

# Radford Poli Sci Days: Feb 2021

All 2021 PSD  
Events are  
Virtual!

## Poli Sci Days (PSD) Rules

1. Political Science (POSC) /International Studies (INST) classes are cancelled February 25 and 26. (Your other classes on campus/online proceed as scheduled.)
2. POSC students must attend one PSD session for each POSC class session missed during the Feb. 25-26 timeframe.
3. PSD events are held on February 23, 25, and 26. We have an extra set of events on February 23 this year—in conjunction with the Career Center. POSC/INST Classes are NOT cancelled on 2/23.
4. All PSD sessions are virtual. Students should log into the virtual PSD sessions under their own names, so that their attendance can be registered.
5. 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 and may fill up.
6. With any questions, please contact the Poli Sci Days coordinator, Dr. Paige Tan at [etan3@radford.edu](mailto:etan3@radford.edu).

## Tuesday, February 23: Extra Sessions This Year from the Center for Career and Talent Development

- 11-11:50am **T1 CAREERS: How Your Major Translates to Government Jobs**  
12-12:50pm **T2 CAREERS: Veteran Advantage for Government Jobs**

Sign up for the 2/23 sessions in advance by going to Handshake and signing up for Career Week's "Government Career Day." POSC/INST classes are not cancelled 2/23, so work around your schedule or with your professors to attend these events.

## Thursday, February 25:

- 11-12:15pm **R1 RESEARCH: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity**  
Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department  
12:30-1:45pm **R2 RESEARCH: Wicked Problems with Painful Answers**  
Students in POSC 410: Leadership Capstone and Dr. Tay Keong Tan  
2-3:15pm **R3 INTERNATIONAL: Ethnographic Approaches to Conflict Prevention and Analysis: Ukraine and Beyond**  
Dr. Iuliia Hoban, Political Science Department  
3:30-4:45pm **R4 CAREER/ALUMS: The Interplay between Politics, Media, and Culture: A Conversation with Radford POSC Alum Brian Patrick**  
Dr. Reggie Shareef, Political Science Department  
5-6:15pm **R5 INTERNATIONAL: Radford Faculty/Staff on Conflict in the Caucasus**  
Dr. Agida Manizade, Dept. of Math and Statistics, and Mr. Vugar Gasimov, IT Specialist II  
7:00-8:15pm **R6 CAREERS/ALUMS: Student-Alumni Virtual Networking Event**  
Radford POSC Student and Alumni Group

Sign in to Zoom with your real name.  
We'll use the log for attendance!

## Friday, February 26:

- 12-12:50pm **F1 CAREERS/ALUMS: Going to Law School and Working as an Attorney**  
Dr. Allyson Yankle, Political Science Department  
1-1:50pm **F2 CAREERS: Understanding and Selling Your Skills after Radford**  
Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department  
2-2:50pm **F3 RESEARCH: The Rights of Nature and Future Generations**  
Students from INST 490: Intl. Studies Capstone and Dr. Tay Keong Tan  
3-3:50pm **F4 INTERNATIONAL: China and Africa**  
Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department  
4-5:15pm **F5 DOMESTIC: Documentary: "Trump's American Carnage"**  
Dr. Daniel Reed, Political Science Department

More detail on sessions, including Zoom access, on the following pages.  
Need help? Go to the last page!

## Tuesday, February 23

**Career Center's Career Week Government Career Day.** POSC/INST classes are not cancelled today, but if you can fit these workshops into your schedule, please do! The Career Center will inform the Department of Political Science of your attendance.

11-11:50am **T1 CAREERS: How Your Major Translates to Government Jobs**

12-12:50pm **T2 CAREERS: Veteran Advantage for Government Jobs**

**ACCESS THE SESSIONS:** Find more information on Career Week and sign-up information for these events at: <https://www.radford.edu/content/career-services/home/events/career-fairs.html>. You must pre-register through Handshake for the Career Center events on Tuesday 2/23.

## Thursday, February 25:

11-12:15pm **R1 RESEARCH: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity**  
**Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department**

The talk brings you a glimpse of the future of human society with the advent of artificial intelligence (AI). In the brave new world of the near future, robotics, machine learning and big data will disrupt many industries and professions, and revolutionize our society and personal relationships. The pandemic has hastened the adoption of AI applications, particularly in the areas of tele-health, distant learning, telecommuting, and online retail. However, we still do not have a clear picture on how the AI-enabled world will play out. Will AI usher in new waves of innovation that will spawn growth, prosperity and progress in our societies, or will it further exacerbate the endemic problems of social inequality, political division, and unsustainable growth? This session dives into the controversies and emerging trends, exposing the truths and myths on this subject.

**ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days R1 AI and Future of Humanity with Dr. Tan**

Time: Feb 25, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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**12:30-1:45pm R2 RESEARCH: Wicked Problems with Painful Answers**

**Students in POSC 410: Leadership Capstone and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department**

Wicked problems are persistent problems that are difficult or impossible to solve. They cannot be solved by time-tested traditional solutions and easy fixes. Based on their own research for the capstone course in the Leadership minor, students will present real-life “wicked problems” and analyze the appropriate solutions and leadership challenges associated with them. The panel will discuss four mini-cases from topics such as: COVID-19, opioids, job losses, sex abuse scandals, the Cold War with China, refugees, or terrorism.

**ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days R2 Wicked Problems/Painful Answers with Leadership Students**

Time: Feb 25, 2021 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**2:00-3:15pm R3 INTERNATIONAL: Ethnographic Approaches to Conflict Prevention and Analysis: Ukraine and Beyond**  
**Dr. Iuliia Hoban, Political Science Department, with guest speaker: Dr. Kristina Hook, George Mason University.**

About Dr. Hook: Dr. Kristina Hook is a Research Assistant Professor at George Mason University's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution. She concurrently serves as executive director of the Better Evidence Project (BEP) in the Center for Peacemaking Practice. Dr. Hook is scholar-practitioner specializing in large-scale violence against civilians (including genocides and mass atrocities) as well as emerging forms of warfare and violence. She has research, teaching, and professional experience on topics including genocides and mass atrocities, civilian protection, post-conflict reconstruction, and evolving security challenges like hybrid warfare and environmental degradation. Dr. Hook has worked in 23 countries including across Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East, East Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Caribbean. Dr. Hook received a joint PhD in peace studies and anthropology from the University of Notre Dame. She also holds M.A. degrees in anthropology (2017) and in international development (2012) from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies respectively. Prior to her time in academia, Dr. Hook served as a policy advisor at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations and as a political/economic officer in an embassy-based diplomatic posting abroad. She received a U.S. Department of State Meritorious Honor Award for her work on preventing and responding to mass atrocities and was a 2013-2015 U.S. Presidential Management Fellow.

**ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days R3 INTERNATIONAL: Ukraine Dr. Hoban Guest Speaker**

Time: Feb 25, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**3:30-4:45pm R4 CAREER/ALUMS: The Interplay of Politics, Media, and Culture: A Conversation with POSC Alum Brian Patrick**

**Dr. Reginald Shareef, Political Science Department**

Join Dr. Shareef for a conversation with Brian Patrick, a Radford POSC alum who went on to get an MA in Liberal Studies from Dartmouth College. Brian has worked in the marketing/advertising departments of Starbucks, Microsoft, and Amazon as a Senior Manager overseeing these company's social media accounts and content marketing. As an outside consultant, he has built multi-million-dollar marketing campaigns that encompass digital, social, television, and print platforms. Brian has worked with creative agencies where he's overseen strategy, content marketing, and campaign development for brands like the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Brian has also been involved in several humanitarian campaigns. For example, he helped build the Global Citizen Campaign and Festival (GCCF). The project reached over one billion people worldwide and raised contributions from governments exceeding US\$300 million to help fight global poverty. Additionally, Brian worked with author Daniel Goleman and the Dalai Lama to launch the *Force for Good* book campaign which focused on the Dalai Lama's vision for a more compassionate world.

**ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days R4 CAREER/ALUMS Dr. Shareef with Alum Brian Patrick**

Time: Feb 25, 2021 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**5-6:15pm R5 INTERNATIONAL: Radford Faculty/Staff on Conflict in the Caucasus**

**Dr. Agida Manizade, Department of Math and Statistics, and Mr. Vugar Gasimov, IT Specialist II**

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Manizade and Mr. Gasimov, faculty and staff respectively at Radford, in which they share their perspectives on conflict in the Caucasus region. Dr. Manizade and Mr. Gasimov come originally from Azerbaijan. They will share their views on Gorbachev's use of violence in Azerbaijan at the end of the old Soviet Union; the Khojaly massacre (1992), part of the first war between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh; down to the renewed conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding region that broke out in 2020. Dr. Manizade and Mr. Gasimov will weave together grand politics and personal experiences to share with students their encounters with conflict in their homeland.

**ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days R5 INTERNATIONAL: Faculty/Staff on the Caucasus**

Time: Feb 25, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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**7:00-8:15pm R6 CAREER/ALUMS: Student-Alumni Virtual Networking Event**  
**Radford POSC Student and Alumni Group**

Bring your own beverage and meet some recent Radford POSC alums. Learn how our alums kickstarted their careers and got into their chosen fields. We'll have a general session to start and then students can visit two different break-out rooms of alums. Alum clusters will focus on jobs in 1) National Security/Foreign Policy, 2) Law/Legal Careers, 3) Campaigns and Community Organizing, 4) Public Administration/Public Policy, and 5) Undecided/General Political Science. Be sure you've downloaded the latest version of Zoom, so that you can choose your own alum cluster when the time comes to go to breakout rooms.

