

GVPT NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This issue of GVPT NEWS is our last issue for the 2005-2006 academic year. As you will see, we remain busy though 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.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy summer and hope to see everyone again in the fall.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!

Please join us in congratulating the following students who have been awarded GVPT scholarships for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement:

Mary Elizabeth Roby Scholarship

Sarah Gingold

Sarah is currently going into her senior year as a government and politics major at the University of Maryland. She has gained a wide range of knowledge of political matters as she has taken classes in political theory, international relations, and comparative government. Sarah's favorite class so far has been an honors seminar called Languages of the World, from which she gained a great interest in studying languages. She is currently studying Arabic. During Sarah's first two years at UMCP she completed the University Honors program. She later served as an Honors 100 section leader, where she had the opportunity to lead a freshman honors class in discussions about liberal education, diversity, the arts and current events. While Sarah has gained a lot of knowledge in the classroom, she has also learned a lot through extracurricular activities. She volunteered with a student group called Beyond These Walls for two years, which set up an art and reading program at a local elementary school. Sarah went on an alternate spring break trip to a homeless shelter in DC, and she volunteered on a student-led trip to Mississippi to do hurricane relief work. She has found that some of the best experiences she has had at UMCP have been student-led service projects, so she has been working with student leaders and campus offices to enhance student efforts in service, by starting a Service Bus program with the Department of Transportation Services and a Service Leader Coalition with the Office of Community Service Learning. Sarah is currently serving on the President's Promise Initiative Committee, and the SGA Finance Review Committee. She is also now president of a student group called Innworks, which is a volunteer group that puts on a week-long free summer science program for local middle school kids, in an attempt to reach out to kids who would otherwise not consider science as a career.

Oppenheimer Scholarship

Reneé Carter

Reneé began tutoring middle and high school students in the Suitland area of southern Prince George's County since January 2005. She is currently in the process of beginning UMD's branch of Women and Youth Supporting Each Other or WYSE, a national mentoring organization. Reneé interns with Peace Brigades International, a non-governmental organization that aims to protect human rights and promote nonviolent transformation of conflicts. Throughout her undergraduate career Reneé has maintained above a 3.0 grade point average and she is the proud recipient of the OMSE Academic Achievement award as well as the University of Maryland Study Abroad Scholarship.

Vaughn Scholarships

Nicholas Chamberlain

Nicholas has earned an overall 3.87 GPA while at Maryland, while being involved in numerous campus and volunteer activities. He is an associate in the CIVICUS Living-Learning Program and an active member of the Academic Affairs Committee within the Student Government Association (SGA). As a member of the Volunteerism Committee within the Primannum Honor Society, Nicholas helps plan and facilitate service activities for members of the organization. When he is not busy with these organizations, Nicholas Co-Captain's the CIVICUS Relay for Life team and plays intramural soccer

with those in his living-learning community. During this semester, Nicholas has also been interning at the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office in Rockville.

Jeremy Cohen

Jeremy Cohen is a junior Government and Politics major and French minor. This summer he plans to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. During his senior year, Jeremy is planning on writing an Honors thesis on democratic theory. Outside of school, Jeremy has worked with Habitat for Humanity since high school and is currently working as an assistant editor for Chelsea Green Publishing on their upcoming book, *Ethical Markets*. He is also a proud member of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. Jeremy plans on attending law school after graduation.

Senior Summer Scholars Award

Christina Heshmatpour

During her academic career thus far, Christina has endeavored to take advantage of the many research opportunities available at Maryland. She is a member of Gemstone Team E-Voter, a team performing a cutting-edge study of congressional candidates and the use of the Internet. She has worked as a research assistant for Prof. Wayne McIntosh and Mike Evans in the Undergraduate Research Assistant Program. She also began a part-time position with the U.S. Department of State this semester and recently received a security clearance. Christina was recently accepted to URAP's Summer Scholars Program and will conduct a project of her own this summer under the mentorship of Prof. McIntosh. She will be studying the content and language usage of Senate candidates on political campaign websites.

