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GVPT TENURED FACULTY MEETING:

A TENURED Faculty meeting has been scheduled for Friday, May 15 from 12:15-1:30 in 1101 Morrill Hall.



ACCOLADES AND AWARDS:



Tsehaitu (Tubi) Retta was selected as the GVPT Spring 2009 Commencement Speaker.

Tubi is a senior Government & Politics major with a specialization in African American studies. She is a CIVICUS associate as well as a fellow in the Rawlings Undergraduate Leadership Program. In 2008, Tubi was named a Truman Scholar national finalist. She currently serves as President of the NAACP’s Maryland State Youth & College Division. Upon graduation, Tubi plans to continue her studies in law school. She is currently waitlisted at Cornell and Duke and accepted to the University of Iowa, Indiana, American, and Maryland. After acquiring her J.D., Tubi hopes to pursue a career in public interest law as a civil rights attorney.



Joanna Calabrese, a UM junior Environmental Science, Policy major and Civicus 'alumna' has been named a 2009 Udall Scholar by the Morris K. Udall Foundation. Udall Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment; leadership potential; and academic achievement. Ms. Calabrese is one of 80 Udall Scholars selected from 515 candidates nominated by 233 colleges and universities across the nation.

The Udall Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields, including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics. The Foundation regularly awards 80 scholarships and 50 honorable mentions on the basis of merit to sophomore and junior level college students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment.

Joanna is active on campus serving as Senior Vice President of the university SGA, a student representative for the Climate Action Plan Workgroup, and a student sustainability advisor for the Office of Sustainability. Additionally, Joanna served as a consultant and summer fellow at the Breakthrough Institute, president and treasurer of Clean Energy on campus, and secretary of the Maryland Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) campus chapter, a research intern with the House of Representatives Select Committee for Energy Independence and Global Warming, a canvasser for Environment Maryland, and a student coordinator of Recyclemania 2008.

As resident of Laurel, Maryland, Ms. Calabrese attended Reservoir High School. While a student there, she founded SAVE: Students Against Violating the Environment.



Jonathan Wilkenfeld receives the Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award. The lecture has been set for Thurs., Oct. 29, 2009 at 4 pm in the Charles Carroll Room (Room 2203) in Stamp. The reception following the lecture will also be held in the Charles Carroll Room.



“END OF YEAR RECEPTION”: Please join us on **May 15, 2009 2:30-4:30pm** for the **GVPT End of Year Reception** held in **1101 Morrill Hall**. We have lots to celebrate this year.



GVPT NEW FACULTY HIRE



The Department has made an offer of intent to hire to Professor William Reed and we hope to have him join our faculty in Fall 2009 semester. Professor Reed would be a very good addition to the IR field and would contribute to the methods training at large as well as an excellent contributor to our Graduate Program. Receiving his PhD in 1998 from Florida State university, Reed is currently serving as an Associate Professor at Rice University. Professor Reed’s research interest is in International Conflict Behavior with publications within that topic, alliance behavior, balance of power, and power transitions theory, comparative foreign policy, testing arguments with bargaining theory, IP and trade issues. He has 17 peer reviewed articles, 5 in AJPS, 1 in APSR, 2 in JOP, 4 in JCR.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This issue of GVPT NEWS is our last issue for the 2008-2009 academic year. As you will see, we remain busy through May. We offer a variety of workshops, seminars, and brown bags to keep everyone active. Please take a look at the calendar of events and see which activities interest you. A quick read of columns prepared by our Fields and Centers you will show that they have already begun scheduling workshops, lectures, and events for the Fall 09 semester as well.

FACULTY AWARDS

Please join me in congratulating the following 2009 Award Winners!

