The Department continues to offer exciting courses and programs in International affairs to engage students in cultural immersion, international service, and global learning. Dr. Rekha Datta took students again to India for two weeks in January of 2014. In this unique, life-changing trip, students helped out in the Rainbow Program at Loreto Day School in Kolkata, where mainstream students are integrated with street children to offer everyone an inclusive education. At the invitation of Dr. Aditi Dey, Principal of Shri Shikshayatan College, who visited Monmouth University in the fall, students had an engaging interactive session discussing education, culture, social media, and careers at the first Global Symposium between Monmouth University and Shri Shikshayatan College in Kolkata, India. Students on this and previous trips to India have carved out academic and career relevance by researching topics inspired by the trip and by starting careers in an environmental NGO and in the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

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PREPARING FOR CAREERS BY ENGAGING OUR WORLD

TEN DEPARTMENT GRADUATES HEADING TO LAW SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2014

Alexes Correa
Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law

Joseph Dellera
Seton Hall Law

Anthony Gianopolus
Widener University Law

Michael Lucia
George Washington Law

Travis Graga
New England School of Law

Dylan Maynard
American University College of Law

Mauro Tucci
New England School of Law

Kyle Tucker
Syracuse University Law

Jordan Barnett
University of Colorado Law School

Dennis Mikoloy
Rutgers Law School

The department is home to a political science/legal studies major, a mock trial team, a debate team, and a pre-law club. So far, over 90% of department students interested in attending law school in the fall of 2014 have been accepted into one of their chosen law schools.
The Model UN Team traveled to Rome to compete in their second international competition. The team won several awards at the Rome conference in March of 2014.

Our department had our first off site interns working for the United Nations this academic year. The interns for the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) were Brian Martin and Ebtihal Al-Alwi. (from left to right) Ebtihal Al-Alwi, Sujung Choi (UN intern), Hasan Ferdous (Chief, Committee Liaison, SCD/DPI, (UN)), Ramu Damodaran (Deputy Director at United Nations), and Brian Martin.

In only its second year, the Department’s mock trial team made strides in the regional American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) competition at the New Haven regional tournament hosted by Yale University and won the prestigious Spirit of American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) Award. The team also competed in other invitationals throughout the 13-14 academic year.

Our department graduates practicing law or enrolled in law school:

- **Alexandria Todd ’13**
  - Brooklyn Law School

- **Anthony D’Elia ’13**
  - Seton Hall Law School

- **Danielle DiDato ’11**
  - Attorney, Levinson Axelrod, PA

- **Ali Kliment ’11**
  - Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Backius

- **Lindsay Melody ’11**
  - Attorney, The American Association for Justice in D.C

- **Tamari Lagvilia ’12**
  - George Washington Law School

- **Brian Tiscia ’11**
  - Judicial Law Clerk

- **Arille Giordano ’12**
  - The Columbus School of Law, Catholic University

- **Antwuan Williamson ’10**
  - Attorney, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

- **Dan Wisnewski ’10**
  - Attorney, Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC

- **Joseph Stefanelli ’09**
  - Attorney, UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

- **Ryan Tetro ’07**
  - Attorney, Litigation Associate at Archer & Greiner, P.C.

- **Eric Yngstrom ’07**
  - Attorney, The Tashby Law Firm, L.L.C.

- **Robert Barska ’06**
  - Attorney, Advocate at Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC)

- **Avania Iladis ’06**
  - Attorney, Advocate at Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC)

- **Greg Acculviva ’03**
  - Attorney, NJ Department of State, Office of Lt. Governor

The Department’s Debate Team won 14 team and individual awards throughout the year. Dylan Maynard took a first place speaking award and Saliha Younas received a 2nd place speaking award at the Western Debate Championship in California in March of 2014. The team also competed at West Point Military Academy and other tournaments throughout the year. The team also started a debate team at Asbury Park High School in 2010, and coached the Asbury debaters in three Urban Debate League tournaments in NYC in 2014 (below).
Gabrielle Gunter’14, Amanda Kruyzinski’14, and Robert Bell’14 presented their senior thesis papers at the Eastern Sociological Society’s annual meeting in 2014.

