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THIS MONTH'S NOTICES

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FACULTY MEETING – Friday, December 9, 2011, 11-12:30pm, 1101 Morrill Hall



GVPT HOLIDAY EVENT
Wednesday, December 14
1:30-3:30pm
1101 Morrill Hall

BSOS Graduation – Thursday, December 22,2011 4:00PM, COMCAST CENTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our job interview with Comparative Politics Professor Isabella Alcaniz was a success. She will join our faculty in the Fall 2012 semester. I want to thank everyone for their active participation during her visit and for their support of this important hire. Isabella will become the Faculty Advisor of our ENSP program (Environmental Science).

I would like to acknowledge the continued hard work being done by our fields. Amazing work is coming out of the American, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Theory fields. Workshops are full, and faculty-student relations continue to deepen. Although the month of December is quite busy due to our chair search meetings, don't miss your opportunity to exchange information and ideas in a relatively informal, non-classroom situation this coming spring semester. This is the fun part of academia!

Please join us for the BSOS graduation on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 4pm in the Comcast Center. 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. I hope to see you there.

The next GVPT Newsletter will be February 2012. Continue to send in your updates. And enjoy your winter break!

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.

SPENCER CEREMONY

Please join me in congratulating the 2011 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award recipient, Brittany Bramlett. A reception to honor Brittany will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 2:00 pm in the Maryland Room of

Marie Mount Hall. Please join us for this event. Thanks to Jim Gimpel (chair), Frances Lee, and Kris Miler for serving on the 2011 Spencer Award committee.

APSA DISSERTATION AWARDS

The department is now accepting nominations for the APSA dissertation awards (see http://www.apsanet.org/content_4113.cfm). Our internal deadline is December 14th, 2011. 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.

SPRING REGISTRATION

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

We have come to the end of the beginning of the academic placement "season." It has been an admittedly difficult job market, but I am pleased to report that some of our students interviewed at good institutions recently. While the number of openings started out small in September, some fields saw a significant increase over the course of the semester. I expect there will be more openings in the spring semester, similar to last year, when we had some excellent placements late in the year. The private universities are still hiring, and in fact, some are hiring a lot. Public institutions have been more cautious, but recent reports indicate that state budgets in some cases are stabilizing--which may mean good news for public universities.

What can you do to enhance your prospects? Work hard, publish, present your work outside of the department, make connections, get some teaching experience--and finish your Ph.D.

What about the non-academic job market? There is no regular system for this as there is in academia. Jobs in government, the private sector, think tanks, etc. each require different processes. But they all require skills and certification, i.e. you need to finish your dissertation.

Wishing you all the best for the new year.

Virginia Haufler
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Commencement

University Commencement will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7pm in the Comcast Center.

BSOS Commencement will take place on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 4pm in the Comcast Center.

More information about commencement can be found at the link below:

<http://www.commencement.umd.edu/>

For additional questions, please contact commencement coordinator, Juliana Bynoe via phone at 301.405.8746 or email at jbynoe@umd.edu.

Karen Kaufmann
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents graduate student interests and serves as a liaison with faculty and administration, provides a forum for discussing ideas and organizing programs that benefit grad students, deals with any issues, and helps build a sense of community in the department. We hold monthly meetings (Wednesdays in Tydings 1111 from 11-12) and always have food (pizza) and soda.

During the November meeting, graduate students discussed the ongoing Chair search as well as how to allocate technology funds. Suggestions included software updates for graduate student computers and certain hardware for the grad lab. We also discussed initiatives for next semester such as methods and professional development workshops. Specifically, students are interested in improving their skills with Excel, GIS, collecting data, grant writing, and making the most of being on the job market.

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STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

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.

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS

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



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's

Articles and Chapters

Fox, Jonathan, PhD, 1997, "Separation of Religion and State and Secularism in Theory and in Practice" *Religion State & Society*, 39 (4), 2011, 384-401. And with Yasemin Akbaba, "Religious Discrimination against Muslim Minorities in Christian Majority Countries: A Unique Case?" *Politics, Religion, & Ideology*, 12 (4), 2011, 449-470.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Weil, Carola has returned to Washington DC to serve as my School's Washington Representative and Director for International & Strategic Partnerships. In this capacity, she helps to extend USC Annenberg School's presence east of Chicago and up and down the East Coast and abroad. She continues to provide service to international relations serving as a reviewer for journals as well as most recently as one of several international jurors for the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order; and as Chair of a Review Panel for the U.S. Institute of Peace Grants Program.



