

# GVPT NEWS

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**THIS MONTHS NOTICES**



**FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**  
Monday, December 6, 2010 in 1101 Morrill Hall – 11-12:15pm



**FACULTY MEETING ON HOLD FOR:**  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in 1101 Morrill Hall – 11-12:15pm



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE GVPT HOLIDAY RECEPTION:**  
Friday, December 10, 2-4pm in 1101 Morrill Hall



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Our many job interviews made this a very busy semester. I want to thank everyone for their active participation during candidate visits. As we move forward with offers, we hope to add several new faculty members to next year's fall teaching schedule. If successful, this would bring our full time faculty closer to our projected goal set many years ago to a faculty of 45-50.

Dealing with our financial stresses has not been easy. We are fortunate to have our Undergraduate Director Karen Kaufmann, our Graduate Director Irwin Morris and our Business Manager Mike Mansfield on our side.

Please join us for the BSOS graduation on Sunday, December 19, 2010, 4pm at the Comcast Center. We are still looking for Marshalls. I understand the difficulty scheduling your affairs during the holiday season, but it is important to support our students and their parents on this joyous occasion.

The next GVPT Newsletter will be February 2011. Continue to send in your updates. I hope to see everyone at our end-of-the-year party. Have a happy and a healthy vacation.

Mark I. Lichbach  
Professor and Chair



**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

January comprehensive exam committees are in the process of being finalized. If you are planning to take a comp in January, and your committee has not been set, please let me know as soon as possible.

Please join me in congratulating the 2010 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award recipient, Melissa Bell. A reception to honor Melissa will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 2:00 pm in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall. Please join us for this event. Thanks to Karen Kaufmann (chair) and Mike Hanmer for joining me on the 2010 Spencer Award committee.

Sihan Wang has been selected as a CTE International Teaching Fellow. Congratulations, Sihan!

The department is now accepting nominations for the APSA dissertation awards (see [http://www.apsanet.org/content\\_4113.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/content_4113.cfm)). Our internal deadline is December 13th, 2010. As usual, fields are responsible for nominating dissertations for awards solely in their field. Nominations are open for other dissertation awards. I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Grad students, please don't wait until the last minute to register for courses. Though the start of the spring term is still two 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.

Irwin Morris  
GVPT Graduate Director



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

The job market, while still down, has picked up significantly. I know you'll all be happy to know that Maryland grads are being invited for interviews. Please congratulate Ann Cizmar on her new job as a tenure-track faculty member at Eastern Kentucky starting next fall! Other graduate students have been invited to interview at Wellesley, Boston College, Temple University, University of Chicago, Southwestern University, Purdue, University of Wisconsin, Oklahoma State, Middlebury, Mississippi, Mt. Holyoke, West Virginia, and Michigan State.

We'll be having a few more practice job talks before the end of the year, and I want to thank you all for your great turnout for these.

This spring I will once again offer a one-credit seminar for graduate students on teaching, tentatively set for Wednesdays at 4pm. This will be run as an informal seminar, and I hope you will all register and attend. There are no burdensome requirements, and no prerequisites. I hope you will let me know what questions and issues bedevil you, and I'll be sure we address them.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday break, and all the best for the new year!

Virginia Haufler  
Director of Placement



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

The GSA would like to thank everyone for their ideas and involvement this semester. With your help, we held two successful training workshops, led by our own graduate students, implemented a student mentor program,

took steps to address our printing needs, organized several fun social events, and generated great suggestions for next semester.

For the spring semester, GSA meetings will return to their normally scheduled days and times - Wednesdays from 11-12 in Tydings 1111. We will be in touch with exact dates soon. We're also planning several additional training sessions, a student survey, and further socializing opportunities. Stay tuned for more information.

We'd like to remind everyone to please clean out your offices, fridges, and other shared spaces before the long winter break. Our first year representatives, Alli and Anne, will be tidying up the grad lab before the end of the semester, but let's all chip in to keep Tydings clean.

We hope everyone has a great end of the semester and a fun and restful break. We look forward to seeing you again in January.

Your GSA Co-Chairs,

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

### **Commencement**

University Commencement will be taking place on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 7PM in the Comcast Center.

BSOS Commencement will be taking place on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 4PM in the Comcast Center.

Marshals are still needed for the main ceremony. Please contact Karen Kaufmann if you can participate.

