

# **GVPT NEWS**

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**GVPT WINS 2 BOARD OF REGENTS AWARDS**



**Professor Jillian Schwedler** won the 2005 University System of Maryland's Board of Regent's Teaching Award.

Dr. Jillian Schwedler is Assistant Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP), publishers of the quarterly Middle East Report. She is author of *Faith in Moderation: Islamist Parties in Jordan and Yemen* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and has three edited volumes to her credit: *Toward Civil Society in the Middle East?* (1995); *Islamist Parties in Jordan* (1997); and the award-winning *Understanding the Contemporary Middle East*, with Deborah J. Gerner (2004). Her articles have appeared in *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Democracy*, *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, and *Social Movement Studies*, among others.

Dr. Schwedler has received awards and fellowships from the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright Scholars Program (twice) and the Social Science Research Council (twice), the American Institute for Yemeni Studies, the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, and the American Center for Oriental Research (Amman), among others.



**Professor Shibley Telhami** won the University System of Maryland's Board of Regent's Public Service Award.

And is the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, and non-resident senior fellow at the Saban Center at the Brookings Institution. Before coming to the University of Maryland, he taught at several universities, including Cornell University, the Ohio State University, the University of Southern California, Princeton University, Columbia University, Swarthmore College, and the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his doctorate in political science.

Professor Telhami has also been active in the foreign policy arena. He has served as Advisor to the US Mission to the UN (1990-91), as advisor to former Congressman Lee Hamilton, and as a member of the US delegation to the Trilateral US-Israeli-Palestinian Anti-Incitement Committee, which was mandated by the Wye River Agreements. He has contributed to *The Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times* and regularly appears on national and international radio and television. He has served on the US Advisory Group

on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World, which was appointed by the Department of State at the request of Congress, and he co-drafted the report of their findings, *Changing Minds, Winning Peace*. He also co-drafted several Council on Foreign Relations reports on US public diplomacy, on the Arab-Israeli peace process, and on Persian Gulf security.

His best-selling book, *The Stakes: America and the Middle East* (Westview Press, 2003; updated version, 2004) was selected by *Foreign Affairs* as one of the top five books on the Middle East in 2003. His other publications include *Liberty and Power*, with Bryan Hehir et. al. (2004), *Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East*, ed. with Michael Barnett (2002), *International Organizations and Ethnic Conflict*, ed. with Milton Esman (1995); *Power and Leadership in International Bargaining: The Path to the Camp David Accords* (1990), and numerous articles on international politics and Middle Eastern affairs.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the boards of Human Rights Watch (and as vice-chair of Human Rights Watch/Middle East), the Education for Employment Foundation, Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, the University of the Middle East, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Committee on International Security Studies, and *A Different Future*. He also serves on several academic advisory boards. He has also served on the board of the United States Institute of Peace, and was given the Distinguished International Service Award by the University of Maryland in 2002.



### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Congratulations to Jillian and Shibley for these much deserved honors!

Jonathan Fox, who is one of our many successful graduate students, has an interesting and important column on his PhD and post-PhD experiences. He succeeded by making the most of unexpected opportunities and by establishing close working relationships with key faculty.

Finally, if you are not attending one of our workshops, you're missing an important part of the GVPT experience. I suggest that you look through the many announcements put out by centers and fields and attend some of the activities.

Mark I. Lichbach  
Professor and Chair



### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

#### **Registration**

Registration has already begun for the Fall 2006 semester. Faculty and staff should be aware of the following policies:

As was the case this semester, during Fall 2006 GVPT students will be limited to taking 3 GVPT courses at any level per semester. Non-majors are generally only permitted to take 1 lower-level GVPT course per semester. This policy helps ensure that all GVPT courses have enough seats for students to complete their degree requirements in a timely manner. In addition, the oversubscription rules that were in effect starting in Spring 2006 remain the college-wide policy. Government and Politics advising will be handling all GVPT course

oversubscriptions. This means that faculty members will NOT be able to approve students to enter their classes; instead, the department will adhere to the waitlist. Limited resources have forced BSOS departments to stop creating additional seats in their courses. If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration please contact Jennifer Coarts.

### University Senate Elections

Three GVPT majors were selected to be from a field of twenty-nine candidates for the University Senate seats in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Please congratulate Patrick Hughes, Katie Hurlbut, and Avi Mayer for their decisive victory. Katie will take her Senate seat at the May 11 Senate meeting. Patrick and Avi are re-elected members and will continue their present terms into next year.

### Joint Bachelor's & Master's Program Information Session

Please announce widely! The GVPT department will be sponsoring an information session open to all students on the Joint Bachelor's and Master's in Public Policy program offered through the Behavioral and Social Science College. The session will be held on April 5, 2006 at 5:30PM in Tydings 0130. Students who are interested in earning a Master's degree in Public Policy for *less time and for less money* should attend. For more information contact Jennifer Coarts at [jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu).

### Alumni News

#### Spring Mixer

The GVPT Alumni association will be hosting its annual Spring Mixer event at McCormick & Schmick's restaurant in Washington D.C. on April 27, 2006 at 6PM. McCormick & Schmick's is located at 901 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20004 (directly across from Metro Center) Join us in connecting with past classmates and present faculty to help establish ties between current undergraduates and the alumni community. Appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. RSVP to [gvptalumni@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:gvptalumni@gvpt.umd.edu) or (301)-405-4154. We look forward to your joining us! **Looking for a few good alumni** The GVPT Alumni group is always looking for a few good alumni to help us keep the community strong. If you have any interest in participating or planning events, becoming a mentor, or redesigning the GVPT alumni website, please contact Alumni Relations Coordinator Jennifer Coarts at [jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu) or by phone at 301-405-4154.

