Spring 2018 Department Newsletter

We dedicate this issue to our beloved student Peter Harbert—who died tragically only 11 days before graduation.

• The Crime of Complicity •

Amos N. Guiora, a professor of law at the University of Utah and retired lieutenant colonel in the Israel Defense Forces, came to Wofford in April to discuss his book, The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust, and the responsibility of bystanders. Mr. Guiora began his talk by discussing his family background, explaining that his parents were both Hungarian Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. This personal history has led him to seek to understand the role of the bystander in past and present crimes and the role the bystander could play in preventing crime. He sought to study the role of the bystander in the Holocaust and took a trip to the Netherlands, Germany and Hungary to research how bystanders reacted to these crimes. He recounted stories from survivors and the children of bystanders. Mr. Guiora then shifted to discuss the role of the bystander in sexual assault cases today. He mentioned three specific cases where bystanders had the ability to prevent the assault or call the police, but did not act. Mr. Guiora has helped write legislation introduced in the Utah state legislature to mandate that bystanders call 9-1-1 if they are witness to a violent crime. The talk concluded with a call by Mr. Guiora to the Wofford community and others to at least begin a discussion on the role of the bystander and whether they should be held accountable for their lack of action.

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• Interim 2018 •

*Left:* Joshua Adams (2020) with SC Governor Henry McMaster during his internship in the Governor’s Office.
*Right:* Bailey Wise (2018, right) during her internship with Wofford GOV alumnus Executive Director Marion Smith and Ashlee Moody of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in DC.

*Left:* Mark Matthews (2018, left) in Senegal during his research project on the development of technology in West Africa.

*Left:* Riley Stamper (2019) with Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) during his internship in the Senator’s office and with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

• Women in Law and Politics •

This February, Dr. Alvis hosted a panel discussion moderated by Prema Samhat, wife of President Nayef Samhat, which focused on the experiences of four highly successful women in the realm of law and politics. The four panelists were Joyce Yette, a Wofford graduate and lawyer with Promontory Financial Group, Lee Dunn, head of the White House Strategy and Outreach for Google Inc., Brooke Mueller, the director of government relations and public affairs for Walmart, and Ann Clark, a transactional entertainment, media and intellectual property lawyer for Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Each of these women presented the paths they took to their current positions and explained some of the high points and struggles they experienced along the way, focusing on some of the specific challenges and benefits of being a woman in their fields. They discussed the importance of influential mentors and strong relationships with colleagues and made recommendations on how to have a successful career. They were each asked a specific question based on their experiences in the work place, from the entertainment industry and #MeToo Movement to “boys clubs” in male dominated law and politics and just how to handle stress as a woman in the workplace. It was an enlightening and engaging experience.

• African Responses to Global Health Governance •

Why States Embraced AIDS Intervention but are Ambivalent about Non-Communicable Disease Control

Dr. Amy S. Patterson, a political sciences professor from University of the South, came to Wofford in March to discuss global health policy in Africa and the effects of this policy on HIV/AIDS and non-communicable diseases. Dr. Patterson described the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS policies across sub-Saharan Africa and how these policies have been influenced by international actors, domestic politics and civil society. She discussed the importance of Global Health Governance in aiding African nations in their fights against HIV/AIDS and other prevalent diseases. Dr. Patterson also highlighted how corruption and political interests have influenced actions taken to address communicable diseases across the continent. Partially because of the coherence of global health governance on this issue and the attention of international donors, Africa is beginning to make progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS. However, African states have done little to prevent non-communicable diseases, such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. These diseases are a growing health problem in Africa. There has been a lack of effort on preventing non-communicable diseases because of failures in global health governance, a lack of political will in African states, and weak civil society activism on this issue. As African states do not have the resources to treat non-communicable diseases, it is essential they develop effective prevention policies. Dr. Patterson ended on a slightly hopeful note suggesting that there may be signs of growing awareness about the importance of addressing non-communicable diseases in Africa.
• Seniors’ Post-Graduation Plans •

**James Barkley** will participate in an internship where he will be writing articles for the Mercury and Compass Newspaper in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Jake Brice** will be attending the University of South Carolina School of Law in the fall.

**Kaitlyn Britt** will be taking the year to intern and prepare for law school the following year.

**Ryan Burns** is continuing to weigh various options.

**Jackson Carter** is pursuing a career in hospitality and sales.

**MacKenzie Cleary** is pursuing her Masters in Art of Teaching in Elementary Education at Converse.

**Sarah Clemens** plans to move to Europe to cultivate fluency in German and French, and apply for masters programs in international relations.

**Phyllicia Colvin-Panton** will be working as a team member for City Year Philadelphia.

**Kaitlyn Crouch** will be staying in the South working in the service industry while searching for a job in the arts or community development sector.

**Rachel Dantzler** will be moving to New York and is hoping to work for a nonprofit or NGO.

**Connor Duheme** anticipates beginning a career with Edward Jones Investment.

**Kelsey Garrison** is searching for a job in Charlotte.

**Madison Guyton** will be attending the University of South Carolina School of Law.

**Harry Hanna** will be attending the University of South Carolina School of Law.

**Matt Henderson** will be attending law school in the fall.

**Elizabeth Holcombe** will be working at an advertising firm or as a process integration specialist before enrolling in a graduate program in healthcare administration or management.

**Emily Weston Kannon** will be pursuing her Masters in Political Science at Hillsdale College with a full tuition scholarship.

**Natalya Khan** will be teaching kindergarten in Virginia and traveling through the Middle East during the summer and winter breaks before pursuing her graduate degree.

**Jordan Leonard** plans to complete a year of service with AmeriCorps before going on to graduate school for public policy.

**Tim Lindsay** is immediately joining Teach for America as a corps member before eventually pursuing his graduate degree.

**Harrison Long** is continuing to weigh various options.

**Max McDougald** will be returning to work in his family’s funeral home, but is continuing to weigh various options after that.

**Ellie Martin** will be attending the University of Tennessee Law School in the fall.

**Mark Matthews** is still weighing options, including teaching English in France, but is ultimately seeking to work for an organization with a social mission.

**Jack Monroe** is continuing to weigh various options.
Buster Murdaugh will be working for the law firm of Perters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth, and Detrick in Hampton, South Carolina during the summer and will continue his studies next fall at either the Charleston School of Law or the University of South Carolina Law School.

Matt Nocella will be enlisting in the US Coast Guard before pursuing either law school or a career in the CIA.

Brendan Paschal is planning to work full time on Front Porch Football, his online sport commentary start-up.

Pam Perrine is moving to New York City or Charlotte, NC to pursue a career in marketing and public relations.

Elizabeth Reed is planning to work with health care policy and legislation in Virginia or North Carolina and pursue her master’s degree in public policy.

Will Rivers will be studying at Wake Forest Law in the fall.

Wil Shelton will be applying to graduate programs in environmental policy after taking a gap year to hike the Appalachian Trail.

Prima Sisinni is searching for a job at a non-profit in their volunteer coordinator sector.

Cameron Smith is moving to Washington, DC to start a career in government and policy.

Deanna Smith is continuing to weigh various options.

Olivia Vasquez is moving to Germany to work for the Edelweiss Ski Lodge for 15 months before applying to law schools.

Luke White will attend the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and work for the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office as a Deputy Sheriff.

Bailey Wise will be working for Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, NC in their deposits department.

Kiara Williams is still exploring job opportunities for after graduation.

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• We’d Love to Hear from You •

We hope that you liked hearing about what is going on at Wofford. We also love to hear what is going on with our alumni. Please send us your news, such as important life events, what you have been doing since graduation or any information about your achievements and awards.

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