of the "glass ceiling" in the Foreign Service.

In other words, this was no traditional high school band trip. The students learned many important life lessons—e.g., networking is essential to professional success and never block the left side of the Metro escalators.

Doc Farber insisted that faculty teach students outside the classroom as well as inside it. The Farber Fund trip to Washington does just that.

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The Latest Dorothy Schieffer Scholar: Joey Knofczynski

Joey Knofczynski was born in Pierre, S.D., on March 31, 1994. His parents knew very early in his life that Joey was different from the other children. He was reading, doing simple math, and even knew the order of U.S. Presidents long before he ever went to kindergarten. However, the subject he hungered for most was geography. Joey did not study geography every day because he had to; he studied because he loved to learn everything he could. In fourth grade, Joey finally put his knowledge to the test by winning the school geography bee. In 2006, Joey won the South Dakota State Geographic Bee and represented his state in Washington, D.C.

During high school, Joey realized that geography was not going to be the subject on which he based his career. Instead, he decided to look into other areas of social science, mainly government and the American legal system. Once he realized how interesting political science could be, Joey wanted to do everything he could to learn and obtain more experience. At the end of Joey's junior year of high school, he decided to run for president of his class. It took a lot of hard work and a well thought out speech, but he pulled off a major victory for himself.

In the summer of 2011, Joey had the opportunity to visit seven countries in Europe with the Midwest Ambassadors for Music. He visited many interesting places that, until then, he had only read about, including Paris, France; Venice, Italy; and Rothenberg, Germany. However, his favorite place to visit was London, England. The long history and the famous sites were fascinating to Joey. That experience gave him a more global understanding of different cultures. In addition, having been chosen as a Boys' State delegate and legislative page allowed Joey the opportunity to be part of the legislative process in action. He also worked during the summer as a student legal aide for a Pierre attorney. These very rewarding experiences fostered Joey's interest in law.

Joey's goal is to graduate from the University of South Dakota with a major in political science and possibly business, and then earn a degree in law. He is still debating whether he is going to become a lawyer or a politician. Going into a public service career will allow Joey to contribute to and make a positive impact in his community. He is very excited to further his knowledge in political science and utilize this information for the rest of his life.

Criminal Justice Club

by Sandy McKeown

The past academic year, 2011-2012,was an outstanding one for the Criminal Justice (CJUS) Club. Students competed (and placed second) in a crime scene competition, invited multiple speakers to campus, traveled to exotic locations (Pierre, S.D.) to meet with professionals in the field, and watched Dr. William Richardson and Dr. Michael Roche get a pie in the face.

In October, several criminal justice students took part in a criminal justice conference and crime scene competition. In an investigation competition that pitted them against students from other schools and law enforcement officers, the students placed second. They were justifiably proud and excited about their work. Students are currently gearing up to attend the 2012 competition.

In the fall of 2012, the club began planning for a fundraiser to support Invisible Children, an organization dedicated to ending the use of child soldiers. The fundraiser involved a penny war between the criminal justice studies students and the political science students. In spite of much ballot stuffing by political science professors, the Criminal Justice Studies Department won, giving Dr. Roche the right to throw a pie in the face of Dr. Richardson. In an odd turn of events, both of the esteemed professors ended up with a pie in hand and a long standoff ended with both of them covered in whipped cream. Fun was had by everyone else.

Students also had the opportunity to meet with professionals in the field. They invited a South Dakota Highway Patrol K9 unit to campus, met with local and state law enforcement officers, and toured state facilities, including the state prisons and the Department of Criminal Investigation headquarters.

The CJUS Club is excited about students' interest and involvement and strives to bring more opportunities to students.

Political Science Internships

by Mary Pat Bierle

According to a 2012 survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 55 percent of this year's college graduating class participated in an internship or cooperative experience. Of those experiences, 47 percent were unpaid. That's the bad news. The good news is that 70 percent of these interns received employment offers as a result of the experience.