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 workshop.

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. All workshops will be held from 10:30-12:00 in Tydings 1111 unless otherwise notified.

Will pick up on workshops in the Spring 2012 Semester:

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). The comparative subfield is putting together a stellar lineup of guest speakers for the Fall.

Will pick up on workshops in the Spring 2012 Semester:

Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative 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 11:00-12:30 in 1101 Morrill Hall**. We will schedule approximately 5 meetings over the course of each semester. Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at 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.

Scheduled Events are from 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall:

Fall Schedule:

December 5:

Quddus Snyder: TBA.

Discussant: Mark Shirk

If you are interested in presenting or acting as a discussant, please contact Scott Kastner.

POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Please watch for emails and newsletters for panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are welcome, especially those with some interest in wars and/or game theory. A lot of really clever work has been done recently in this area. So even if you don't care at all about wars, and couldn't care less about game theory, you should come just to find out what is going on.

Will pick up on workshops in the Spring 2012 Semester:

CIDCM WORKSHOP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT

We are in the process of scheduling workshops for the Fall semester. If you are interested in presenting your work or serving as a discussant please contact Kenneth Matis ASAP at kmatis@umd.edu. We have not settled

on an exact set of dates for the entire semester yet, so please let me know approximately when you would like to present or be a discussant.

I will email a working schedule for the Fall semester as soon as it become final.

As a reminder, the workshop will be held generally on Tuesdays every third week at the University of Maryland in **Morrill Hall, room 1101** (conference room on the first floor), from **11:00-12:30**. 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. We also 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.

Will pick up on workshops in the Spring 2012 Semester:

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



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

CONGRESSMAN HOYER, House Minority Whip, honored with CAPC's Tydings Award and leads Town Hall meeting

On Monday, November 28, 2011, Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) was awarded the Millard E. Tydings Award for Courage and Leadership in American Politics in front of a crowd of approximately 300 students, faculty, staff, and members of the public. He then led a town hall meeting on the U.S. economy and budget and answered questions about government spending, Pell Grants, Social Security, and the upcoming elections.

Representative Hoyer is the fourth recipient of the award, following Senator John McCain (2001), Representative Nancy Pelosi (2003), and Senator Chuck Hagel (2008). Rep. Hoyer currently serves as the Minority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives, and his congressional district includes the University of Maryland campus.

For photos and video from the event, visit www.capc.umd.edu/Tydings<<http://www.capc.umd.edu/Tydings>>.

GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

CAPC is currently accepting resumes for the Public Policy Internship Program (PIIP). If you are interested in learning more about local, state, or federal government, an internship in our state or national capital would be a

great experience. Visit www.capc.umd.edu/education.html, contact CAPC at capc@umd.edu or (301) 314-2736. Applications for PPIP are due on December 13, 2011.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM 2012 Winter Program Course - Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict

Recent events in the Middle East have demonstrated the devastating impact that oppression, instability and violence can have on quality of life and development. Yet these events also highlight the promise of multi-track diplomacy in promoting peaceful democratic transition. Join us for an intensive, short-term program on ways to resolve conflict and build a lasting peace, in day-to-day local situations as well as in complex national and international conflicts.

Through hands-on learning, participants will develop multi-track diplomacy skills designed to transform interpersonal, organizational, community, or complex societal conflicts. These techniques, applicable at all levels of society and for a range of ethnic, religious, or cultural tensions, provide an essential complement to official (“first track”) diplomacy and police work. Coursework has global relevance, as illustrated through current projects by Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) faculty in the Middle East, South Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Offered annually, this year’s intensive course includes simulated negotiations between influential civil society representatives, co-facilitated by course instructors, Prof. Edward (Edy) Kaufman, and Prof. John Davies (see below). In an effort to bridge negotiation gaps between parties caught in cycles of confrontation, unofficial channels will be explored using cutting-edge interactive techniques.

