

**Political Science Department
Annual Report
Faculty and Student
Department Highlights
Academic Year
2017-2018**

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1. Student and Student Organization Achievements and Development.

1.1 Scholarly Activity

The department continues to demonstrate its commitment to **undergraduate research** through the Political Science Capstone course, supporting honors thesis research, employing students as research assistants and coauthors, and encouraging students to submit and present papers at the Winthrop SOURCE Conference and other local, state, and national conference venues. **Seven Political Science Faculty** supervised undergraduate research projects/presentations in the 2017-2018 academic year: **Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Dr. John Holder, Dr. Scott Huffmon, Dr. Hye-Sung Kim, Dr. Michael Lipscomb, Dr. Stephen Smith, and Dr. Chris Van Aller.**

The following students completed their honors degree and defended their honors thesis in Political Science:

Jessica Doscher (Drs. Disney, Kim, Lipscomb, Pretty, Van Aller)

Jesse Morton (Drs. Disney, Kim, Holder, Van Aller)

Sarah Survance (Drs. Disney, Lipscomb, Huffmon)

Kat Yoffie (Drs. Disney, Kim, Huffmon, Richardson)

Jessica Doscher presented research at the **South Carolina Political Science Association Conference** in March, 2018.

PLSC Department Faculty and Students had a particularly strong showing at the SOURCE Conference in 2018, with **16 students making 18 presentations mentored by 7 faculty.** **Bertha Atalaya, Ana Castellanos, Maria Clarken, John Clemens, Scott D'Amico, Jessica Doscher, Ben Forbes, Austin Fowler, Meagan Holland, Jacob Lambeck, Mikayla Mangle, Bradie McKay, Jesse Morton, Olivia Paxton, Anthony Sale, Sarah Survance, Kat Yoffie,** presented their undergraduate research and/or were recognized at the **SOURCE Conference** in April, 2018 held at Winthrop University –**Details presented in 6.2 Student Intellectual Development Achievements and Awards.**

1.2 Professional Stewardship*

The Political Science department and its affiliated programs continue to contribute to the University's "constant conversation" by hosting cultural events open to the campus and the community at large that truly enhance student intellectual development. **The department of Political Science, the Model UN, the Socialist Student Union, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and/or the Women's and Gender Studies Program, sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 20 events with an estimated total student and community attendance of 2,500.**

The Political Science Department itself sponsored **12 diverse cultural events, identified in red below.**

Academic Year Annual Report 2017-2018**PLSC/WMST SPONSORED EVENTS**

Semester	Event	Primary Sponsor	Approximate Number of Attendees
Fall 2017	Sex in the Dark	WMST Health&Wellness	80
Fall 2017	An Evening with Lynette Woodard	WWC WMST	250
Fall 2017	WU: An Inclusive Community: Safe Zones II	WMST Student Life	50
Fall 2017	50 th Anniversary Dr. Cynthia Roddey	WMST DSE	100
Fall 2017	Dr. Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey Pulse of the People Book Talk	PLSC WMST	100
Fall 2017	Leadership and Social Change Series: Electoral Politics	PLSC WMST	100
Fall 2017	Leadership and Social Change Series: Civil Rights	PLSC WMST	100
Fall 2017	Leadership and Social Change Series: Intersectionality and Diversity	PLSC WMST	100
Fall 2017	American Attitudes Toward Immigration	PLSC SSU	50
Spring 2018	Women in the Arts	WWC WMST	250
Spring 2018	Leadership and Social Change Series: Art and Journalism	PLSC WMST	100
Spring 2018	Leadership and Social Change Series: Police/Community Relations	PLSC WMST	100
Spring 2018	Leadership and Social Change Series: Social Protest in Comparative Perspective	PLSC WMST	100
Spring 2018	Question Bridge: Women's Voices International Women's Day Panel "Time's Up!"	WMST	150
Spring 2018	Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium: Patrice Gaines "Locking Up Pretty"	AAMS, INDS, WMST, PLSC	250
Spring 2018	Girls on Fire	Athletics WMST	100
Spring 2018	Model UN Luncheon and Keynote Speaker	PLSC	300
Spring 2018	Leadership and Social Change Series: Dr. Cynthia Enloe Concluding Keynote "#Me Too The World Over Hollywood to Kabul to Beijing"	PLSC WMST WWC	150
Spring 2018	"Charlie v. Goliath" Film Documentary and Discussion with Filmmaker	PLSC	20

Spring 2018	PLSC Alumni Reception, Award Ceremony, & PSA Induction	PLSC	50
TOTAL	20 Events	12 PLSC 8 WMST	2,500

1.3 Development Activities**

Chair **Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney** and Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor **Dr. Chris Van Aller** and hosted the celebratory events of the **first annual Political Science Alumni Reception** to be held in conjunction with our **annual Political Science Awards Ceremony and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society Induction** held the second Friday evening in April. The alumni reception was initiated this year as a development effort to fundraise for two new student awards named in honor of recently retired professors Dr. Stephen Samuel Smith and Dr. Timothy Boylan: the **Stephen Smith Award for Civically and Politically Engaged Undergraduate Research** and the **Timothy Boylan Public Law Award for Pre-Law Students**. Event ticket registrations and additional donations made into the fund total **\$2,150**, an amazing result for our first year! We intend to continue this annual fundraising, networking and awards ceremony!

WUMUN also continued our collaboration with **Andrew Clinton** of the **York County Visitors Bureau (YCVB)**. **The YCVB offered us \$2,000** this year in support for the Model UN Keynote Luncheon. Requirements on the CVB's end include staying in York County hotels. This is an amazing community partnership we have established, and we are extremely grateful to Andrew Clinton and the York County Visitors Bureau. We used **\$1,000** of the Nancy Donnelly fund this year to go toward the cost of the luncheon. With modest fees next year, we can incorporate costs for the luncheon into registration fees.

In addition, this year, we were able to implement the gifts of Dr. Marsha Ford, her colleagues and friends, and the "Johnsonian Class of 1970" who made contributions to support student participation in **NEW Leadership SC, providing 6 additional \$250 scholarships** and **\$2500** to add a new day onto the May conference!

