**Poli Sci Days (PSD) Rules**

1. PSD events are held on October 5 and 6.
2. Political Science (POSC) classes are cancelled those two days (except Mock Trial).
3. POSC students must attend one PSD session for each POSC class session missed during the Oct. 5-6 timeframe.
4. Students should submit tickets they receive at their PSD events (with their names written on them) to their regular professors at the first post-Poli Sci Days class session.
5. Other university students are welcome at PSD events where there is room.
6. Students may attend any Poli Sci Days events they wish (they do not need to attend a session at their normal class time), but events are first come first served, so plan to come early. Don’t wait until the last minute!
7. With any questions, please contact Ms. Mary Hagan, Political Science administrative assistant, at mhagan2@radford.edu.

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**Events include:**

**Monday, October 5:**

9-9:50am  CAREERS: Resumés, Cover Letters, and Portfolios  
Dr. John Liptak, Career Center

10-10:50am  CAREERS: Building Your Resumé and Exploring Careers  
Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department (POSC)

11-11:50am  INTL: Study Abroad in Political Science  
Mr. Eric Viani, International Education Center

12-12:50am  US: The Supreme Court and the Free Exercise of Religion  
Dr. Nathan Dean, Political Science Department

1-1:50pm  CAREERS: A Day in the Life of a USAID Administrator and a UN Inspector  
Dr. Kiertsak Toh, ECON, and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, POSC

2-2:50pm  US: Panel on Local Campaigns  
Dr. Daniel Reed, Political Science Department

3-3:50pm  Student Government Association at Radford University  
Mr. Colby Bender, SGA President, and Colleagues

4-5:15pm  INTL: Documentary on Russia, Putin’s Way  
Mr. Matthew Brunner, Registrar and Political Science Dept

**Tuesday, October 6:**

9:30-10:45am  CAREERS/INTL: Monitoring Human Rights  
Dr. Theresa Schroeder, Political Science Department

11-12:15pm  CAREERS: A Day in the Life of a Volunteer Firefighter  
Mr. David Hankley, Galax Volunteer Fire Department

12:30-1:45pm  INTL: Documentary on China, Ai Weiwei: Without Fear or Favour  
Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department

12:30-1:45pm  CAREERS: Internships  
Dr. John Liptak, Career Center

2-3:15pm  INTL: Model United Nations  
Dr. John Liptak, Career Center

3:30-4:45pm  CAREERS: Interview with a Radford Alum  
Dr. Reginald Shareef, Political Science Department
Monday, October 5:

9-9:50am CAREERS: Resumés, Cover Letters, and Portfolios  HETH 016

What is it that all successful companies have mastered? The answer is marketing and branding their products. Branding isn’t just for products anymore! To be successful in obtaining a job or getting into graduate school, you will need to develop and market your brand. The development of an effective resume, cover letter, and portfolio are considered the “critical three” components of your visual brand. In this session, you will learn how to build a resumé, cover letter, and portfolio that will showcase what sets you apart from others and describe the added value you bring to any situation. Join Dr. John Liptak of the Radford Career Center.

10-10:50am CAREERS: Building Your Resumé and Finding Careers in Political Science  HETH 043

POSC’s Dr. Paige Tan will discuss with students how to locate experiences to build their resumes while they’re here at Radford and how to sell those experiences with employers. The session will also cover Political Science careers and the required knowledge, skills, abilities, and educational qualifications to get those jobs.

11-11:50am INTL: Study Abroad  HETH 016

Mr. Eric Viani, an advisor in the International Education Center, will join us, along with students returned from study abroad, to share with you the benefits and challenges associated with a week, month, semester, or year abroad. Come learn what adventures await!

12-12:50am US: The Supreme Court and the Free Exercise of Religion  HETH 014

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Does this mean that an individual can use sacramental (but also illegal) drugs in the context of religious ceremonies? Does it mean that an individual can take her young children out of school in order to safeguard their eternal salvation? Does it mean that an individual can deny other individuals government benefits (e.g., marriage licenses) because their enjoyment of those benefits conflicts with her religious beliefs?

Dr. Nathan Dean of the Political Science Department will introduce the subject of Constitutional Law by giving you the tools to consider and discuss questions like these not just as matters of morality and public policy, but also in terms of the United States Supreme Court’s First Amendment jurisprudence.

1-1:50pm CAREERS: A Day in the Lives of a USAID Administrator and a UN Inspector  HETH 043

Speakers: Dr. Kiertsik Toh, Department of Economics, and former Country Director for USAID in Kenya, and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Department of Political Science, who served as Chief of Staff, United Nations Inspector General’s Office.

This informative talk brings you into the exclusive world of globe-trotting experts of two premier international development agencies. Our speakers will reveal the hidden secrets and real-life experiences in far flung places and
dangerous situations. What does it take to survive and thrive in a huge bureaucracy with diverse international staff? How does one make an impact in the trenches of development projects? Come and find out what professional experiences and personal challenges await you when you pursue a career in international development! Refreshments will be provided!