GVPT Commencement scheduled for May 22

The Department of Government and Politics will hold its 2006 Commencement exercises at 2:00 pm on May 22 in the Reckord Armory. We hope to see you there!

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 the spring graduation of a set of students that will be sorely missed.

Although our funding situation has made it a difficult year to recruit graduate students, we have had considerable success. We saw a 10% increase in the number of applications, and though we admitted fewer students than last year and made financial aid offers to just over 10% of our applicant pool, we still expect to have a reasonably large class this fall. A number of students have already accepted financial offers, and several students have committed to Maryland even without financial aid offers. A list (and short bios) of the members of the incoming class will be distributed at the end of the recruitment season.

The following doctoral students who will be graduating in May or August:

Nathan Bigelow
Bidisha Biswas
Ken Cousins
Joshua Dyck

Juliana Menasce Horowitz
Muna Hossain
Chataquoa Mason (Nicole)
Susan Nelson.

Congratulations to all of our degree recipients!

Finally, we congratulate our recent award recipients. Sungmoon Kim won the Don C. Piper Award for his paper entitled "Affective Civil Society and Responsible Citizenship: The Politics of Nationality in South Korea." Sungmoon also received one of the 2006-2007 Dean's Dissertation Fellowships. Nate Bigelow received the Conley Dillon Award, and Chris Whitt received the 2006-2007 Mitchem Fellowship from Marquette University. Great job!

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

We had many successes in placement this past year, and we still have some good news coming in. Juliana Menasce, for instance, just accepted a great job at the Pew Center. But now it is time to start thinking about next year.

I will be holding a session on placement on May 3 in 1111 Tydings at 11 a.m. I will go over what you can expect us in the Department to do for you, and what we expect you to do, as you prepare for an academic job search. Ann Marie Clark, who will be pivotal to your job search, will join us. All graduate students are welcome to attend, but this meeting is particularly important for those of you thinking about applying for jobs this fall. Please note: Fall placement files are required to be complete by *August*, so some of you need to be putting these together this summer. I will be around, and happy to help you.

I look forward to working with everyone this coming year.

Virginia Haufler, Placement Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**GSA 2006 ELECTION RESULTS
For Academic Year 06-07**

Co-chairs (2)
Elizabeth Bentley-Smith
Mike McDonald

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Rodrigo Pinto

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Mike Evans

Anne Cizmar

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American Field Rep

Ozan Kalkan

Comparative Field Rep

Jeremy Boss

IR Field Rep

Tony Marcum

Political Economy Field Rep

Shanthi Gonzales

Theory Field

Rene Paddags

Your GSA Co-Chairs,
Shanti Gonzales (sgonzales@gvpt.umd.edu)
Shana Marshall (smarshall@gvpt.umd.edu)



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.

RETIREMENT OF STAFF MEMBER ELIZABETH CROWELL

Please join us on Friday May 12 at 12:30pm on the Tydings back patio to celebrate the retirement for staff member Elizabeth Crowell. Elizabeth has been with GVPT for 5 years and has been with the university since 1981. Elizabeth will be moving to sunny Florida and spending sometime with her new great-grandson. Thank you Elizabeth for being part of our family.

2 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WORKERS TO GRADUATE

Please join us on Friday May 12 at 12:30pm on the Tydings back patio to celebrate the graduation of and to thank both for their well-done service to the department, Mr. Mike Mansfield and Ms. Apitchaya Pimpawathin (AP).

BSOS STAFF AWARD

Cissy Abu Rumman won the BSOS Outstanding Staff Award.

REPORT FROM THE COMPUTER ADVISORY POLICY COMMITTEE

Our computer support office, the Office of Academic Computing Services (OACS), has undergone tremendous strains the past year. Last year, a number of top people moved on. In August of 2005, a new Director was hired, but she departed in March of this year. Before she left, she initiated processes to upgrade many of the services and standards for the office--but unfortunately not before the Great Email Crash of 2006.

