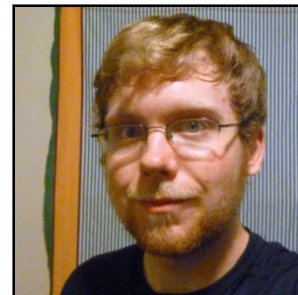

Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Royal Oak, MI

Major: Political Science

Study Away: Philadelphia

Study Abroad: Nairobi

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Mint Chocolate Chip or Brandy

Best Adjective to Describe You: Talkative

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

To understand the news and how the news could be different.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

Coming to K I was torn between History and Political Science; I took Intro to Comparative Politics and realized that Political Science was the way I needed to go.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Take classes, participate in them, and go to office hours religiously. The last one in particular will get you far.

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

The office hours mostly.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

Long term: Law? Short Term: Avoid my parent's basement come June 2012.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

The immense breadth and depth of almost every major or minor, you can find niches within niches and intense disagreements within said niches.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

With a topic as broad as politics, it connects to almost anything.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

Democratic Theory with Dr. Einspahr is an amazing course that dwells on topics like citizenship and obligation, difference and inclusion, and the line between community and individual good. More so than any other class, it changed the way I thought about politics on a day to day basis.

What is your SIP?

My SIP will be pondering the continuing relevance of the ideas of the 19th century Populists to our society and politics.