- Professor Jonathan Wilkenfeld won the Distinguished Scholar Teacher Award
- Professor Karol Soltan has won the BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Graduate Student Maren Milligan has won the BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.
- **For Graduate Student Scholarship awards, please see our [Graduate Studies Column](#).**
- **For Undergraduate Student awards, please see our [Undergraduate Studies Column](#).**

RETIREMENTS

We have two retirements this year, Professors **Marcus Franda and Ronald Walters**. Marcus has been with the university for 20 years and began his tenure with us as Director of International Affairs and has been with GVPT since August 17 1999. Marcus has authored 24 books during his academic career. Ron has been with the university for 15 years. Ron has authored 9 books during his academic career receiving the Best Book Award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and receiving the Ralph Bunche Award from the American Political Science Association for his book [Black Presidential Politics in America](#). Ron has over 50 chapters and articles. He guest lectured and present papers at over 200 events and conferences. We can't even begin to count how many time TV and Radio programs have aired some type of input from Ron.

FAREWELL

GVPT is sad to announce that Professor Geoffrey Layman will also be leaving us this year. Geoff will be taking a position at Notre Dame. This move was a family decision and Geoff leaves behind a work family that will truly miss his presence and contributions to the department. Geoff's research and courses were on American politics, focusing especially on political parties, electoral behavior, public opinion, religion and politics, and quantitative research methods. Geoff was a key player in getting methods recognized within the department as field. We wish Geoff well and hope he remains connected.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy summer. I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

[Book Orders](#)

Book orders for the Fall 2009 semester are due by May 1. This deadline helps ensure that the book center can give money back to students returning their textbooks. To order books, please go to

<http://bookrequests.umd.edu/gvpt/>

[Commencement Information](#)

The Department's commencement ceremony will take place on May 22, 2009 at 1PM in the Reckord Armory. Faculty are strongly encouraged to attend this event. Please let Jennifer Coarts know if you would like to come and if you need regalia.

Undergraduate Scholarship Winners

Please help us congratulate students who have received departmental scholarships for the 09-10 academic year.

Jake Krimmel (Oppenheimer Award)

Jake is a Government & Politics and Economics double major. He is the marketing chairman of the Maryland Music Business Society, where he also serves on the executive board. Jake plans to enroll in the University of Maryland School of Public Policy's joint bachelor's/master's program and hopes to pursue a career in public service.

Adam Bloom (Oppenheimer Award)

Adam Bloom is a sophomore Government and Politics Major with a minor in Spanish Language. Additionally, he is a member of the College Park Scholars International Studies Program and Beyond the Classroom, a program committed to civic engagement. Adam serves on the executive board of the Intelligence Community Club, a student organization dedicated to the pursuit of careers in the intelligence field. He is a research associate at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a think-tank in Washington D.C. After his undergraduate studies, he plans to pursue a career in Foreign Relations and eventually enroll in Law School.

Kelly Gough (Mary E. Roby Award)

Following graduation, her hope is to work in monitoring ethnic conflict and ethnic minority groups in an international setting. Her travels to South Africa, Peru, and Europe have opened her eyes to the oppression and poverty faced by minority groups even in a democratic setting. These travels, including both studying abroad and missions work, have broadened her international scope and demonstrated the constant struggle others still face internationally. She would like to work in Latin America, enabling her to utilize the skills attained by studying Spanish.

Kelly is also a member of the national honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi.

Michael Marcoux (James A Gardner Public Service Award)

Michael is a junior studying government and politics with hopes of later concentrating in international relations. His interest in international relations developed during his stay abroad in Norway, where he managed a committee at University of Oslo which helped students from over 100 different countries to apply the Norwegian they were learning in the classroom in real world environments. The realization of his linguistic talent, as a fluent speaker of Norwegian, has also helped him to pursue Russian as a third language at UMD. With these combined degrees, he hopes to graduate and pursue a Master's degree at University of Maryland and subsequently, a career as a Foreign Service officer for the State Department.

Rebecca Bakre (Mary E. Roby Award)

Rebecca is a junior Government & Politics major and Philosophy Minor. She is the officer of Public Relations and Networking on the Executive Board for the African Student Association here at the University. She also volunteers at Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C., playing and working with inpatients and outpatients as they transition throughout whatever medical procedures and/or processes they are going through.

