Holiday reminder: The University will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day. Looking further ahead, the University will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

What I Did on My Summer Vacation, Part V: Tony Gill not only wrote stuff, he said stuff too. And this stuff was recorded on the Gwartney Institute's podcast "Faith and Economics" that is run out of Ottawa University (which is, interestingly, not in Canada). Tony spoke on the topic of tipping. He was allowed to drop a Bible verse and reference Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*.

Taking a break from summer vacation, Tony Gill presented a Rocky Horror-inspired Social Science Double Feature Picture Show at Indiana University, East in Richmond, Indiana on October 23 and 24. The first topic was "An Economic Defense of Tipping" (wherein Tony learned something about cruise ships). The second topic was "The Comparative Endurance and Efficiency of Religion: A Public Choice Approach." The poster and lyrics sheet for this presentation can be found outside of Gowen 25 (the one with the haunted house and Rocky Horror font), and the opening presentation will be shared before his POL S 270 class on Wednesday, Oct. 30. For his efforts, Tony was treated to a meal at Cracker Barrel (one of his favorite restaurants, which is not available in WA sadly). It takes relatively little to make Tony happy.

Niko Switek was invited to give a talk as part of the European Transition Speaker Series at the Center for European Studies, University of British Columbia in Vancouver. His talk on Monday, October 28, was titled ‘Angela Merkel's Last Term as Chancellor and the Rise of a New Right-Wing Party’ and focused on three recent state elections in Eastern Germany as well as the first round of the direct intraparty vote about a new leadership in the Social Democratic Party. [https://ies.ubc.ca/events/event/ies-european-transitions-speaker-series-niko-switek/](https://ies.ubc.ca/events/event/ies-european-transitions-speaker-series-niko-switek/)

Susan Whiting presented the paper, "Land Law as the Last Gasp of the Planned Economy" at the University of Michigan Conference on China's Legal Construction Program at Forty, October 11–13, 2019.

POLITICAL SCIENCE TALKS/SEMINARS:

The Center for Environmental Politics' Duck Family Colloquium Series presents Matthew Turner (Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison), "Climate Proofing the Sahel: The Knowledge Politics Surrounding the Causation of Impoverishment". Friday, November 8, 2019, 12:00–1:30pm in the Olson Room (Gowen 1-A).

The Department of Political Science presents Prof. Suzanne Mettler (the John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions at Cornell University), "Democracy under Siege". Monday, November 18, 2019, 5:30–8:00pm, Walker Ames Room (Kane Hall 225). RSVP to [http://events.uw.edu/MettlerLecture](http://events.uw.edu/MettlerLecture)

OTHER DEPARTMENT TALKS/SEMINARS:

The Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences presents Abel Rodriguez (University of California, Santa Cruz), “Spherical Factor Analysis for Binary Data: A Look at the Conservative Revolt in the US House of Representatives”. Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 12:30–1:30 pm, Savery Hall, room 409.

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and the Center for Global Studies at the University of Washington present Allison Stanger (Harvard University and Middlebury College), "Why America Needs
Whistleblowers. Friday, November 15, 2019, 2:00–3:00pm, Thomson Hall, room 317.

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