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GVPT FACULTY MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, February 9, 11-12:15 in 1123 Taliaferro Hall
Friday, February 11, 11-12:15pm in 1101 Morrill Hall
Monday, February 21, 11-12:15pm in 1123 Taliaferro Hall**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome Back! The GVPT NEWS builds community among our faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, and staff. Our extended family, which includes alumni students and emeritus faculty, do many interesting and wonderful things, and our monthly newsletter is an excellent source to keep in touch with one another and update you on everyone else's activities. The newsletter contains a list of recent faculty and graduate student achievements – the same list that is read at the beginning of our faculty meetings and continues to cover all the departmental workshops, seminar series, panel discussions, brown bags, and general meetings that occur.

Our GVPT American, Comparative, International Relations and Theory fields continue to successfully mentor our PhD students. With regular workshops, guest speakers, individual and group mentoring, GVPT graduate students take advantage of the full range of research, teaching, and service experiences available. Publishing with their mentors, working on research grants and regular job talks are all in preparation of going on the market. A little time spent exploring the breadth and depth of political science can lead to better informed choices.

GVPT Recruitment efforts this year have resulted in at this time, 1 new American Politics hire and 1 International Relations hire. On August 23, 2008 we will add to our faculty Patrick Wohlfarth (Washington University in St. Louis), and Jennifer Hadden (Cornell University). We continue our search this semester but we hope to wrap things up and have a final list be the end of February. We are grateful for the number of participants we have seen in this continuing process.

The **GVPT External Review** is scheduled for this Spring semester. On April 11th, 12th, and 13th, GVPT will be visited by 3 External Reviewers. Professor Jim Morrow from the University of Michigan will be the chair of the Review Committee. He will be joined by Professor Thomas Carsey from the University of North Carolina and Professor Paula McClain from Duke University. A lot of preparation has gone into our Internal Review Report. We welcome our visitors as they give us an outside perspective on our program.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty members that expect to be able to fund students during the 2011-2012 academic year should notify me in the near future (if you have not done so already). Please indicate how many students you expect to fund and whether or not the funding (in each case) will be for one or two semesters. If you have submitted (or plan to submit a proposal) that might allow you to fund one or more graduate students, please let me know that too. We will need this information to estimate the resources available for new student funding. If you have already provided this information, thanks.

The GVPT financial aid application forms for graduate students will be available on February 1st. The deadline for submitting completed financial aid applications for the 2011-2012 academic year is February 15th.

We will soon be in the middle of recruitment season. We have already received over 230 applications, and we are sure to have many highly qualified applicants. A large number of these students will make campus visits. Please be generous with your time when they request to meet you. Faculty should also feel free to examine the applicant files and to provide recommendations to one or more members of the Admissions committee. Do remember, however, that the files must be reviewed in the main office.

The Graduate School is now accepting nominations for several endowed awards (see http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/index.php/current_students/prizes_and_awards/ for more information). Students interested in applying for the Mabel S. Spencer Award or the Longest Award should submit all necessary application materials (besides the department's letter of nomination) to Ann Marie by Monday, February 1, 2011. The Graduate Studies committee will evaluate the applications and choose our department nominees. If you have any questions about the application or selection process, please let me know.

The Graduate School is now accepting departmental nominations for the Ann G. Wylie dissertation fellowships (see http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/index.php/prospective_students/gs_fellowships for more information). Interested students should submit all necessary application materials (besides the department's letter of nomination) to Ann Marie by Friday, February 11, 2011. The Graduate Studies committee will evaluate the applications and choose our department nominees. If you have any questions about the application or selection process, please let me know.

Hope you had a great break!

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

I'm pleased to report that a number of our students have had success in the search for academic positions, and a number have had interviews and are waiting to hear the results. It has been a difficult fall, with relatively few openings, but last year many good jobs were advertised in late spring. The following people have told me that they have accepted job offers: Diana Boros at St. Mary's College; Anne Cizmar at Eastern Kentucky University; Cyanne Loyle at West Virginia University; and Rodrigo Pinto at James Madison. Please congratulate them all!

We will have a few more practice job talks in the coming weeks, so I hope you will turn out for them--they are critical to the candidates' success. We will also be organizing a few sessions on how to present your work; how to do a c.v. and cover letter; and other relevant topics.