Learn about the students/alums you'll be speaking with:

**David Alcorta** graduated with a degree in political science from Radford University in 2018. After graduation, David chose to move back to his home state of Texas and found a position as an organizer for a U.S. Senate campaign. This experience, as well as the connections he made, helped him secure a position as a legislative aide for a state representative in the 86th Texas legislative session. Shortly after the session concluded, David took his current position with the City of Austin to coordinate youth programming that focuses on preparing area high school students for college and the workforce. David will be in the Public Administration/Public Policy breakout room.

**Thomas Creed** is a Korean linguist based in the northern Virginia area. He is currently a Data Conditioning Specialist at Leidos where he works as a contractor for the U.S. government. As a DCS, Thomas monitors, collects, and conditions open source information from the Korean Peninsula in the forms of print, broadcast, and social media. He is fluent in Korean and proficient in Mandarin Chinese. Prior to his career at Leidos, Thomas worked for the Korea Innovation Center, helping South Korean start-up companies in the tech field gain interest and investment in the U.S. market. He also worked as a Korean translator for Global Dimensions, translating medical documents for the Department of Veteran Affairs. Upon graduating from Radford University, Thomas was awarded the Hua Yu Enrichment Scholarship to spend one year in Taiwan, dedicating his full efforts to studying Mandarin Chinese. As a student at Radford University, Thomas minored in Mandarin Chinese and studied abroad in China with his Chinese class, and in Taiwan for a summer by himself. He was Vice President of the Model United Nations, and President of the Korean American Student Association. Thomas has spent 12 years living in South Korea, attending an all-Korean school for eight years. Thomas will be in the National Security/Foreign Policy breakout room.

**Andie Eichelbaum.** During her time at Radford, Andie Eichelbaum was a field organizer for a state delegate's race that unseated a six-year incumbent. She then went on to run and win field efforts in both Pennsylvania and Tidewater, Virginia. After her time in campaigns, Andie went to work for the Virginia State Government as the Virginia Israel Advisory Board (VIABs) Program Manager. Along with community advocacy work, Andie currently facilitates all engagement efforts for students at the Hillel at William and Mary as well as the surrounding Jewish community in Williamsburg, Virginia. Andie will be in the Campaigns and Community Organizing breakout room.

**Brianna Guest** is a Contracts Manager at Carahsoft Technology Corp. in Reston, Virginia, with a specialization in federal procurement contracts. At Radford, she was an active member of the Student Government Association, was a Deputy Registrar, and a Scholar Citizen. Brianna is from Gloucester, VA and a graduate of the Radford Political Science Department class of 2017. Brianna will be in the Undecided/General Political Science breakout room.

**Brady Guertin** is the Communications Specialist for the California Police Chiefs Association and is based in Sacramento, California. In this role, he handles social media, media relations, public relations, and works closely with the legislative team on messaging and information regarding statewide advocacy efforts and legislation. Previously, he worked for Ducks Unlimited as a Legislative Aide. He graduated from Radford University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management in 2018. Brady will be in the Undecided/General Political Science breakout room.

**McKenzie Meade** graduated from Radford University in 2018 with a degree in Political Science. Following her time at Radford, she decided to attend Cumberland School of Law where she is am currently in her last year. During her time in

law school, she has worked in both personal injury and criminal defense. She hopes to take the Alabama bar exam in July and start her career as an attorney. McKenzie will be in the Law/Legal Careers breakout room.

**Kyle Rosner** serves as Deputy Broadband Advisor in the Office of Governor Ralph Northam. Kyle previously served as Broadband Policy Assistant since January 2019. Prior to joining the Northam Administration, Kyle was a government relations and advocacy associate for Patient Services, Inc. and served as Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Administration in the McAuliffe Administration. Kyle will be in the Public Administration/Public Policy breakout room.

**Elliott Smith** is an anti-poverty activist & social justice organizer for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. He currently co-leads the student & youth work within the Campaign and also co-coordinates Labor Union engagement. Elliott is a native Washingtonian and a fellow graduate of the Radford Political Science Department class of 2017. Elliott will be in the Campaigns and Community Organizing breakout room.

**Izzie Taveras** is an administrative and communications professional at the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. Izzie has previously worked in a variety of political campaigns, including the successful management of the 'Parisa for Justice' campaign that elected Parisa Dehghani-Tafti to the post of Commonwealth's Attorney in Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. Dehghani-Tafti is part of a wave of progressive prosecutors being elected in major jurisdictions across the country. In her free time, Izzie works with the Democratic Party at both the local and state level. She is a graduate of Radford's Political Science & Communication departments' class of 2017. Izzie will be in the Law/Legal Careers breakout room.