You will be reassured to know that many positive changes are going on at OACS. Candidates for OACS Director were brought in during the last two weeks, and two candidates will be asked to do second interviews (one of those candidates is a former GVPT Honors student, oddly enough). A new Director should be in place by the end of May, if not earlier. A new Network Administrator, Bernard Khouri, has already been hired to provide experienced oversight of the network, thus plugging an important gap in staffing. Marie Gates, long a stalwart of OACS, has been promoted to Associate Director. We hope all of these staff changes will provide a solid, experienced foundation to provide reliable and professional service.

In addition, the Dean authorized expenditures for a new backup system, which was a great source of vulnerability for BSOS. The old system, it turned out, did not always back up accurately; the software to restore data was painfully slow; and the company that sold us the software was not very responsive. OACS is now implementing a new redundant system--with both a massive hard drive and a tape system--and is working with a new vendor whose software should be more reliable, faster, and with better support. In addition, a lot of other network software has been upgraded and harmonized. We expect the new Director will institute systems of regular upgrade and testing to make sure our systems are reliable and meet industry standards.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PH.D.'s

A Biographical Statement

By: Michael A. Diamond, a 1981Ph.D. Graduate

Michael Alan Diamond is Professor of Public Affairs and Director of the Center for the Study of Organizational Change at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs. He received his Ph.D. in 1981 in government and politics (political psychology and political theory) from the University of Maryland at College Park. Most influential faculty at that time for him was Professors James Glass, Stephen Elkin and Ron Tercheck.

Dr. Diamond teaches and writes on organizational analysis and change, leadership, conflict and group dynamics. He is a political psychologist and practicing organizational analyst for government agencies, corporations, and not-for-profit organizations, Universities, and health care delivery systems with 25 years of experience. He has published over 50 articles in scholarly journals and is author and co-author of three books. He is currently writing a book on the psychodynamics of organizational change and consultation. He was co-editor-in-chief of the *American Review of Public Administration* from 1987-to-1995 and is currently a member of the editorial boards of *Administration & Society*, *Organizational and Social Dynamics*, and *Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society*. He is a member of the International Society of Political Psychology, the American Political Science Association, and is founding member and past-president of the International Society for the Psychoanalytic Study of Organizations (ISPSO). Dr. Diamond received the 1994 Harry Levinson Award for Excellence in Consulting from the American Psychological Association, is senior fellow in the School of Law, Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, University of Missouri-Columbia, and was awarded the 1999 William T. Kemper Fellow for Excellence in Teaching from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In 2005 he was awarded the Alumni-Faculty Award from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Running for seat in Montana House of Representatives

By: Franke Wilmer, a 1990 Ph.D. Graduate

Franke Wilmer is running for a seat in the Montana House of Representatives and anyone who would like to know more about the campaign should contact franke at franke@theglobal.net.



WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

AMERICAN POLITICS WORKSHOP

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

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

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

May 05

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD WORKSHOP

TBA

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

DC AREA WORKSHOP ON CONTENTIOUS POLITICS

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

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

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

May 10

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

Author: Sandra Leavitt, Georgetown University

Discussants:

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

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

To find out more about DCAWCP please explore our website

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

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

CIDCM SEMINAR SERIES

May 3

Dr. John Grayzel, new holder of the Baha'i Chair for World Peace, will host a discussion about past accomplishments and future directions of the Baha'i Chair. 0137 Tydings Hall, 11:30 AM. A light lunch will be provided.

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

MARYLAND MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR SERIES

May 3, 11:00 AM – 3110 Tydings Hall

"Iranian Power in the Persian Gulf"

Dr. Tom Mattair

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

May 11, 11:00 AM – 0139 Tydings Hall

"The Past, Present, and Future of Iranian-Israeli Relations"

Dr. Trita Parsi

Dr. Parsi is President of the National Iranian American Council.