Virginia Haufler
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

We hope you enjoyed your break and are looking forward to another great semester! As always, if you have any questions concerning undergraduate studies, feel free to contact one of our advisors:

Felecia Commodore, fcommadore@gvpt.umd.edu; 301-405-4142
Anne Marie Poblador, apoblador@gvpt.umd.edu; 301-405-4124

You can also speak with the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies:
Apitchaya Pimpawathin, apimpawathin@gvpt.umd.edu; 301-405-4154

We are happy to help you solve student conflict, aid students in distress, or provide information on a variety of opportunities within the department.

Scholarships

GVPT will be awarding several departmental scholarships this spring semester. The deadline for all departmental scholarships is early March. Please encourage your very best students to apply for these awards and consider writing letters of recommendation for them. More information on our scholarships is available at: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/undergraduate/scholarships/>

Study Abroad

Students can earn Government & Politics credit on a variety of study abroad opportunities for the summer and fall semester. Most study abroad application deadlines take place early March. In particular, please encourage your best students to apply for the Oxford Programme in British Law and Politics which takes place July 2011. Designed for honors students, this intensive program will explore international politics and British law from world renowned Oxford faculty. Student can get more information by logging on to the Study Abroad website here: <http://www.international.umd.edu/studyabroad/1029>

Undergraduate Research Program

Please don't forget about the Undergraduate Research Program sponsored by the university. Students receive an official notation on their transcript for participation. Faculty should add their projects to the website to recruit students. More information can be found here: <http://www.ugresearch.umd.edu/programs/msr.html>

Senior Summer Scholars Program

The Senior Summer Scholars program is a competitive grant awarded to student researchers over the summer. Students participate in research projects with faculty, as well as specialized seminars and other events throughout the summer. Summer Scholars earn about \$3000 for participation and gain a competitive edge when applying for graduate education. The deadline to apply is early March. Please encourage your best undergraduate students to apply. More information can be found here: <http://www.ugresearch.umd.edu/summerscholars.php>

Karen Kaufmann
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

We'd like to welcome everyone back from the winter break. We hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday season.

To start off the spring semester, the GSA will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, February 9th from 11-12 in Tydings 1111. As always, there will be pizza and soda.

Over the next few months, the GSA is planning on organizing additional training sessions and various social events, having Dr. Morris speak about the comp process at one of our meetings, and conducting a student survey to solicit feedback about grad classes. Through this survey, students will have an opportunity to share information about current courses, gaps in classes that should be but are not offered, and other general suggestions. We're in the process of working with the department to determine how this information could best be shared. We're also putting together a committee of grad students that will lead the survey effort. If you're interested in serving on the committee, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you on campus, and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Your GSA Co-Chairs,

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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

Books in Press

Fettweis, Chris (PhD 2003) – *“Dangerous Times: The International Politics of Great Power Peace”*
 Georgetown University Press (December 2010)

Halter, Gary (Ph.D. 1979) – *“Government and Politics of Texas: A Comparative View”*, 8th ed. McGraw-Hill

O’Sullivan, Elizabethann (PhD, 1974) co-author *“Practical Research Methods for Nonprofit and Public Administrators”* (Longman, 2011) with Gary Rassel and Jocelyn DeVance Taliaferro.



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 1136 unless otherwise notified.

Spring Schedule

January 28

James M. Curry, "[Information and Leadership Power in Congress: Restricting Information as a Leadership Tool](#)"

February 18

Frances E. Lee, "Party Politics and the Permanent Campaign on the Senate Floor"

March 4

David Karol (American University), "Party Position Change and the Growth in Support of Gay Rights in Congress: 1974-2010"

March 18

Bryan Gervais, "The Effects of Incivility in News Media on Political Deliberation: The Mimicry of Uncivil Language in Political Discussions"

April 15

Karen Kaufmann and Thomas Holbrooke (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee), "Race, Place and Voting Behavior in Urban Mayoral Elections"

April 29

Seminar on journal publishing led by Jim Gimpel

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 spring. While the exact dates remain to be finalized, we have confirmed the following speakers:

Spring Schedule:

- Carles Boix (Princeton, early March)
- Ethan Bueno de Mesquita (Chicago, March 30) is co-sponsored by the Formal and CIDCM workshops
- Macartan Humphreys (Columbia, April) is co-sponsored by the CIDCM workshop
- Ben Reilly (Australian Nat'l U, May 4)

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 11:00-12:15 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 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 11-12:15, 1111 Tydings Hall

The current preliminary schedule is as follows:

Spring Semester:

March 14. Joel Simmons, “Dividing the Spoils: Party Nationalization, Credibility, and Foreign Direct Investment” (with Allen Hicken, Ken Kollman, and Irfan Nooruddin).