### **Recommendations Letters**

Spring is when most deadlines for study abroad, scholarships, and other opportunities occur. Encourage your best students to seek out more information about these opportunities now, and request letters of recommendation sooner rather than later for these unique opportunities. Students can store all letters of recommendation in a "credentials file" with the Career Center. The center will keep letters, either confidentially or open, for students for up to seven years and send out one or all of the letters for students to any organization whenever requested. Encourage your students to sign up for this excellent service.

Karen Kaufmann  
GVPT Undergraduate Director



## **STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **MAILBOXES**

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.

Graduate Students: Please make every effort to clear out your mailboxes. Overflowing mailboxes send the department a signal that you do not need a mailbox.

### **HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

GVPT Holiday Reception is set for Friday, December 10, 2-4pm in 1101 Morrill Hall. This reception will be a Hors d'Oeuvres and dessert event. We hope that you will be able to join us.

### **PAYROLL**

Please remember that when you need to make any payroll additions or changes, please fill out a payroll request form. This form allows us to determine what payroll paperwork the new employee will need. To get this form, please see Denise Wist in the main office.

**Help reduce staff time on payday. Go on-line and request that you no longer need a hard copy of your pay stub. Goto: <https://was-2.umd.edu/phrtimeentry/menu>, then click on View/Print Bi-weekly Earnings Statement, then you will see the line that says: I wish to continue to receive printed bi-weekly earning statement from state payroll, YES or NO. Don't forget to save your change.**

### **MAKE-UP EXAMS** (Proctoring)

The main office staff does not proctor or oversee make-up exams. Make-up exams will not be held in the GVPT main Office Conference Room.

### **COLLECTING OR RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS**

The main office staff does not collect or return student papers. If you want to provide a drop-off or pick-up service, give the students a time when you will be in your office. Leaving papers out for the students to flip through is a violation of student privacy. The best suggestion for returning papers or exams is to ask the students to provide a self addressed and stamped envelope.



### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's**

**NO UPDATES THIS MONTH**



### **FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

#### **AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

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 workshops. **All workshop sessions will be held on Fridays, 10:30am-12:00pm (unless otherwise noted), in Tydings 1111.**

### **Scheduled**

**December 3**                    **“Future Friends or Future Foes? When Presidents Campaign for Candidates Who Lose: Clinton in 1994”**

Presenters:     Paul Herrnson, Irwin Morris, and John McTague

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.

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. We invite faculty and graduate students to discuss their latest research; present papers in progress, with a formal discussant; present information for professional development; and invite guest speakers. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. The international relations workshop will be meeting on Mondays this fall from 11:00-12:15 in Tydings 1136. We will schedule approximately 5 meetings over the course of the semester. Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at [www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop) as they become available.

Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Scott Kastner at [skastner@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:skastner@gvpt.umd.edu).

**Scheduled Events 11-12:15, 1136 Tydings Hall**

**\*\*\*Pending Search\*\*\***

### **COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

Throughout the course of the semester we will hold periodic gatherings for the comparative field, including social events, speakers, and special topic seminars (e.g. how to do research in the field, how to get grants to go overseas). Please watch for future emails of scheduled events. All will be held 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall, with the possible exception of October 14. An email will be sent with room conformation.

**Scheduled Events 11-12:15, 1101 Morrill Hall:**

**\*\*\*Pending Search\*\*\***

Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

## **CIDCM WORKSHOP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT**

Dear Colleagues:

This year we have re-named the Contentious Politics Workshop the CIDCM Workshop on Peace and Conflict. I look forward to a lively and productive workshop this year and the opportunity to interact with all of you. I wanted to get things started by reviewing plans for the workshop this year and then by asking all of you to sign up for specific dates to present your work and/or to serve as a discussant.

First, the workshop will be held generally on Mondays every third week (see the schedule below for a couple of exceptions) at the University of Maryland in Morrill Hall, room 1101 (conference room on the first floor), from 11:00-12:15. Second, we will follow the standard format followed in previous years in which a) ongoing research is presented, b) a paper is submitted about a week in advance for everyone to read, and c) a discussant will start things off with some comments and then we will open up for general discussion. Third, we encourage advanced graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. The workshop has benefited in the past from the active participation of graduate students and we would like to see this continue this year with students presenting their ongoing work or serving as discussants.