Wayne McIntosh  
GVPT Undergraduate Director



### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

We have distributed funding letters, and as was the case last year, we are not in a position to fund all of those who requested aid. We hope future developments will allow us to fund a number of these students, but at this time, our funds are quite limited. Graduate students, please feel free to contact me to discuss your specific situation. I'm sorry we cannot do more at this time.

Over the course of the next two weeks, we expect a number of prospective graduate students to visit the department. To the extent possible, please make yourself available to speak with these individuals when they are on campus. Prospective students often ask to speak to individual faculty members (and graduate students),

and we make every effort to accommodate their requests. Please make time in your schedule for those individuals who have asked to speak with you.

If you are planning to take a comprehensive exam this August, and you have not submitted your paperwork to Ann Marie, please do so as soon as possible.

Grad students, please don't wait until the last minute to register for courses. Though the start of the fall term is months away, we will need to make scheduling decisions about low-enrollment courses well before the start of classes. Don't let a class be cancelled because you waited too long to register.

Congratulations to the following former graduate students who have had their dissertations accepted for publication:

Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Baylor University Press  
Wendy Smooth, University of Michigan Press  
Cedric Johnson, University of Minnesota Press.

And Congratulations to Lorrie Ann Frasure. Lorrie won the Sammy Young Award for the best paper at this year's National Conference of Black Political Scientists Meeting, held in Atlanta, GA last week.

Irwin Morris  
GVPT Graduate Director



**MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

We have had a great (*great*) year in placement, but it is not done yet! Two of our graduate students are going for interviews for tenure-track positions, or will have just come back, when you read this: Ken Cousins at Arizona State University, and Anna Brettell Chatrchyan, at Michigan State University. I want to congratulate all the graduate students and their faculty mentors for a job well done. You all have made the 2005-06 placement year one of the best ever.

We now have to start looking forward to next year. It is early days yet, but graduate students should start thinking about when they will be ready to go on the job market. I will be organizing a meeting to go over the placement process before the end of the school year. Generally, if you can say with confidence the Ph.D. will be defended by December 2006, then you should definitely be looking for jobs this coming year. If you are confident you will be done by May 2007, you may or may not be ready to apply for jobs in the fall, and may want to start looking in the spring. Please consult with faculty mentors. And of course, do come see me. Those of you who plan to start the job search this fall need to come see me in any case so I can help you start to put together your placement file. As we all know, finishing the Ph.D. and looking for a job can be mutually exclusive activities. Our experience indicates that students who have defended their dissertation, or whose defense is imminent, are more likely to get a good job offer than those who are far from done. And of course, faculty mentors must be involved in discussing job prospects, dissertation completion, and the best timing for both.

Virginia Haufler, Placement Director



## **MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Happy spring, everyone. We can hardly believe our long and fruitful term as GSA co-chairs will soon be ending, but it is.

### **Next GSA Meeting**

We will be taking nominations for next year's officers at the GSA meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Tydings 1111 at 11 am. The list of available positions is below. We would like current officers to attend the meeting so that they can give quick descriptions of their positions and the time commitments involved, etc. We will also be giving updates on the changes to the comp structure. If anyone would like to discuss funding decisions, let us know. We can ask Irwin to join us.

### **Available Positions**

Two chairs  
 One social director  
 One first-year representative  
 One representative to the Graduate Student Government  
 Three representatives to the departmental Graduate Studies Committee  
 Three representatives to the departmental Admissions Committee  
 One representative to the departmental Teaching Awards Committee  
 One representative to the departmental Undergraduate Studies Committee  
 Five subfield representatives for each Political Science subfield

### **Technology Training**

We had great turnout at our first technology training last month. 1111 was completely full and we learned about Endnote. The next technology training will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in Tydings 1111. The training will discuss either maintaining a website using Dreamweaver or a more detailed demonstration of Endnote. If you have a preference, please let one of us know. Either software can be purchased online or obtained from Mike Evans or Ken Cousins, and needs to be loaded on your laptop prior to the training. Hope to see you there!

### **GVPT Coffee Hour**

Our first coffee hour was not very well attended, so we are going to try a different day. The next GVPT Coffee Hour will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Tydings 3100. The goal of these gatherings is to have inter-subfield fellowship, so please join us for coffee and treats.

### **Presentation on Outside Funding Opportunities**

Dr. Camille Stillwell from the university's Office of National Scholarships will be joining us on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the GVPT Conference room in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor GVPT office to do a presentation on the numerous opportunities for outside funding, including websites to check out for funding, what particular programs are looking for, etc.

### **The Untimely Demise of the Mentorship Column**

We were having a really hard time getting students to write columns about their mentoring or field research experiences, so we have scrapped the column, hopefully temporarily. If you would like to write a column, however, they are always welcome if they are submitted to Cissy by the deadline (typically 5 days before the end of each month).