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Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

On June 2, CAPC and HCIL will be hosting a day-symposium entitled "The Usability and Security of Electronic Voting Systems." The workshop will present four panels on the usability of different voting systems and how they affect voter satisfaction, need for assistance, and voter accuracy. Additionally, during the question and answer session voter security and verification will be discussed. We are very excited to have Chairman Paul S. DeGregorio from the US Elections Assistance Commission as our keynote speaker. For more information, check out the symposium's website at <http://www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/soh/voting.shtml>.

This summer, CAPC will be hosting a high school student through BSOS's Summer Research Institute. This student will be working on research looking at more detailed usability voting systems, and other topics such as competitiveness of state/district campaigns, and the internet, money and politics.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM Speaker Series: Wednesday May 3, 2006

Dr. John Grayzel, new holder of the Baha'i Chair for World Peace, will host a discussion about past accomplishments and future directions of the Baha'i Chair. 0137 Tydings Hall, 11:30 AM. A light lunch will be provided.

ICONS

Dr. Kathleen Smarick has resigned her position as Director of the ICONS Project to begin working full-time as the Executive Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), the new DHS Center of Excellence here on campus. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew Blum will take over as the new acting Director of ICONS. Andy currently manages practitioner programs for CIDCM.

Graduating Senior

Congratulations to CIDCM's undergraduate assistant, Sarah Bosken. Sarah is graduating in May with a double degree in Government and Politics and Criminal Justice, and will be attending American University's School of Law this fall.

Summer Program in Citizens' and Multi-Track Diplomacy: Mitigating Violence and Instability June 22nd - July 17th 2006



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A SUMMER OF NEGOTIATION FOR PEACEBUILDING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Join us in an experiment using multi-track diplomacy to search for common ground for opening a dialogue between the new Palestinian and Israeli governments. The planned simulation, between influentials with access to the newly elected *Hamas* (Palestinian) and *Kadimah* (Israeli) leadership, will include several Arab and Jewish participants and will be co-facilitated by an Israeli American, Prof. Edward (Edy) Kaufman, and a Muslim American, Prof. John Davies, both with a rich experience in using multi-track and citizens' diplomacy in many countries suffering from war, terrorism and instability in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Americas.

Violent conflicts typically lack a mutually acceptable official structure through which disputes can be settled. In an effort to bridge the negotiation gap between new leaders of parties that remain caught in cycles of violence and terror, unofficial channels will be explored using leading-edge interactive techniques. The outcome of this workshop, accomplished through trust building, skills building and consensus building, is expected to be channeled into forthcoming second track meetings in the Middle East as well as directly to the relevant Palestinian and Israeli authorities.

Multi-track diplomacy has become an increasingly important tool not only for diplomats, government and IO agencies and civil society organization (CSO) staff working for development, democratic reform, relief, refugee and humanitarian aid, but also for other concerned citizens or stakeholders in areas of violence or instability. Offered at College Park by the Department of Government and Politics and sponsored by its Center for International Development and Conflict Management, this University of Maryland 40-hour summer course has therefore been scheduled over seven evenings and a weekend, for the convenience of professionals (details over page).

Certification and Scholarships

Successful completion qualifies participants for certification of training in multi-track diplomacy, as well as three academic credits for degree seeking students. Some scholarships will be available covering half of the registration and tuition costs for non-degree-seeking professionals, including staff of embassies and CSOs. Visiting speakers should include Ambassador John McDonald, founder of the Institute of Multi-Track Diplomacy.

Further Information

For more information, see reverse, or please contact Edy Kaufman at ekaufman@cidcm.umd.edu or 301-314-5907; or John Davies at jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu or 301-754-1014.

Program Structure, Credit and Readings

The program may be taken either by non-degree-seeking professionals for audit and certification, or by graduate or advanced undergrad students as a three-credit class:

Mitigating Violence and Instability

Credits: GVPT 808D or GVPT 409D

Instructors: Profs. Edward (Edy) Kaufman and John Davies

Schedule: Seven evening seminars, Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 22nd – July 13th, 6.00 – 9.20pm and Friday July 14th, 6.00 – 9.20pm; weekend workshop: Saturday and Sunday July 15th – 16th, 9.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00 – 6.00pm. There will be no classes on July 3rd or 4th, allowing a long holiday weekend.

