

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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FIFTY -SIX YEARS TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE

What is Political Science?

-Specialists in comparative politics analyze power dynamics in communities, states, and regions throughout the world.

-Specialists in international relations focus on the power relationships between countries and between citizens and organizations of different countries.

-Specialists in American politics look at the exercise of power domestically, through American institutions and processes ranging from the state to social movements.

-Political theorists address fundamental normative and explanatory assumptions, such as the nature and purpose of the state; who should have power and why; and what would constitute a good society.

Newsletter
Editor: Erika Brown
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The legendary
Dr. Jean-Robert
Leguey-Feilleux
discusses the changing
SLU environment
and his plans
postretirement.

Interviewed by Erika Brown

EB: Where and what did you study?

JRFL: I studied political science at the University of Florida. I was very business focused, unlike SLU in the sense that the liberal arts portion was very condensed.

I was at the University of Florida. There, I was mistaken for a freshman and had to take freshman liberal arts courses! Luckily, my second semester at the University of Florida they realized the mistake and allowed me to take whatever courses I wanted. My friend convinced me to take some political science courses, which was the first time I was really introduced to them. I was granted a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida, too! After only one year in the U.S.!

After that, I had to return home to do my one year of mandatory military service in France. I was in the Air Force, or the equivalent. I ended up getting the opportunity to study in the U.S. It was never taught in my life. It was pretty basic.

After my military service, I wanted to return to the United States. I applied to both University of Florida and Georgetown and got scholarships to both! I thought about it and decided to go to Georgetown to focus on international affairs, and that was it.

Third Annual Global and Local Social Justice Conference

Social justice is not about working in the soup kitchen, but about why you need a soup kitchen. Who line? Where is it located? What do these things tell you about oppression and history?

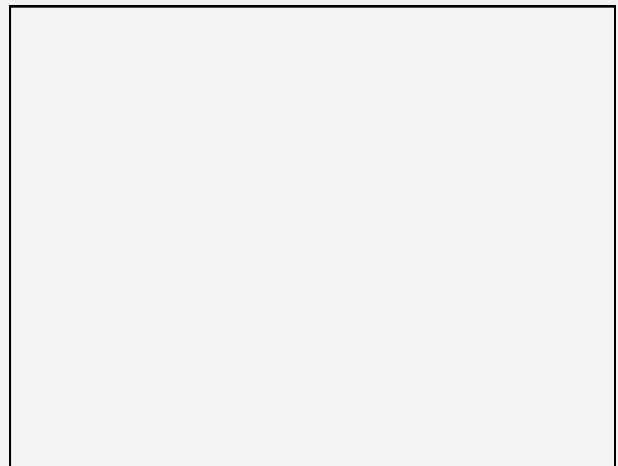
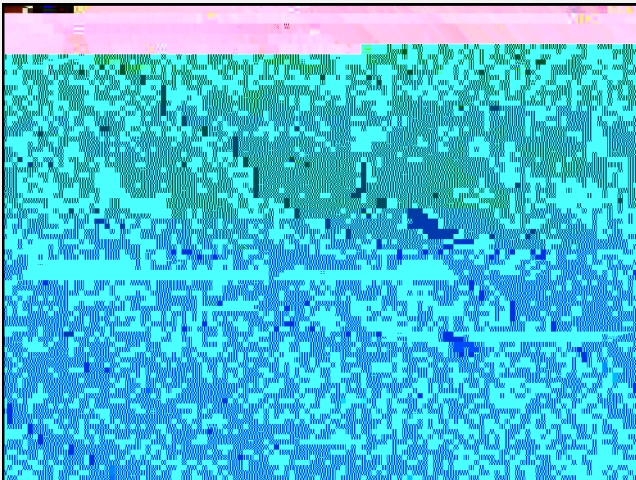
- Marilyn Sanders Mobley, Case Western Reserve University

Our Third Annual Conference was another wonderful display of the work our students do. Dr. Ben Looker, American Studies, one of our Board members, gave a very thoughtful welcome at the Conference that I believe captures what we hope to do in GALSJ very well. He elucidated three themes first, that of Place the Global and Local aspect which encompasses both the range of what our actions influence and that which influences us, and also our specific focus on the St. Louis region. Second, he pointed out how Social Justice implicates social injustice, and inevitably, issues of Power.

vision better ways of social life. Third, as an academic program we promote Engaged Scholarship believing that through research or internships, academic study can lead to praxis, to change.

- Dr. Robert Strikwerda, GALSJ Coordinator

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