2. Faculty/Staff Achievements and Development

2.1 Student Intellectual Development

Highlights of PLSC Faculty Achievements in the area of Student Intellectual Development are demonstrated throughout this departmental annual report, most notably in Section 6 on Student Achievements and Development in Student Undergraduate Research Presentations, Pi Sigma Alpha Inductees, and PLSC Awards.

Dr. Chris Van Aller designed a new online summer course offering on Politics and Policy in the Gun Debate.

Dr. Scott Huffmon created two new online course offerings on American government and Controversies of the American Founding.

Dr. John Holder created a new Honors course at the request of Honors Program Director Dr. Kathy Lyon on Does Voting Matter in the US?

Dr. Michael Lipscomb implemented a **Retention-Effort Enhanced Section of PLSC 201** with a Peer Tutor from the Academic Success Center to turn 13 D/F/N/U or first-time LEAP PLSC Majors into successful course completers.

5.2 Scholarly Activity (Summarize here and attach the Department Research and Scholarship Form to this report.)

PLSC Scholarly Highlights 2017-2018

Collectively, the Political Science faculty engaged in **23 pieces** of Priority One Scholarship during this Reporting period: **Adolphus Belk, Jr. (1) a book chapter, (1) journal article, and (1) edited book volume in progress;**

Jennifer Disney (4) – quarterly edited journal volumes, (1) journal article and (1) externally funded grant, Scott Huffmon (1) co-authored peer reviewed journal articles and (3) Priority One Winthrop Polls and (2) externally funded contracts; Hye-Sung Kim (4) externally funded grants; Ms. Moyon and Dr. Karen Kedrowski (1) journal article; and Stephen Smith (1) externally funded grant. In addition, Hye-Sung Kim (1) and Michael Lipscomb (1) each submitted an article for peer review.

In addition, the following faculty produced 72 artifacts of Priority Two and Three Scholarship, including Adolphus Belk, Jr. (1) published book review; Hye-Sung Kim (6) external grant application submissions and (5) Conference Paper Presentations; Blind Peer Reviews (1) Michael Lipscomb and (1) Chris Van Aller; Supervision of Honors Theses and Substantial Research Projects at the undergraduate and/or graduate level: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney (9), Dr. John Holder (1); Dr. Scott Huffmon (2); Dr. Michael Lipscomb (10), Dr. Hye-Sung Kim (12), Dr. Stephen Smith (2), and Dr. Chris Van Aller (2); Public Lectures/Professional or Conference Presentations/Workshops/Popular Pieces: Adolphus Belk, Jr. (2) Jennifer Disney (6), John Holder (2); Scott Huffmon (5), Michael Lipscomb (2), and Chris Van Aller (2). Specifics are included below:

Contracts, Grants and Sponsored Research

Completed

#MeToo The World Over, Funded by SC Humanities (October 10, 2017 - June 1, 2018), awarded April 1, 2018 (\$1,500.00), Completed, Spring 2018, PI **Jennifer Disney** with CoPI Karen Kedrowski [Priority Level: I] - Funded

[Polmeth XXXIV SPM-NSF Travel Grant](#), Funded by Society for Political Methodology & National Science Foundation (July 13, 2017 - July 15, 2017), awarded May 26, 2017 (\$1,375.00), Completed, Summer 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: I] - Funded

[Unlocking the Poverty Penalty and Upscaling for Rights in Kenya's Informal Settlements](#), Funded by International Development Research Center (IDRC) (May 10, 2016 - May 10, 2018), awarded May 10, 2016 (\$14,900.00), Completed, Spring 2018, Other **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: I] - Funded

Funded - In Progress

[Hayek Fund for Scholars Application for the project "Promoting Ethnic Inclusion: Survey Experiments in Kenya"](#), Funded by Institute for Humane Studies (May 14, 2018 - June 21, 2018), awarded February 28, 2018 (\$750.00), Funded - In Progress, Summer 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: I] - Funded

[Polmeth XXXV Annual Meeting Conference Travel Grant](#), Funded by The Society for Political Methodology and National Science Foundation (July 18, 2018 - July 21, 2018), awarded May 24, 2018 (\$1,350.00), Funded - In Progress, Summer 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: I] - Funded

[Promoting Ethnic Inclusion: Survey Experiments in Nairobi, Kenya](#), Funded by Winthrop Research Council (May 14, 2018 - June 30, 2018), awarded March 27, 2018 (\$5,000.00), Funded - In Progress, Spring 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: II] - Funded

School Segregation and Resegregation: Using Case Studies and Public Polls To Understand Citizen Attitudes , Funded by NSF (July 15, 2016 - January 15, 2015) (\$484,000.00), Funded - In Progress, Summer 2016, PI **Stephen Smith** with PI Roslyn Mickelson, PI Toby Parcel [Priority Level I]

Submitted for Review

Encouraging Educational Persistence Among Low Income High School Students , Funded by Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) FY 2018 Community Conversations Research Grant (August 1, 2018), awarded July 2, 2018 (\$57,994.00), Submitted for Review, Spring 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim**, CoPI **Jennifer Disney**, Co-PI **Karen Kedrowski** - [Priority Level: II] - Pending

[Measuring the Effect of Education Policy on Ethnic Inclusion in Kenya: Use of Natural Experiment and Regression Discontinuity Design \(RDD\)](#), Funded by Spencer Foundation (May 14, 2018 - December 31, 2018) (\$26,729.00), Submitted for Review, Summer 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: II] -Pending

[APSA Small Grant Application for the Project "Measuring the Effect of Education Policy on Ethnic Inclusion in Kenya: Use of Natural Experiment and Regression Discontinuity Design \(RDD\)"](#), Funded by American Political Science Association (May 14, 2018 - June 21, 2018) (\$2,500.00), Submitted for Review, Summer 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** [Priority Level: II] - Pending