**Ivan Thirion** is a foreign policy professional based in Washington, DC who graduated from RU in 2018. He is currently a program specialist at the Policy Center of the Open Society Foundations (OSF) where he works with the U.S. Foreign Policy Team on advancing a variety of progressive international policy and national security through lobbying, advocacy, grant making, and campaign building. Before his career at OSF, Iván was an operations officer at the Bhutan Foundation and interned at Senator Mark Warner's Office, Rep. Jennifer Wexton's Campaign for Congress, and the 2017 Virginia Democratic Party Coordinated Ticket Campaign. During his time at RU, he was active inside and outside of the classroom involved in many extracurricular activities, e.g.: Model UN, Student Government Association, "The Tartan," the Young Dems, International Students Association, the University Men's Choir, and the Scholar-Citizen Initiative Program. He was a "work-study" for some time at the Departments of Political Science and Foreign Languages and, under the guidance of Dr. Tay Keong Tan, he developed an independent research paper on "Strategies for Negotiation and Consensus-Building in the U.S. Congress." Iván is a member of the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF) network and the American Political Science Association - and volunteers part of his time to do activism for the LGBTQI and Latino communities at the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Ivan will be in the National Security/Foreign Policy breakout room.

**ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days R6 Radford POSC Alumni Student Mixer**

Time: Feb 25, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## Friday, February 26:

### 12-12:50pm **F1 CAREERS/ALUMS: Going to Law School and Working as an Attorney** Dr. Allyson Yankle, Political Science Department

Dr. Yankle, the University's Pre-Law Advisor and an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department, will lead a discussion with a recent RU POSC grad, Steven Lowery, who graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, where he was on the editorial board of the *University of Louisville Law Review*. He is now a practicing attorney at Reminger Law's Louisville office where he practices law in the following areas: general liability, premises liability, medical malpractice defense, construction liability, and trucking and commercial transportation. Come to the session with your questions about applying to law school, succeeding in law school, and charting your legal career.

#### **ACCESS THE SESSION: Topic: Poli Sci Days F1 Law School with Dr. Yankle**

Time: Feb 26, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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### 1-1:50pm **F2 CAREERS: Understanding and Selling Your Skills after Radford** Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department

In this session, Dr. Paige Tan will guide students in understanding the knowledge and skills they are acquiring at Radford and how to sell those to potential employers. She will also share resources to learn more about career development including the [skillseeker website](#) and a [four-year career development plan](#).

#### **Topic: Poli Sci Days F2 CAREERS: Understand and Sell Your Skills with Dr. Tan**

Time: Feb 26, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## **2-2:50pm F3 RESEARCH: The Rights of Nature and Future Generations**

**Students from INST 490: International Studies Capstone and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department**

This student-faculty presentation will focus on two novel issues in the study of Sustainable Development: Instituting, advocating for, and safeguarding the rights of nature (forests, rivers, animals, and all fauna and flora) and protecting the rights and interests of the future generations of humans on this planet. From their team research, students will discuss two cutting-edge issues on Global Sustainability, such as: Should the living beings in the natural world and future generations of humans have rights? If so, what would they look like? How can these rights and interests be pragmatically and realistically protected? Are there emerging practices from around the world?

### **ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days F3 Rights of Nature/Future Generations with International Studies Students**

Time: Feb 26, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## **3-3:50pm F4 INTERNATIONAL: China and Africa**

**Dr. Paige Tan, Political Science Department**

Join Dr. Paige Tan to learn more about China's engagement with Africa. We'll learn about China's aid, trade, lending, infrastructure development, and diplomacy with the continent and think about implications for the China, Africa, and the United States.

### **ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days F4 INTERNATIONAL China and Africa with Dr. Tan**

Time: Feb 1, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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## **4-5:15pm F5 DOMESTIC: Documentary: "Trump's American Carnage"**

**Dr. Daniel Reed, Political Science Department**

This 2021 PBS Frontline documentary on political violence in America takes its name from former President Trump's reference to "American Carnage" in his 2017 Inaugural Address. The film highlights "from his first days as president to his last, how Trump stoked division, violence and insurrection. FRONTLINE investigates Trump's siege on his enemies, the media and even the leaders of his own party, who for years ignored the warning signs of what was to come." This film contains some violent scenes. Hosted by Department of Political Science professor Dr. Daniel Reed.

### **ACCESS THE SESSION: Poli Sci Days F5 DOMESTIC: Dr. Reed's Documentary Trump's American Carnage**

Time: Feb 26, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## GET HELP!

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For live updates as Poli Sci Days is occurring (say, a link to a meeting isn't working), see [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMAxGyY3F0Wdhu\\_I-vbR6so-Ha27VdCsOi3\\_o5keztA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMAxGyY3F0Wdhu_I-vbR6so-Ha27VdCsOi3_o5keztA/edit?usp=sharing).

