

Mumford: Beyond the classroom

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degrees include: associate's degrees in Chemical Engineering (from Weber State University) and Theology (from Latter Day Saints Institute of Religion), bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Military Science (from University of Utah), and master's degrees in Political Science (from the University of Utah) and Public Administration (from Penn State Harrisburg). In addition to all of this, he has 73 semester hours towards a doctoral degree in public administration. His military education is extensive as well, as he has studied at the U.S. Air Force War College, U.S. Naval War College and the U.S. Army War College, among others.

Mumford has been teaching as a civilian for 50 years, and has taught at nine different colleges, including Susquehanna University, Lebanon Valley College, The University of Utah, and the Europe and Asia divisions of the University of Maryland. He has been here at Penn State Harrisburg as an adjunct professor for 17 years in the School of Public Affairs. Mumford has taught many different

courses over the years, ranging from Comparative Governments to Soviet Security Policy and Military Strategy. His favorite class to teach is Research Design and Statistics. He also enjoys International Relations of the Middle East.

Mumford describes himself as a demanding teacher who expects a lot of work from his students. He finds that one of the hardest parts of teaching is trying to convince students that despite the hefty workloads he assigns, he really does care. To further explain his problem, he brought up the one of the first times he had students write a paper; he allowed them to hand in a rough draft so that he could look it over and correct errors before the final paper

had to be turned in. The first time he informed a class of this, only a very small number of students took advantage of this and handed in a

rough draft for revising. He blames this on the fact that his students didn't realize he was truly there to help them learn.

All of the traveling Mumford did over the years has enabled him to learn five additional languages. He is fluent in Finnish, can read Swedish, German, and Estonian, and knows some limited Russian. He says that learning foreign languages has been relatively easy.

Mumford's career was not all he focuses on. He has been married to his wife Joyce for 47 years, who he regards with much love. Together they have three sons, all of are advanced professionals in their respective degrees, and are very successful. Like their father, all three sons have completed Christian missions and speak at least one foreign language.

Now that his military days are over, Mumford travels often with his wife. They especially love traveling via cruise ships, and have been all over the world together. The only continent they haven't been to is Australia, but they plan on visiting the land down under in the future. Their most recent trip was to South America. Their favorite trip was from Bangkok by way of the Indian Ocean to Rome.

Mumford calls himself an "international affairs junkie." He reads about five different related journals weekly. He also loves western politics and historical novels. Aside from the Bible, his favorite book is "The Peloponnesian Wars" by Thucydides.

Some random facts about Jay Mumford are: He enjoys Cowboy and Western music (like the kind you hear in Branson, Mo), and the blues. Normally too busy for TV and movies, he occasionally catches a flick on the Turner Classics movie channel.

His favorite food is raspberries and cream. He is a football fan, and roots for the Indianapolis Colts. He used to be a basketball fan, but sadly admits that he gave up on it when the Utah Jazz were beat at the buzzer by number 23 of the Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan.