### **The schedule of meetings is as follows:**

#### **Fall Semester:**

**\*\*\*Pending Search\*\*\***

Comparative Politics/Conflict workshop Presenter: Lars-Erik Cederman, "Horizontal Inequalities and Ethno-nationalist Civil War: A Global Comparison" Discussant: Alyssa Prorok

Please let us know your plans for presenting your work and/or serving as a discussant. We would like to put together a first-cut at a schedule in the next couple of weeks so please email Ben Appel at [bappel@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:bappel@gvpt.umd.edu) with your information even if it is tentative at this point.

## **POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

Please watch for emails and newsletters about upcoming panels. All graduate students and faculty are welcome. Workshops are a great way for new students to meet fellow theorists, and for all students to discuss and develop projects and ideas. Scheduling details will follow. Refreshments are often provided.

#### **Scheduled:**

**\*\*\*Pending Search\*\*\***

#### **Upcoming:**

Josiah Ober, Political Science and Classics, Stanford University. Fields: ancient political thought and democratic theory.

Jack Turner, University of Washington. Fields: American and African American political theory, modern political thought, literature and politics.

Melvin Rogers, University of Virginia. Fields: American and African political theory, pragmatism, and critical theory.

Kristen Monroe, Director, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Ethics and Morality, University of California, Irvine. Fields: moral psychology.

Shadia Drury. Canada Research Chair in Social Justice, University of Regina. Author of well-known books on Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojév, among others.

For more information, contact Ashley Gorham at [agorham@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:agorham@gvpt.umd.edu)

### **QUANTITATIVE POLITICS – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The updated schedule can also be found on our wiki at:

<http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/UMd>

[http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page)

### **COMMITTEE ON POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY (CP4) WORKSHOPS**

The Committee on Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy (known informally as CP4) is an interdisciplinary graduate specialization sponsored by the [Department of Government and Politics](#), the [Department of Philosophy](#), the [Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy](#), and the [Maryland School of Public Policy](#). The CP4 monthly workshop is an excellent opportunity to interact with faculty and graduate students across disciplinary lines.

Workshops take place one Friday a month, **2:00-3:30 p.m. in Tydings 1136**. The paper should be read in advance; speakers will talk only briefly before discussion begins. Please see <http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/prospective/specialization/cp4workshop.html> for a copy of the paper. To be added to our e-mail list, or if you have questions, please contact Prof. Karol Soltan of the Government and Politics Department at [ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu).

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### **CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

During the time leading up to and following November's midterm elections, CAPC held several successful conferences and events. On October 20, CAPC brought several prominent figures in the Tea Party debate to campus to discuss the political movement and their role in the elections. This event was covered extensively in

the media, and televised on C-SPAN. Following the elections, CAPC held a postmortem discussion on the election results. In January, CAPC will be hosting another conference on the state of Maryland politics and policy, with government leaders coming to campus to discuss the upcoming year in Maryland politics.

The On-Demand Ballot System (ODBS), a new electronic absentee ballot delivery system that CAPC developed with the MD State Board of Elections, got its first use during the September and November elections. ODBS allows any registered Maryland voter to retrieve and print their official absentee ballot and mailing label from the Maryland Elections Center ([www.mdelections.org](http://www.mdelections.org)), a website run by CAPC. The system was widely used and gained many positive reviews from voters. CAPC is now working to analyze how well the system worked, what voters benefited, and if it resulted in greater participation by certain voters.

CAPC has also produced several new innovative reports on Maryland campaign finance. These reports, which can be found at the Maryland Elections Center ([www.mdelections.org](http://www.mdelections.org)), analyze topics including the 2010 gubernatorial and state legislative campaigns, demographics of the 2010 elections, and the timing of campaign contributions in Maryland. All of these reports are authored by undergraduate research assistants, in conjunction with CAPC Director Paul Herrnson.

CAPC is currently accepting resumes from undergraduate students interested in working on cutting-edge research projects as a research assistant during the upcoming spring semester. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Mike Charlebois at [mcharleb@capc.umd.edu](mailto:mcharleb@capc.umd.edu) or 301-314-2736.

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

### **CIDCM West African Conflict Assessments**

During September and October 2010, CIDCM led a conflict assessment in Liberia, under the USAID-funded Early Warning and Response Design Support (EWARD) program. The assessment was conducted using the West African Conflict Assessment (WACA) framework, a tool developed in collaboration with multiple West African partners to support assessments about the causes of conflict and for identifying response needs. Its explicit purpose is to address conflicts that have the potential for violence, are currently in a violent phase, or have resulted in violence in the recent past in the West Africa region.