In today's economic climate, the Political Science Department is determined to provide more internships as an entrée into the professional world. However, the department can only do so because of the Farber Fund, which assisted 28 political science students this year. Students worked for the Governor of South Dakota and both Senators from Iowa, the entire Congressional South Dakota delegation both in Washington, D.C., and in the state. With the help of alumni, other students worked at the Senate Republican Conference, the House Ways and Means Committee and the South Dakota Department of Transportation. This year, the department placed students as far away as the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, and the Council on Hemispheric Affairs and as close to home as the Great Plains International Trade Association.

Internships are the gateway to employment. An informal head count shows that three recent graduates work for Governor Dennis Daugaard, four are research analysts in state government, four are working on Capitol Hill and three are working in the private sector in Washington, D.C. A number have gone on to success in law school and business school.

A Sept.12, 2012, article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* argues that "colleges need to better prepare students for the transition from school to work. It's not just courses on figuring out how to get a job or manage a career, but real work experiences need to be created for students through internships where they can apply their knowledge and continue to learn."

The South Dakota Easter Bunny (otherwise known as USD POLS major and spring 2012 governor's office intern Deven Scott) greets Governor Dennis Daugaard (right) and Steve Wegman, Executive Director of the South Dakota Wind Energy Association. Deven is performing one of her many functions under the internship rubric "and other duties as assigned."

Students face a double bind these days. They need these pre-professional opportunities more than ever but at a time when they can least afford them. The Farber Fund makes the difference. Internships lead to employment. The Farber Fund leads to internships. The department would like to expand this program, but it needs your help. Please give generously to the Farber Fund, earmarking your donation to increased internship funding.

A Note from the Political Science League

The Political Science League, commonly known as "PSL", is a non-partisan group on the USD campus that focuses strongly on political academia. The League brings together those of any and all backgrounds and encourages stimulating conversation regarding issues relating to state, national and international politics. PSL sponsors and hosts many events throughout the year, including the International Film Series, a College Democrat/College Republican/College Libertarian debate, the spring Farber Forum Speaker Series, numerious Political Science Department speakers throughout the year, a trip to Pierre and this newsletter. In the past few years, PSL has brought in Harvard professor Theda Skocpol, former NBC anchor and USD graduate Tom Brokaw and Duke professor John Aldrich. PSL is open to all USD students, regardless of major, and meets bimonthly on Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

- 2012-2013 PSL Executive Team

Criminal Justice Internships

by Sandy McKeown

Ryan Pennock

From helicopter rides and firefighting training with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to courtroom observations and legal research with a law firm, criminal justice studies interns were exposed to all facets of the criminal justice system this summer. Students enhanced their classroom learning with hands-on experiences in the field.

For some students, the summer proved that they were quite prepared to excel in a professional criminal justice environment. For example, Brandi Hansman, who worked for the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles, was given steadily increasing responsibilities throughout her internship. By the end, she was regularly meeting inmates and leading dispositional hearings. She wrote that her internship "was one of the best experiences I could have had for an internship."

Other students, like senior Bryan Braley, used their internships to clarify their career goals. Bryan worked with Nebraska Child Protective Services. He wrote, "I learned so much about the court system and how the CPS works…my internship made it clear that I wanted to work with kids and as of now I am on the right path."

As always, students showed a great deal of interest in working with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. At the federal level, criminal justice students attained internships with the ATF and the U.S. Marshals Service. At the state level, students worked in enforcement roles with the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks. There, students had the opportunity to engage in surveillance activities, traffic and driving under the influence (DUI) stops. Two of them effectuated several arrests over the summer. Local law enforcement opportunities included working with local police and sheriff departments. For example, Ashleigh Giese interned with the Fond Du Lac County Sheriff's Department. She wrote that her internship "opened my eyes to many different positions of the criminal justice system. While interning I was able to work in the jail with the correctional officers, ride with patrol officers, work with detectives, and take calls with dispatch…I learned so much about how to act as an officer."