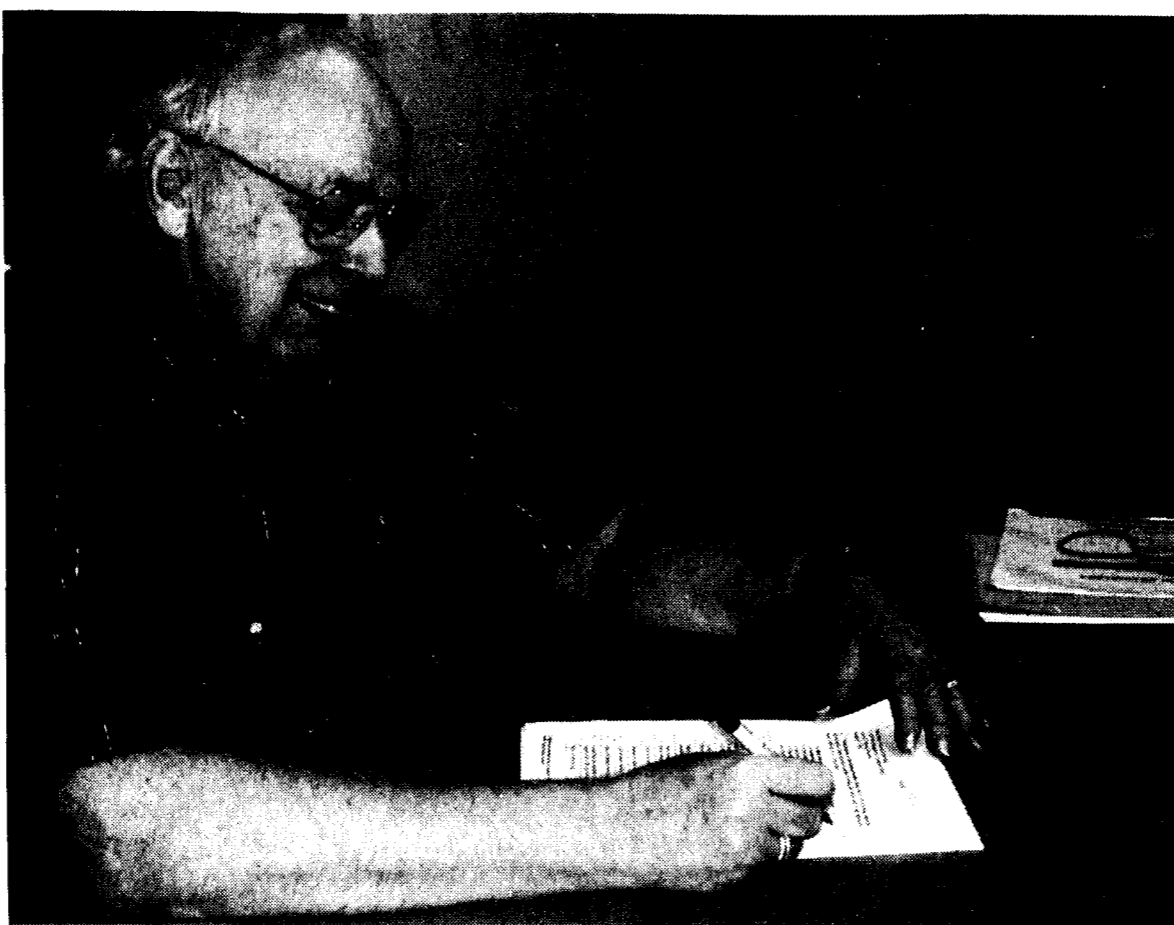


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Associate Professor Political Science, Jay Mumford channels his life experiences around the world to teach students in his classes, sharing with them real stories in order to reinforce the lessons.

Musical comes to Penn State Harrisburg

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especially with such an inspirational director, Jim Johnson.

"I can't thank Jim Johnson enough for casting me. The show, in itself, is a petition for love and peace; two things the world could certainly use today" said Maurice. He hopes that all the students, faculty, and staff of Penn State Harrisburg will come out and support the cast and director.

Philip Narsh (John The Baptist/Judas) is a junior who is new to the Penn State Harrisburg campus. He has appeared at various regional theaters in the central Pennsylvania area, including Open Stage of Harrisburg, where he performed in such shows as "A Christmas Carol" and "The Diary of Anne Frank". Philip is currently awaiting the release of "Determinism", an independent film that he appears in. Excited to be in "Godspell", Phil urges patrons to sit as close to the front row as possible.

Sarah Scholl (Robin), a freshman at Penn State, is a communications major and has always enjoyed performing. She has

been in numerous productions and was most recently in the cast of "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten", here at PSH. Her favorite past roles include Fraulein

Kervens Dorcelly (Jeffrey) is the president of the Capital Players drama club. A psychology major in his senior year, he plans on graduating this summer. Kervens

second production. Lindsay Martin (Sonia), a freshman in business management, is very excited to be performing in "Godspell" this April. Lindsay has worked with

director Jim Johnson in the past when she attended Donegal High School. She has performed in "Pippin", "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Mame". Lindsay eagerly hopes that everyone can come out to see "Godspell".

Steven Howell (Lamar), who has been performing in musicals since elementary school, describes himself as having been a part of the "musical scene" for most of his life. His favorite roles came in high school, where he played Slightly Soiled (one

of the Lost Boys) in "Peter Pan", Billy Crocker in "Anything Goes", Motel in "Fiddler on the Roof", and (ironically) Jesus in "Godspell".

Aside from being in Godspell for a second time, Steve is a member of PSH's Gospel Choir and Millerstown UMC's Praise Team where he both sings and plays the drums. Layla Dideban (Gilmer) has been doing theatre since she was twelve years old, and has been in musicals such as "The Wizard of Oz", "Crazy for You" and "Fiddler on the Roof". Though she initially pursued a theater degree from University Park, she eventually ceded to her parents' wish of pursuing an alternate degree, and came to PSH, where she is now a communications major in her senior year.

Layla has not strayed far from the stage however, as she performed in "Everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten", the first play performed at Penn State Harrisburg this past fall.

Lisa Mei (Peggy), a public relations major in her first year, is an international student from Taiwan. She moved around a lot as a child due to her father's job as a diplomat. She lived in Egypt during her middle school years, and performed in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" and "Anne of Green Gables". She was in the Dance club throughout High school

and performed in various locations throughout Taiwan. Eric Stump (Herb) is an English major in his third year. He has been working in theater since middle school, and was very active in the drama club at his Alma Mater, Schuylkill Haven High School. Eric has also done a lot of work with the Schuylkill County Acting Guild, with such performances as "Picnic" and "Gibbsville". He has worked with independent film and hopes to get back into it this summer. Also an avid musician, Eric is adept at playing the bagpipes. Berreka Banks (Joann), an Electrical Engineering major in her freshman year, has her plate full right now with working, school, and the production of "Godspell". A relative newcomer to the acting scene, Berreka has however studied classical piano since she was four years old. Characterized as a "very determined girl with spunk and attitude", she loves to show off her impression of Stewie from "Family Guy". The show will be performed April 24th, 25th and the 26th at 8 p.m., and Sunday April 27th at 2 p.m., in the Olmsted auditorium. Also, there will be a special outdoor Earth Day preview on April 22nd outside of the Ziegler Commons. Get ready for the fun!



