Political Science majors Shaman Kirkland and Hamdia Ahmed helped organize March For Our Lives, a rally to support gun control legislation. The event was held on March 24th in downtown Portland. An estimated 5,000 people attended the rally with many other rallies happening simultaneously all over the state.

Announcing New World Languages Options

New degrees starting Fall 18:
Minor in French Language
Minor in Spanish Language

Fall 2018 language courses:
American Sign Language: ASL 101, 201, 401
Arabic: ARA 101, 201
Chinese: CHI 101, 102
French: FRE 101, 201, 301
German: GER 101, 201
Italian: ITA 101, 299 (=201)
Latin: LAT 101
Spanish: SPA 101, 201, 301
Somali: LIN 199
Wabanaki languages: LIN 199

Attention History majors!

Starting in fall 2018, we have added a new Field III course option. In addition to our traditional offerings (HTY 152, HTY 171, HTY 172, HTY 181, HTY 182), students may now take GEO 170 as one of their two required courses.

GEO 170: Global History: Mapping the World Across Cultures
With Professor Matthew Edney
M/W 1:15-2:30 in the Osher Map Library, Portland Campus
OR M 1:15-2:30 and W 4:10-5:25pm

April 9th at 7:00pm in Hannaford Hall a moderated discussion with Rabbi Yehuda Sarna and Imam Khalid Latif, both from NYU, will take place after the screening of the film “Of Many: Then and Now.” Sarna and Latif are co-founders of the Interfaith Leadership Institute. The event is part of USM’s convocation series.

On February 20th at Space Gallery, Political Science and History major Dylan Reynolds moderated a discussion between Leroy Rowe, Professor of African-American History and Politics, Joe Medley, Professor of Economics, and Marcia-Anne Dobres, Professor of Anthropology entitled: (De)Constructing Race, Equality, and Power. While taking courses with all three professors Dylan made comparative connections between the three seemingly disparate subjects and brought the professors together for an interesting and informative discussion.
History Courses Offered in Portland Fall 2018

HTY 102 Western Civ II, TR 10:15-11:30, Lacey Sparks
HTY 141 African American History, TR 11:45-1:00, Leroy Rowe
HTY 141 African American History, TH 4:10-5:25, Leroy Rowe
HTY 171 Traditional East Asia, MW 8:45-10:00, Jie Zhao
HTY 200 Research, Reference, and Report Writing, MW 10:15-11:30, Jie Zhao
HTY 311 Medieval Civilizations, MW 11:45-1:00, Mark Mullane
HTY 324 World Wars I and II, TR 1:15-2:30, Lacey Sparks
HTY 334 Holocaust: Policy, Practice, and Response, TR 11:45-1:00, Abraham Peck
HTY 347 Race and the Politics of Mass Incarceration, W 5:35-8:05, Leroy Rowe
HTY 360 History of Maine, F 11:45-2:15, Libby Bischof
HTY 377 Chinese Thought, MW 1:15-2:30, Jie Zhao

History Courses Offered in Gorham Fall 2018

HTY 101 Western Civ I, MW 11:00-12:15, Gary Johnson
HTY 122 US History 1800-1900, MW 9:30-10:45, Ashley Towle
HTY 364 History of Women in US, MW 2:00-3:15, Ashley Towle
HTY 394 African American History in Archaeology, TR 2:00-3:15, Nathan Hamilton
HTY 400 Senior Seminar: Food History, M 4:10-6:40, Lacey Sparks

History Courses Offered Online Fall 2018

HTY 101 Western Civilization I, Gary Johnson
HTY 102 Western Civilization II, Seth Rogoff
HTY 121 US History Since 1800, Chris Beam
HTY 304 History of Rome, Gary Johnson
HTY 335 Genocide in Our Time, Abraham Peck