Location: Tawes 0131 and Tydings 0145 on the College Park campus (rooms to be confirmed).

Readings: *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (2003), by John Davies and Edward Kauman, will be a primary text, with additional readings included in a course packet available at the beginning of the program.

Registration

For on-line application and registration visit our web site at www.umd.edu/summer. Note that a registration fee of \$55 and a campus use fee of \$198 are payable in addition to tuition fees as below. We have been granted permission for all participants to pay the much lower in-state tuition fees, even if they are in fact from other states or countries, unless they are enrolling for graduate credits toward a degree.

Professional/Non-Degree-Seeking Applicants should first complete the standard “Undergraduate Visiting Student Application” (even though they are not undergraduates: this allows a lower tuition fee) and then enroll to “audit” GVPT 409D. Call 1-877-989-SPOC (1-301-314-3572 if outside US), or email summer@umail.umd.edu, if assistance is desired or web access is problematic. Tuition fees are \$858.

Students currently enrolled at the University of Maryland should first complete the graduate or undergrad application and then register for GVPT 808K or 409K as they would for any summer course.

Those currently enrolled at other universities or colleges within the Metropolitan Washington DC Consortium should contact the Office of Special Projects at their respective institutions for registration information. They may also register on-line as above or call the Graduate Admissions office at 301-405-4198 for an admissions application and course registration form.

Intending applicants are strongly encouraged to enroll early as acceptance (for credit or otherwise) will be subject to availability of seats (maximum 30 participants). However, if you expect delays in enrollment due to funding or visa applications, or to consortia procedures, please contact the instructors as below to request that a seat be held for you.

Harrison Program

BIG GIG

May 8

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

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

This will be the final meeting of the semester. Send any suggestions for fall sessions to Karol Soltan.

HARRISON SYMPOSIUM

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

College Park Scholars-International Studies (CPS-IS)

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

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

Like the other twelve programs, CPS-IS gets support from Undergraduate Studies and sponsoring colleges. However, given the nature and content of international studies, the program is deeply indebted to the GVPT department. The Faculty Director (Dorith Grant-Wisdom), Associate Director (Colette Chichester) and Graduate Assistant (Neha Sahgal) are affiliated with GVPT. CPS-IS is also greatly enhanced by the expertise provided by various GVPT and related faculty. As a frequent visitor, Professor Mark Lichbach (GVPT Chair) has been particularly informative in providing an overview of the GVPT department and its faculty, and the significance of international studies and research especially at this critical period in world history. For the past three years, Professor Karol Soltan has been teaching GVPT100—designed for, and restricted to International Studies scholars. Likewise, CPS-IS now looks forward to the annual talks by Professor Shibley Telhami (Anwar Sadat Chair) and Professor Suheil Bushrui (Baha’i Chair for World Peace). This semester, the first years began their academic journey with an introduction to the levels of analysis by Professor Virginia Haufler. Professors Ken Conca, Marcus Franda, Soo Yeon Kim, Martin Heisler, Jillian Schwedler, Ernie Wilson and Kathleen Young have also shared their ideas and views with the students over the years. The same applies to Tim Wedig (Research Associate with ICONS) and to a number of past and present graduate students including Anthony Kammas and Matt Bowker. Support for scholars goes beyond the physical presence in the CPS-IS classroom. Other members of faculty have in some way shared their ideas with students and conveyed the importance of scholarship and academic integrity through supporting classes, discussions and mentorship.

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

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

Submitted by Dorith Grant-Wisdom



FIELD UPDATES

AMERICAN POLITICS

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

American Politics Workshop:

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly gathering for all faculty and graduate students interested in American Politics. Each of our research workshops features a paper by a faculty member or graduate student.

