



## CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

### Kimberly Richards '07

*Government, religious studies*



**Q: What made you want to major in government?**

A: The first government class I took cemented my decision to be a government major. It was "Introduction to U.S. Politics," and it gave me insight into political theory and what other people say about American government. It was writing-intensive. I was amazed at how much thought the professor put into reviewing our drafts.

**Q: What was your course load like?**

A: Eight of the 10 courses I took for my major were in American government. But even within those classes, there was an emphasis on foreign policy and what's going on in the world in general. In the upper-level classes you have to be able to make comparisons as to how other countries function.

**Q: What was your experience with the faculty like?**

A: I was impressed by how many faculty are willing to work on independent projects with you. I did one on capital punishment in the second semester of my freshman year, which is unheard of at most colleges.

**Q: What are your career plans?**

A: I double-majored in religious studies, and I wrote my senior thesis on the impact of the Christian right on public science education. My next step is a master's degree in theological studies at Harvard Divinity School. Eventually I want to work in First Amendment constitutional law, focusing on church and state issues, and work toward an advanced degree.

## Government

### Overview

Government is a dynamic field of study at Connecticut College, with a large and engaged faculty and a high level of student interest. Our faculty pride themselves on the close connections they develop with their students and take their roles as student advisers seriously. As a government major, you'll connect with some of the most complex issues of our time as you delve into political theory, comparative politics, U.S. politics and international political issues. You'll study gender rights as well as environmental politics and policy. You'll examine civil liberties and how societies weigh them against national security needs. Award-winning professors will challenge you to explore these issues and articulate your thoughts through written and oral presentations. Students sometimes collaborate with faculty on their research; for example, Justin Kaufman '04 co-authored a book with Professor Alex Hybel. Our majors are making careers in policy analysis, journalism, law, national security, international nongovernmental organizations and government relations. Many attend law school or graduate programs in law enforcement, public administration, political science, media relations and journalism.

### Explore Your Passions

Three of the College's interdisciplinary academic centers offer certificate programs that focus on government and international issues where you'll explore a topic you feel passionately about through a combination of coursework, an internship and a senior project. The certificate program of the College's Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy stresses service learning and action research. If environmental issues are your passion, consider applying for the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment. For an international emphasis, consider the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts. This program includes a foreign language proficiency requirement and an overseas internship.

### Study Abroad

Most government majors study abroad. Some participate in Study Away Teach Away (SATA) programs in which a small group of Connecticut College students and one or two faculty spend a semester abroad together. Professor Frasure recently led a SATA to Vietnam, and Professor Hybel organized another SATA to Seville, Spain. Some government courses also include a travel component of one to three weeks.

## Faculty

**Tristan Anne Borer**, *Professor of Government*

B.A., University of Texas, San Antonio; M.A., Ph.D., University of Notre Dame  
South African politics; human rights; transitional justice; gender and human rights; international relations

**MaryAnne Borrelli**, *Professor of Government; Chair of Government Department*

B.A., Wellesley College; M.A., Boston College; M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University  
Women and U.S. politics; U.S. environmental politics and policy focusing on the American Southwest; United States national institutions

**Wendell John Coats Jr.**, *Professor of Government*

B.A., Ph.D., University of Colorado  
History of Western political philosophy from Plato to the present

**Jane Dawson**, *Virginia Eason Weinmann '51 Associate Professor of Government*

A.B., Bryn Mawr; M.A., Harvard University; M.A., The Johns Hopkins University; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley  
International environmental politics; comparative environmental activism and politics; global environmental justice

**William Frasure**, *Professor of Government*

B.A., University of Pittsburgh; J.D., Yale University; Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University  
United States politics; environmental policy and law; law and public policy

**Alex Roberto Hybel**, *Susan Eckert Lynch '62 Professor of Government*

B.A., University of North Carolina; M.A., The American University; M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University  
U.S. foreign policy making; world systems; international relations theory; democracy in Latin America

**Dorothy Buckton James**, *Professor of Government*

B.A., Barnard College; M.A., Ph.D., Columbia University  
United States politics (especially presidential politics; political parties; campaigns and elections; and the impact of the media and interest groups on politics); constitutional law; civil liberties; judicial behavior; balancing national security with individual freedom; American political thought

**David Patton**, *Professor of Government*

B.A., Swarthmore College; M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University  
Comparative politics; European politics; Federal Republic of Germany

**William M. Rose**, *Professor of Government*

B.A., B.S., University of Washington; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley  
International politics, with a focus on security studies; terrorism and counter-terrorism; insurgency and counter-insurgency; ethnic conflict and prospects for civil war and peace; U.N. peacekeeping; post 9/11 challenges for U.S. foreign policy

**Caroleen Marji Sayej**, *Assistant Professor of Government*

B.A., Fordham University; M.A., Ph.D., New York University  
Persistent authoritarianism in the Middle East; contemporary Islamic social movements; modernization and identity politics; Middle Eastern studies; comparative politics; international relations

**John Q. Tian**, *Associate Professor of Government*

B.A., M.A., Nanjing University; M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University  
Comparative politics; Chinese politics; East Asian political economy; international political economy

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MAJOR IN GOVERNMENT?

### Rob Knake '97

Director of special programs at Good Harbor Consulting, a cyber- and homeland-security consulting firm.

Earned a master's degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

### Amanda Bowles '00

Analyst at the Benenson Strategy Group. Does political polling and corporate market research on presidential candidates, U.S. legislators and Fortune 500 companies.

Worked for two years at the Manhattan District Attorney's office. Earned a master's degree from the London School of Economics. Worked as a political analyst at the Japanese Consulate in New York City.

### Marla Tannenbaum Wendell '02

Senior business analyst at Greenwich Associates, a financial research and consulting firm.

Double-majored in government and economics and wrote an honors thesis on the unintended consequences of economic sanctions.

### Joshua S. Katz '02

MBA candidate at the University of Michigan.

Won a grant from the Stanford-Berkeley Center for African Studies to conduct research on microfinance in South Africa. Wrote speeches and business guides for the nonprofit Corporate Council on Africa.

## Selected Courses

Middle East Politics; Comparative Politics; United States Government and Politics; U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Latin America; International Terrorism; American Political Thought; Feminist Theory in the United States; Public Policy in the United States; U.S. Environmental Policy and Politics; The Politics of Refugees; Human Rights in World Politics; International Political Economy; Constitutional Law; Women and U.S. Politics; Chinese Politics; International Environmental Cooperation

## About Connecticut College

Connecticut College is a highly selective residential liberal arts college with 1,900 students from all over the country and the world. The academic program offers 43 majors in the arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities and other interdisciplinary programs. Students engage with dedicated faculty and each other to create a vibrant social, cultural and intellectual community in which learning is valued for its own sake — and individuals' diverse perspectives enrich the experience of all.

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