She is one of several supervisors of Weight/Fitness Staff at the Eppley Recreation Center, and also works as a Student Representative in the Office of the Bursar here on campus.

Upon obtaining her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend law school with the hopes of someday becoming a judge.

Samantha Aster (Oppenheimer Award)

Samantha Aster is a sophomore, majoring in Government and Politics. She is a public leadership scholar and a research assistant for Dr. Wayne McIntosh who is the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Government and Politics. She is also a student ambassador for the Scholars Program, as well as a sister of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority. Upon graduation, Samantha plans to attend law school, focusing on constitutional law. She hopes to one day to work for the United States government.

Shristi Singh (Vaughn Award)

Shristi is a junior Government & Politics major and a Philosophy minor. She has been a mentor and team leader for America Reads, America Counts and currently serves as an office assistant for the program. She also serves as the Director of Continuous Open Bidding for Delta Gamma Fraternity. She plans to work with the State Department starting next year as a senior and continue to work there for a year after graduation. After that, she will be attending University of Maryland, School of Law or American University Washington College of Law to pursue a J.D. in Environmental Law or International Law.

Filip Brymora (Vaugh Award)

Filip is a junior Government and Politics major. His main leadership positions on campus are as Founder and President of The Polish Cultural Club and Vice President of Event Coordination of College Park Law Society.

Since he began attending school he's kept at least one part time job. He currently works for Huntington Learning Center in Bethesda where he teaches students from 1st to 12th grade. He is the only person at the company who was hired prior to getting his Bachelor's degree.

He came to Maryland with a set goal in mind - to go to a top ten law school after graduation. He wants to move to Chicago and attend either Northwestern University or the University of Chicago. He wants to study and eventually practice criminal law in Chicago.

Wayne McIntosh
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

As the current academic year comes to a close, we are busily finalizing our next class of graduate students, honoring several of our current students, and preparing for end of classes and graduation.

Although our funding situation has made it a difficult year to recruit graduate students, we have had considerable success. We accepted just over 20% of our 246-person applicant pool, and we are currently on

track to enroll an entering class of 19 students. We had an unusually high yield this year, and we were able to attract some of our very best applicants. A list (and short bios) of the members of the incoming class will be distributed at the end of the recruitment season. Thanks very much to all who met with prospective students, gave campus tours, etc. Your recruitment efforts make it possible for us to attract such outstanding students. Thanks also to the members of our Admissions Committee—Hanna Birnir, Jim Glass, Rabih Helou, Paul Huth, Ozan Kalkan, Geoff Layman, Mike McDonald, and Brian McKenzie; they did a fine job.

As it stands, the following doctoral students will be graduating in May:

Ana Maria Dutceac Segesten: “Myth, Identity, Ethnic Conflict - An Analysis of History Textbooks in Romania and Serbia”

Committee:

Prof. Vladimir Tismaneanu, Chair

Prof. Mark Lichbach

Prof. Miranda Schreurs

Prof. Charles King (Georgetown University)

Katherine David-Fox (HIST)

John Lampe, Dean's Rep (HIST)

Wanda Haxton: “The Intersection Between Water Resource Availability and Civil Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Committee:

Prof. George Quester, Chair

Prof. Soo Yeon Kim (co-chair)

Prof. Kenneth Conca

Prof. Virginia Haufler

Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz: “Out of Sight, Out of Mind: How Latino Segregation Affects Political Participation and Policy Outcomes”

Committee:

Prof. Karen Kaufmann, Chair

Prof. Michael Hanmer

Prof. Irwin Morris

Prof. James Gimpel

Prof. Howell Baum, Dean's Rep (URSP)

Finally, we congratulate our recent award recipients:

Ozan Kalkan and **John McTague** received the Conley Dillon Award.

Jeffrey Taylor received the Roger Davidson Award.

Jonathan Brown and **Anthony Marcum** received the Don C. Piper Award.

