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Students Compete in Model UN

First Time Position Paper Award Winners



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Fourteen University political science students attended Model UN in New York City, bringing home an award for the first time.

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A delegation of 14 University students simulated the United Nations (UN) at the National Model United Nations Conference (NMUN) in New York from Sunday, April 9 to Thurs-

day, April 13.

NMUN is the world's largest international college-level experiential learning program in which participants cooperate to discuss and brainstorm solutions to global concerns faced by diplomats of the United Nations, according to their site.

For the first time the delegation from the University returned with a Position Paper Award. The award was won by Liam Coffey, a junior political science and history student.

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School of Social Work Launches New Initiative

Suicide Prevention Research

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efforts on suicide prevention, intervention, and what happens afterwards.

The School of Social Work has announced its new initiative to continue their efforts in spreading awareness about suicide prevention by launching the SRF Suicide Prevention and Training Project.

"This recent development is the latest in a long line of projects the School of Social Work has undertaken, but it is only the most recent one, as well as a culmination of a lot of efforts over the years," said Janine Vasconcelos, Assistant Director of Professional Education and Special Projects.

According to Robin Mama, Dean of the School of Social Work, the project has several aims. It seeks to establish training sessions around the issue of suicide in schools and colleges, as well as curriculum development, research, and evaluation

The goals of the project emerged through research discovered by Dr. Michelle Scott, associate professor in the school of social work, who is considered a leading expert on suicide and suicide prevention. According to Scott, about 42,000 Americans take their own lives every year; this means a suicide occurs in America every 13 seconds.

"Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students," said Scott. "Individuals can be at increased risk for suicide when they experience a confluence of risk factors such as depression, anxiety, substance use, as well as prior suicidal behavior and a trigger event which may be a loss or transition," Scott added.

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The Outlook Wins National Award

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The Outlook, the University's student-run newspaper, was ranked 8th in the Nation for "Best of Show Four-Year Weekly Newspaper," by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) at the Mid-winter National College Journalism Convention in San Francisco, California.

An issue of The Outlook was submitted in the "Best of Show Four-Year Weekly Newspaper" category and was reviewed by a panel of judges. Judges reviewed submissions from multiple colleges throughout the United States and established a National top ten out of all entries.

Placement was based on the number of entries and overall convention attendance. Over 750 schools attended the Convention this year. The Best of Show award does not signify a ranking of national excellence, but rather overall excellence among the attendees and entries, according to the ACP.

Danielle Schipani, senior communication student and current Editor-In-Chief of The Outlook was honored to be a part of an award winning paper and commended the work of rest of the editorial staff and their contributions. "Every member of the editorial staff has worked tirelessly all year to ensure that we are printing a quality paper for the campus community," she said.

"Our adviser, Professor Morano, has acted as an integral part of the production of this paper. His expertise has guided the staff and helped us all become excellent reporters. Being nationally recognized is incredible and I am so proud of everyone who helped make this possible," Schipani continued.

Professor John Morano, the paper's faculty advisor believes that while The Outlook doesn't produce their paper with the intention of winning any awards, he believes that that the students earn such accreditation by efficiently

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Dr. Waters Selected for Guggenheim Fellowship

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Dr. Michael Waters, an English professor, is amongst 173 artists and scholars selected from over 3,000 applicants for the prestigious 2017 Guggenheim Fellowship. Waters was awarded \$50,000 for his long-standing poetic experience from the yearlong fellowship that begins in Jan. 2018.

Fellows are selected from the United States and Canada for demonstrating exceptional skill in productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts, according to gf.org.

Waters explained that the award was based on the quality of his past work, and his plans for future work. He said, "In my application I said that I would continue to write poems that would connect the old world in Eastern Europe to the new world. An example of that would be a poem about a monk

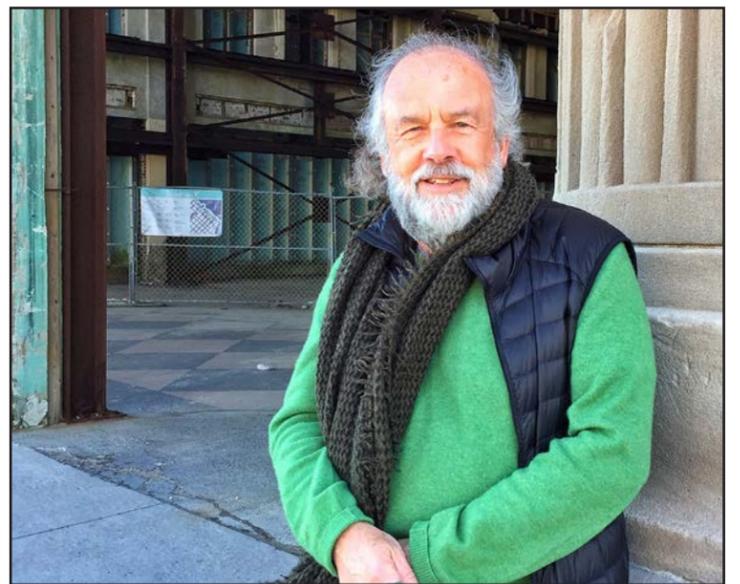


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Dr. Waters was selected for the 2017 Guggenheim Fellowship out of 3,000 applicants.

at monastery blessing the engine of new car."

"I thought that it was something I would have 40 years ago when I didn't deserve it. Now

that it has come I am just very happy for the acknowledgment," said Waters.

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