2-2:50pm US: Panel on Local Campaigns HETH 014

In November of 2016, we will elect our US President, along with members of the US Senate and House of Representatives. But, did you know that elections for the Virginia state Senate and House of Delegates, as well as many other local elections, will be held in November of 2015? Come join our panel of local party leaders, candidates, and elections experts as they discuss what to expect in the upcoming state and local elections this fall! The panel will be moderated by POSC’s Dr. Daniel Reed.

3-3:50pm Student Government Association at Radford HETH 043

Every accomplishment begins with the decision to try: getting involved civically in college is a decision that every Radford University student should make. Every officer in the Radford University Student Government Association has the opportunity to get involved in the social debate through pursuing various policy proposals that attempt to solve issues of campus safety, sexual assault, community service, and civic engagement. During this session, we will discuss the parallels drawn between contemporary American professional politics and how that relates to becoming involved in the civic and social debate through the Student Government Association. Hosted by Mr. Colby Bender, SGA President, and Colleagues.

4-5:15pm INTL: Documentary on Russia, Putin’s Way HETH 016

This is a Frontline documentary that presents the inside story of Vladimir Putin’s unlikely rise to power in Russia, how he has been able to maintain that power, and what it means for the Russia and the rest of the world. Hosted by University Registrar and POSC Professor Dr. Matthew Brunner.

Tuesday, October 6:

9:30-10:45am CAREERS/INTL: Monitoring Human Rights HETH 016

Are you interested human rights? Have you ever thought about being the one on the ground monitoring human rights abuses and advocating for international action? Human Rights Watch Emergency Teams do just that. We will be watching excerpts from the documentary E-Team that follows members of an emergency team working on the ground in Syria. Come see if working in human rights is right for you. Hosted by POSC’s Dr. Theresa Schroeder.

11-12:15pm CAREERS: A Day in the Lives of a Volunteer Firefighter HETH 014

Guest Speaker: Chief David Hankley, City of Galax Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Mr. David Hankley has been a volunteer firefighter for more than 20 years, and the leader of a 48-strong fire department. He is also the Commissioner of Revenue of the City of Galax and an alum of Radford University. What leadership lessons can we draw from the art and science of managing a volunteer fire department? How is the Fire Chief able to motivate his volunteer firefighters to rush into burning buildings when everyone else is running the opposite way? What do volunteer firefighters do during the long hours of waiting their barracks and how do they cope with the
high-octane chaos and crises situations that they respond to? Come and find out! This event is hosted by POSC’s Dr. Tay Keong Tan.

12:30-1:45pm  INTL: Documentary on China, Ai Weiwei: Without Fear or Favour  HETH 043

Dr. Paige Tan will show the documentary, Ai Weiwei: Without Fear or Favour, by the BBC. Ai Weiwei is an artist in China who has been watched, intimidated, and jailed by the Chinese government for his activism. One reason Ai got in particular trouble with the government was after 2008’s Sichuan earthquake when he organized teams to collect the names of all the children who died in the earthquake, subtly pointing out the government’s shoddily constructed schools which collapsed in the quake, killing tens of thousands.

12:30-1:45pm  CAREERS: Internships  HETH 022

As a student at Radford University, you have probably been told that “you need to get an internship” or “an internship is critical for your career!” The fact is that most students do not understand what an internship is and how beneficial it can be in developing additional job-related skills, getting practical experience, and growing as a professional. This session will describe the various types of internships that are available, the reasons you may want to complete an internship, how to obtain one, or what to expect when you get on the job, tips for making a great impression at your internship site, and how to turn your internship into a full-time job. Join Dr. John Liptak of the Career Center for this informative session.

2-3:15pm  INTL: Model United Nations Simulation  HETH 014

Join the POSC 351 Model UN Class and Dr. Paige Tan of the Political Science Department for a fast-paced tour of the international realm in a Model United Nations simulation. This session is not a sit down and listen session. You will be called upon to represent a nation or character in a mock international forum. Learn to speak like a diplomat, negotiate on important world issues, and (perhaps) come to an international agreement.

3:30-4:45pm  CAREERS: Interview with a Radford Alum  HETH 043

Join Dr. Reginald Shareef as we welcome Radford alum, Ms. Elizabeth Hooper. Elizabeth currently serves as Virginia Tech's Director of State Relations in Richmond, Virginia. Before joining the Office of the President in 2010, she completed her Master’s in Public Administration at Virginia Tech in 2008 and also worked as the General Assembly Fellow for the 2008 Legislative Session. Elizabeth is a 2006 graduate of Radford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and an alumna of the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. Elizabeth has interned and worked for a number of political figures including former Congressman Virgil H. Goode, former Virginia Delegate Jim Shuler, former Virginia Delegate and Minority Leader Ward Armstrong, and Governor Timothy H. Kaine. As Virginia Tech's Director of State Relations, Elizabeth communicates the University's priorities to Virginia's executive and legislative branches. She also works with university officials to develop and coordinate strategies on a broad array of state government issues.

Elizabeth grew up in Southside, Virginia and developed a love for politics at a very young age. She enjoys running, baking, American Revolutionary War history, and all things Virginia.