Your GSA Co-Chairs,



## STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

In case you haven't noticed that there are no more boxes on the floor in the mailroom, we are now putting little red magnets that say **"You have a package"** on the outer side of your mailboxes if you have a box/es instead. The boxes are now located in the back of the mailroom. Please return the magnets to the main office once you have picked up the items.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PH.D's

### **A Moment of Inspiration**

**By: Jonathan Fox, a 1997 Ph.D. Graduate**

My application to the Government and Politics program at the University of Maryland was actually a fluke. I originally was interested in Middle Eastern politics and based on the advice of a professor at my undergraduate institution I applied to several programs and mistakenly added UMCP's program to the list. At the time the Government and Politics department had no one who really focused on Middle Eastern politics but it was the only program to which I was accepted so I came.

I started my graduate career at the University of Maryland having no real clue what I was getting into or what I was doing. I took classes that seemed interesting at UMCP and spent my mornings taking Arabic at Georgetown. Any UMCP student who wanted to study Arabic had to go there for the class since it was not offered at UMCP. I was learning a lot but had no real focus. That changed when I took a class on ethnic conflict with Ted Gurr. I found the class and the professor fascinating.

Let me wind the story back in order to provide more context. I am an orthodox Jew from Chicago. Through high school I went to religious schools and a major topic of interest at school, at home, and in the Jewish community in general was the Arab-Israeli conflict. As an undergrad I was active in Jewish organizations and spent my junior year abroad in Israel at the Hebrew University and took a year off between my BA and grad school volunteering at a community center in Haifa. Thus, my interest in the Middle East.

Ted Gurr's class on ethnic conflict changed my way of looking at things in a number of ways. It probably was one of the most pivotal events in my life. First, while in the past, my focus was narrowly on the conflict itself, I began to view the Arab-Israeli conflict as one example of a larger phenomenon. Second, his Minorities at Risk (MAR) project, which was a major element of the class, opened my eyes to using quantitative methodology to examine these types of issues. I had taken the required statistics course my first year at UMCP but never really considered it something that interested me before Ted Gurr's class. Third, it set me on the course of research which I have pursued since then.

This experience gave me the focus I needed. I took other classes on conflict with Ted Gurr and Jonathan Wilkenfeld. Jonathan Wilkenfeld's class which basically asked us to use major datasets like the COW, ICB, and MAR datasets to test theories was extremely helpful in giving me some experience at using datasets in research. I took a class which looked at literature connected with the Arab-Israeli conflict with Charles Butterworth. He

and I did not agree on much with regard to that topic but we did find some middle ground and I appreciated his ability and willingness to discuss the issue openly and not stifle opposing views as often happens in courses on this topic. In fact based on discussions with students and colleagues, Charles Butterworth's willingness to allow and even encourage opposing views on this topic in his classroom is rarer in academia than it ought to be.

I also managed to become a research assistant for the MAR project. Anyone who is interested in doing quantitative studies in their research should really get involved with a project which collects data for such research. It gave me an insider's view into how the data is collected and, consequently, a better understanding of how to use it.

My involvement in MAR led me to my dissertation topic which involved collecting religion variables to be used with the MAR dataset in order to examine the influence of religion on ethnic conflict. I was surprised to find out that no one had ever done any large-n studies of religion and conflict other than some sociological survey-based studies which looked at the connection between religion and individual tendencies toward violence or conflict. Since I was entering virgin territory, the dissertation's research design was both hard and easy. It was hard in that I had to develop the religion aspects of theoretical basis for the study from scratch but the fact that I did not have to find my particular niche in an already established field made the originality aspect of the dissertation simple.

I'd also like to note that there are few universities which would have let me done a dissertation on that topic in the 1990s. One of the reasons that no one had done a study on that topic is that, as weird as it may seem in the post 9/11 era, the paradigm in the social sciences for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with regard to religion was that it would become less and less relevant in modern times. I know of instances where students at other universities which wanted to write on similar topics during the mid to late 1990s were told outright that they could not because it was not a legitimate topic. I was fortunate that the members of my committee, especially Ted Gurr, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, and Charles Butterworth had more open minds on the topic.

During grad school, I also became involved in the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration section of the ISA. Martin Heisler was helping to found the section and encouraged me to become involved as an officer. Doing so significantly helped my academic career. It helped me to make contacts which have been a boon to my career ever since. It also gave me a better understanding of how academic associations work and, more importantly, how paper and panel proposals get accepted for these associations' conventions. As most of these associations can not accept all of the papers submitted for their conferences, this inside knowledge can be extremely helpful.

After graduation I managed to find a tenure-track position at Bar Ilan University which is sort of a Jewish Notre Dame located in a suburb of Tel Aviv, Israel. When I got there I assumed that I'd publish a few articles and a book off the dissertation then move on to other things. It did not work out quite like that. Because no one had ever really published on the topic a few articles and a book turned into two books and over twenty-five articles and book chapters so far (this includes articles analyzing updated data and using other datasets like the State Failure dataset). Every time I think I'm done, new data comes in or an analysis reveals an interesting dynamic that requires an additional study. For example, when looking at the causes of discrimination against religious minorities I found that while democratic states engage in less discrimination than autocratic states (not surprising), I found that those states which fall between democracies and autocracies engage in even less discrimination. It sometimes seems that for every answer I get I uncover at least one more interesting question.

I've also branched out into some related areas like testing Samuel Huntington's clash of civilizations theory and the influence of religion in international relations. Both of these projects were originally intended to be a single article but got out of hand. The former ended up being several articles and half of one of my books. It turns out that there is so much to test and disprove in Huntington's theory that a single article was not nearly enough. The fact that there was a large market for such articles did not hurt. The second article, which I wrote pre-9/11 came

out just after 911 and I was solicited to turn it into a book given the increased interest in the topic of religion in international relations since 911.