History Courses Offered in Lewiston Fall 2018

HTY 101 Western Civ I, W 9:00-11:30, Chris Beam

History Internship Fall 2018

HTY 300, Libby Bischof
Political Science Courses Offered in Portland Fall 2018

POS 101 Intro to American Government, MW 10:15-11:30, Manuel Avalos
POS 101 Intro to American Government, T 4:10-6:40, Ronald Schmidt
POS 102 People and Politics, MW 4:10-5:25, Francesca Vassallo
POS 104 Intro to International Relations, MW 2:45-4:00, Mahmud Faksh
POS 203 Intro to Political Science Research, MW 1:15-2:30, Robert Klotz
POS 205 Intro to Comparative Politics, TR 10:15-11:30, Francesca Vassallo
POS 261 American Congress, M 4:10-6:40, Robert Klotz
POS 290 Intro to Political Theory, TR 11:45-1:00, Ronald Schmidt
POS 333 Theories of Democratization, T 4:10-6:40, Francesca Vassallo
POS 349 Middle East in International Politics, MW 11:45-1:00, Mahmud Faksh
POS 380 Topics: Political Futures Through Science Fiction, MW 1:15-2:30, Manual Avalos
POS 392 American Political Thought I, TR 2:45-4:00, Ronald Schmidt

Political Science Courses Offered in Gorham Fall 2018

POS 104 Intro to International Relations, TR 11:00-12:15 Staff
POS 280 Issues Before the United Nations, TR 2:00-3:15, Staff

Political Science Courses Offered Online Fall 2018

POS 104 Intro to International Relations, Steven Shirley
POS 380 Topics: Campaigns and Elections, Vanessa Perez

Political Science Internship Fall 2018

POS 475 Political Science Internship, W 4:10-6:40, Robert Klotz
POS 480 International Affairs Internship, W 4:10-6:40, Robert Klotz
POS 380: Political Futures Through Science Fiction  
Avalos

This course gives students an understanding of the relationship between politics and science/speculative fiction. It will sensitize students to the ways in which politics affects science fiction and how literary form and substance exert independent influence on public life. The course is intended to show students how they can read and write about science fiction in different political contexts and how they can read and write politics in different literary forms. The course will focus more narrowly on the science/speculative fiction depiction of multiple alternative possible worlds and will give particular attention to the literary genres of utopia (the ideal political community and ideal individual in that community), and dystopia (a political community worse than our own). Cr 3.

HTY 400: Food History  
Sparks

Historically, food created profound impacts on global interactions in many different ways. This course provides you with the opportunity to think about the impact of food on cultures and peoples on a global scale, with an emphasis on regional and global interconnections. Topics to be explored in detail include: gender, race, class, national identity, and religion finding expression through one's relationship to food and its production, trade and consumption; food as a tool of exploitation and also as a tool of resistance; foodways from the local to the global, including finding a little bit of the global here locally with Portland's rich food scene and history. Cr 3.

HTY 394: African American History in Archaeology  
Hamilton

In this course, we look at how the identities of African Americans have been constructed over time by archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, geographers, and journalists. The course explores both regional and personal identities and the interrelationships between these two aspects of identity, and examines the effects of racism, ethnocentrism and sexism on identity construction. The course considers economy, historic environmental and geographical factors and how the construction of identity is affected by the experience of place. It concludes by examining contemporary race relations, the relationship to social scientists, and the public at large. Cr 3.

GEO 170: Global History: Mapping the World Across Cultures  
Edney

World history, from the classical through the modern eras, embracing the cultures of Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas, examined through the maps that different cultures have made of their worlds. Students analyze maps from the collections of USM's Osher Map Library to reveal how world maps have variously embodied cultural preconceptions, religious convictions, scientific findings, and political concerns. Special attention to the processes of early modern and modern imperialism and globalization. Cr 3.

POS 392: American Political Thought I  
Schmidt

An examination of central concepts and debates in American political history from the Puritan Era to the Dred Scott decision, with particular attention to debates on authority, liberty, revolution, slavery, and emerging ideas of American individualism. Prerequisites: POS 290 or PHI 109 or HTY 121 or HTY 122 or permission of the instructor. Cr 3.

Professor Schmidt's book Reading Politics with Machiavelli is set to be released this summer!