The exercise in Liberia began with a 4-day training program for a group of 20 people from local peacebuilding organizations. Led by CIDCM's Joe Hewitt, the training program oriented the team in data collection procedures, interview techniques, and basic analysis. The team was then divided into sub-teams to cover the five most conflict-affected counties in Liberia. Over the course of the next week, the sub-teams conducted approximately 150 interviews, speaking with as many as 400 people (including some large focus groups) from local and national government institutions, the UN peacekeeping operation (UNMIL), NGOs, and many other civil society organizations.

Before departing Liberia, Dr. Hewitt participated in a presentation of preliminary findings about the dangers of land conflict and ethnic/religious tensions in the country to individuals in the UN, NGO, and donor communities operating in Monrovia. CIDCM drafted a final report for USAID providing more detailed descriptions of the collected data and a more refined presentation of key findings about how tensions in the country can be managed to avoid outbreaks of violence around land disputes or fissures between ethnic groups.

Countries are chosen for WACAs through a consultative process between EWARDS, USAID, the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS), and the West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). Prior to this assessment in Liberia, CIDCM led WACAs in Jos, Nigeria (January and February 2010) and in Côte d'Ivoire (March 2010). For more information about CIDCM's work in West Africa, contact Joe Hewitt, Associate Director, at [jhewitt@cidcm.umd.edu](mailto:jhewitt@cidcm.umd.edu).

### Winter Term Course

CIDCM's 2011 Winter Program on Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict will be offered January 3-23, 2011. The 80 hour evenings and weekends program, co-taught by Professors Edy Kaufman and John Davies, will use multi-track diplomacy to search for common ground in a current conflict in the Middle East region where CIDCM faculty are engaged. A simulation of the chosen conflict will be co-facilitated by experienced professionals.

Successful completion qualifies participants for certification of advanced training and/or 6 academic credits for degree-seeking grad students (GVPT 808J/808K, or with abbreviated readings and written work, for senior undergrads in 409J/409K). A small number of scholarships are available covering up to half of the tuition costs for non-degree-seeking professionals, including embassy and CSO staff. For more information on the course, please contact Prof. Davies at [jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu](mailto:jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu) or 240-441-8712, or Prof. Kaufman at [ekaufman@cidcm.umd.edu](mailto:ekaufman@cidcm.umd.edu). A complete description of the course is also available via CIDCM's website at: [http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/pic/multi-track\\_diplomacy/winterprogram1-11.pdf](http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/pic/multi-track_diplomacy/winterprogram1-11.pdf)

## Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society (PEGS)

### PEGS' Newly Designed Website

PEGS, The Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society, is pleased to announce the newly redesigned website for its journal *The Good Society*: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/pegs>.

There you will find our current issue, information about recent scholarly panels, as well as a new section, "Teaching for a Good Society," where we are compiling syllabi from courses relating to democratic theory and practice.

### Forthcoming Issue of *The Good Society*

Slated for publication in December, our forthcoming issue features three symposia: "Democracy, Secularism, and Pluralism;" "Political Authority, Recognition, and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;" and "Universal Justice in a Diverse World."

Those interested in obtaining hard copies of current or prior issues of *The Good Society* should contact the Managing Editor, Jeremy Janow, at [pegs@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:pegs@gvpt.umd.edu).



**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Awards**

**Rouse, Stella** won the 2011-2012 Research and Support Award (RASA) from the University Graduate School.

**Reed, Bill** won the 2011 Summer Research and Support Award (RASA) from the University Graduate School.

**Ward, Ian** won the 2011 Summer Research and Support Award (RASA) from the University Graduate School.

**Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Lee, Frances E.** "Two-Party Competition and Senate Politics: The Permanent Campaign on the Floor of the U.S. Senate," paper presented at the Conference on Democratic Representation, sponsored by the American Politics Program at Texas A&M University, November 12-13, 2010.



**GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Awards**

Bell, Melissa, won the 2010 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award



**SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>CLARK PRESENTATION 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall</b>	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Faculty Meeting For American/IR HIRES 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall</b>	7	8 <b>HOLD: Faculty Meeting For IR HIRES 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall</b>	9	10  <b>GVPT HOLIDAY RECEPTION 2-4pm 1101 Morrill Hall</b>	11 <b>STUDY DAY</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>University Commencem ent Ceremony 7pm Comcast Center</b>
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19 GVPT - BSOS Graduation 4pm Comcast Center	20	21	22	23 UNIVERSITY CLOSED FURLOUGH DAY	24 WINTER BREAK UNIVERSITY CLOSED	25
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