Students also had experiences that are often reserved for graduate students and professionals in the field. Alexis Yackley interned with a law firm near her hometown of Onida. About her experience, she wrote, "My internship … was an unforgettable experience. I not only got the opportunity to work with different aspects of the law…but I was also provided the opportunity to get to work and interact with professionals within this highly respected law firm, … meet Federal Court judges, United States Attorneys, state prosecutors, and many more professionals that help run the criminal justice system."

The criminal justice studies internship program continues to grow and hard-working students are a clear source of pride for the department.

We are happy to report that Professor Emeritus Don Dahlin's new book, *We the People: A Brief Introduction to the Constitution and Its Interpretation,* has just been published by Palgrave Macmillan. It invites "We the People" to examine the Constitution carefully; to think about who interprets the Constitution and how the Constitution could/should be interpreted. Because the Supreme Court is the preeminent interpreter of the Constitution, the book also includes (with notes and questions) what Professor Dahlin claims are the top 10 Supreme Court decisions. The goal of the book is to give readers the knowledge and confidence to discuss contemporary constitutional issues more intelligently. If you are interested, the book can be purchased on Amazon for $29.

Faculty and Staff Profiles

A peek into the lives and interests of a few department faculty and staff members

Matthew C. Moen worked 16 years at the University of Maine, where he rose through the ranks to become professor and chair of political science and University of Maine trustee professor. In 2002, he joined USD and the department, where he serves as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Lohre Distinguished Professor and professor of political science.

Moen is author/co-author of five books and several dozen articles in the area of American national politics. Most of his early scholarship focused on Congress, the presidency and the impact of the Christian Right in American politics, with his most recent book focusing on the impact of state legislative term limits. As part of a national task force of the American Political Science Association (APSA), he helped author a report on interdisciplinarity in the academy. That project turned into a book manuscript, which is currently under review.

Moen has served as president of the New England Political Science Association, chair of the Professional Ethics Committee of APSA and elected chair of the 500-member Religion and Politics Section of APSA on two occasions. A former congressional fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives, he has taught courses such as American Government, Congress, the Presidency, and American Political Thought, but his position as dean has moved him into a different role. Several years ago, Moen served as president of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS), the nation's leading organization of Arts and Sciences deans. He delivered a presidential address titled "Aristotle in an Era of Accountability."

Moen has been impressed by the loyalty shown to the department by its alumni and is grateful for the support they provide students and faculty.

Ilmira Dulyanova is the newest staff member in the Department of Political Science. Originally from Tashkent, Uzbekistan (part of the former Soviet Union), Ilmira came to the University of South Dakota in 2004 as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant. Ilmira taught Russian and coordinated the Russian program at USD from 2004 to 2007. Prior to teaching Russian at USD, Ilmira taught English at the Uzbek State World Languages University in Tashkent.

In August 2012 Ilmira joined the Department of Political Science to work with the department's graduate programs. Ilmira enjoys working with students and assisting them by sharing her educational and professional experience. Ilmira believes in the power of education and knowledge.

Ilmira holds two master's degrees: the first is in English language and literature from Uzbek State World Languages University; the second is in communication Studies with an emphasis in intercultural communication from the University of South Dakota. Ilmira likes travelling to different places and countries because she believes that even one day spent in a different culture or country can be worth more than many years spent at home. Ilmira speaks Russian, English, Tatar and Uzbek but has forgotten most of her French.

Ilmira and her husband Tim (an associate professor of political science and director of the International Studies Program) have a son, Kamil, who is four years old. The family enjoys spending time at home in Vermillion, but most of all they have fun going places together, no matter whether it is a trip to the grocery store, to Chicago or to a new country. Ilmira is also the Civilian Family Readiness Volunteer with the 147th Army Band/South Dakota Army National Guard. Ilmira enjoys playing the piano and building Lego projects with Kamil in her free time.

