

## Students transferring in Political Science:



**Erika Valencia** is transferring to UC Berkeley as a political science major and hopes to pursue a law degree after completing her BA. Erika was the founding President of the Political Science Club.



**David Bishop** is transferring to UC Davis as a political science major. David was the founding Treasurer of the Political Science Club and designed its website.

Oscar Palacios, Political Science, UC Berkeley  
Ahmang Han, Political Science, UC Berkeley  
Zubair Malakzay, Political Science, UC Davis  
Brad Bettridge, Political Science, UC Berkeley  
Benjamin Walters, International Relations, CSU Stanislaus

## Guest Speakers academic year 2010-2011

This year many speakers came to the Chabot Campus to meet and speak with Chabot students. Speakers included:

- Beatrice Bain Research Group Scholar-in-Residence **Wendy Sarvasy** (March)
- Former Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board elected Commissioner **Marc Janowitz** (December)
- Former Director of Governor Schwarzenegger's San Francisco Office **Barbara Kaufman** (November)
- Former Hayward City Council Member **Ana May** and Former Hayward City Manager **Greg Jones** (November)
- Public Policy Institute of California Research Fellow **Eric McGhee** (October)
- Candidates for the Hayward City School Board of Trustees Race (October)
- Berkeley City Councilman **Max Anderson** (September)

## Program Updates for 2011-12

- A new course will be offered for the first time! Instructor Zakia Isad will be teaching POSC 10 – Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: **U.S.-Muslim Relations**. The course will be held on Thursdays from 6-8:50 pm. See CLASSWEB for details.
- The Social Science division is planning a Law and Democracy speaker series. The date for the inaugural lecture is September 15<sup>th</sup> - International Democracy Day!
- Political Theory will be offered again in Spring 2012!
- Political Science will be establishing an AA Transfer degree. "Students who complete degrees that conform to the SB 1440 structure will benefit from admission preferences and other guarantees at the CSU upon transfer." Students will fulfill 18 units at the Community College and receive assurance they can complete the political science major within 60 units after transferring.

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# CHABOT ALUMNI

## **Phuong Ho transferred to UC Davis in Fall 2010 as an International Relations Major.**

“Hello fellow students! My name is Phuong and I am studying International Relations at the University of California, Davis. My transfer experience from Chabot College to UC Davis was a massive life learning experience. This past school year has taught me a lot about my academic and personal life. For starters, adjusting from the semester school system to the quarter system was not easy for me; especially since I had responsibilities outside of academics and was just learning how to balance my life. I started taking all upper division classes when I came here so I had to adjust to the increase in assignments as well as the higher standards for writing. With the fast pace of the quarter system and the heavy amount of assigned coursework, there was little time for me to focus on other areas of my life. If time allowed, I was able to attend meetings for the IRSA (International Relations Student Association), the MUN (Model United Nations) and the Genetics Club. Out of all the classes that I took, I was most fascinated by my West African Social Organization course and my History of Modern Israel course. I learned to move at a quicker pace for the academic system as well as living on my own while building a new life out here. There are plenty of opportunities provided for students here and I make sure to take on the ones I could handle. I look forward to my upcoming classes for Fall 2011, which will be heavily based in foreign policy.”

**Shenai LaMar, transferred to CSUEB in Fall 2010 as a Political Science Major.** “After graduating Chabot College the transition to Cal State East Bay was a smooth one. I loved my Intro to Political Science class at Chabot so much that I immediately changed my major when I came to the campus. The Political Science professors are extremely helpful whenever you go to them for assistance. Having only taken one Political Science class before I was slightly lost with the material and theories introduced to me but eventually I became immersed in the texts to familiarize myself with terms and concepts. At CSUEB I have taken International Relations (my favorite), International Law, Public Policy, Constitutional Law, and a World problems course (Another Favorite). Each Political Science class prepared me for another one. I plan to apply for internships with Mary Hayashi, Pete Stark and a few other local politicians. This is my first year at CSUEB but I will be finished in December with a BA in Political Science and I could not be more excited!”

## **Alexandra Hayman, a former tutor in American Government and Learning Assistant in Political Science transferred to UC Berkeley as an Italian Studies Major.**

“As a transfer student from Chabot I have to say that my first year at a UC was quite the experience! Even though the workload (and settling in to a new environment) took some getting used to, I have already had a truly amazing year.