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Kost/LuLu in "Cabaret", Madame Theardier in "Les Miserables" and Euliale Shinn in "The Music Man".

was instrumental in bringing the drama club to Penn State Harrisburg, and has high hopes for the club's

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Guide to the 2008 elections: Clinton and McCain

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Hillary Rodham Clinton:

Background Info: Born and raised in Park Ridge, Illinois, Clinton may make United States history if she is elected to represent the Democratic Party in the upcoming presidential election. Earning her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College, Clinton then graduated in 1973 from Yale Law School, where she met husband and future president Bill Clinton, whom she married two years later. No stranger to women's historical firsts, she was the first

women partner at Rose Law Firm, the first female Senator from New York, and the first American First Lady to run for public office.

Abortion: Supports abortion rights and will sign the Freedom of Choice Act into law, which would affirm the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision as federal law.

Education: Clinton plans to scrap No Child Left Behind, but still emphasizes the importance for improving early childhood education. She believes in the value of outstanding educators, and believes urban and rural schools should receive extra consideration.

Immigration: Voted in favor of a U.S.-Mexican border fence and supported increased funding to protect the border. Also supports a path to citizenship and a crackdown on employers who hire illegal aliens.

Iraq: Initially voted to authorize military action, but now supports the de-authorization of the war. She opposed Bush's proposal to increase troops in Iraq and supports phased redeployment.

Same-Sex Marriage: Opposes same-

sex marriage and a constitutional ban of it. Although she supports civil unions, she believes the decision to support same-sex marriage or civil unions ultimately falls under state jurisdiction.

Social Security: Opposes privatization of Social Security; she places great emphasis on fiscal responsibility and says she would support a bipartisan commission.

Why She Has a Chance: America knows Hillary Rodham Clinton. She spent eight years as first lady to President Bill Clinton and remained rather dignified throughout the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Also, Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter, both conservative figures in the media, have expressed their intent to support Clinton if McCain should be the candidate for the Republican Party, a promise which would ultimately bring in conservative votes for Clinton. In her own words during a 2008 Democratic presidential debate in California Clinton summed up why she thinks fate is on her side: "It did take a Clinton to clean up after the first Bush, and I think it might take another one to clean up after the second Bush."



John McCain:

Background Info: Currently the senior U.S. Senator from Arizona, John McCain hails from a family of warriors; his grandfather fought in World War II, and his father saw action in both World War II and Vietnam. Due to frequent moving associated with his father's naval career, McCain developed a bit of a rebellious streak as a teen in the 70s, describing himself as a "rebel without a cause" to Navy psychiatrists. Though fifth from the bottom

of his class, he did graduate and went on to become a pilot in the Navy, a career choice which led to combat in Vietnam, where he was captured and spent five years as a POW. Divorced once, McCain and his wife Cindy have currently been married for 28 years. He has seven children and four grandchildren (from both marriages.)

Abortion: Opposes abortion rights and believes Roe v. Wade should be overturned.

Education: Voted in favor of No Child Left Behind. He believes parents should be able to choose their children's schools if their current schools are failing. McCain also emphasizes the value of good teaching facilities.

Immigration: Co-sponsored legislation that would have improved technology along the border, improved enforcement of laws, and granted illegal immigrants a path to citizenship. He also voted in support of building a fence along the border.

Iraq: Supported military action in 2001 and opposes troop withdrawal.

At a May 3, 2007 debate, McCain stated, "We must win in Iraq. If we withdraw, there will be chaos; there will be genocide; and they will follow us home."

Same-Sex Marriage: Though he supports legal benefits for same-sex partners, McCain opposes same-sex marriage, but also opposes a constitutional ban, as he believes the decision should be left up to the states.

Social Security: Supports workers having the option to divert money into private retirement accounts, but strongly believes the Social Security system needs repaired. At a 2000 debate in New Hampshire, McCain said, "More Americans believe Elvis is alive than believe that they'll ever see a Social Security check."

Why He Has a Chance: With Mitt Romney out of the race, McCain is sure to be the Republican candidate (short of a Huckabee miracle). As a Vietnam veteran, his war experience may earn him points with voters. Also, his five-year stay in the Hanoi Hilton (his time as a POW) earns him respect among all Americans, Republican or Democrat, pacifists or war mongers.