My most recent project has been to collect data on separation of religion and state (or the lack thereof) for 175 countries. This is a natural progression from my original work which started at UMCP. It provides data which allows me to study the impact of religion on non-ethnic conflict (my original data collection is only usable with the MAR dataset so its use is limited) as well as other political phenomena. The training I received as a research assistant on the MAR project also gave me the skills I needed to design and execute this type of data collection.

Looking back on it all it amazes me how a moment of inspiration in one class changed my life. Of course that moment was followed by encouragement and support by many especially Ted Gurr who gave me the opportunity to work with him on the MAR project and chaired my dissertation committee. Others like Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Martin Heisler, and Charles Butterworth were extremely generous with their time and advice.

During the course of this essay, I've singled out a few of those who helped me along the way during my graduate career. While they are perhaps the most pivotal, or at least that is how it seems when I look back on my six years at UMCP, I took classes with many other professors at UMCP and received some form of help or guidance from many others as well as from my fellow graduate students and the department's staff. The depth and diversity of the department was and is an asset from which I took as much advantage as possible.

Since my graduation in 1997, I've run into several graduates of the department's Ph.D. program who were not there as the same time as me. So far, my experience has been that fellow graduates can be excellent contacts and often become good friends. Pat James (Class of 1984) in particular has become a good friend and has tremendously helped my career and I like to think that I have reciprocated.

Be that as it may, I want this essay to be more than just an autobiography and hope that whoever reads it might learn something from my experiences at UMCP and since. First, inspiration can come from anywhere. I found it in a class taught by Ted Gurr which completely changed how I think about things. However, inspiration alone is not enough. The inspiration gave my graduate work focus but it still involved a lot of work. Second, small projects can turn in to big ones. This has happened to me several times. Building a good CV involves both quality and quantity. Whenever I put together an article, I always ask myself whether there is more there. Perhaps the study uncovers some additional questions that can be the basis for a new study. Perhaps I'll find that an article is a good start but there is so much to write on the topic that the article can and should be expanded into a book. Also, when trying to decide between different options for a course of research, I tend to prefer ones that have the potential to open avenues to further research beyond the original project. This strategy has kept my professional life both busy and interesting.



## **WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

### **AMERICAN POLITICS WORKSHOP**

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly research colloquium for faculty and graduate students. The workshop constitutes an ongoing research community where participants present and discuss papers in an informal, supportive environment. Papers are made available via the workshop website in advance of our meetings, and participants are expected to have read them. Discussion leaders are assigned on a rotating basis, matching papers with discussants who share complementary research interests. Many of the papers presented in recent years have gone on to publication in top tier political science journals.

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshop.

In the Spring semester the workshop will meet bi-monthly on Fridays in Tydings 1111 from 10:30 to 12:00. The AP Workshop website is: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

### **April 07**

Professionalization Session: Making the Most of Conference Participation

### **April 28**

Jim Gimpel, “Mining for Campaign Gold: The Spatial Nature of Political Fundraising”

### **May 05**

Wayne McIntosh, Ken Cousins, Steve Simon, Mike Evans, John McTague, Becca Thorpe, Kim Karnes, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, “Mapping the Flow of Precedent”

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD WORKSHOP**

### **April 3**

**Dennis Pirages, 11:30-1:00, TYD 1111**

### **April 17**

**Virginia Haufler, 11:30-1:00, TYD 1111**

### **TBA**

**Miranda Schreurs, 11:30-1:00, TYD 1111**

## **DC AREA WORKSHOP ON CONTENTIOUS POLITICS**

The DCAWP is dedicated to the rigorous study of contentious political phenomena including, but not limited to state repression/human rights violation, protest, civil war, genocide/politicide, everyday resistance as well as interstate conflict.

This workshop is meant to help authors refine and revise their work for publication. As such, we do not present/discuss work that is already published, but work in any other phase of completion is welcomed, including work that is just getting underway. We encourage both graduate students and faculty members at institutions throughout the DC metro area to submit their work for consideration in future meetings.

In the Spring 06 semester, the group meets every other Wednesday from 11AM-12:30PM at the University of Maryland in Tydings 0139 (CIDCM conference room) on the following dates:

**April 12**

"War by Other Means: The Fate of Civilians in Times of War"

Author: Paul Huth (University of Maryland), Ben Valentino (Dartmouth College) and Sara Croco (University of Michigan)

Discussants:

**April 26**

"Political Authority, Neopatrimonial Institutions and Conflict in Africa"

Author: Phillip Roessler, University of Maryland

Discussants:

**May 10**

"Turning a Blind Eye: Neglect as Policy for Managing Ethno-Religious Minorities in Asia"

Author: Sandra Leavitt, Georgetown University

Discussants:

The DCAWCP format is as follows: the paper is submitted to the group roughly one week prior to the discussion (or earlier if possible); everyone reads the paper and comes prepared to discuss; two discussants lead off the discussion with their comments on the work after which the author is allowed to respond; finally, the floor is opened to the audience for discussion.

If interested in presenting or serving as a discussant/reviewer, then please provide a title and a date preference.