[Public Diplomacy Visiting Fellowship Program for North Korean Defectors](#), Funded by U.S. Embassy Seoul (October 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019) (\$45,403.00), Submitted for Review, Summer 2018, PI **Hye-Sung Kim** with CoPI **Karen Kedrowski**, CoPI **Jennifer Disney**, CoPI **Christopher Van Aller** [Priority Level: II] – Not Funded

[Charles Koch Foundation Travel Grant](#), Funded by Charles Koch Foundation (April 5, 2018 - May 8, 2018) (\$818.00), Submitted for Review, Spring 2018, PI Hye-Sung Kim [Priority Level: II] – Pending

FY 2018 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership, Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (June 2018-September 2020), (\$3,740,655) Co PI **Hye Sung Kim**, **Jennifer Disney**, **Karen Kedrowski** [Priority Level: II] – Not Funded

Books

In Progress

Belk Jr., A. G., & Bonnette-Bailey, L. M. (Eds.). (n.d.). *For the Culture: Hip-Hop and the Fight for Social Justice*. [Priority Level: I]

Book Chapters

In Progress

Belk Jr., A. G. (n.d.). how i got over: one brother's journey from the 'hood to a hood. In *Re-Imagining the Invisible Backpack: Narratives of Family Assets, Community Gifts, & Cultural Endowments*. Rowman & Littlefield. [Priority Level: I]

Journal Articles

In Progress

Belk Jr., A. G. (n.d.). "I Will Gladly Accept the Mantle Of Anger": Donald Trump, White Nationalism, and the Challenge for the Congressional Black Caucus. *The Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research*. [Priority Level: I]

Submitted

Kim, H.-S. (n.d.). [Slum-dwellers' Preferences and Affordability for Housing in Formal Settlements: Evidence from a Conjoint Analysis in Kenya](#). *Journal of International Development*. [Priority Level: I]

Lipscomb, M. E. (2018). "Communicative Rationality and the Sublime: The Aesthetic Ethos of Ecological Democracy" *New Political Science*. [\[Attachment\]](#) [Priority Level: I]

Completed/Published

Disney, J. L., & Boryzka, J. (2017). "What's "New" About New Political Science" *New Political Science: A Journal of Politics and Culture*, 39(4), 431–436. [Priority Level: I]

Huffman, S. H., Knotts, G., & McKee, S. (n.d.). History Made: The Rise of Republican Tim Scott. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. [Priority Level: I]

Moyon, Katarina and **Kedrowski, Karen**. "When the Party Comes to Town: Experiential Learning during a Presidential Nominating Convention" in the September 2017 issue of the *Journal of Political Science Education*. [Priority Level I]

Reviews

Completed/Published

Belk Jr., A. G. (2017). Review of *Written/Unwritten: Diversity and the Hidden Truths of Tenure*. *The Journal of Political Science Education*, 14(November), 141–44. [Priority Level: II]
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15512169.2017.1366327>

Lipscomb, M. E. (n.d.). Blind Peer Review/Evaluation of the article, "Aquinas's Ecological Vision: natural law and keeping a place for nature in contemporary environmental political thought," for the journal *New Political Science* (second review). [Priority Level: III]

Accepted

Van Aller, C. D. (2017). *European Politics Today*. [Priority Level: III]

In Progress

Van Aller, C. D. (n.d.). Review of article on Tocqueville and the American Soldier: Honor, Patriotism, Pity, and the Suffering of the Soul. *American Political Science Review*. [Priority Level: III]

Other Scholarly Work

Completed/Published

Disney, J. L., & Boryczka, J. M. (2018). Co-Editor, *New Political Science: A Journal of Politics and Culture*, Volume 40. *March, June, September, 2018*. [Priority Level: I]

Disney, J. L., & Boryczka, J. M. (2017). Co-Editor, *New Political Science: A Journal of Politics and Culture*, Volume 39. *March, June, September, December, 2017*. [Priority Level: I]

Marx, J. I., Meeler, D. W., & **Huffmon, S. H.** (2017). *Rising Pink Tide: Gendered Informal Job Networks Revisited*. *Recruiter.com*.
<https://www.recruiter.com/i/rising-pink-tide-gendered-informal-job-networks-revisited/>
 [Priority Level: II]

Presentations

Completed/Published

Disney, J. L. (2018, March). *Social Movements in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from Around the Globe. Leadership and Social Change Series*. Winthrop University: Office of the President, Departments of Political Science and Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies Program. [Priority Level: III]

Disney, J. L. (2018, May). *Feminism, Intersectionality, and Sexual Harassment. NEW Leadership South Carolina*. DiGiorgio Campus Center, Winthrop University: John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy. [Priority Level: III]

Disney, J. L. (2018, March). *Women in the Arts: A Panel Discussion. Winthrop Women's Coalition Event*. Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center, Winthrop University: Winthrop Women's Coalition. [Priority Level: III]

Disney, J. L. (2017, November). *Organizing for Social Change: Intersectionality and Diversity. Leadership and Social Change Series*. Winthrop University: Office of the President, Departments of Political Science

