



# POLITICAL SCIENCE *CHANGEMAKER* MAP

**YOU**

**THE FIELD**

## MODEL: STEVEN CLIFT

Clift's studies in public affairs led him to lament the lack of civic activism in the U.S. and around the world. As voter turnout and participation in local political processes decreased worldwide, Clift determined to change the antiquated system to serve 21st-century citizens by creating E-Democracy.org, where he provides a formal online substitute or supplement to traditional town-hall style meetings.

### OVERVIEW

Political scientists affect everything from public policy to international relations. Whether it's academic research that shows new ways to change society or lobbying for innovation initiatives or regulations, political science is a great starting place to learn how to change the world for the better. Middlebury College offers a wide array of fascinating political science courses that provide valuable background for aspiring changemakers.

### RELEVANT COURSEWORK 2013-14

- PSCI 0109 International Politics
- PSCI 0209 Local Green Politics
- PSCI 0214 International Environmental Politics
- PSCI 0232 Politics of Diversity in Western Europe
- PSCI 0258 Politics of International Humanitarian Action
- PSCI 0431 African Government

### OPPORTUNITIES

**(Internships, Jobs, Programs, Grants)**

- Academic Outreach Endowment Grants
- Community Engagement Cross-Cultural Grants
- Community Engagement Mini-Grants
- IMF
- Shepherd Poverty Internship
- Students for Social Entrepreneurship Internship
- USAID
- Washington Seminar
- World Bank

**REFLECT**

**ANALYZE**

**ENGAGE**

## CONNECT WITH PEOPLE

### PROFESSORS

#### Erik Bleich

Courses - Diversity Politics in Europe, Ethnic Conflict, Comparative Politics of Ethnic Diversity, Muslim Politics in the West.

Interests - Topics of race and ethnicity in West European politics, hate crimes, political violence, the status of Muslims, and theories of immigration and integration.

#### Sarah Stroup

Courses - Global Politics.

Interests: - Human rights advocacy, political activism, global and transnational civil society.

### CONNECTIONS

**Hudson Cavanagh '14 (Latin American Studies/Political Science, Global Health minor)** Cavanagh was the executive director of TEDxMiddlebury 2012 and served on the Education in Action Center Advisory Board and the Institutional Diversity Committee. Cavanagh worked with the charity-rating organization GiveWell, a nonprofit that identifies, researches, and connects donors with the very best charities in the world. "I apply the analytical skills and critical awareness fostered by my liberal arts education—in the classroom and through programs like PCI and JusTalks—every day to the research on which donors and recipients depend."

**Zaheena Rasheed '11 (Political Science)** Rasheed's project, "Profiles of Courage and the Craft of Nonviolent Action," brought her to Chile, South Africa, Serbia, and Egypt to study people who are embracing disciplined nonviolence. She wants to help Maldivians, herself included, find the courage to speak up for their rights and stay vigilant as new issues emerge in the democratic transition.

### STUDENT ORGS

- Campus Sustainability Coordinators
- GlobeMed at Middlebury College
- Habitat for Humanity Middlebury
- J Street Midd
- Justice for Palestine
- Middlebury Alternative Breaks (MAlt)
- Middlebury College Organic Farm
- Peace and Justice Coalition
- Service Cluster Board
- Stop Traffick: Fighting Against Human Trafficking
- Sunday Night Group: Everything Environmental
- Weybridge House: Sustainable Food Studies House

**"WE HAVE TO TEACH EMPATHY AS WE DO LITERACY." - BILL DRAYTON**

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