To find out more about DCAWCP please explore our website

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/davenport/dcawcp> where you will find a schedule, past papers discussed at the workshop and directions to the campus.

**The DCAWCP organizing committee: Christian Davenport, Jack Goldstone, Paul Huth, Mark Lichbach, Jillian Schwedler**

**CIDCM SEMINAR SERIES**

As part of its ongoing seminar series, CIDCM will be co-hosting the IR research seminar this spring 2006 term, which features the work of various IR faculty members in GVPT. In addition, CIDCM will schedule additional talks for scholars from within the Center and those in the greater D.C. area. Please consult the CIDCM webpage for the full schedule.

**MARYLAND MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR SERIES**

**NOTE: specific locations will be announced prior to each event.**

**April TBA**

"Prospects for Political Reform in Jordan"

Dr. Marwan Muasher

Dr. Muasher is a Senator in the Jordanian parliament. Previously, he served the Jordanian government as Deputy Foreign Minister, Minister of Information, and Ambassador to the United States and Mexico. He was appointed as Jordan's first Ambassador to Israel after the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty was signed in 1994, and was the chief architect of the Road Map.

**April 13, 11:00 AM**

"Globalization and Reform in the Middle East"

Dr. Waleed Hazbun

Dr. Hazbun is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University.

**April 27, 10:30 AM**

"Tradition and Change in the 1930s Diary of Palestinian Sami 'Amr"

Dr. Kimberly Katz

Dr. Katz is Assistant Professor of History at Towson University, and author of *Holy Places and National Spaces: Jerusalem under Jordanian Control* (Texas, 2004).

**May 3, 11:00 AM**

"Iranian Power in the Persian Gulf"

Dr. Tom Mattair

Dr. Mattair is a Washington DC-based independent consultant to government and business. From 1992-1995 he was Director of Research at the Middle East Policy Council, and from 1996-2003 he undertook extensive research in the Gulf on issues ranging from boundary disputes and oil to Islamist movements and regimes.

**May 11, 11:00 AM**

"Al-Jazeera and the New Arab Public"

Dr. Marc Lynch

Dr. Lynch is Associate Professor of Political Science at Williams College and author of the widely read blog on Middle East politics, AbuAardvark ([www.abuaardvark.com](http://www.abuaardvark.com)). He is author of *Voices of the New Arab Public: Iraq, Al-Jazeera, and Middle East Politics Today* (Columbia 2005) and *State Interests and Public Spheres: The International Politics of Jordan's Identity* (Columbia 1999).



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

► You are invited to the Maryland Constitutional Law Gathering to be held at the University of Maryland School of Law on March 3 and March 4, 2006. Topic is "Constitutional Liberalism at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". If you have any questions about this event, please email Professor Mark Graber at [mgrab@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:mgrab@gvpt.umd.edu).

► The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is proud to present a lecture by Dr. Marc Sageman, "Understanding Global Salafi Terrorists." Sageman, who holds M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from New York University, is an expert in forensic psychiatry, ethno-political conflict, and terrorism. He will speak on March 14, 2006 at 2pm in the Nanticoke Room of the Stamp Student Union. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

► **GUEST LECTURE with Jane Bennett, Professor, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University: "Is Vitalism Dead?: Hans Driesch, George W. Bush, and Stem Cell Research." Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30-2:00pm 1101 Morrill Hall, a light lunch will be served.**



## **CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)**

CAPC will be participating in Maryland Day; we will be registering new voters, playing games, and Prince George's County has kindly donated the use of some voting machines for attendees to "practice on" . Maryland Day is on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

CAPC and the HCIL are sponsoring a day-workshop titled "The Usability and Security of Electronic Voting Systems" on June 2, 2006. The mini-conference will focus on the usability of different direct voting systems (including DREs and optical scans) and how they affect voter satisfaction, need for assistance, and voter accuracy. For more information check out the website at <http://www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/soh/voting.shtml>.

CAPC will continue its study of voting systems and ballot designs, including a study of vote verification systems for the Maryland State Board of elections and testimony presented before commissions in Maryland, California, and elsewhere.

### **Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)**

#### **Coming Events:**

Wednesday, April 26th  
START Seminar Series Featuring: Dr. Martha Crenshaw  
*"Why do Terrorists Attack the U.S.?"*  
2:00pm  
6137 McKeldin Library

#### ***The State of Israeli Politics: A Dialogue between Barry Rubin and Benny Morris***

##### **Benny Morris**

Ben Gurion University and University of Maryland

##### **Barry Rubin**

Global Research in International Relations (GLORIA) Center and American University

Wednesday, April 5

4:00 PM, 2309 Art Sociology

(Event is presented by CIDCM in cooperation with the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies.)

#### **CIDCM sponsors One Voice Campus Presentation**

On February 22, CIDCM hosted a program by OneVoice at McKeldin Library. OneVoice is a non-partisan, grassroots, Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolution organization that works to empower those in the Region to

stand up against extremism and work toward a negotiated settlement to the conflict. Key to their work in the Middle East is a Youth Leadership Program that trains the most committed and able young Palestinians and Israelis in public speaking, conflict resolution and non-violent protest. These ambassadors have long been working in their own communities encouraging people to stand up for a negotiated solution to the conflict and working towards engaging people in fighting for the under-heard voices of moderation. In keeping with its mission, CIDCM was proud to be among their University of Maryland sponsors.

