

# Helvey makes the important things matter

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Imagine your teacher required you to meet with her for ten to fifteen minutes at the beginning of the semester to "get to know you."

Then picture yourself entering her office, looking around and wondering what you've gotten yourself into as you sit yourself down.

Then the first question comes, "What's your story?"

For students in Laura Helvey's political science and women's studies classes this isn't a fantasy, it's reality.

Helvey has taught political science, international relations, comparative politics and politics of Europe and Asia at Elon for the last six years.

And like many of the stories Helvey evokes from her students with her question during their interview, her life is full of rich and exciting activities.

Upon graduating from high school Helvey entered Duke University.

After her first year, she de-

cidied the Blue Devils weren't for her and transferred to Emory University in Georgia where she majored in political communication.

She later went on to get her doctorate from Stanford.

In addition to teaching, Helvey contributes to the Elon community in many ways.

As an adviser to Model United Nations, she takes students to conferences and performs simulation sessions for Global Experiences each semester.

Working with this group has lead Helvey to discern that Elon students are "wonderful, and if you demand a lot they will usually come through."

Helvey will be an adviser for SPECTRUM, a group designed to



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Political science professor Laura Helvey talks with a student.

support gay and lesbian students, for the third time this year.

"I just feel that they should be treated like humans too," Helvey said, "and this organization is designed to support them and to teach

awareness."

Helvey devotes much of her time to her role as President of the Board of Directors for Child Care Resource and Referral.

As a parent of two young

children, Helvey involves herself with this organization which looks to ensure that quality and affordable childcare is available for parents of the area.

Helvey's devout love of politics has also led her to get involved in the Alamance Woman's Political Caucus.

Currently, Helvey is also editing a book through the Carter Center about the role of television in democracy.

Her former involvement with the Carter administration is helping her cause.

Helvey enjoys playing recreational tennis every once in a while, but "honestly, I don't have much time to," she said.

In the future Helvey hopes to do more work on democratization, especially the aspects associated with a free press and media.

Her desire for her future at Elon is to "be a good teacher and give students the tools necessary to make a difference."

"I want my students to be able to go out and do something meaningful," Helvey said.



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