April 4: Molly Inman, Roudabeh Kishi, and Jon Wilkenfeld, “Culture and International Crisis Mediation.”

April 18: Open, TBA.

May 2: Mark Shirk, TBA.

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.

Spring Semester:

Jack Turner: week of February 21. University of Washington

Shadia Drury: early March; check with Prof. Alford for exact date(s). University of Regina in Canada

Melvin Rogers: week of April 7 university of virginia

Kristen Monroe: week of May 5th. uc irvine

For more info contact Ashley Gorham, agorham@gvpt.umd.edu

CIDCM WORKSHOP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT

We are in the process of scheduling workshops for the Spring semester. If you are interested in presenting your work or serving as a discussant please contact Ben Appel ASAP at bappel@gvpt.umd.edu. We have not settled on a 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 Spring semester within the next week or so.

As a reminder, the workshop will be held generally on Mondays every third week at the University of Maryland in Morrill Hall, room 1101 (conference room on the first floor), from 11:00-12:15. 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.

Schedule:

- Thursday, February 10 at 11am in 1101 Morrill Hall
Alyssa Prorok will be the presenter
- Ethan Bueno de Mesquita (Chicago, March 30) is co-sponsored by the Formal and Comparative Politics workshops
- Macartan Humphreys (Columbia, April) is co-sponsored by the CIDCM workshop

QUANITATIVE 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

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.



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 Maryland Politics Summit

On January 31, 2011, CAPC will be holding the 2011 Maryland Politics Summit. This first-annual event will feature the leaders of the Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland's Attorney General, and other state leaders discussing some of the leading issues facing our state this year. For more information, including details on the event's panelists and keynote speakers, visit www.capc.umd.edu/MDPolitics2011. To RSVP to attend the event, please contact Mike Charlebois at mcharleb@capc.umd.edu or (301) 314-2736.

Career Seminar

On April 19, CAPC will hold its latest undergraduate career seminar. Open to all GVPT undergraduate and graduate students, CAPC's career seminars showcase various careers in the field of government and politics. CAPC's most recent seminar featured several UMD graduates discussing their careers. They included Paul Morrell, former chief of staff for NASA and Congressman Dick Armey; Kelly Zavala, Director of PAC services at BIPAC; Jerry Higgins, Senior Publisher for Pearson Education; and David Searle, researcher at the Urban Institute.

Campaign Communications and Strategy Seminar

On March 10, CAPC will hold a seminar on political strategy and communications, featuring J. Toscano, a partner at the leading Democratic consulting firm GMMB, which played an integral role in the Obama for

American presidential campaign. Those in attendance, including GVPT undergraduate and graduate students, learned about the strategies behind running successful political campaigns.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

BSOS Emerging Scholars Program

This semester, Alex Knobel and Emily Bolyard, two undergraduate research assistants, will work at CAPC as part of the College of Behavioral and Social Science's new Emerging Scholars Program. Christine Sanquist, another undergraduate, will be joining us in CAPC's own Emerging Scholars Program. These competitive programs offer students the opportunity to gain valuable research experience by working with and being mentored by a faculty member. The students will earn a stipend and course credit, and will be working on CAPC's research project examining Maryland's new electronic absentee ballot delivery system, which CAPC developed in 2010.

Other Research Opportunities

CAPC is currently accepting resumes from graduate and undergraduate students interested in working on cutting-edge research during the upcoming summer and fall semesters. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Mike Charlebois at mcharleb@capc.umd.edu or 301-314-2736.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

2010 Elections Post-Mortem

CAPC and the University of Maryland Honors College hosted an election postmortem on November 9, 2010 in front of a crowd of nearly 50 students, staff, and faculty in Anne Arundel Hall. The event allowed a panel of GVPT professors and faculty, including CAPC Director Paul Herrnson to provide their insight and opinions on the historic midterm elections of 2010. The panelists discussed topics ranging from the possible explanations of election results, to what the results of this election mean for 2012, and answered questions from the audience.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

Harrison Program

GVPT 'GREEN GROUP':

Several GVPT graduate students and faculty with interests related to the environment meet periodically (about once a month) to talk about common interests, comment on one another's work, and discuss teaching and learning in environmental politics. Contact Allison Berland Kaul at aberland@gvpt.umd.edu or Jing Chen at jjchen@gvpt.umd.edu to be added to the distribution list or for more information.

