

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter



Fall 2018



Colorado State University

Meet Dr. Allison White, Assistant Director of INST

Where are you from?

I am originally from the Bay Area in California, a place where even the child sitting next to you in a coffee shop can fix your computer if something happens to it! My hometown has changed quite a bit from when I grew up there but there are still enough locals in town to make me feel at home when I'm there. My mother is an oil painter and I have quite a few of her paintings of the Bay Area in my office on campus.



Describe your research.

My research examines elections under authoritarianism and focuses mostly on the post-Soviet region. I am interested in a variety of big questions, such as how authoritarian regimes preserve power, why autocrats subject themselves to elections, and the causes and consequences of ethnic political mobilization. I enjoy researching phenomena that are illicit and difficult to tackle, like vote buying, ballot-box stuffing, or corruption.

What interests you about International Studies?

I like the fact that it is focused on the world beyond our borders. I have always been interested in what life is like for people outside of the United States and that's what International Studies is all about!

What do you like most about your career?

I like working with students the most. College-age students are in a unique time of their lives and I enjoy witnessing their personal and professional evolutions as they learn more about themselves and the world. I also enjoy integrating them into my own scholarly pursuits as research assistants and advising their independent research for Honors Theses.

What's your favorite class to teach, and why?

Since I am teaching it for the first time this semester, I would say that Research Methods in International Studies is my favorite class to teach because I have been able to assign reading that transcends strict disciplinary boundaries and brings research to life in interesting ways for students. For example, we look at topics like the Russian mafia, FIFA soccer, human trafficking and contemporary slavery, and the Sinaloa drug cartel. I have also added a career component to the course, where students learn about internship and career opportunities related to International Studies through the Career Center at CSU.

What's one thing most students don't know about you?

I am a direct descendent of American pioneers. My ancestors were part of the Donner Party, a group of families who traveled to California by wagon train in the mid-1840s and settled in the state when it was still part of Mexico. The Donner Party is somewhat notorious in American history for cannibalism but my family has assured me that my ancestors (the Breens) did not engage in that type of activity since they rationed their food. I've always wondered whether that's actually true or not!

What is one piece of advice you wish you'd heard as a student?

I wish I had been told that maintaining a healthy lifestyle both physically and mentally are as important, if not more, than academic performance. My GPA came at a cost to myself and I wish, in retrospect, that I had created a more balanced life for myself when I was in college.

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Dr. Allison White is a Political Scientist and has been teaching at Colorado State University since 2015. In Fall 2018, she accepted the new role of Assistant Director of CSU's International Studies Program. This spring, she will serve as Interim Director while the Director of International Studies, Dr. Andrea Duffy, is away on Semester at Sea.

CONGRATULATIONS FALL '18 GRADUATES!

Alejandra Alvarez-Zubiate

Quin Hoppe

Natasha Barqawi

Pond Jarred

Ethan Cryer

Kaylee Morgan

Josh Curry

Kathrin Naeff

Clarity Engel

Daniela Pineda Soraca

Josue Fernandez

Jake Stewart

Mackenzie Folsom

Mindy Vaniter

Joel Hergenreter

Get Involved in INST Academic Families!

A new mentorship opportunity

In Fall 2018, International Studies launched a new mentorship program called Academic Families for current students and alumni to cultivate a robust community within the program and engender stronger ties to our alumni. In the inaugural semester, forty current students as well as over a dozen alumni from around the world are participating. The alumni participants include several veterans of the U.S. military, the Assistant Director of the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) in Denver, an intelligence analyst in the FBI's Cyber Security Division, and a leader of experiential education trips to Canada, Panama, and China.

In the Academic Families program, first-year or second-year INST students are paired with each other as "sibling children," and upper-level INST students are



paired with each other as "parents." Parents provide advice and counsel to their children as they navigate their first and second years in the INST major and broader university. INST alumni act as "grandparents," mentoring parents about life after graduation and potential career paths. Each academic family consists of multiple children, parents, and alumni.

We look forward to growing the Academic Families program in the future and making it a signature initiative in International Studies at CSU. We hope that parents will become grandparents when they graduate and that more alumni will forge relationships with current students through their participation. To learn more about this new program, please contact Dr. Allison White, Assistant Director of International Studies, at allison.white2@colostate.edu.

SPRING 2019 INST COURSE LISTINGS

AUCC: ANTH200, CO150, ECON202, ECON204, ECON211, ECON240, GR100, MATH117, POLS232, POLS 241

INST Topic Area 3: Global Studies & 4 A/B:

3. AGR1270/IE270, ANTH100, ANTH140, ANTH330, ANTH338, AREC240/ECON240, AREC460, CON450/INTD450, E142, E245, ECON101, ECON202, ECON204, ECON211, ECON240, ECON440, ECON460, FIN475, GR320, GES101, HIST470, IE479/ANTH479, INST495 (max 3 cr), INST487 (max 3 cr), JTC412, LB171, MU131, MGT475, MKT365, NRRT 320, PHIL170, POLS131, POLS232, POLS241, POLS362, POLS435, POLS442, SOC105, SOC220, SOC322, SPCM434

4 A/B. INST 301, INST 492

Asian Studies (Topic Area 1 & 2):

1. ETST324, HIST121, HIST450, HIST455, HIST456
2. ART316, ETST320, LJPN250, LCHI/LJPN496 (3 credits max), PHIL172, PHIL349

European Studies (Topic Area 1 & 2):

1. ECON372, ECON376, HIST320, HIST331, HIST333, HIST339, HIST461, POLS345, POLS420, POLS 421
2. ART111, ART212, ART414, ART416, E276, E277, E342, E343, E455, LAND120, LFRE/GER/SPA310, LSPA313, LFRE/GER/SPA335, L SPA345, LSPA413, LSPA437, LFRE452, LGER454, MU335, PHIL301, PHIL409

Latin American Studies (Topic Area 1 & 2):

1. ETST253, HIST410, POLS331, POLS 447
2. ETST412, LGEN465D, PHIL379, PHIL455

Middle East & North Africa Studies (Topic Area 1 & 2):

1. HIST422, HIST438, HIST532
2. ANTH451, PHIL171, PHIL173, PHIL335, or substitution approved by advisor.

Course availability subject to change. Some courses may require prerequisites. Additional substitutions may be approved. For more information, contact your academic advisor.

INST 487— International Studies Administrative Internship

CSU's International Studies Program is seeking administrative interns for Spring 2019!

Details: This is a one-credit, one semester, unpaid internship. It involves a time commitment of approximately three hours per week on average.

Responsibilities: Interns will work closely with the Program Administration to plan and host events, edit program publications, and update social media outreach. Interns are also encouraged to pursue projects or programming on relevant topics of their interest.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate is a student with junior or senior standing studying International Studies or a related subject. Technical skills, interpersonal skills, superior writing and editing, and experience with social media and graphic design are preferred.

To Apply: Submit your resume and a brief cover letter to Dr. Allison White, Interim Director of International Studies at: Allison.White2@colostate.edu.

Contact Dr. Allison White for more information. Position will remain open until filled.