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

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

THEORY

Theory in Motion.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Relations Workshop

TBA

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

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Comparative in Motion.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapters and Article Publications

Geoff Layman's "Changing Sides or Changing Minds? Party Identification and Policy Preferences in the American Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (April 2006): 464-77 (with Thomas Carsey).

Lois Vietri's paper on “Human Trafficking Initiatives in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Barriers and Opportunities” was accepted for fall publication in the University of Maryland School of Law’s *Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class*.

Grants and Awards

Charles Butterworth was recently appointed to be a Member of the Advisory Board for the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Christian Davenport received the pi sigma alpha award for best paper at the 2005 Midwest Political Science meeting.

Paul Herrnson received the Pi Sigma Alpha National Award for Career Achievement at the 2006 National Capital-Area Political Science Association Spring Gathering on April 27th.

Jillian Schwedler won the BSOS Award for Teaching Excellence.

Vladimir Tismaneanu was appointed as chair and coordinator of the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania but the Romanian President Traian Basescu. The decree came out on April 5, 2006.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Charles Butterworth reviewed the Jonathan Marks book, "Perfection and Disharmony in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau in Choice 43/7" (March 2006), 4307. Butterworth also presented "Law and the Common Good: To Bring about a Virtuous City or Preserve the Old Order?" at "Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and the Theory of Statecraft," The Ray Smith Symposium, Spring 2006, at Syracuse University, March 30-April 1, 2006.

Paul Herrnson presented three articles at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association conference this past April in Chicago with fellow authors Richard G. Niemi, Michael J. Hanmer, Benjamin B. Bederson, Frederick G. Conrad, Michael W. Traugott. The presentations were entitled: 1) "The Not So Simple Act of Voting: An Examination of Voter Errors with Electronic Voting," 2) "Voters' Abilities to Cast a Write-in Vote Using Electronic Voting Systems," and 3) "The Usability of Electronic Voting Systems: Results from a Laboratory Study."

Bart Kaminski's "The Impact of Offshore Outsourcing on New Europe's Re-integration into Global Economy" paper was presented at the conference The New Global Division of Labor: Winners and Losers from Offshore Outsourcing Schedule held at the Center for Global Initiatives, Mount Holyoke College, Mass., March 3, 2006. His "Armenia and Multiple Challenges of Globalization: Critical role of the State," lecture was at Outstanding Professional Lecture Series, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, April 13, 2006. "How to Attract FDI and Maximize Its Benefits" (co-authored with Beata S. Javorcik) and "Multinational Corporations and Export Competitiveness of New Europe," (co-authored with Beata S. Javorcik) papers were presented at the Session: FDI and Competitive Performance at the Second Lancut Economic Forum on New Europe held in Lancut, Poland, April 28-29, 2006. Kaminski's refereed research papers published in 2006: "Bulgaria's Integration into the Pan-European Economy and Industrial Restructuring," (co-authored with Francis Ng), Policy Research Working Papers Series, WPS 3863, Development Economics-Trade Research Group, World Bank, 2006. "Bulgaria's Institutions and Policies: Integrating into Pan-European Markets," Policy Research Working Papers Series WPS 3864, Development Economics-Trade Research Group, World Bank, 2006. And "Turkey's Evolving Trade Integration into Pan-European Markets," (co-authored with Francis Ng), Policy Research Working Papers Series, WPS 3874, Development Economics-Trade Research Group, World Bank, 2006.

Scott Kastner's "The Credible Commitment Problem and Prospects for China/Taiwan Reunification." Paper presented to the International Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2006. (With Chad Rector.) And his "Trade Policy Openness, Government Spending, and Democratic Consolidation." Paper presented at the Democracy Collaborative Conference, UMD, April 2006. (With Michael Hiscox.)

Frances Lee's "Agenda Content and Senate Party Polarization, 1981-2004" Conference on "Party Effects in the United States Senate." Washington Duke Inn, Duke University, April 7-8, 2006. And "The Geography of

Electioneering: Campaigning for Votes and Campaigning for Money” **Coauthored with Jim Gimpel**. The Marketplace of Democracy: A Conference on Electoral Competition and American Politics Sponsored by the Cato Institute and the Brookings Institution, March 9, 2006.