Alumni Profiles
Will Mortenson

Will Mortenson works as a policy analyst in the administration of Gov. Dennis Daugaard '75 and is a 2010 graduate from the University of South Dakota. A native of Fort Pierre, S.D., and a graduate of Pierre's T.F. Riggs High School, Will is also the son of two Coyotes: Curt Mortenson J.D. '91, and Kimberley (Murphy) Mortenson '79, J.D. '82.

Will was attracted to USD by its strong political science program and the need to follow in his brother's footsteps (Jake Mortenson, '07). Will embraced the university's liberal arts tradition, joining the University Honors Program and taking high-level courses in a wide range of disciplines. Will graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. degree in political science and minors in mathematics and economics.

Despite a sound academic career at USD, Will never let his scholarship get in the way of his education. He was an active member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and the Strollers Organization. In his senior year, Will was president of the Mortar Board Honor Society, an executive committee member on the Inter-Fraternity Council and Emcee of the Strollers Show.

According to Will, USD's Political Science Department, and the university at large, provided the perfect environment in which to learn, engage with other students and develop as a person and scholar. He notes that the institution is large enough to provide a dynamic and diverse group of peers, faculty and friends, but small enough to keep each student accountable.

The Political Science Department provided Will with invaluable opportunities to study in Spain, Washington, D.C., Prague and Pierre. Among such exotic destinations, Pierre proved to be the most valuable in terms of time spent.

During the spring of 2009, Will served as an intern for then-Senator and now-Secretary of State Jason Gant '99. While in Pierre, Will met Public Utility Commissioner Dusty Johnson '99 who was planning his 2010 campaign and looking for cheap, inexperienced help.

In the fall of 2009, Will started work as campaign manager for Dusty's re-election campaign. The title "campaign manager" was generous, as Dusty's energy and enthusiasm drove the campaign, leaving Will and Kelsey Webb '10 frantically trying to keep up. After a robust and successful campaign, Dusty had won the fifth largest percentage of the vote in state history with more than 70 percent.

In the final month of the 2010 campaign cycle, Will went to work for the South Dakota Republican Party, leading get-out-the-vote and door-to-door efforts in East River communities. Will led four "strike teams" that knocked on more than 10,000 doors in the four weeks leading up to the landslide 2010 elections.

Following the 2010 election, Will planned to go back to the family cow-calf operation and work as a ranch hand before entering law school in the fall of 2011. Will had worked cattle throughout his youth, high school, college and beyond.

Instead, Gov.-elect Dennis Daugaard and his transition team offered Will a position as a policy analyst in the new administration. As with the campaign job offer, Will's primary attribute in securing the position was his willingness to work long hours for cheap pay. As a policy analyst, Will works on the Governor's initiatives and on communications for Chief of Staff Dusty Johnson and Director of Policy and Communications Tony Venhuizen J.D. '08.

In the first legislative session of Gov.Daugaard's administration, Will's primary focus was passage of the Governor's economic development bill. During the following summer and fall, he became heavily involved in the Governor's education bill and workforce initiatives.

The next legislative session saw passage of a landmark education bill, removing teacher tenure and providing extra pay to teachers based on student achievement. The Governor's South Dakota Workforce INitiativeS (WINS) program was also an audacious package to target the short- and long-term workforce needs of the state.

This year, Will is working for Gov. Daugaard's General Counsel Jim Seward '94, J.D. '98 on the bi-partisan, inter-branch criminal justice initiative. The goals of the initiative are to develop policies that will increase public safety, promote greater offender accountability and reduce corrections spending.

Working in the office of Gov. Daugaard and alongside the governor's staff has given Will a great appreciation for functional and innovative policymaking that puts policy ahead of politics.

In the fall of 2013, Will plans to leave the Governor's Office to pursue law school. Following law school, Will plans to return to Pierre/Ft. Pierre to practice law and work on his family's cattle ranch.