Becca Thorpe received the Michael J. Pelczar Award for Excellence in Graduate Study from the Graduate School. Becca also received a 2009-2010 Congressional Fellowship from the American Political Science Association.

Maren Milligan received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Great job!

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

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

2009 Placements

Maren Milligan accepted a 1yr position at Oberlin
Yukyung Yeo accepted a tenure track position at City University of Hong Kong.
John Bullock has accepted the Tenure-track position at Towson
Lynn Gibson Gliber has accepted a Tenure-track position at Xavier

Paul Huth
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Friends and Colleagues:

GSA Election results have been decided and officers chosen for the 2009-10 AY. We thank everyone who participated and congratulate the winners. To those who did not win, we hope you continue your involvement in the GVPT Graduate Student Association. To office holders during the 2008-09 year, please contact those who will be taking over for you to provide them with any information they might require.

Most of all, we thank you for your support and input during our tenure as GSA Co-Chairs. Best of luck for the rest of your semester!

Your 2008-2009 GSA Co-Chairs,
Jesse-Douglas Mathewson
Jason Muldrow

Officers and Liaisons:

GSA Co-Chairs: Katie Kruger and Heather Creek
Social Chair: John McTague
Professional Development Officer: Molly Inman
Int'l Student Liaison: Sung-Wook Paik
Technology Liaison: Jesse-Douglas Mathewson

Committee Assignments:

Admissions: Emilbek Dzhuraev, Heather Creek and Mary Kate Schneider
Graduate Studies: Melissa Bell, Benli Schechter and Brittany Bramlett
Undergraduate Studies: Alison Staudinger
Teaching Committee: Jesse-Douglas Mathewson
BSOS Policy and Curriculum: Breanna Forni
GVPT Awards: James Curry

Subfield Representatives:

American Politics: Steve Yoder
Comparative Politics: Mary Kate Schneider
International Relations: Molly Inman
Political Philosophy: Seth Abrams
CP4: Jesse Kirkpatrick
Formal Theory: Steve Wendell and Maria Dimitriu
Methodology: James Curry
Political Economy: Jesse-Douglas Mathewson



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

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 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

May 8:

American Politics Graduate Student Conference, May 8 10:30-2:30pm, 1123 Taliaferro Hall

May 15:

Sarah Croco, The Obama Effect: Leader Culpability in Wartime Elections

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. The Workshop is meant to be a forum in which students and faculty can present work in progress, in order to get valuable feedback and also hone their professional presentation skills. We occasionally also invite guest speakers. This fall, we will meet on Mondays 11-12:30 in Tydings 1111.

Schedule for the spring:

May 4

Jesse-Douglas Mathewson, GVPT

Paper: "An Occupation with Democratization: Achieving Success in Foreign-Imposed Democratic Regime Change."

Discussant: TBA

May 11

Jon Brown and Tony Marcum, GVPT

Paper: TBA
 Discussant: TBA

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 or call at 301-405-9710.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The comparative subfield wrapped up a successful year of workshops in late April. Presentations by Irfan Noorudin from Ohio State, as well as Jim Gimpel, Peter Voitsekhovskiy, Molly Inman, and Shana Marshall led to some very stimulating discussions and feedback for the presenters. The subfield also made awards to two students, Cyanne Loyle and Mary Kate Schneider, for training in methods and language. Finally, the comparative faculty have made several changes to the comprehensive exam. Please see Margaret Pearson if you have any questions.

Throughout the course of the Academic Year, 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 or follow the GVPT monthly calendar.