### **CIDCM Welcomes New Fulbright Scholar**

CIDCM welcomes Enric Martínez-Herrera, a Fulbright Senior Fellow. Dr. Martinez will be working on the Minorities at Risk Project during his stay at the University, and we are looking forward to working with him. His research on nationalism, multiculturalism and political violence has been published in various academic journals, such as *European Journal of Political Research* and *International Journal on Multicultural Societies*, and edited books.

Dr. Martinez holds a doctorate in political and social sciences from the European University Institute (Florence), a diploma in social science data analysis from the University of Essex, an MA in political science from University Pompeu Fabra, and a BA in political science and sociology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He has been an assistant lecturer at University Pompeu Fabra and a visiting researcher at the universities of Edinburgh, Essex and Louvain (Leuven).

## **Harrison Program**

### **BIG GIG**

Is the Earth flat, or is it the author? The next meeting of the Big GIG (Global Issues Group) will discuss Thomas Friedman's *The Earth Is Flat* on Monday, March 13, from 11:00-12:30 in 1136 Tydings. All members of the department are welcome. Copies of the book for graduate student use will be available shortly. For further information or to suggest books for future sessions, contact Karol Soltan at [ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu). Also, mark your calendar for April 10 and May 8 for future meetings of the group.

### **April 10**

Sidney Tarrow, "The New Transnational Activism"

11:00-12:30, in 1136 Tydings.

Copies of the book are available for graduate student use in the Big GIG drawer of the filing cabinet in the Harrison suite.

### **April 10**

**BOLIVIA POLITICS PANEL DISCUSSION:** The Harrison Program is sponsoring a panel discussion on Bolivian politics in the wake of the recent election of indigenous leader Evo Morales. Join us for "Refounding Bolivia: Perspectives on the Constituent Assembly and Indigenous Politics" on Monday April 10 from 1:00-3:30 in the Benjamin Banneker Room (2212) of Stamp Student Union. The featured speaker will be Bolivian labor activist and indigenous organizer Felix Muruchi Poma, who is currently on a US speaking tour. He will be joined by Bolivia watchers Robert Albro of GW, Erick Langer of Georgetown, and Kevin Healy of GW. All members of the campus community are welcome. For more information, contact Steve Moore-Sanchez at [smoore-sanchez@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:smoore-sanchez@gvpt.umd.edu)

**May 8**

Jeff Frieden's, "Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century"(New York: Norton, 2006 11:00-12:30, in 1136 Tydings.

Copies of the book are available for graduate student use in the Big GIG drawer of the filing cabinet in the Harrison suite.

**HARRISON SYMPOSIUM**

The Harrison Program contributes a regular symposium to the journal Politics and the Life Sciences, which is published through the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs. Past symposia are available on the Harrison Program web page [www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison) We are always looking for good ideas for symposium topics at the intersection of politics and the life sciences, broadly defined, and particularly as they relate to issues of globalization and governance. For more information, contact symposium editors Dennis Pirages and Ken Conca.

**College Park Scholars-International Studies (CPS-IS)**

College Park Scholars International Studies (CPS-IS) is one of twelve special living-learning programs for academically talented first- and second-year students who take classes together and live together in selected residence halls. Each entering class consists of approximately 60-70 students. Although CPS-IS brings together undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines, there has been a steady increase in the number of Government and Politics and BSOS students since 2002. In fact, over a third of the 2005 freshman class are GVPT or BSOS majors; and a sizeable number of those who are undeclared or in other majors have indicated very strong interests in adding or changing to GVPT. Many of these students pursue department honors after completing the program and are usually at the top of the GVPT and BSOS graduating classes.

As an academic program, CPS-IS offers a two-year opportunity to build global awareness and community as well as explore political, economic, social and other issues at the international level. Specially designed courses and experiences focus on critical thinking and experiential learning and mirror the substantive levels of analysis used in international studies. In addition, all students are required to take GVPT100S and one other 3 or 4-credit supporting course such as GVPT200 and ECON200.

Like the other twelve programs, CPS-IS gets support from Undergraduate Studies and sponsoring colleges. However, given the nature and content of international studies, the program is deeply indebted to the GVPT department. The Faculty Director (Dorith Grant-Wisdom), Associate Director (Colette Chichester) and Graduate Assistant (Neha Sahgal) are affiliated with GVPT. CPS-IS is also greatly enhanced by the expertise provided by various GVPT and related faculty. As a frequent visitor, Professor Mark Lichbach (GVPT Chair) has been particularly informative in providing an overview of the GVPT department and its faculty, and the significance of international studies and research especially at this critical period in world history. For the past three years, Professor Karol Soltan has been teaching GVPT100—designed for, and restricted to International Studies scholars. Likewise, CPS-IS now looks forward to the annual talks by Professor Shibley Telhami (Anwar Sadat Chair) and Professor Suheil Bushrui (Baha'i Chair for World Peace). This semester, the first years began

their academic journey with an introduction to the levels of analysis by Professor Virginia Haufler. Professors Ken Conca, Marcus Franda, Soo Yeon Kim, Martin Heisler, Jillian Schwedler, Ernie Wilson and Kathleen Young have also shared their ideas and views with the students over the years. The same applies to Tim Wedig (Research Associate with ICONS) and to a number of past and present graduate students including Anthony Kammas and Matt Bowker. Support for scholars goes beyond the physical presence in the CPS-IS classroom. Other members of faculty have in some way shared their ideas with students and conveyed the importance of scholarship and academic integrity through supporting classes, discussions and mentorship.