Jeff Hattervig

For the better part of his childhood, Jeff enjoyed the USD campus as his playground. His mother and grandparents were Vermillion natives, and both his mother and grandmother were USD graduates. Jeff's mother, Karen, a single mother who suffered partial paralysis from childhood polio, enrolled at USD when her children were five and three. She went on to obtain both her bachelor's and her law degree in Vermillion. In 1981, Karen moved her two children to Sioux Falls, where she worked for more than 20 years as a legal services attorney to indigent clients. Upon his graduation from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, Jeff moved back to Vermillion where he worked for 18 months as a dishwasher and short order cook at the Cavalier Café on Cherry Street. Inspired by his mother's extraordinary achievements in the face of adversity, her commitment to public service and his own quest for a challenge, Jeff enlisted in the Marine Corps infantry in January 1991, as the United States entered the Gulf War.

The Gulf War ended while Jeff was attending boot camp and infantry training. His first duty station was a 15-month deployment to Guam where he was tasked with jungle warfare training and guarding special weapons as member of a Security Forces battalion. In 1992, the end of the Cold War resulted in his battalion being disbanded, and Jeff was reassigned to 1st Battalion, 9th Marines—a Special Operations Capable unit known as The Walking Dead. As a squad leader for the battalion's boat raid company, Jeff spent most of the next two years on or in the ocean. From October 1993 to February 1994, Jeff and his unit deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, to conduct security operations in the wake of the Black Hawk Down incident.

When Jeff's enlistment ended in January 1995, he again returned to Vermillion, where he took local jobs as a truck driver and a campus security officer. That fall, at 24 years old, he enrolled in his freshman year at USD. Jeff originally intended to major in English with a minor in Spanish. However, criminal justice and political science classes piqued his interest, thanks to the teaching of Professors Dean Spader, Mike Roche and Tim Schorn. After his sophomore year, Jeff changed his major to criminal justice and his minor to political science, and continued working full-time as a campus security officer—responsible for patrolling the campus that he'd spent his childhood exploring.

Jeff excelled in classes and participated in Model U.N. and USD's Mock Trial team. His family and professors encouraged him to follow his mother's path and attend law school at USD. While this was tempting, Jeff opted instead for a path that struck him as more adventurous: during his junior year he tested for the U.S. Marshals and was hired a few months later. After attending the four-month academy

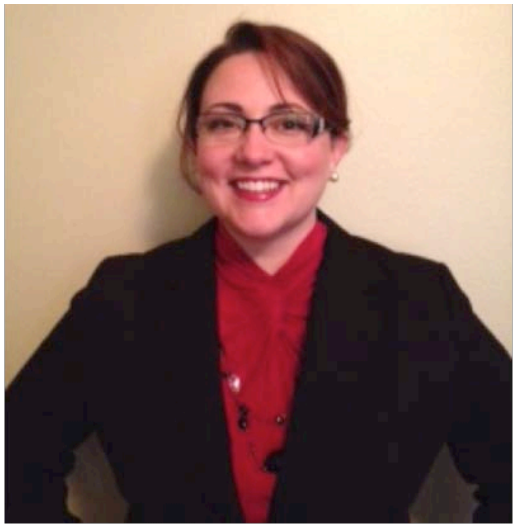
in Glynco, Ga., Jeff graduated in October 1998 with the academy's award for highest academic average. Jeff attributes his academic success at the academy to the excellent legal education that he received in USD's criminal justice program. Jeff's first assignment as a Deputy U.S. Marshal was to the Pierre, S.D., office where he performed various federal law enforcement duties for the five Indian reservations in central South Dakota. During his four and a half years based in Pierre, Jeff completed his last year of college classes utilizing USD's distance learning program and graduated cum laude in 2001.

