

Honors Theses Recently Defended in the Political Science Department

Student Name

Project Title

Adviser

Fall 2013		
Jory Heckman	“Intervention and the United Nations Security Council: International Considerations in a Post-Cold War World”*	Dr. David Green
Ronald Oleary	“Federalism and the Supreme Court: Historical Development and the Roberts Court’s Current Stance”*	Dr. Rosanna Perotti
Spring 2012		
William Barna	"U.S. Military Intervention for Humanitarian Purposes: Exception to Policy or an Emerging Norm?" * **	Dr. Paul Fritz
Amanda Preston	"Shower Posse: What the Fight Against one of Jamaica's Bloodiest Gangs can tell us about the U.S. War on Drugs."	Dr. David Green
Haresh Presad	"The Invisible Congo: State Failure and the Case of the Democratic Republic of Congo”*	Dr. David Green
Jacqueline Smith	United Nations and the Palestinian/Israeli conflict	Dr. Stephanie Nanes
Fall 2011		
Brocius, Samantha	“The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow, But Who Bets the Bottom Dollar: New Jersey, California or Germany?” *	Dr. Carolyn Dudek
Ferris, Catherine	"Russian Influence in Belarus: Reasons and Repercussions"	Dr. David Green

Spring 2011		
Shure, Danielle	“Biting the Bullet: Heller and the Reinterpretation of the Second Amendment” *	Dr. Richard Himelfarb, Dr. Rebecca Curry
Glaubiger, Alana	“Coping with Globalization: Presidential Influence in Conducting a Multilateral Military Intervention During a Post-Cold War Era”*	Dr. Meena Bose
Labia, Sarah N.	“Presidential Leadership and the Need to Build Support for Humanitarian Intervention Abroad”	Dr. Meena Bose
Rasool, Syed	“The Link Between State Building and Water Control: The Case of Israel and the West Bank” *	Dr. Stefanie Nanes
Spring 2010		
Calderone, Melissa	“Factors of Success: How President Obama Passed a Health Care Reform Agenda Through Congress” *	Dr. Meena Bose
Diechert, Maggie	“Another BRIC in the Wall: The Recent Growth of Developing Economies and Its Effect on International Trade”	Dr. Paul Fritz
Mannino, Peter	“U.S. Relations with Oil Exporting Countries: How Important is Oil?”	Dr. Paul Fritz
Rivard, Emily	“A Paranoid Perspective: A Study of How and Why Chairman Mao’s Psychological State Influenced Major Movements Within China”	Dr. Takashi Kanatsu
Salerno, Laura	“Why is Romania the Problem Child of Europe?”	Dr. Carolyn Dudek
Weitzberg, Brent Gordon	“Retooling the Machine: Conditions that Affect the Development, Perpetuation and Disassembling of a Traditional Urban Political Machine and their Effect on Party and Governance in Queens,	Dr. Rosanna Perotti

	New York”	
Spring 2009		
Catherine Legnetti	“The New Christian Right: Catalyst for a Major Party Realignment?” *	Dr. Rosanna Perotti
Lindsey Ross	“How the Expansions of Presidential Power Left Unchecked Caused the Emergence of the Unitary Executive”	Dr. Meena Bose
Farah Salim	“Tibetan Independence”	Dr. Takashi Kanatsu
Syeda Ahmad	“The Case for U.S. Hegemony: Why America Will Retain Economic, Cultural, Political, and Military Superiority”	Dr. Paul Fritz

*awarded high honors

** Winner of the Library Award for best undergraduate research paper.