Final Spring09 Workshop:

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – Joint Workshop with the Harrison Program

Workshop - 11-12:30pm in 1111 Tydings Hall

Dr David Backer of William and Marry

Paper: "Understanding Victims' Justice: Evidence from Surveys in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone"

Discussant: Cyanne Loyle

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

POLITICAL THEORY FIELD UPDATES- WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The Theory Field has had an interesting semester. Here are some of the activities political theory faculty and students held during the Spring 09 semester:

- In March, the graduate students and faculty got together over pizza to discuss the new reading list, as well as other issues concerning the field.
- On April 7th, Dr. Niall Scott, Senior Lecturer in Ethics, University of Central Lancashire, Preston UK, spoke on "An Anarchist Bioethics" at our irregular lunchtime seminar.
- A number of political theory graduate students presented papers at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings in April.
- Dr. Joshua Dubler, Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities, is presenting at our irregular lunchtime seminar, "Seven Days in Graterford Prison," on May 7th.

- Two graduate student seminars are being held late in the semester. The first is on April 28, Alison Staudinger presenting, with Breanna Forni and Summer Newton as discussants. The second will be on May 12, Jason Petrucci presenting, with Ben West and Alison Staudinger as discussants.
- A dinner at Tiffin Indian Restaurant with the theory faculty and students will wind up the year's activities.

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 with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. We also encourage faculty members at institutions throughout the DC metro area to submit their work for consideration in future meetings.

The DCAWCP 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. Last year the workshop benefited from the active participation of a number of graduate students and we would like to see this continue this year with students presenting their ongoing work or serving as discussants.

Watch for both DC Area Workshop and IR Workshop schedules in the Spring via email and posted in GVPT's monthly newsletters. The meetings when scheduled will be held on Wednesdays 11-12:30pm about every third week, room 0139 CIDCM Conference Room. If you are interested in presenting or serving as a discussant/reviewer, then please provide a title and a date preference.

The schedule of meetings is as follows starting at 9:30AM:

Spring Semester:

We still have paper openings, as well as several discussant opportunities for the Spring Semester

May 6

May 6: Jacob Shapiro, Princeton University. Title: "Can Hearts and Minds Be Bought? The Economics of Counterinsurgency in Iraq."

Discussant: Available

So, please let us know your plans for presenting your work and/or in serving as a discussant. We would like to put together a first-cut at a schedule in the next week or two so please email Ben Appel at bappel@gvpt.umd.edu with your information even if it is tentative at this point.

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

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 International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

THE ONLY GVPT SUMMER COURSE ON LATIN AMERICA

The GVPT 309P "Topics in International Relations: Inter and intra-state conflict and its resolution in Latin America"; (3 credits) is being offered in the second summer session 2009 and deals with contemporary issues in the region, including options for conflict transformation with the new United States government. Prof. Edward (Edy) Kaufman's course integrates the analysis of violent domestic and international disputes in Latin America, providing a short historical background to conflicts in the region, particularly those opening up new possibilities for conflict resolution in the post-ColdWar and globalization periods. The first part deals with macro-analysis and alternative explanatory theories for the limited violence in inter-state conflicts and the emergence of a zone of peace in the continent. The second part of the course covers selected case studies of conflicts that have been managed in the last decades (border, migration, ideological, economic and other disputes), as well as those that are still latent and may require preventive action. The course will end with a discussion about present and future trends of conflicts in the region and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, in both Track I and Track II diplomacy. Also offered as LASC448B and SPAN448B. Meets Tu/Th between 2:00pm- 5:20pm (TYD 0111) .

Collective Choice

The Collective Choice Center has put in place two workshops for the Fall semester: Harrison Wagner will visit the first Monday of **October (10/5)**. He will discuss his new book *War and the State*. Later in **October, on the 23rd** Robert Goodin and Christian List will discuss their work.