Eager to take on new challenges, Jeff applied to and successfully completed the U.S. Marshals Special Operations Group (SOG) selection course in 2002. SOG is a small traveling tactical team of specially trained Deputy U.S. Marshals who deploy to high-risk assignments worldwide. When not deployed, these Marshals remain in their home districts performing their normal law enforcement functions. The following year, Jeff transferred to the Eastern North Carolina Violent Fugitive Task Force based in Raleigh, N.C., where he was part of a small team of investigators tasked with tracking and apprehending the region's most violent fugitive felons.

In 2005, Jeff made a move closer to home by joining Minnesota's East Metro/North Star Fugitive Task Force, where he spent several years leading a team of state, local and federal officers in apprehending violent fugitives throughout the state of Minnesota. During this time, Jeff and his SOG team deployed to Iraq where he spent six months protecting and transporting the witnesses, lawyers, and judges in the Saddam Hussein trial. He was twice sent to Afghanistan where he and his team created, and continue to develop, the Afghan Marshals Service.

In January 2012, Jeff decided to take a needed break from fugitive investigations and transferred to his current assignment as an investigator on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force based in the Twin Cities. In December 2012, Jeff will deploy once again to Afghanistan to continue his work with the Afghan Marshals. He is due to return home in the late spring of 2013.

Aimee House Ladonski



Aimee House Ladonski M.P.A. '09 was born and raised in Valparaiso, Ind., near the beautiful Indiana Dunes of Lake Michigan. While majoring in education, humanities, and natural science at Purdue University, Aimee served in AmeriCorps—a program that forever shaped her vision of service and community. While the AmeriCorps program still allows for service in many sectors, Aimee served as a literacy counselor and developed remedial after-school curricula and service learning activities for youth. After two years of service in AmeriCorps, Aimee received a scholarship to attend the International Partnership for Service Learning Lakota Nation Program in South Dakota.

Despite growing up in a state whose name originates from the term "land of Indians" (Indiana), Aimee realized that the struggles and triumphs of Native Americans were not widely understood among her peers. Learning about this important history by traveling to and serving on South Dakota reservations with students from around the world led Aimee to learn more about Indian country but even more about herself. In addition, her perspective on environmental issues was further developed by the wisdom and spirituality of her Lakota friends.

After returning to Indiana, Aimee worked for three years at a county government agency, developing and presenting interactive K-12 environmental education curricula. In 2006, a job opportunity for her husband led to a more formal move to South Dakota.

Shortly after, Aimee decided to formalize her training in civil service by obtaining her Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree from USD. During her time at USD, Aimee was awarded the William Zuercher Award for Public Service, which funded a Research Assistantship at the USD Government Research Bureau (GRB). Her work at the GRB allowed her to participate in empirical research projects and community assessments for municipalities throughout the state. This experience in research and data analysis has proven invaluable for Aimee as a professional.

In 2009, Aimee was hired as the City of Sioux Falls first Sustainability Coordinator and worked to build foundational documents, programming, and ordinance revisions that worked toward the goal of assisting residents in "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs" (UN WCED, 1987). The program won the 2010 National Environmental Health Association Excellence in Sustainability Award and completed its citywide Sustainability Master Plan under her leadership in 2012.

These days, Aimee is excited to be serving the nonprofit sector through her new, dual role as Program Director for the South Dakota Nonprofit Association (SDNA) and South Dakota State Service Commission. The commission is responsible for managing, monitoring, and evaluating AmeriCorps state programs and promoting volunteerism in the state. This opportunity has brought Aimee back to the AmeriCorps family, this time in an administrative role.

Mostly, Aimee is grateful for the theoretical lessons and practical experiences of the USD M.P.A. program. The classroom lessons, cohort structure and mentorship provided by the high-quality faculty at USD have been integral to her success. She still occasionally refers to her grad school notes and frequently leans on her professorial mentors at USD for inspiration and guidance.