Right away I was presented with tons of opportunities for volunteer work and club options. I decided to join a mentor/tutoring program at an elementary school near campus and that definitely added to this positive experience! I have already learned more than I could have imagined, and have met truly exceptional people. I am a senior now and an Italian Studies major. Thanks to all the support I’ve received, I’m preparing now to go study abroad in Bologna, Italy for a year starting this fall!”

**CHABOT ALUMNI – KEEP US  
UPDATED! WHERE ARE YOU AND  
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?**



International Relations Class Debate  
Spring 2011

# Chabot College Political Science

## ***Student Government on Campus***

***By Vanessa Sadsad***

***(Political Science Club Chief of Staff & ASCC Inter-Club Council Chair)***

The Student government, known as the ASCC (Associated Students of Chabot College,) here at Chabot is responsible for advocating for its students. Our ASCC body is a self-governing body--primarily through the income from the \$5 student body fee--student organization representing all students of Chabot composed of the Executive Council, Senate, and Inter-Club Council. Here at Chabot we pride ourselves on promoting an inclusive community that enables students to thrive upon feeling included and while engaging.

The more involved an individual feels in their college experience, the more likely they are to stick with it and to succeed in it. Active student engagement enhances the quality of education by involving students in activities and programs outside the classroom that build citizenship and encourage self-esteem.

The ASCC promotes individuals that serve as an advocate for students, provides a channel for student views, and empowers students to take action. Student involvement is very much interrelated with applied learning: where passion in the absence of action is ineffective but action without passion is meaningless. Let us continue to build a thriving student life with students that flourish among our esteemed Chabot campus. And, as the Inter-Club Council Chair, I extend the invitation to join the ASCC in the many outlets of Student Senate, Creating and Joining On-Campus Clubs, and volunteering in many On-Campus events and activities as well as the community as a whole.

For more information, questions or concerns please visit the Student Center Upstairs in building 2300 or email me at [vsadsad@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:vsadsad@chabotcollege.edu)



## ***California Politics Field Trip to Sacramento, December 2010***

***By Eliaser Hernandez-Fuentez  
(Political Science Club Treasurer)***

Getting to go to Sacramento this year with the California Government Class and the Chabot College Political Science club was a great experience. Our journey began with a tour of the state capital where we got to view the historic building and learn of its past. We then were privileged enough to visit state Senator Ellen Corbett's office where we got to speak to her staff members and listen to their experience working for the Senator on the different ways of improving our community. We ended our trip on a historic note when we visited the California Museum in beautiful downtown Sacramento.

There we learned about the past of our Great State with different exhibits that were made available for us. After spending a semester learning about our state it was awesome to gather all the material we learned that semester and see where it all comes together.

# Chabot College Political Science

## *Recruiting new club members!*

The Political Science Club welcomes new members! The Club meets twice a month to discuss political news and plan campus activities (such as film viewings and discussion forums). The club collaborates with other campus clubs, community organizations, and student government to promote civic and community engagement.

Check out the club website at:

<http://www.chabotpoliticalscienceclub.org>

Friend the club (Facebook): CC Political Science

Follow the club on twitter at: CCPOSC

## *Development of a Law and Democracy Capstone Course*

This summer, several Social Science faculty members will be designing new course for Chabot called "Law and Democracy." This team-taught course will allow for cross-disciplinary conversations and expose students to ideas and concepts from multiple perspectives.

Concepts covered may include:

- Civil Rights
- Campaign Finance
- Democratic transitions
- Social Justice
- Human Rights
- Immigration Policy/Law

*Look for the course in 2012-2013!*

## **The Political Science Program**

The Political Science program at Chabot College is dedicated to fostering a broad understanding of local, national, and international political systems and social scientific methods, encouraging active civic engagement, and heightening student awareness of the complex and diverse global connections that define today's world.

The Political Science department offers a variety of courses in political science ranging from the core course, Introduction to American Government, to courses in Comparative Government, International Relations, and Contemporary Issues in American Politics. All courses are transferable to CSU and UC, and all meet GE breadth requirements for the associate degree and for transfer. The American Government course helps satisfy the CSU American Institutions requirement.

### COURSES

- Introduction to American Government (POSC 1)
- Seminar in Comparative Politics – Topics vary (POSC 10)
- Introduction to California State and Local Government (POSC 12)
  - Comparative Politics (POSC 20)
  - Introduction to Political Theory (POSC 25)
    - International Relations (POSC 30)

<http://www.chabotcollege.edu/SocialSciences/POLISCI.cfm>