- and Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies Program. [Priority Level: III]
- Disney, J. L.** (2017, November). *Sex, Gender Sexuality - Creating Safe Space. Safe Zones Two*. Winthrop University: Division of Student Life. [Priority Level: III]
- Disney, J. L.** (2017, October). *An Evening with Basketball Legend Lynette Woodard*. Winthrop Women's Coalition Event. Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center, Winthrop University: Winthrop Women's Coalition. [Priority Level: III]
- Hayes, M. W., Sinn, J. S., & **Huffmon, S. H.** (2017, July). [*Insight into Trump's populism: Social dominance orientation and authoritarianism in the 2016 US presidential race*](#). Annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). [Priority Level: II]
- Holder, J. T. R.** (2018, February). *Roundtable: North Carolina Gerrymandering Cases*. North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina: North Carolina Political Science Association. [Priority Level: II]
- Kim, H.-S., Huffmon, S. H., & Lee, Y.** (2018). [*Information and Public Attitude toward the U.S. Foreign Direct Investment: A Survey Experiment in Eleven States in the US*](#). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL: Midwest Political Science Association. [Priority Level: II]
- Kim, H.-S., & Ryu, J.** (2017). [*Predicting FDI Inflows: Exploring a Non-linear Relationship between Peace-years, Natural Resources, and Rule of Law*](#). International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MS: International Studies Association. [Priority Level: II]
- Kim, H.-S.** (2017). [*Ethnic Bias in Predicting Politicians' Preference: Survey Evidence from Kenya*](#). American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA: American Political Science Association. [Priority Level: II]
- Kim, H.-S., & Mutinda, M.** (2017). [*Neighborhood and Ethnicity Effects on the Economic Behaviors of Urban Households in Kenya: A Survey Research Evidence from Kenya's informal and Formal Nairobi City Dwellers*](#). African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, Midwest. [Priority Level: II]
- Kim, H.-S., & Ryu, J.** (2017). [*The Relationship between FDI, Natural Resources and Conflict Onset*](#). American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA: American Political Science Association. [Priority Level: II]
- Kim, H.-S.** (2017). [*American Public Attitudes Toward Immigration*](#). Panel Titled Different Perspectives on Immigration. Winthrop University: Winthrop University's Socialist Student Union, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the Political Science Department. [Priority Level: III]
- Meader, A. P., Hayes, M. W., & **Huffmon, S. H.** (2017, August). [*The Third Person Effect on Twitter: How Democrats and Republicans View Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential Campaign*](#). The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Chicago, IL: AEJMC. [Priority Level: I]
- Lipscomb, M. E.** (2018, May). *"The Allegory of the Cave" HMXP Training Session*. Winthrop University: HMXP Program, University College, Winthrop University. [Priority Level: II]
- Lipscomb, M. E.** (2017, September). *Panel Discussant: "Legitimate Contestations: Speaking Truth To Power Through Green Political Theory"* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA: American Political Science Association. [Priority Level: III]

Accepted

Cooper, C. A., Hood III, M. V., **Huffmon, S. H.**, Kidd, Q., Knotts, H. G., & McKee, S. C. (2018, Spring). *Still Fighting*

the Civil War?: Southern Opinions on the Confederate Legacy. the Biennial Meeting of the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. Charleston SC: Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. [Priority Level: II]

Dr. Scott Huffmon and Ms. Summersby Okey-Hamrick directed **three successful Winthrop Polls and 2 outside contracts** that brought an incredible amount of positive media attention to Winthrop University:

November 2017 Winthrop Poll [Priority I]

Callers surveyed 830 residents in 11 Southern states by landline and cell phones between Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. The Southern states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Results which use all respondents have a margin of error of approximately +/- 3.4% at the 95% confidence level. Subgroups have higher margins of error. Margins of error are based on weighted sample size. The survey was in the field for two weeks, from October 22 to November 5.

Link to November 2017 Media Book: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/uhhh/wfqz/#p=1>

February 2018 Winthrop Poll [Priority I]

Callers surveyed 976 South Carolina residents by landline and cell phones between Feb. 17-25. Results which use all respondents have a margin of error of approximately +/- 3.2% at the 95% confidence level. Subgroups have higher margins of error. Margins of error are based on weighted sample size. The survey was in the field from February 17-25.

Link to February 2018 Media Book: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/tjuju/rujq/?1521510439420>

April 2017 Winthrop Poll [Priority I]

Callers surveyed 789 residents in South Carolina by landline and cell phones between April 7-16. Results which use all respondents have a margin of error of approximately +/- 3.5% at the 95% confidence level. Subgroups have higher margins of error. Margins of error are based on weighted sample size and account for design effects. The survey was in the field from April 7-16.

Link to April 2018 Media Book: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/tjuju/vjoy/>

Outside Contracts:

Together SC- The SBRL conducted an online member satisfaction survey for Together SC. Surpassing the goal of a 20% response rate for each membership type, the survey, hosted on Qualtrics from April 11 to April 18 resulted in 211 completions. Scott Huffmon provided a preliminary report to the Together SC staff to share with their wider network. [Priority I]

City of Rock Hill "York County Skills Assessment Survey", a follow up from a 2015 study of the same name carried out by the SBRL. [Priority I]

5.3 Professional Stewardship (Summarize here and attach the Department/Program Community/Public/Professional Service Form to this report.)

Faculty members in the Department of Political Science are incredibly active across their campus, disciplinary, local, state, national, international communities. Here are a few highlights:

Dr. Adolphus Belk served as a member of [the Executive Council](#) for the **National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)**, a professional organization dedicated to the study, enhancement, and promotion of the political aspirations of people of African descent in the United States and throughout the world. He was also named to a special **NCOBPS Taskforce** that will highlight the contributions of black political scientists to the discipline of political science at the organization's 50th anniversary meeting in 2019.

Dr. Adolphus Belk, Jr. served on the **Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention Committee** and the **Diversity Council**.

Dr. Adolphus Belk, Jr. served on the **Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**.

Dr. Adolphus Belk, Jr. serves on the **Winthrop McNair Advisory Board**.

Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney helped organize **12 PLSC and 8 WMST events** at Winthrop University throughout the year (See Complete List on Pages 8-9).

Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney serves as Co-Chair of the Board of **A Place for Hope**.

This year, **Dr. John Holder** completed multiple years of service on the boards of the **Political Science Associations of both North Carolina and South Carolina**.

Dr. John Holder serves as an elected board member of the **York County Democratic Party**. He was also just elected as one of York County's two representatives on **the Executive Committee of the South Carolina State Democratic State Party**.

Dr. Scott Huffmon serves on the Board of Directors of **Family Promise of York County**.

Dr. Scott Huffmon serves as an Elder at **Oakland Ave Presbyterian Church** and for **Presbyterian Church -USA**.

Dr. Hye-Sung Kim served on the **College of Arts and Sciences Student Research Committee**, and in that capacity, supervised the winning submission of **Jessica Doscher's** nomination for the **Caskey Award in the Social Sciences**.

Dr. Hye-Sung Kim is a member of the **York County Chorale Society** and the **School Sisters of Notre Dame**.