NEW WEB PAGE: The Harrison Program has a new web site! See www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison Additions include new pages with links to a wide array of campus activities in environmental studies and in global studies.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books in press

Oppenheimer, Joe "Principles of Politics: Propositions from Rational Choice Theory" has been accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press.

Tismaneanu, Vladimir ed., "Promises of 1968: Crisis, Illusion, Utopia," New York and Budapest: Central European University Press, 2011 (editor, author of introduction and a chapter). "The Anatomy of Resentment," Bucharest: Curtea Veche Publishing, 2010, in Romanian.

Chapter and Article Publications

Calvo, Ernesto. "Legislator Success in Committee: Gatekeeping Authority and the Loss of Majority Control" American Journal of Political Science, Vol. 55, No. 1, January 2011, Pp. 1-15. "El rol de las comisiones permanentes en las legislaturas de América Latina: un test del modelo informativo de éxito legislativo" Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada (pages. 24-48). "Centripetal and Centrifugal Incentives under Different Electoral Systems" American Journal of Political Science, Vol. 55, No. 1, January 2011, Pp. 27-41.

Croco, Sarah with **Paul Huth** and Ben Appel "Does International Law Promote the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes? Evidence from the Study of Territorial Conflicts since 1945" has been accepted by APSR.

Huth, Paul with Ben Appel and Natsuko Nicholls "When Is Domestic Political unrest Related to International Conflict? Diversionary Theory and Japanese Foreign Policy, 1890-1941" was published in ISQ in December 2010.

Tismaneanu, Vladimir "Coming to Terms with a Traumatic Past: Reflections on Democracy, Atonement, and Memory," History of Communism in Europe, Vol. 1, No. 1, Special issue on "Politics of Memory in Post-communist Europe," Bucharest: Zeta Books, 2010, pp. 15-20. "Totalitarianism and Antisemitism: On Heda Margolius-Kovaly" (1919-2010), "22", Bucharest, January 10, p. 13.

Uslaner, Ric "Segregation, Trust, and Minorities," Ethnicities, v. 10 (2010), pp. 415-434. "Tax Evasion, Corruption, and the Social Contract in Transition," in James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Benno Torgler (eds.), Developing Alternative Frameworks for Explaining Tax Compliance (London: Routledge, 2010), pp. 206-225 and "Corruption," in Michael Johnston, ed., Sage Library of Political Science: Public Sector Corruption, v. 3 (Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2010), pp. 365-382; reprinted from Gert Tinggaard Svendsen and Gunnar Lind Haase Svendsen, eds., Handbook on Social Capital (London: Edward Elgar, 2009)

Grants and Awards

Uslaner, Ric received the 2010's Thought Leadership Award. The Top 100 Thought Leaders represents the culmination of two years of research.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Oppenheimer, Joe has been asked to participate in a global forum on "Welfare Societies -- Coping with Instabilities - the Positive and Normative Aspects of Distributive Justice," to be held on 17-18 March 2011 in Bremen Germany. They have selected two scholars from each of economics, philosophy, psychology, and political science. He will be doing a paper on the topic. It is part work to help establish a center to study welfare in Europe. Joe will also be giving a paper at the Economic Science Association in Barcelona in April.

Tismaneanu, Vladimir interviewed with the BBC World Service, "European Conscience and the Memory of Totalitarianism", December 30, 2010

Uslaner, Ric was a Visiting Scholar, Quality of Government Institute, University of Goteborg, Goteborg, Sweden, January 20-29, 2011. "Trust, Diversity, and Segregation," at the QOG Institute, January 24. "The Roots of Corruption," at the QOG Institute, January 24.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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Brown, Jonathan N. and Marcum, Anthony S. "Avoiding Audience Costs: Domestic Political Accountability and Concessions in Crisis Diplomacy," Security Studies, Forthcoming.

Wallace, Jennifer. "Managing Forest Conflict in Asia: An Assessment of USAID's Strategies and Experience," *Asian Journal of Environment and Disaster Management*. Vol. 2, No. 1 (2010) 13-20.



SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2010

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