In her spare time, Aimee enjoys spending time with her 12-pound Papillon and husband, whom she loves very much despite the fact that he is employed by the Jackrabbits. Go 'Yotes!

Jeremy Zell

Jeremy Zell grew up on a farm outside of Cavour, S.D. Today, he practices international commercial law in Stockholm, Sweden. His journey to Stockholm was not a direct one, but it did include four formative years at the University of South Dakota.

Jeremy attended USD from 2000 to 2004, graduating with a B.A. in political science.

"When I enrolled at USD, the thought of practicing international law hadn't even crossed my mind," Jeremy said.

Instead, Jeremy explained that his life-long interest in politics and public speaking drew him to Vermillion. He was on the debate team during high school. Before that, he was a member of student government every year since he was nine years old.

"I grew up fascinated with our political system and public policy, and after I graduated high school I wanted to go somewhere with a strong political science department," Jeremy said. He goes on to note that he had friends at the time who were already attending USD and that they highly recommended the school.

"I visited Vermillion two times or so, and the school and town were exactly what I was looking for," he explained.

While at USD, Jeremy said he got a lot out of the classes that he attended, but even more out of the other opportunities available to students. "Thanks to the Farber Fund, I was able to attend the Midwest Political Science Association's conference in Chicago every spring," he said. With the encouragement of faculty members in the political science department, Jeremy presented his honors thesis at that conference during his final year at USD.

After graduating from USD, Jeremy earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 2007. That was where Jeremy met and fell in love with a Swedish exchange student whom he eventually married.

Three months after graduating from law school, Jeremy was in Sweden, studying International Commercial Arbitration Law at Stockholm University. He earned his master of laws (L.L.M.) in 2008 and, shortly thereafter, began working at a large law firm in Stockholm. Currently, he is a senior associate at the firm.

Jeremy works almost exclusively in the field of international arbitration. International arbitration is a private means of dispute resolution in which two or more commercial parties from different countries appoint a panel of individuals who decide the dispute by considering the facts and law and issuing an award that is binding on the parties and enforceable in national courts throughout the world. Law firms, like the one for which Jeremy works, typically advocate for one of the parties in the dispute, much the same way that they would represent a client in court.

"All of the disputes we handle are complex in their own ways," Jeremy explained. "For example, the parties are generally free to choose the procedural rules and the law that should be applied to their dispute. So there is not one national law that I work with on a daily basis but several. It all depends on the case."

Jeremy said that he constantly needs to think flexibly about factual or legal problems, and his job demands that he continuously grasp the concepts of a new area of law or fact.

"That's what's great about all types of law practices, not just my own," he said. "A lawyer can make himself or herself a miniature expert of sorts on a number of topics, depending on what the case demands."

In addition to practicing law, Jeremy returns to his former L.L.M. program twice a year as a guest lecturer and oversees a mock arbitration exercise in which students spend a semester taking on the roles of lawyers and working though the issues of a fictional arbitration.

Jeremy said that he owes his career to the skills he learned at USD: "The courses I took required that I do much more than memorize facts out of a book. The professors made a point of helping their students grasp the underlying concepts of any topic, which required that we think critically, think creatively."

Jeremy is a member of the South Dakota Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. Jeremy lives in Stockholm with his wife, Sara, daughter, Edith, and their two cats.

Jerad Seurer

Jerad G. Seurer is a native of Milbank, S.D., where he graduated valedictorian from Milbank High School in 1991. Along with his high school academic success, Jerad was fortunate to be a member of the 1990 state championship wrestling team. After his secondary education, Jerad matriculated to the University of South Dakota to study biology and chemistry. At USD, Jerad received the Louella B. Scholarship for Biology, which covered undergraduate tuition and fees. In addition, he was honored by being inducted into the Phi Sigma Epsilon Honor Society for Biology and appointed to the Advisory Committee for Chemistry Instruction.