Dr. Michael Lipscomb serves as **Chair of Faculty Conference** and **Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees**.

Dr. Michael Lipscomb serves on the Board of Directors of **Safe Passage**.

Ms. Katarina Moyon serves as the **Director of HMXP** and **Co-Director of The John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy**.

Ms. Katarina Moyon was nominated by Rock Hill Mayor John Gettys and selected to be a part of a cohort of 45 (from 450 nominated) **Diversity Leaders** to attend sessions at **Furman University**.

Ms. Katarina Moyon is extremely active in the community, including the **League of Women Voters**, the **Rock Hill Christmasville Committee**, the **Rock Hill School District III Calendar Committee**, and the **Rock Hill High School Academic Booster Association Board of Directors Vice President**.

Dr. Meredith Petersheim serves as the **Newsletter Editor** for **The National Women's Caucus for Political Science of the American Political Science Association**.

Dr. Meredith Petersheim serves on the **Advisory Board of the Advice Column, *Wondering Woman***, for the **American Political Science Association** and has served as a reviewer for Pearson Education. Dr. Petersheim also serves as **Treasurer of the Ivybrook Academy Preschool**.

Dr. Meredith Petersheim is a **Charter Member** of the **Winthrop Women's Coalition**.

Dr. Stephen Smith is a member of the national academic advisory committee of **Jewish Voice For Peace**.

Dr. Stephen Smith is a member of **OneMECK** and **Mecklenburg ACTS** (Mecklenburg Area Coming Together for Schools).

Dr. Chris Van Aller directs the **Winthrop University Model United Nations Program**, which includes supervising the high-school/college conference every semester and supervising two off-site model UN conferences for college-level competition.

Dr. Chris Van Aller made several media interviews on international topics, and continues to serve the **Sierra Club** and the **United Way**.

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3. Student and Student Organization Achievements and Development

3.1 Student Intellectual Development

Five (5) PLSC Students made the Fall 2017 President's List and Nineteen (19) PLSC Students made the Fall 2017 Dean's List, up from 4 and 21 last Fall:

Dean/Pres List	Name	Maj
Dean's List	Anderson, Amber K.	PLSC
Dean's List	Audette, Abigail B.	PLSC
Dean's List	Baird, Ian J.	PLSC
Dean's List	Barber, Shannon D.	PLSC
Dean's List	Bido Baez, Jariel	PLSC
Dean's List	Buschman, Jordon R.	PLSC
Dean's List	Castellanos, Ana K.	PLSC
Dean's List	Clarcken, Maria	PLSC
Dean's List	D'Amico, Scott A.	PLSC
Dean's List	Fowler, Austin L.	PLSC
Dean's List	Franco, Tea A.	PLSC
Dean's List	Grabiec, Sarah J.	PLSC
Dean's List	Griffin, Tyler S.	PLSC
Dean's List	Haboush, Sydney M.	PLSC
Dean's List	Houmiel, Grant M.	PLSC
Dean's List	Hundley, Hannah N.	PLSC
Dean's List	Jones, Myah J.	PLSC
Dean's List	Kahler, Thelonious C.	PLSC
Dean's List	Kauffmann, Haleigh E.	PLSC
Dean's List	Mangle, Mikayla A.	PLSC
Dean's List	Mitchell, Sauliha B.	PLSC
Dean's List	Morton, Jesse D.	PLSC
Dean's List	Ortega, Sarai L.	PLSC
Dean's List	Ray, Matthew B.	PLSC
Dean's List	Richardson, Miesha L.	PLSC
Dean's List	Survance, Sarah R.	PLSC
Dean's List	Watford, Katelyn E.	PLSC
Dean's List	Watjen, Rebecca L.	PLSC
Dean's List	Yoffie, Kaitlin E.	PLSC

Dean's List	W30318031	Young-Gibson, Kalea A.	PLSC
President's List	W30104937	Abouissa, Sara	PLSC
President's List	W30208649	Lambeck, Jacob L.	PLSC
President's List	W30251314	McKay, Bradie L.	PLSC
President's List	W30359352	Mundul, Javier F.	PLSC
President's List	W30337757	Spencer, Austin M.	PLSC

During the 2017-2018 Reporting Period, we **graduated 27 Political Science majors**. The following students graduated in the following terms this reporting period: **Spring 2018 (17); Fall 2017 (10); and Summer 2017 (1):**

Summer 2017 PLSC Graduate

Campus ID	Stu Name	Deg	Major	Conc
W30171465	Paxton, Gabriel N.	BA	PLSC	

Fall 2017 PLSC Graduates

Stu Name	Deg	Major	Conc	Minor
Clarcken, Maria	BA	PLSC		SPAN
D'Amico, Scott A.	BA	PLSC		
Deaton, Robert E.	BA	PLSC		HIST
Ennis, Michael J.	BA	PLSC		
Fowler, Austin L.	BA	PLSC		SSCI
Lovett, Leslie X.	BA	PLSC		SSCI
Mungin, Aujena L.	BA	PLSC		HCMT
Seabrooks, Bria S.	BA	PLSC		PSYC
Shirley, Corey	BA	PLSC		HUMA
Telfair, Chelsia N.	BA	PLSC		LGST

Spring 2018 PLSC Graduates

Name	Major	Conc1	Minor1
West, Elisabeth Anne	PLSC		WMGS
Abouissa, Sara	PLSC		INGS
Case, Chandler	PLSC		
Castellanos, Ana Karen	PLSC		
Doscher, Jessica Elyse	PLSC		ENGL
Flores, Diana Lizeth	PLSC		SPAN
Forbes, Benjamin John	PLSC		
Haboush, Sydney Marie	PLSC		HIST
Holland, Julian Illery	PLSC		MUSC
Holland, Meagan Leigh	PLSC		LGST
Lambeck, Jacob Landon	PLSC		INTS
Survance, Sarah Rachele	PLSC		MKTG
Taylor, Carissa	PLSC		SSCI
Zellers, Frank	PLSC/THRT		
Yoffie, Kat	PLSC/ENGL		
Morton, Jesse	PLSC/SPAN		

The Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Induction Ceremony was very special this year as it was merged not only with the PLSC Awards Ceremony, but for the first time with a new, annual PLSC Alumni Reception. This year, PSA inducted into Winthrop University's Mu Pi Chapter **12** new members: **Ian Baird, Elizabeth Brown, John Clemens, Joshua Goley, Brooks Hammett, Grace Johnson, Myah Jones, Thelonious Kahler, Amy Kalayjian, Mikayla Mangle, Carissa Taylor, and Rebecca Watjen.**

Last fall, Winthrop students competed against their peers in **two college-level Model United Nations conferences**:

At the University of North Carolina Charlotte Conference in October 2017, the following students received awards: **Morgan Bailey**, Distinguished Delegate; **Christine Buckley**, Distinguished Delegate; **Hannah Hundley**, Distinguished Delegate; **Daniel Johnson**, Distinguished Delegate; **Margaret Coughlin**, Distinguished Delegate; **Philip Covington**, Distinguished Delegate.

At the Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference in Atlanta in November 2017: We are pleased to note that Winthrop students, **Jessica Doscher** and **Mary Jordan Miller**, were chosen and served in staff positions at SRMUN 2017. **Jordan Buschman** won a Distinguished Delegate award.

Internship Record for the Department of Political Science Summer 2017-Spring 2018

Under the leadership of **Dr. John Holder**, PLSC placed **13 students in 14 internships** during the reporting period, comparable to the 15 from last year, both up from recent years. By creating an **Internship Form** through our Self-Study Process, along with creating a **PLSC 101 Careers Class**, we have worked hard to continue increasing internships by working to categorize and structure more consistent placements for our students. Dr. Holder has successfully worked to expand the program and identify new opportunities for student internships. Such new opportunities this year included local offices of both **Democratic and Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives**.

PLSC Interns 2017-2018

Summer 2017

PLSC 471 - Olivia Paxton, David Kulma Congressional Campaign

Fall 2017

PLSC 471 - Abigail Audette, Rock Hill Office of Rep. Ralph Norman

PLSC 471 - Austin Fowler, Law Offices of N.B. Senn in Laurens, SC

PLSC 471 - Leslie Lovett, various political campaigns and SC Republican Party

PLSC 472 - Bria Seabrooks, Elrod Pope Law Firm

PLSC 473 - Ian Baird, Rock Hill Office of Rep. Ralph Norman

PLSC 473 - Sydney Cloud, Elrod Pope Law Firm

PLSC 473 - Sydney Cloud, Historic Brattonsville

PLSC 473 - Lyric Derglin, Elrod Pope Law Firm

Spring 2018

PLSC 473 - Zaire Dartis, A Place for Hope, Inc.

PLSC 473 - Julian Holland, Rep. Alma Adams in Charlotte

PLSC 473 - Diana Flores, Elrod Pope Law Firm

PLSC 473 - Zakiya Glenn, Elrod Pope Law Firm

PLSC 473 - Mikayla Mangle, West Forum Intern

3.2 Scholarly Activity and Awards

CAS AWARDS

The winner of the Caskey Award in Undergraduate Research for the Social Sciences was **Jessica Doscher**.

PLSC AWARDS

The winner of the William J. Blough Undergraduate Essay Contest was **Nick Kent**. Second place was won by **Bradie McKay** and **Sydney Haboush**.

The winner of the **Jurée Capers Political Science Graduate School Award** was **Jacob Lambeck**.

Gregory Gravesandy received the **Joe B. Lanford Scholarship** Award for 2018.

Bradie McKay will receive the Janice Chastain Houk Award for Undergraduate Research for 2017-2018.

The **Mary Jeanne Byrd Award for Political and Civic Engagement** was won by **Meagan Holland**.

The **Glen Broach Award** was given to **Jordan Bushman**.

This year, we gave the INAUGURAL **Stephen Smith Award for Civically and Politically Engaged Undergraduate Research** to **Ana Castellanos**.

EIGHTEEN PLSC Student Presentations were made by SIXTEEN STUDENTS this year at conferences, (compared to 10 presentations by 8 students last year) including **the North and South Carolina Political Science Association Conferences and the SOURCE Showcase of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors** Celebration for their work on the following projects, working with **Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney** (9 students), **Dr. John Holder** (1 student); **Dr. Scott Huffmon** (2 students); **Dr. Michael Lipscomb** (10 students), **Dr. Hye-Sung Kim** (7 students), **Dr. Stephen Smith** (2 students), and **Dr. Chris Van Aller** (2 students):

Bertha Atalaya, "Policies and Practices for Educating English Language Learners in the Rock Hill School District" - Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephen Smith

Ana Castellanos, "Humanizing the Immigrant: A Combination of Scholarship and Activism" - Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney and Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Ana Castellanos, "Hispanic Immigrant Mothers and Their Children's Education" - Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephen Smith

Maria Clarcken, "ACT UP for Everyone, Not Just for You" - Recognized in the SOURCE Book of Abstracts

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney and Dr. Michael Lipscomb

John Clemens, "Tunisian Women's Rights under Islamic Party Resurgence, 2011-2017" - Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hye-Sung Kim

Scott D'Amico, "The Restrictive Democracy of the United States of America" - Recognized in the SOURCE Book of Abstracts

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney and Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Jessica Doscher, "Crisis of Identity: Uncovering the Roots of Ethnic Division in Lviv" - Honors Thesis Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Dr. Hye-Sung Kim, Dr. Michael Lipscomb, Dr. Dave Pretty, Dr. Chris Van Aller

Austin Fowler, "A Divide Within: A Look at the Cultural Separations in the LGBT+ Community" – Recognized in the SOURCE Book of Abstracts

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney and Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Meagan Holland, "An Analysis of the Impact of Mass Incarceration on Minority Voter Population" – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hye-Sung Kim

Jacob Lambeck, "The Power of the Poppy: Identifying the Key Factors Fueling Opium Cultivation and Production in the Golden Crescent and the Golden Triangle" – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney and Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Mikayla Anne Mangle, "The Effect of Economic Instability on Internally Displaced People in the Middle East" – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hye-Sung Kim