STUDENTS GET PUBLISHED

* Samuel Maynard’14 and Dr. Ken Mitchell co-wrote and presented the conference paper “Political Economy of Post-Crises Governance in Argentina, Menem versus Kirchner(s)” at the Northeastern Political Science Association meeting in Philadelphia, November 14-17, 2013.
* Arielle Giordano’12 will have her article, “Federal Shield Laws in the Digital Age” was published in December 2014 in Volume 22 Issue 2 in the CommLaw Conspectus.
ALUMS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Elizabeth Anderson’14  
Accepted to London School of Economics Graduate School

Kelly Craig’14  
Savannah College of Art and Design Graduate School

Samuel Maynard’14  
Georgetown University Graduate School in Political Science

Jessica Roberts’14  
Staff member at Fund for the Public Interest’s Citizen Outreach

Mallory Scirocco’14  
University of New Haven Graduate School

Thomas Andrykovitz’10  
Attorney, Law Clerk to Honorable Cath L. Waldor, U.S.M.J, District Court, NJ

Angela Arenda’13  
Council on Foreign Relations in NYC

Lianne Kulik’13  
Social Studies Teacher at Long Branch Public Schools

Dina Russo’13  
Insurance Fraud Investigator for G4S

Jason Wiemken’13  
Department of the Interior

Dante Barry’12  
VP, Membership & Engagement at Million Hoods Movement for Justice

Jessica Larkins’12  
Program Associate at Mathematica Policy Research

Julie Miller’12  
Program Associate at Mathematica Policy Research

Chris Cavaiola’10,’12  
Accepted to the Law Review of Vermont Law School

Fred Strahl’12  
Owner, Larchwood Marketing

Timothy Tracey’10,’12  
Research Associate, Monmouth University Polling Institute

Samantha Stillo’11  
Law Clerk, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney

Christopher Menschner’10  
Public Policy Analyst at NJ Department of Human Services

Omar Sedky’08  
Analytics, Testing, & Special Projects and Social Media Marketing Intern at Talkler Labs, LLC

Shaun Golden’05  
Monmouth County Sheriff & Monmouth County GOP Chair, Adjunct

Michael Venezi’05  
Mayor of Bloomfield, NJ
Full Time Faculty:

Gregory Bordelon, JD
Lecturer, Political Science

Saliba Sarsar, PhD
Professor, Political Science

Steven Chapman, ABD
Assistant Professor, Political Science

Rekha Datta, PhD
Professor, Political Science

Kevin Dooley, PhD
Associate Professor, Political Science

Johanna Foster, PhD
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Kenneth Mitchell, PhD
Associate Professor, Political Science

Joseph Patten, PhD
Associate Professor, Political Science

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Kathryn Kloby, PhD
Associate Professor, Political Science

Jennfer McGovern, PhD
Lecturer, Sociology

Nancy Mezey, PhD
Associate Professor, Sociology

Kenneth Mitchell, PhD
Associate Professor, Political Science

Enoch Nappen, PhD
Associate Professor, Political Science

Joseph Patten, PhD
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Department News

Congratulations to our students who graduated with Department Honors in 2014: Elizabeth Anderson, Kelly Craig, Amanda Kruyzynski, Kelsey Currie, and Sam Maynard.

Congratulations to our students award recipients in 2014.

Political Science Academic Award: Elizabeth Anderson

Sociology Academic Award: Amanda Kruyzynski

Political Science Club Leadership Award: Sam Maynard

Sociology Club Leadership Award: Gabrielle Gunter

Sociology Club won The 2014 Global Inclusion Award

Debate Team Leadership Award: Kelly Craig & Dan Roman

Model UN Leadership Award: David Goldenthal

Tom Crane Service Award: Shawna Sullivan

Elvin R. Simmil Memorial Award: Katrina Koerner

Former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman was Monmouth University’s Visiting Public Servant in Residence during the 2013-14 academic year. She presented in several classes, and students from MU and the Asbury Park High School Debate Team were fortunate to meet her and learn from her vast experience.

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