The International Studies students also benefit from exposure to other university faculty, CPS-IS alumni (many of whom are GVPT majors), as well as professionals from the international community in the Washington D.C. area. This semester, the visiting experts and professionals include the Ambassador of Belize and the Director of AFRICA ACTION. Various activities such as the Ropes Course, visit to the Holocaust Museum and CPS-IS sponsored events help to provide opportunities for experiential learning and the building of community.

Next spring semester, the first year class will focus on research activities (with guidance from the Mckeldin librarians) at the national and regional levels, and will take the annual trip to the United Nations. The sophomores will conclude their journey in Scholars with a 3-credit practicum that encourages students to explore and accumulate practical and/or research experience related to long-term academic, personal or career interests. The various options include Discovery Projects Research, Diplomacy and Negotiation Project involving ICONS, Teaching Assistantships, Service Learning, and Internships. The program looks forward to the critical support of the GVPT faculty and the department as a whole.

Submitted by Dorith Grant-Wisdom



## **FIELD UPDATES**

### **AMERICAN POLITICS**

The American politics field will continue its series of research and professionalization workshops this semester. We also will be considering proposals from graduate students for summer research funding and funding for summer training.

#### **American Politics Workshop:**

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly gathering for all faculty and graduate students interested in American Politics. Each of our research workshops features a paper by a faculty member or graduate student. The paper is posted at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop/schedule.htm> and all participants are expected to have read it in advance. Paper authors make no formal presentations, and one faculty member and one graduate student serve as discussion leader for each session. After their initial comments on the paper, we open it up for general discussion among the entire group. This year, we also have added a series of “professionalization workshops,” at which we discuss issues of career development (e.g. the job market, academic publishing, completing a dissertation) that are particularly important for graduate students. The research workshops are held at 10:30 am on Fridays in Tydings 1111. The professionalization sessions generally are held at 3:30 pm on Fridays in Tydings 1111. The schedule put together by our workshop director, Frances Lee, for this semester is:

**04/07** -- Professionalization Session: Making the Most of Conference Participation

**04/28** -- Jim Gimpel, "Mining for Campaign Gold: The Spatial Nature of Political Fundraising"

**05/05** -- Wayne McIntosh, Ken Cousins, Steve Simon, Mike Evans, John McTague, Becca Thorpe, Kim Karnes, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, "Mapping the Flow of Precedent"

## **THEORY**

Theory in Motion.

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **International Relations Workshop**

**April 3**

**Dennis Pirages, 11:30-1:00, TYD 1111**

**April 17**

**Virginia Haufler, 11:30-1:00, TYD 1111**

**April 24**

**Miranda Schreurs, 11:30-1:00, TYD 1111**

## **COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

Comparative in Motion.



## **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Chapters and Article Publications**

**Ben Barber's** Marketplace commentary: **Privatization of Port Security.**

**Soo Yeon Kim's** "An Exclusive Country Club: The Effects of GATT on Trade, 1950-94". With Joanne Gowa. World Politics July 2005.

**Jillian Schwedler** and Laryssa Chomiak, "And the Winner Is...: Authoritarian Elections in the Arab World," Middle East Report, no. 238 (Spring 2006).

**Vladimir Tismaneanu's** article on the 50th anniversary of Nikita Khrushchev's Secret Speech came out in Wall Street Journal (Europe) on February 24, 2006. The piece was translated into Russian ([www.inosmi.ru](http://www.inosmi.ru)). Tismaneanu was interviewed by Voice of America on current Russians' attitudes about Stalin (Focus Report, March 20, 2006). Tismaneanu was also the host of the Romanian National Radio's talkshow "The World Today," speaking on decommunization, lustration, and the challenges of postcommunism, March 24, 2006.

**Ric Uslaner's** paper with Bo Rothstein (University of Goteborg, Sweden, and Harvard University), "All for All: Equality, Corruption, and Social Trust," will appear in *World Politics*, v. 57 (October, 2005).

### **Grants and Awards**

**Christian Davenport** won the 06-07 Russell Sage Fellowship Award. Davenport also received the 2006-2007 Visiting Scholar Award, a Fulbright Scholar Award for Norway

**Soo Yeon Kim** has accepted a fellowship at the Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University. She will be a Visiting Associate Research Scholar at Princeton for the 2006-2007 academic year.

**Jillian Schwedler** won the 2005 University System of Maryland's Board of Regent's Teaching Award.

**Shibley Telhami** won the 2005 University System of Maryland's Board of Regent's Public Service Award.

**Ric Uslaner** has been named the Senior Research Fellow of the Center for American Law and Political Science, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China. He will help coordinate the Center's research agenda and will give annual lectures.