After receiving a bachelor of science degree in biology (with a chemistry minor) in 1995, Jerad continued his education and pursued a master of arts degree in biology, emphasizing his course-load and research in the areas of physiology and biochemistry. From the fall of 1995 to the spring of 1997, Jerad's studies were focused on the effects of progesterone on mono-amine neurotransmitters in the ventromedial hypothalamus of female Sprague-Dawley rats.

Upon reading the above information, one may (and probably should) be thinking, "Why is this guy's bio part of the Farber Newsletter?" The answer is quite simple—Jerad is currently the Chair-elect of the Farber Fund's Administrative Committee, and he has previously served two consecutive two-year terms as a member of that committee. Your next question should be, "Why do we have a guy who was not a political science or criminal justice major on the Farber Fund's Administrative Committee?" The answer to that question is a bit more lengthy.

In 1988, Jerad (through his older brother, Jason) met Dr. William O. "Doc" Farber. For the next 14 years, he and Doc spent many afternoons in the front room of the Farber home across from Slagle Hall discussing, inter alia, international policy, U.S. politics, and governmental issues of federal, state, county, and local importance. In fact, Jerad was fortunate to live in Doc's basement during a portion of his undergraduate studies in the early 1990s, which involved accompanying Doc on travels (code for "carrying Doc's bags"). From 1988 until his passing in 2007, Dr. Farber was a teacher, mentor and dear friend to Jerad. As such, Jerad understands and has a deep appreciation for the legacy of leadership, mentoring and civil service left by Dr. Farber.

It was Dr. Farber's influence that led Jerad to take both "Governments of the World" and "State and Local Governments," which were offered by the Political Science Department in the spring of 1995. While Jerad's ambition was to attend medical school at USD, it was Doc who registered Jerad for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and subsequently persuaded him to attend law school at USD from 1997 to 2000.

During his third year of law school, Jerad sat for and passed the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Bar Exam. From December 1999 to October 2004, Jerad practiced intellectual property law for law firms in Wisconsin, Colorado and Tennessee. In October 2004, Jared transitioned from private practice to an in-house counsel role for Covidien (formerly Tyco Healthcare)—a $12 billion global provider of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. The past eight or more years with Covidien have provided Jerad with valuable experience in managing global intellectual property portfolios, directed toward all sorts of medical devices and pharmaceuticals.

Jerad has been fortunate to participate on many product development teams and counsel business leaders regarding key strategic initiatives. He has also found success examining competitive products and "mining" existing patent applications for opportunities to gain leverage on competitors by obtaining protection for subject matter that was previously unclaimed.

Another facet of the in-house experience that has proven rewarding is Jerad's time assisting the business in licensing, negotiating settlements and litigating. Some highlights include enforcing foreign patents in Germany, Japan and China, as well as being part of the team that secured the largest patent settlement in 2005 (more than $1.2 billion) and, more recently, negotiating a settlement in the tens of millions of dollars for Covidien on the morning the jury was to deliberate at trial.

In late 2011, a public announcement was made that Covidien's pharmaceutical business would be spun out to become a stand-alone, publicly traded company. Shortly after that announcement, Jerad (presently an associate general counsel with Covidien) was asked to coordinate the separation and build-out of the pharmaceutical business throughout Asia Pacific (APAC). This new project will continue until some time around mid-2013 and has included numerous trips to Japan, China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, India and Australia. Examples of Jerad's current responsibilities in APAC include directing and managing real estate acquisitions/leases, setting up new legal entities, obtaining tax IDs and business licenses, transferring regulatory product registrations, acquiring import/export licenses, establishing bank accounts, implementing a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, and hiring personnel across multiple functions.

On a more personal note, since the summer of 1996, Jerad has been married to Dawn (Swendsen) Seurer—a native of Pierre, S.D., and a 1995 graduate of the USD business school. The Seurers have three daughters, ranging in age from 4 to 13. In what little free time he can find, Jerad enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and recreational travel.

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