

# BETH KUSKO, PH.D. | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Dr. Elizabeth Kusko, Assistant Professor for Political Science, joined the William Peace University faculty in August 2013. Previously, she was an affiliate faculty member in the political science department at Idaho State University.

At WPU, Kusko teaches political science classes, such as State and Law Government, Public Administration, Constitutional Law, and Introduction to Criminal Justice, which is one of her favorite classes to teach.

Kusko also serves as faculty advisor for two William Peace University student organizations, the College Republicans and the new law fraternity *Phi Alpha Delta*.

"I love my students," Dr. Kusko said. "I love their enthusiasm and their curiosity, and the fact that students will just drop by my office and let me know something new they read or heard."

Kusko also has high praises for the University's Political Science Department.

"I truly believe it prepares our students for careers within our field," she explained.

Kusko says the William Peace University Political Science Department creates students who will be leaders within their chosen careers. And, with Peace's downtown Raleigh location and the department's Raleigh Experience requirement of three internships, attending guest speaker events, field trips, course options, and majors, Political Science students are prepared for a wide range of career options upon graduation.

"The field of Political Science is expansive and applicable – anything relevant to government, non-governmental organizations, or the legal system," she said. "For Criminal Justice majors, they could select anything relevant to law enforcement, the law or corrections. These majors will open many doors for our students."

Kusko holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, Political Science and International Studies from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated *Summa Cum Laude* and was a member of *Phi Kappa Phi* and *Psi Chi*. She also holds a Master's Degree in Political Science and Government from Miami University and a Doctorate in Political Science and Government from Idaho State University where she held membership with the American Political Science Association, Association of American University Women, *Phi Kappa Phi* and the Golden Key Society.



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