Harrison Program

The Harrison Program is pleased to announce that David Backer, Professor of Government at The College of William and Mary, will be visiting GVPT on May 5. Professor Backer's work focuses on transitional justice in Africa and Latin America, with particular attention to victim's attitudes towards truth and justice and the impact of participation on individual and community change. Professor Backer will speak on "Understanding Victims' Justice: Evidence from Surveys in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone." The talk will be at 11 AM on May 5 and is open to the entire GVPT and campus community. For more information, contact Cyanne Loyle at cloyle@gvpt.umd.edu

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – Joint Workshop with the Comparative Politics Field

Workshop - 11-12:30pm in 1111 Tydings Hall

Dr David Backer of William and Marry

Paper: "Understanding Victims' Justice: Evidence from Surveys in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone"

Discussant: Cyanne Loyle

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 jichen@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 out or in press

Kastner, Scott L., "Political Conflict and Economic Interdependence across the Taiwan Strait and Beyond," Stanford University Press, 2009.

McIntosh, Wayne, Multi-Party Litigation: The Strategic Context, University of British Columbia Press.

Tismaneanu, Vladimir, ed., "The Stalinization Eastern Europe. New Political and Historical Perspectives" (Budapest and New York: Central European University Press, forthcoming fall 2009)

Articles or Chapters in Print

Corstange, Daniel: "Sensitive Questions, Truthful Answers? Modeling the List Experiment with LISTIT." *Political Analysis*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (Winter 2009), pp. 45-62. "Tribes and the Rule of Law in Yemen," *Al-Masar*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (Winter 2009): 3-54. And "Democratic Talk and the Democratic Walk: Superficial versus Sincere Support for Illiterate Voting Rights in Lebanon," *Kellogg Working Papers*, No. 256 (April 2009).

Kastner, Scott: "Bridge over Troubled Water? Envisioning a China-Taiwan Peace Agreement." (With Phillip Saunders.) *International Security*, Vol. 33, No. 4 (Spring 2009), pp. 87-114.

Tismaneanu, Valdimir: "Democratic Intellectuals and the Public Sphere", in Bogdan Cazaban and Mihai Neamtu, eds, "Essays in Honor of Professor Andrei Plesu," volume sponsored by New Europe College, Bucharest, Zeta Books, 2009 and "Totalitarian Dictators, Political religions, Ideological Hubris," a review-essay, "Kritika: Explorations in Russian Culture," forthcoming, Summer 2009

Uslaner, Ric, with Kerem Ozan Kalkan and Geoffrey Layman: "Bands of Others?" will appear in the Journal of Politics (August, 2009), v. 71

Grants and Awards

Alford, Fred won the Kirwan Faculty Research & Scholarship Award.

Soltan, Karol won the faculty 2009 BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.

Wilkenfeld, Jon won the Distinguished Scholar Teacher Award.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Oppenheimer, Joe A. has been invited to participate in the (CAS), a joint research project of the Higher School of Economics and the New Economic School, I am glad to invite you to present your paper at the 3d CAS (Center for Advanced Studies) Annual Academic Conference "Rationality, Behavior and Experiments" at the State University — Higher School of Economics in Moscow in June. He will present the paper, Paradox Lost co-authored with Steve Wendel and Norman Frohlich.

Pearson, Margaret will present a paper, "Domestic Constraints on Chinese Participation in East Asian Organizations" at the Center for China-US Cooperation at the University of Denver in May.

Tismaneanu, Vladimir "Democracy, Memory, and Moral Justice: Eastern Europe Confronts Its Communist Past," lecture at the University of California (Berkeley), March 5, 2009 (sponsored by the Institute for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, the Department of Political Science, the Institute of International Studies, and the Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program). "Communism and Fascism as Political Religions," lecture at the University of California (Berkeley), March 6, 2009 (sponsored by the Institute for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies and the Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program, "Leszek Kolakowski and the Dignity of Spirit," lecture at the launching of the Romanian translation of vol. 1 of Lezsel Kolakowski's "Main Currents of Marxism," Bucharest, Romanian Cultural Institute, March 23, 2009 (event sponsored by the Embassy of Poland in Bucharest). "1989 as a Reinvention of the Political," presentation at the conference "Romania and the 1989 Upheaval," Hofburg Palace, Vienna, March 27, 2009 (event organized by the Romanian Cultural Institute in cooperation with Austria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and "Totalitarian Dictators and Political Religions," presentation at the workshop "Hitler-Stalin: New Comparative Perspectives," Yale University, April 18, 2009. Tismaneanu continues with Moldova's Revolution Against Cynical And Cronyist Authoritarianism" Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty online, April 13, 2009, and Weekly column in Romania's daily newspaper "Evenimentul Zilei" (series on the 20th anniversary of the revolutions of 1989).