Bradie McKay, "The Environmental Discursive Terrain of Marine Plastic Pollution" – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Jesse Morton, "The Effect of Term Limits in Margin of Victory in Elections" – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hye-Sung Kim

Jesse Morton, "The Continuing International Relations and Foreign Policy Implications Resulting from the Spanish American War – Honors Thesis Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Dr. Hye-Sung Kim, Dr. John Holder, Dr. Chris Van Aller

Olivia Paxton, "The Feminist 'Motherism' of Las Madres de Plaza de Mayo – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Anthony Sale, "Gender Identity, Scrutiny, and Gender Discrimination Cases in the American Legal System" – Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Lipscomb

Sarah Survance, "The White Southern Protestant Response to Slavery" – Honors Thesis Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Dr. Michael Lipscomb, Dr. Scott Huffmon

Kat Yoffie, "The Representation of Southern Identity in Fictional Southern Literature" – Honors Thesis Presented at the SOURCE Conference

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Dr. Hye-Sung Kim, Dr. Scott Huffmon, Dr. Kelly Richardson

3.3 Professional Stewardship*

PLSC Major Julian Holland served as Student Body Vice President.

Brooks Hammett, Secretary General, **Philip Covington**, Director General, and **Leyia Grant**, Coordinator General served as the Model UN “Big Three.”

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS FOR MY WINTHROP EXPERIENCE/MY PLSC WINTHROP EXPERIENCE

Kristina Kent (2006) graduated from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and passed the Louisiana State Bar exam. Kristina is a Staff Attorney in the Office of the Judicial Administrator the Louisiana State Supreme Court in New Orleans, LA. She also serves as Board President of the NET Charter High School in New Orleans, whose mission is “to provide struggling high school students with the skills, confidence, and experience necessary to succeed in the education and career paths of their choice.” “Several of the professors within the Political Science Department are among the best educators I have ever encountered. I was introduced to topics in college that have truly helped me to better understand our world, and thus, better serve it. For instance, I was first introduced to the school-to-prison pipeline in one of Dr. Belk's classes. I now serve on the board of a high school which seeks to reduce this pipeline by serving, among others, students who have previously been adjudicated, but are seeking a second chance at a high school diploma. In short, attending Winthrop and earning a degree in Political Science was one of the best decisions I ever made.”

- **Kristina Kent, 2006 PLSC Graduate, General Counsel’s Office of the Louisiana Supreme Court and Board Chair of the NET Charter High School in New Orleans, Louisiana**



Jason Kosakow (2010) developed a passion for research while writing his Political Science senior capstone paper. With the guidance from the Winthrop University Political Science department, Jason analyzed how geography and demographics affected school segregation in North Carolina. This was the first time he used advanced statistical analysis to perform research and answer complex questions.

Jason now works at Capital One in Washington, DC where he is responsible for developing and implementing a company-wide research plan to guide the brand's transformation into a technology leader. Prior to Capital One, Jason worked at Ipsos Research, comScore, and Shugoll Research where he managed complex research products for a broad range of clients. Jason is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Applied Economics at Johns Hopkins University.

"My professional success is directly tied to the guidance and experiences I had at Winthrop University. Understanding data and how it can be derived (i.e., surveys) gave me an advantage. I use what I learned in Scope and Methods and my senior thesis every day. The great faculty at Winthrop deeply care and take a personal interest in the success of each student. I don't know if I would be where I am without what I learned at Winthrop." - **Jason Kosakow, 2010 PLSC Graduate. Principal Associate, Capital One**



Dr. Lakeyta Bonnette (2004) is Associate Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University. Her research interests include popular culture, political behavior, black women and politics, political attitudes, African-American politics, political psychology and public opinion. Dr. Bonnette completed her undergraduate studies at Winthrop University where she attended the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute at Duke University and the Ralph Bunche Summer Humanities Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Bonnette completed her doctoral degree in the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University. While there she began initiatives such as the “Hip-Hop: Behind the Music Conference”, ‘Sisters for Success’, and served as the President of The Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus. Dr. Bonnette currently teaches classes on American government, Black women and politics, Black political behavior, Black politics, Hip-Hop and politics and popular culture and politics. Dr. Bonnette has completed numerous research projects and presented various papers in her field of study on topics including the political effects of rap music, black ideology and political rap music, the black church, black women, and Black Nationalist views, including her 2015 book with the University of Pennsylvania Press, ***Pulse of the People: Rap Music and Black Political Attitudes***, which she will be discussing at a **Book Talk at Winthrop University on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00pm in Dina’s Place!**



In 2006, Willie Lyles, III (2006) graduated from Winthrop University with a B.A. in Political Science. In 2008, Willie accepted an opportunity to work for **The Honorable James E. Clyburn, the Assistant Democratic Leader in the United States House of Representatives** and within an 18-month time period was promoted to Legislative Assistant advising Congressman Clyburn on education, agriculture, and defense. During the 2012 campaign seasons, Congressman Clyburn sent Willie to work for the General William L. Enyart to ensure his election to Congress, an opportunity that would lead him to become the Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Congressman Enyart. In his role, Willie served as a senior advisor to the Representative creating legislative policy, leading and supervising a legislative team and making vote recommendations for the Congressman on legislation before the United States House of Representatives.

Recently, Willie received his Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Law. Willie was an active member of the law school community, serving several organizations, including the Student Bar Association, the Black Law Student Association, President of the Law School Democrats, Vice President of Administrative Affairs for the Graduate and Professional Student Council and Convener of the Carbondale Pipeline Working Group (CPWG). CPWG was formed from an idea, for which Willie won a scholarship, to create an intergenerational pipeline, encouraging young people from minority communities to seek careers in the legal profession. This work has led to amazing partnerships including one between the SIU Law School and the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale. **In 2017, Willie was named one of 25 “National Law Students of the Year” by Jurist Magazine, in recognition of his work on the intergenerational pipeline initiative at SIU Law.**

“My experience at Winthrop gave me the foundation I needed to be where I am today. Without the mentorship and push to do better from my professors, I don’t think I would be prepared to work in my field today.”