See <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/announcements/announcement.asp?id=258> for more information.

NEW WINTER BSOS COURSE MAY BE OF INTEREST TO GVPT STUDENTS

Winter 2012

BSOS388P: Diplomacy: Past, Present and Future

Instructor: M. Dravis

Listing in Schedule of Classes: <http://www.sis.umd.edu/bin/soc?term=201112&crs=BSOS>

CORE requirement: This course fulfills a CORE upper-level Advanced Studies course requirement for most majors.

Description: The broad theme of this course is the significance of diplomacy in relations between and among states and peoples. Specific topics include: the nature of diplomacy as a concept (idea) and discipline (profession); diplomacy’s relationship with other instruments of statecraft (military power and foreign aid); elements of continuity (bilateral diplomacy) and change (multilateral diplomacy) in the practice and institutions of diplomacy; and the apparent decline of traditional diplomacy and the rise of alternatives (social media and people-to-people exchanges). Because it has been said that ³peace is the supreme task of diplomacy,² the course places special emphasis on the possibilities and limitations of diplomacy as an instrument for preserving peace

(to be a servant of peace a diplomat must defend the national interests of a particular sovereign state while remaining conscious of the world interests of the broader international community).

BAHA'I CHAIR FOR WORLD PEACE HAS A NEW WEBSITE

The Bahá'í Chair for World Peace at the University of Maryland has launched a new website (please visit <http://www.bahaipeacechair.umd.edu/>). The site includes many new features, including a history page describing the work of the Chair since its founding and, looking to the future, a search announcement for the next holder of the Chair.

Another new addition is ³The Peace Room,² a web-based resource for tracking efforts to create a more peaceful world. By collecting, selecting, and coding online news stories, The Peace Room enables visitors to obtain a ³snapshot² of the state of the world in terms of building peace.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books

Gurr, Ted R. (*Distinguished University Professor and Professor Emeritus*) *Why Men Rebel*, 40th Anniversary Edition, with a new introduction on the Arab spring, by *Paradigm Publishers*, Boulder, CO.

Herrnson, Paul, *Congressional Elections: Campaigning at Home and in Washington* (*Washington, D.C.: CQ Press*, forthcoming). *Interest Groups Unleashed*, ed. with Christopher Deering and Clyde Wilcox (*Washington, D.C.: CQ Press*, forthcoming).

Chapter and Article Publications

Gimpel, James G., Lee, Frances E., and Bramlett, Brittany, 2011. "The Political Ecology of Opinion in Big-Donor Neighborhoods," *Political Behavior* 33: 565-600.

Gurr, Ted R. (*Distinguished University Professor and Professor Emeritus*) *Coming of Age in the West 1883-1906*, A Memoir by Will E. Gurr, edited and annotated, available from Amazon.com. *Peace and Conflict* 2012, sixth in a series of biennial global surveys, with J. Joseph Hewitt, **Jonathan Wilkenfeld**, by *Paradigm Publishers*.

Herrnson, Paul, Hanmer, Mike, and Dick Niemi's article "The Impact of Ballot Type on Voter Errors" was accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Uslaner, Ric "Measuring Interpersonal Trust: In Defense of the Standard Question." In Fergus Lyon, Guido Möllering, Mark Sanders and Tally Hatzakis, eds. *Handbook of Research Methods on Trust*, (London: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2011).

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Uslaner, Ric, Lecture on the 2012 Elections, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China, December 16, 2011. Invited talks, "Diversity, Segregation, and Trust," Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, January 6, 2012; and the Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester, January 18, 2012.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS








Chapter and Article Publications

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SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 GVPT CHAIR SEARCH MEETINGS Talk 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall	3
4	5 IR WORKSHOP 11-12:30 1101 Morrill Hall	6	7 SPENCER AWARD CEREMONY 2-3pm Marie Mount Hall Maryland Room	8	9 GVPT Faculty Meeting and Chair Vote 11-12:30pm 1101 Morrill Hall	10
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