### **Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Ben Barber**, 2/15 Brecht Forum, NY **Performing Democracy**, 2/24 University of California, Annenberg Center, Networked Publics presentation to the Digital Culture Group, 3/9 Hosted breakfast for Mexico Foreign Minister Ernesto Derbez, 3/22 Bertelsmann Stiftung Global Symposium on Religion: Presented in German: *Die Rolle der Religion in der amerikanischen Gesellschaft*, 3/24 Salmugundi Debate with Bernard Henri-Levi 3/30 University of Florida presentation at the annual Political Science department banquet: **Consumed: The Fate of Citizens Under Capitalism Triumphant**, 3/31 University of Florida university-wide lecture: **The Politics of Fear and the War on Terror**, 4/19 Suffolk College university-wide lecture: **Is Civic Education Possible in an Era of Jihad vs McWorld?**, 4/20 Augustana College university-wide lecture: **Jihad, Terrorism and Democracy: What's Wrong with the Cartoons?**

**Charles Butterworth** presented a paper entitled "Averroes's Middle Commentary on Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: How do we know what to do?" at the 7th International Conference of SIHSPAI (International Society for the History of Arabic and Islamic Science and Philosophy), Science and Philosophy: The Circulation of Knowledge around the Mediterranean (9th-16th centuries), which was held in Florence, Italy from February 16-18, 2006. Butterworth also presented a paper entitled "The Philosopher as Law-Giver: Reflections on Alfarabi's Summary of Plato's Laws" at a special conference, "De usu rationis: The relationship of Reason and Revelation in the Middle Ages," that took place from February 21-23, 2006 in Hannover Germany.

**Martin Heisler** has been invited to present the Inaugural Franklin Lecture at New Mexico State University on April 6. The title of the lecture is "Migration and Security: The U.S. in Comparative Perspective."

**Virginia Haufler** presented a paper on "Finance, Power, and Social Purpose" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in San Diego, March 22-26, 2006. She also participated in a roundtable of the IMF Forum on "Is Globalization Here to Stay?", commenting on Jeffrey Frieden's new book *Global Capitalism*, March 29, 2006. She gave a talk on a panel on governance issues, focusing on corporate social responsibility, for the annual conference of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, March 30, 2006.

**Paul Herrnson's** "Minor-Party Candidates in Congressional Elections", paper was presented at the Marketplace of Democracy, A Conference on Electoral Competition and American Politics Sponsored by the Cato Institute and the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., March 9, 2006. Herrnson participated in an American Bar Association OnLine Dialogue on Campaign Finance Reform, March 1-22, which will be published later this spring and participated in a Roundtable Discussion of Race and Campaign Financing in State and Local Elections, sponsored by the JEHT Foundation, New York, NY, March 17, 2006.

**Jillian Schwedler** was a featured speaker at the U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Doha in February, where she spoke on "Islamists and the Challenge of Inclusion." Schwedler and Sam Fayyaz presented their paper: "Disciplining Dissent: Toward a Legal Geography of Protest in Jordan," at the European University Institute in Florence, March 22-25.

**Shibley Telhami** had the following newspaper articles "Challenge Bigger than Iraq," Baltimore Sun, March 26, 2006 and "Seeing Hamas through Different Lenses," Baltimore Sun, March 15, 2006. And the following talks; delivered the keynote speech at the Mercy Corps Board Dinner, Washington, DC, March 15, 2006, spoke on "The role of the Arab-Israeli Issue" at the Global Communities program, University of Maryland, March 28, 2006, moderated a talk "Whither Political Reform in Egypt?" delivered by Mona Makram-Ebeid, Middle East Series, University of Maryland, March 16, 2006, gave a talk "What's Happening in the Middle East," at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, Florida, March 12, 2006 and "Where do we go from here in the Middle East?" at the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs, March 7, 2006, and spoke to students at Professor Jon Wilkenfeld's class, GVPT 409K, seminar in international relations and World Politics: Conflict and Crisis - spoke on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, March 2, 2006. Telhami also had many radio and television appearances on major media outlets, including CNN, NBC Today Show, Dianne Rehm, and others.

**Vladimir Tismaneanu** delivered the keynote address at the international graduate students conference, University of Pittsburgh, February 25, 2006. Spoke on the international impact of Khrushchev's 1956 onslaught on Stalin's "cult of personality" at a symposium organized by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (March 1, 2006). And delivered a Microsoft lecture at the Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Washington State, on March 31, on "The Life, Death, and Afterlife of Romanian Communism."

**Ric Uslaner** will lecture on "The Bulging Pocket and the Rule of Law: Corruption, Inequality, and Trust" at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (April 4), the City University of Hong Kong (April 6), and at the Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Consortium for Political Research, Nicosia, Cyprus (April 25-29).



## **GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Articles and Chapters in print**

**Jonathan N. Brown**, Scott Pegg, and Jacob W. Shively. 2006. "Consensus and Divergence in International Studies: Survey Evidence from 140 International Studies Curriculum Programs," International Studies Perspectives Vol. 7 #3 (August).

**Laryssa Chomiak** and Jillian Schwedler, "And the Winner Is...: Authoritarian Elections in the Arab World," Middle East Report, no. 238 (Spring 2006).

**Anthony Marcum** and Melissa Buehler, "Looking into the Teaching Crystal: Graduate Teaching and the Future of Political Science," Journal of Political Science Education, vol. 3 no. 1 (2007).

## **Grants and Awards**

**Jenny Wüstenberg** will be a DAAD/AICGS fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary Germany Studies in Washington, D.C. this summer.



**SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 2006**

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9	10 BIG GIG TYD 1136 11-12:30  Harrison Panel Discussion 1-3:30 2212 SSU	11	12 DCAWCP 11-12:30 TYD 0139	13 Middle East Seminar 11am-Location TBA	14	15
16	17 IR FIELD WRKSH TYD 1111 11:30-1:00	18 President's Forum 8AM, SSU	19 Executive Com. Mtg. 11-12:15, GVPT Conf. Rm	20	21	22
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