-Willie Lyles, III, 2006 PLSC Graduate, First Year Associate, HeplerBroom



Summersby Okey (2013, 2015) graduated from Winthrop in 2013 with a Bachelor in Arts in Political Science and Philosophy & Religious Studies. During her time at Winthrop, she interned in the Office of the Senior Advisor at the Democratic National Convention Committee in Charlotte, NC. After finishing her BA, Summersby once again attended Winthrop and graduated in May 2015 with a Master of Liberal Arts degree with a concentration in Political and Civic Engagement. Summersby worked for 2 years at the Program Assistant for the Philosophy & Religious Studies and Sociology & Anthropology departments at Winthrop University, before transitioning to her new role as the Operations Manager of the Social and Behavioral Research Lab. Summersby also teaches HMPX 102- the Human Experience: Who am I? and provides administrative support to the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy, the new Center for Civic Learning, and Model United Nations.

“Philosophers have hitherto only interpreted the world in various ways; the point, however, is to change it.”- Karl Marx

“My MA degree at Winthrop in Political and Civic Engagement, coupled with my undergraduate degree in Political Science at Winthrop, have really helped me to see the value in Civic Engagement and being involved in one’s community! I learned how to be an engaged and effective citizen and to appreciate and understand other’s views. Those are skills that I will use for the rest of my life, and that will help me no matter what career I pursue. I think the Political Science professors at Winthrop are among some of the best, probably in the world. They go out of their way to make sure that every student is engaged and has their needs met. They seek out personal relationships with the students and are extremely well-informed in their subject areas. Every one of them is so passionate about what they teach, and that makes it fun to learn from them.”

-Summersby Okey, 2013 PLSC and 2015 MLA-PLCE Graduate



Joel Hamilton (2006) graduated from Winthrop in 2006 with a degree in Political Science with a Business Administration minor. During his time at Winthrop, he served as President of the Pre-Law Society and the College Republicans. After graduating from Winthrop, Joel attended Case Western Reserve School of Law and served both as a student ambassador and student representative to the Cleveland Bar Association, receiving his JD in 2009 with a concentration in Business Law. While in Cleveland, Joel co-founded the Cleveland Chapter of Minds Matter, serving for two years as the Vice President of Operations and a Minds Matter board member. As a result of these efforts, Joel received the President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama. In 2009, he was admitted to the South Carolina Bar and began working as an associate at The Schiller Law Firm, where he became a partner in 2011 and a name partner in 2012. Schiller & Hamilton currently has offices in Rock Hill, Indian Land, Lancaster, Beaufort and Bluffton, SC where they offer services in the areas of Personal Injury, Worker's Comp., Medical Malpractice, Family Law, Criminal Law, Wills and Estates. Joel has been honored with a **Top 40 Under 40 Award by the National Trial Lawyers' Association** and was recognized as a **Top 10 Personal Injury Attorney under 40 in South Carolina**. Joel has also won the Herald's "Buzzie" award for Best Lawyer in York County twice (2015 and 2016). Since 2009, Joel has secured over \$18,000,000.00 in settlements for his clients. He currently serves on the Christmasville Board, the FIRE Leadership Board, and the Rotary Club of Rock Hill. Joel has also been **Chairman of the York County Republican Party**.

"I will always feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to Winthrop University for the education I received and the way the University prepared me for and presented me with opportunities that have turned into a rewarding career. The challenging and engaging Political Science program trained me to think and analyze critically and prepared me for the rigors of law school. Many of my peers at case were not as fortunate and struggled with the work load and the Socratic Method favored by law school professors. In contrast, throughout my time at Winthrop I was expected to come to class prepared to engage in classroom discussions and then defend a position from energetic challenge. Without this training I doubt I would have been able to successfully work my way through law school."

-Joel Hamilton, 2006 WU PLSC Graduate, Schiller and Hamilton Law Firm



Kimberly Dawn Pugh (2011) has been actively involved in the Human Rights Campaign, which is the largest organization in the country, fighting for LGBTQ equality. She has held several roles within the organization including, Community Events Co-Chair, Federal Club Co-Chair, Federal Club Council Member & 2017 Gala Co-Chair. The Gala Co-Chair role was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of her life. She overcame her fear of public speaking, and was able to address a crowd of more than 1,000 people! Dawn also has a passion for Real Estate. She is a Relator with Nestlewood Realty, specializing in Charlotte's boutique neighborhoods. She also loves to spend time with her family. She is married to a commercial banker and is the mother of two beautiful twins, Finn and Rory.

"The PLSC Professors at Winthrop University helped me obtain the skill set necessary to become an advocate for many vulnerable members of our society... I came to Winthrop as a very nervous non-traditional student. I was terrified to share my opinion, to speak in public, or to stand out in a crowd. My passion to help others quickly helped me overcome those fears. That passion accompanied with the skill sets provided by the PLSC curriculum, have helped me to raise awareness and funds for those in the LGBTQ community."

-Kimberly Dawn Pugh, 2011 PLSC Graduate, Nestlewood Realty, Human Rights Campaign



Toniquea Mikell (2012), originally from Columbia, SC, is a 2012 Winthrop University Graduate. She double majored in Political Science and Sociology with a concentration in Criminology. Toniqua returned to Columbia to attend USC for her Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice. After finishing her Masters in 2014, Toniqua stayed at USC to pursue her Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She is in her final year of her doctoral program and expects to graduate in May 2018! She is currently working on her dissertation, which examines discrepancies in racial depictions of female sex offenders in the media. In addition to academic achievements, Toniqua is also an instructor at USC and values her role as a mentor to students and advocate for students from marginalized backgrounds.

“The professors in the PLSC department at WU are truly in it for the long haul with past and present students. I love knowing that I can still reach out to them for mentoring and guidance even though I graduated over 5 years ago.”

-Soon to be Dr. Toniqua Mikell, 2012 PLSC/SOCL Graduate, PhD Candidate, USC

