On October 17th, Nadine Strossen, former President of the ACLU, spoke at Hannaford Hall as part of the annual DuBois Lecture Series on Race and Democracy. Strossen was the first woman and the youngest person to serve as President of the nearly 100 year old organization and is a Professor of Law at New York Law School. Providing an insightful and inspiring lecture on the topic of freedom of speech, she also promoted her latest book, *Hate: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech*. Her other books include: *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex and the Fight for Women’s Rights* and *Speaking of Race, Speaking of Sex: Hate Speech, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties*.

**Congrats to Professor Libby Bischof who has has taken on a new role as Executive Director of the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education here at USM. She is still teaching one class a semester. Her new office is in the Osher Map Library, first floor of the Glickman Library, Portland Campus.**

The Department welcomes four new faculty members this year:
- Tim Ruback, Asst. Professor of Political Science
- Ashley Towle, Lecturer in History
- Amy M. Smith, Lecturer in History
- Adam Schmitt, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education,

**Coming up:** November 6th, from 10:15-11:30 in Payson 306 all are invited to a guest lecture by Dr. Clarisa Perez-Armandariz, Associate Professor of Politics and Latin American Studies at Bates College on political violence in Latin America.

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**Putting History to Work**
A new grant funded University of Maine system INTERNSHIP program for 2018-2019, for History and Art History majors and minors across all seven campuses is accepting applications until Nov 30th.
As part of the program, a variety of funded internships will be offered at local museums, archives, libraries, special collections, etc. throughout the academic year. Please contact elizabeth.bischof@maine.edu with questions about the program.

This summer Professor Schmidt is offering a travel course in Florence, Italy. POS 499 details are on page 4.
History Courses Offered in Portland Spring 2019

HTY 121 US History to 1800 TR 10:15-11:30, Ashley Towle
HTY 122 US History 1800-1900 Fr 11:45-2:15, Adam Schmitt
HTY 142 African American History From 1865, TH 11:45-1:00, Leroy Rowe
HTY 172 Modern East Asia, MW 8:45-10:00, Jie Zhao
HTY 200 Research, Reference, and Report Writing, MW 10:15-11:30, Jie Zhao
HTY 330 Germany: Bismarck to Hitler TR 11:45-1:00, Abraham Peck
HTY 346 The Civil Rights Movement, W 5:35-8:05, Leroy Rowe
HTY 366 History of Religion in America, Mo 4:10-6:40, Amy M. Smith
HTY 390 Traditional Japan: Court and Warriors, MW 1:15-2:30, Jie Zhao
HTY 394 Topic: Museums, Archives, & Public History, Fr 10:15-12:45, Libby Bischof
HTY 394 Topic: Vietnam War, TR, 2:45-4:00, Chris Beam
HTY 394 Topic: Islam: Religion, Society, and Politics, MW 11:45-1:00, Mahmud Faksh
HTY 400 Senior Seminar: Biography and 20th Century Black Leaders, TH 4:10-6:40, Leroy Rowe

History Courses Offered in Gorham Spring 2019

HTY 102 Western Civ II, MW 9:30-10:45, Lacey Sparks
HTY 123 US History Since 1900, MW 11:00-12:15, Amy M. Smith
HTY 200 Reference, Research, and Report Writing Tu 4:10-6:40, Lacey Sparks
HTY 351 Colonial America Th 4:10-6:40, Amy B. Smith
HTY 356 Civil War and Reconstruction, MW 2:00-3:15, Ashley Towle
HTY 400 Senior Seminar: Reading Women's History in Roman Empire, Tu 4:10-6:40, Gary Johnson

History Courses Offered Online Spring 2019

HTY 101 Western Civilization I, Gary Johnson
HTY 102 Western Civilization II, Seth Rogoff
HTY 182 Latin America II, John Paton
HTY 394 Topic: Medicine and Empire, Lacey Sparks
HTY 394 Topic: World History: Age of World Wars, Seth Rogoff
HTY 394 Topic: Anti-Semitism and History, Abraham Peck

