



# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

## Caitlyn Turgeon '08

*International Relations, Economics*



**Q: What drew you to international relations?**

A: I knew that I was going to be an international relations major and I knew that I wanted to

be at Connecticut College. I researched the professors here and I started reading their books. I was really intrigued by the College's Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts.

**Q: Who were your favorite professors?**

A: I loved Professor James' National Security course because of the way she read and commented on my drafts and also because we were working with very up-to-date materials, which is typical here. The professors don't just teach the same syllabus year after year. I wrote my senior thesis with Professor James on the difficulty of implementing national security policy in the American bureaucracy.

**Q: Did you study abroad?**

A: I spent the second semester of my junior year studying in Seville with Professor Hybel. I worked with him on a chapter of a book on the Truman administration's decision-making processes during the Korean War. That surprises a lot of people, but this is how we do it at Connecticut College — students work on books with their professors.

**Q: What did you like most about the major?**

A: The greatest thing about international relations is the quality of the professors and their commitment to the students. They're always ready to extend their office hours or grab a coffee to discuss a class, a paper or an internship.

# International Relations

## Overview

The interdisciplinary major in international relations will give you the tools to understand and tackle critical international problems like terrorism, ethnic strife and global warming. Faculty will challenge you to explore global issues and articulate your thoughts through written and oral presentations. You'll study international politics, foreign policy, comparative politics, international economics, history and a foreign language. Within the major, you'll focus on a specific area, such as foreign policy analysis, international political economy, the politics of development, environmental politics, security studies, human rights, regional politics or ethnic conflict. Our recent graduates are working in business, banking and finance; in non-governmental organizations that focus on human rights, conflict resolution and sustainable development; and in government and think tanks. Others have entered top graduate programs in international relations, security studies, law and political science.

## Interdisciplinary Study

Many students in international relations double major, often with a language, economics or history. Others enroll in the certificate programs such as the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts. You can apply for this competitive program in your sophomore year. If accepted, you follow a rigorous program that requires special coursework, study abroad, an overseas internship, a senior integrative project and language proficiency. Or you may choose to enroll in the certificate program of another interdisciplinary center. Certificate students have explored renewable energy in Spain and Italy and pollution in Martinique and connected international relations with issues of race and ethnicity.

## Study Abroad

Most international relations majors study abroad for a semester. Some take advantage of semester-long Study Away Teach Away (SATA) programs in which a small group of students and one or two Connecticut College professors go abroad together. Professor William Frasure recently led a group to Vietnam and Professor Alex Hybel led one to Seville, Spain. Other courses include a one- to three-week travel component specifically connected to the course topic. For example, students studying democracy in Latin America traveled to Bolivia with Professor Hybel during Spring 2010.

## 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 University; M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University  
Gender and the presidency; 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 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  
The United States and Vietnam; 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 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?

### Larysa Gumowskyj Rosemann '00

Attorney specializing in international tax and corporate law at Bingham McCutchen LLP in Washington, D.C.

Earned her law degree at Yale University, where she was the student director of the Yale Law School Prison Legal Services Program. Also earned her LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center. While attending Connecticut College, studied in France, interned at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels and earned a certificate from the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts.

### Usman Khosa '04

MBA candidate at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Member of the Connecticut College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Double-majored in economics.

### Christine Clough '06

Research intern working on domestic preparedness and homeland security at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, D.C.

While attending Connecticut College, was a terrorism research intern at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

## Selected Courses

International Politics; Human Rights and World Politics; Environmental Activism and its Impact Around the Globe; Insurgency and Counterinsurgency: History and Politics; Ethnic Conflict in Europe; U.S. and Vietnam; Theories of International Relations; International Environmental Cooperation; Terrorism; Middle East Politics; U.S. Foreign Policy

## 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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