Uslaner, Ric will present: "Diversity, Segregation, and Trust" at the Diversity and Democratic Politics workshop, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, May 6-9, "President Obama's Agenda, the Economic Crisis, Public Opinion, and Congressional Response," at the Center for American Political Science and Law, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China, May 25. Will present "Diversity, Segregation, and Trust," keynote address at the Conference on the Social Differentiation of Trust and Social

Capital, University of Aalborg, Denmark, June 8, 2009, "Corruption, Inequality, and the Rule of Law,"
University College of Dublin, Ireland, June 14.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Articles or Chapters in Print

Kalkan, Kerem Ozan, with Geoffrey Layman and Ric Uslaner, "Bands of Others?" will appear in the Journal of Politics (August, 2009), v. 71

Awards

Brown, Jonathan won a Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship from the Graduate School and won the Don C. Piper Award.

Kalkan, Ozan won the 2009-2010 Anne G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship Award and won the 2009 Conley Dillon Award.

Marcum, Anthony won the Don C. Piper Award.

Mctague, John won the 2009 Conley Dillon Award.

Milligan, Maren won the graduate student 2009 BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.

Taylor, Jeffrey received the Roger Davidson Award

Thorpe, Rebecca, the winner of the Graduate School's 2009 Michael J. Pelczar Award for Excellence in Graduate Study.

Wallace, Jennifer tied for first place in her issue area (Environmental Issues - 1) at the Graduate Research Interaction Day, held here at the University of Maryland on April 13. The list of winners is available online at <http://www.gsg.umd.edu/go/events/grid/winners>.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Biggers Dan, Cizmar Anne, Kalkan Ozan, Wendel Steve, will present at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology.

Chomiak, Laryssa presented a paper "Contestation and Resistance in Tunisia: Locating Civic Politics in a 'New' Public Space" at the ECPR Joint Sessions in Lisbon, Portugal (April 14-20, 2009).

Kirkpatrick, Jesse will be presenting a paper entitled: 'Capabilities, Human Rights, Cluster Munitions,' at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting May 8-9, 2009.

Wustenberg, Jenny has been invited to present her work at the "International Workshop on Civility," Berlin Wissenschaftszentrum, April 23-25, as well as at the "Research Colloquium Sachsenhausen" of Prof. Morsch, Berlin-Oranienburg on April 27.



SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Qualitative Politics Group 11-12:00pm 1111 TYD	2
3	4 IR WORKSHOP 11-12:30 1136 TYD DCAWCP 9:30-11:00 0139 CIDCM	5 Comparative Politics/Harrison Workshop 11-12:30 1111 Tydings Hall	6 DCAWCP 11-12:30 1101 Morrill Hall	7 BSOS Award Ceremony 4:30-6:30pm Grand Ballroom, SSU	8 American Politics Grad Student Conference 10:30-2:30 Taliaferro 1123	9
10	11 IR WORKSHOP 11-12:30 1136 TYD DCAWCP 9:30-11:00 0139 CIDCM	12 LAST CLASS	13 STUDY DAY Executive Com 11:00-12:15 GVPT Conf Rm	14 FINAL EXAMS BEGIN	15 American Politics Wkshp 10:30-12:00 TYD 1136 TENURED FACULTY MTG 12:15-1:30pm, 1101 Morrill Hall END OF YEAR RECEPTION 2:30-4:30pm 1101 Morrill Hall	16
17	18	19	20 FINAL EXAMS END	21 UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMNT 7PM Comcast	22 GVPT GRADUATION CEREMONY 1:00PM, Reckord Armory	23
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