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Monthly News Letter

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Levi Bevis



Levi Bevis will be presenting policy research at the 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference in Washington, D.C. from February 15 to February 17. The conference allows undergraduate students in Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society chapters across the nation to present political science and public policy projects and gain experience presenting research findings. Levi will present a paper analyzing the effects of housing policy on homelessness in Los Angeles. Congrats, Levi, on all of your hard work and success. We are so glad that you are representing the Lott Institute so well!

Olivia Heuser



"This past fall, I spent my semester interning at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. As part of my internship I worked closely with senior fellow Mike Gonzales to assist in research on identity politics in the United States. I was able to meet some of the greatest political thinkers in D.C. and all over the world. 10/10 would def recommend taking a semester off and moving to DC!"

BREAK RECAP



Savannah Day

"This winter I had the privilege of interning for the City of Albuquerque's Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs! Over the five weeks, my mind was broadened to better understand the experience of often overlooked populations among us. I got to interact with people from all over the world and learn more about what it looks like for a community to be truly supportive of these vulnerable populations with proper language accessibility, cultural appreciation, and equitable public services. I am excited to further my interests in immigration and foreign policy with this great new perspective of our brothers and sisters from around the globe!"

Mason Myers



"Over winter break I was lucky enough to be able to travel to some of the most iconic cities in the world with my four of my best friends. We started in Chicago then flew into Ireland. After Ireland we went to Angers which is in France. Our next stop was Paris and finally our last stop was Prague.

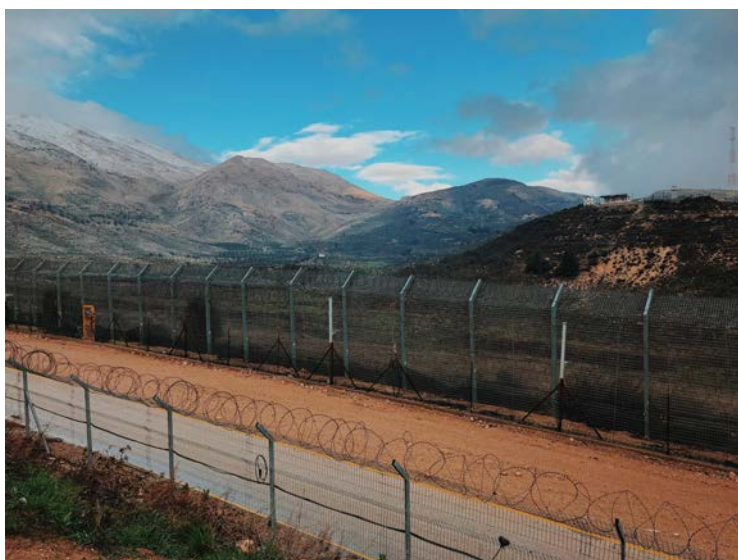
To say it was an incredible trip would be an understatement! We saw incredible things, ate amazing food, and made countless memories. If you are ever thinking about traveling over break I absolutely recommend you get online, find a cheap flight, get some friends together and go!"

BREAK RECAP

Bethany Downs



"Over break I went to Israel and Palestine for ten days. It was part of a pilgrimage trip with other college students from my home church in Indianapolis, but there was a specific focus on hearing the different narratives of the Israel/Palestine conflict. We traveled to Nazareth, Tiberias, Golan Heights, Jerusalem, and the West Bank, meeting with Israelis, Palestinians, and Druz individuals. It's one thing to hear about this conflict from the American media, and it's another to hear about it from the people that live it everyday. My perspective on the conflict is very different now than it was before I went because now it's not about how much money we're giving to the Israeli military or the refugee crisis. It's about the people I met and the grace and generosity they showed us in trying to help us understand what it is like to live in the middle of active conflict."



Syrian border in the Golan Heights. This border separates many families, and the Palestinians living in this occupied territories are not permitted to travel to see their relatives in Syria. This particular section of the border is called the Shouting Valley. Palestinians and Syrians use microphones to talk to each other across the border.



This is a portion of the wall around the West Bank, separating the occupied territory from Jerusalem. It is covered in art by Palestinians, most of it calling for peace or resistance.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch and Learn with John Green: On Monday, February 18th, John Green will be in the Lott Conference Room for a Lunch and Learn. Green, a University of Mississippi Alum, is the co-founder of Crossroads Strategies, LLC, a multidisciplinary federal government relations firm, representing corporations and associations with matters before the Legislative and Executive branches of the federal government. This Lunch and Learn will take place in the conference room at 12:30. Should you wish to attend this event, please RSVP in Lott 105

Lunch and Learn with Dr. Karen Matthews: On Thursday, February 28th. Dr. Karen Matthews will be in the Lott Conference Room for a Lunch and Learn. Dr. Matthews, also a University of Mississippi Alum, is the CEO of the Delta Healthcare Alliance, a multi-faceted program that includes health care, education, and other valuable services to Mississippians. She will be joining us to discuss the various programs and internship opportunities available. This event will take place at 12:30 in the Lott Conference Room. Should you wish to attend, please RSVP in Lott 105.

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