History Courses Offered in Lewiston Spring 2019

HTY 102 Western Civ II, W 9:00-11:30, Chris Beam

History Internship Spring 2019

HTY 300, Ashley Towle
Political Science Courses Offered in Portland Spring 2019

POS 101 Intro to American Government, TuTh 8:45-10:00, Manuel Avalos
POS 101 Intro to American Government, T 4:10-6:40, Ronald Schmidt
POS 104 Intro to International Relations, MW 2:45-4:00, Mahmud Faksh
POS 203 Intro to Political Science Research, MW 4:10-5:25, Francesca Vassallo
POS 245 French Politics and Government, TuTh 10:15-11:30, Francesca Vassallo
POS 256 Media and Politics, Mo 4:10-6:40, Robert Klotz
POS 290 Intro to Political Theory, TR 2:45-4:00, Ronald Schmidt
POS 352 Latino Politics, TuTh 10:15-11:30, Manuel Avalos
POS 360 Terrorism and the American Public, TuTh 1:15-2:30, Tim Ruback
POS 380 Topic: Islam: Religion, Society, & Politics, MoWe 11:45-1:00, Mahmud Faksh
POS 380 Topic: The Civil Rights Movement, We 5:35-8:05, Leroy Rowe
POS 393 American Political Thought II, TR 11:45-1:00, Ronald Schmidt
POS 399 Topic: Machiavelli, MW 11:45-1:00, Ron Schmidt
POS 399 Topic: Social Media and Revolutions, Tu 4:10-6:40, Francesca Vassallo
POS 410 Urban Outcomes and the City Politics of Portland, TuTh 1:15-2:30, Manuel Avalos
POS 463 Supreme Court and Constitutional Law, MoWe 1:15-2:30, Robert Klotz

Political Science Courses Offered in Gorham Spring 2019

POS 104 Intro to International Relations, MW 11:00-12:15 Tim Ruback
POS 445 MeMUNC Conference Planners, We 4:10-6:40, Tim Ruback

Political Science Courses Offered Online Spring 2019

POS 104 Intro to International Relations, Steven Shirley
POS 205 Intro to Comparative Politics, Steven Shirley
POS 380 Topics: Health Care Policy in The U.S., Vanessa Perez
Students will be required to write a long paper that can expand on work from POS 399 or serve as a stand-alone thesis. They may write historical reportage and analysis; political theory and textual analysis; critiques of contemporary political events with a Machiavellian approach; or a play.

**POS 245 + FRE 199:**

**POS 245 French Politics and Government**

Ron Schmidt

This course centers on the political, economic, and social structure of France over the last five decades. Students will learn the essential components of the French governmental system, the most typical economic policies, France’s position in the EU, and the ongoing struggle about the defense of the French culture. Course satisfies international designation of the core curriculum, only pre-requisite is College Writing. Students must be enrolled in FRE 199 concurrently this semester.

**FRE 199 French for Specific Purposes**

Francesca Vassallo

Aspects of the French language will be presented with a specific concern for the topics addressed in POS 245, such as vocabulary on the political system, elections, parties, government, policies, and major social and political events. No prior knowledge of French is required. The class is mixed-level, so students with advanced French are also welcome. Students must be enrolled in POS 245 concurrently this semester.

**HTY 394 Museums, Archives, and Public History**

Libby Bischof

Course introduces students to the practices of moving history beyond the classroom and out into the world. Over the course of the semester, we will study museum exhibits, public presentations, walking tours, oral histories, monuments, and archives. This class meets on Fridays so we can spend the majority of the semester visiting local museums, archives, and historical societies and working with local public historians. The class will collaborate on a culminating public history project with a community partner.

**HTY 394 Vietnam War**

Chris Beam

This course examines the origins, evolution and impact of the Vietnam War. In addition to reviewing the history of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the class will explore the political, cultural and social forces that shaped the behavior of the various sectors of the Vietnamese and American populations. The objective of the class is to develop a coherent perspective on what became one of the costliest and most divisive wars in United States history.

**POS 399 Social Media and Revolutions**

Francesca Vassallo

How do you learn how to run your own revolution? How do social media platforms free people from totalitarian regimes? This course merges political behavior, digital activism and social media studies into a learning opportunity about how countries and movements have used or resisted social media, when people employed them to fight for democracy and freedom. This class looks at theories of online political activism and comparative cases of social media use from different countries around the world: from the Arab Spring to the Umbrella Movement.

**Summer:**

**POS 499: Walking with Machiavelli**

Ron Schmidt

“I love my native city more than my own soul.” – Machiavelli to Vettori, 1527. Despite the territorial ways in which we view politics, few political theorists are so associated with their homelands as Niccolo Machiavelli. This summer seminar is designed to help students who successfully completed our capstone course on Machiavelli’s work, as well as other advanced USM students, to expand their own work into a term paper, Honors thesis, or Thinking Matters presentation. By visiting Florence, Italy, which Machiavelli “loved more than his soul,” and San Andrea di Percussino, where he wrote The Prince, The Discourses, and Mandragola while in exile, we will deepen our understanding of his work and the depth and complexity of our own.

The first two weeks of our class will be spent at USM’s Portland campus, where we will read some of Machiavelli’s work, watch some films intended to depict Machiavelli or “Machiavellian” characters, and submit brief proposals for the written work ahead. Students will be required to write a long paper that can expand on work from POS 399 or serve as a stand-alone thesis.