

Detailed Descriptions

Monday, February 21:

10-10:50am CON LAW: The U.S. Constitution in Comparative Perspective

In this session, Dr. Allyson Yankle looks at the structure of the U.S. Constitution in comparison to other countries' constitutions—what rights have been adopted? What rights haven't been? How popular is our form of constitutional democracy? Finally, we will talk about if the U.S. Constitution is really losing its popularity or what other explanations need to be considered.

11-11:50am US POLITICS: Can We All Just Get Along? Political Civility in a Polarized Culture

Dr. Chapman Rackaway will lead a discussion on current-day political discourse in America. Has American politics become less respectful of differences and the political process? What role do political polarization and negative partisanship play in making our political conversations more like fights? What role does social media play in today's discourse? Finally, what, if anything, can be done to bring respectful disagreement back into American politics?

12-12:50pm LAW SCHOOL: So You Want to be a Lawyer? A Conversation with Drew Robinson (RU Class of 2001)

Thinking about law school? Join Dr. Allyson Yankle for a conversation with a successful Radford alum and practicing trial attorney, Drew Robinson. This session will be a Q&A session where students can ask about law school, the career life of an attorney, and what other tricks and tips an experienced alum has to share with current Radford students.

1-1:50pm INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: COVID in China

We've all learned a great deal about US politics watching how the American government under two presidents and many state governments responded to COVID. How about looking at COVID in China? What does the course of the disease and government response teach us about politics in the world's most populous country? We'll learn about China's "dynamic zero COVID" policy and compare/contrast US and Chinese responses.

2-2:50pm DOCUMENTARIES: NBA, Brexit, India, Gun Violence

Where Local meets Global: Political, Social, and Economic Challenges in Context

In this session, join Professor Johannes Grow to watch 3-4 short documentaries (5-12 minutes each) from the *New York Times* "Film Club." The films will cover a wide range of topics, including the NBA; Brexit and the Irish border; workers in Mumbai, India; and gun violence in the US. After each documentary, we will have a discussion on how the films reflect current political, social, and economic challenges in both local and global contexts. Once we have watched all the documentaries, we will have an open discussion about possible connections among these short films. Importantly, we will emphasize how the challenges and issues presented in the films reflect concerns in the study of political science.

3-3:50pm CAREERS: Resumes and Digital Profiles that Get Noticed

Join Ms. Ellen Taylor, Career Coach for CHBS, Radford University Center for Career and Talent Development, to learn how to integrate your knowledge, skills, experiences, and career interests into a compelling resume and digital profiles (LinkedIn and Handshake) focused on career competencies that all employers desire.

4-6:00pm INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: Documentary *A Thousand Cuts*

Join Dr. Paige Tan to watch *A Thousand Cuts*, a documentary about the work of Nobel Peace Prize winner (2021) Maria Ressa to tell the truth in the Philippines of populist/authoritarian leader Rodrigo Duterte. The title of the documentary comes from President Duterte's step-by-step dismantling of democracy and the free press in the Philippines which Ressa

refers to as “death by a thousand cuts.” Rated 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. Find the trailer at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gy_gWR0dEpY. Find a conversation with Maria Ressa at: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/podcast/dispatch/a-conversation-with-nobel-peace-prize-winner-maria-ressa/>. Find the film at: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/a-thousand-cuts/>

Tuesday, February 22:

11.00-12:15pm FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH: Inventions and Solutions of Nature for Human Problems by International Studies Capstone (INST 490: Senior Seminar on Sustainable Development) Students and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department

This faculty-student presentation by the instructor and students of the capstone course of the International Studies program will analyze the practices of Nature and how she keeps everything in balance, through Her many ingenious and sustainable designs from eons of evolution and natural selection. They highlight four case studies of the practical designs, solutions, and innovations from Nature and how they can be applied to solve humanity's problems.

12.30-1:45pm FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH: The Misery and Ecstasy of Leaders by Leadership Capstone (POSC 410: Demystifying Leadership) Students and Dr. Tay Keong Tan, Political Science Department

Our Leadership Capstone students will work in teams to unravel the mysteries relating to the emotional life of leaders and their *affective* work in managing change and navigating crises. The panel presentations and poster sessions will present lessons from the mistakes and failures of leaders in managing feelings, passions, and sentiments. Topics to be presented are:



1. The use of emotions by political leaders,
2. Leveraging emotions in negotiation and conflict management,
3. Managing emotions in times of setbacks and failure,
4. The emotional burden of leaders in times of tragedy and collective mourning,
5. The circadian rhythm and emotional fitness of leaders,
6. The amygdala hijack and the escalation of conflicts,
7. The addictions and “shadow emotions” of leaders.

2-3:15pm FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH: Looking Ahead to the 2022 Midterm Congressional Elections

Join Dr. Chapman Rackaway's POSC 330: Congress class to discuss the 2022 midterms elections; these elections look to be some of the most contentious of the last thirty years, with control of both chambers of Congress in play. This student panel, moderated by Dr. Rackaway, will look at key retirements from Congress, incumbents seeking new offices, competitive races, the issues on which candidates will campaign, and what effects the elections may have on governing.

3:30-5:30pm AMERICAN POLITICS: Documentary *Kid Candidate*

Join Dr. Daniel Reed to watch *Kid Candidate*, a 2021 documentary film that follows the unconventional campaign of Hayden Pedigo, “a 24-year old experimental musician and his unlikely run for city council in Amarillo, Texas after his spoof campaign video went viral.” Find the trailer at:

<https://youtu.be/TTm4Hm9DWEA>.