Margaret Pearson will present a paper entitled "Politics and Markets Revisited - How to Understand China's Economy" at Indiana University in May.

Jillian Schwedler presented a keynote talk on "Islam and Moderation" for the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of America on April 4, 2006. Schwedler and Sam Fayyaz presented their paper, "Disciplining Dissent: Toward a Legal Geography of Protest in Jordan," at the workshop on "Islam and the Public Sphere" at the University of California at Santa Barbara, on April 22, 2006.

Ric Uslaner's "Does Diversity Drive Down Trust?" at the Conference on Civil Society, the State, and Social Capital, University of Bergen (Norway), May 11-14, 2006. Uslaner was invited as keynote speaker, "Trust and Corruption in Transition," at the symposium on "Democracy and Social Capital: A Czech-American Dialogue," at the Woodrow Wilson Center, United States Embassy, Prague, Czech Republic, sponsored by the Czech Fulbright Commission, the United States Embassy (Prague), and the Institute of Political Science, Charles University (Prague). And Uslaner has been named Senior Research Fellow at the Center for American Law and Political Science at the Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China, where he will give annual lectures and help to direct the Center's research program.

Lois Vietri presented a paper on "Human Trafficking Initiatives in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Barriers and Opportunities" at the University of Maryland School of Law's *The Global Advancement of Women 2006 Symposium* on April 7.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Books

Janet Holl Madigan, PhD, December 04, has had her revised dissertation accepted for publication with Palgrave-St. Martins Press. The book, *Being Human, Being Good: The Source and Summit of Universal Human Rights*, is to be published later this year.

Grants and Awards

Phil Roessler after returning from a year conducting field research in Sudan and neighboring countries for his dissertation on 'Neopatrimonialism, Political Bargaining and Conflict in Africa' and have received several fellowship offers: the Africanist Doctoral Candidate Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he will be for the summer. Phil also received postdoctoral fellowship offers at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) at Stanford University; the Program for Intrastate Conflict and the International Security Program (ISP) at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA), John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and in Comparative Government at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford (Lincoln College). Phil has chosen the postdoc at CISAC for the fall.

Rebecca Thorpe won the BSOS Award for Teaching Excellence.

Chris Whitt was offered the Mitchem Dissertation Fellowship at Marquette University and the Geier Dissertation Fellowship at Middle Tennessee State University. I decided on the Mitchem Fellowship at Marquette University. That means I'll be finishing my dissertation while in residence at Marquette University's Political Science Department. In the fall semester I will deliver a colloquium lecture on my research and in the spring semester I will teach a course related to my research.

Guy Ziv was awarded the Israel Scholar Award from the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise. It's a \$10,000 grant that will enable him to do his fieldwork in Israel in the fall 2006.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Sam Fayyaz and Jillian Schwedler presented their paper, "Disciplining Dissent: Toward a Legal Geography of Protest in Jordan," at the workshop on "Islam and the Public Sphere" at the University of California at Santa Barbara, on April 22, 2006.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Executive Com. Mtg. 11-12:15, GVPT Conf. Rm Middle East Seminar 10:30 am- Location TBA CIDCM SPEAKER SERIES 0137 TYD 11:30am	4	5 American Politics Wrkshp 1111 -10:30-12	6
7	8 BIG GIG TYD 1136 11-12:30	9	10 DCAWCP 11-12:30 TYD 0139	11 LAST DAY OF CLASSES Middle East Seminar 11am-Location TBA	12 STUDY DAY FACULTY MEETING 11-12pm 1123 Taliaferro Hall GVPT Reception 12:30-2:00pm Outside (Rain location Main Office)	13 FINALS BEGIN
14	15	16	17 Executive Com. Mtg. 11-12:15, GVPT Conf. Rm	18	19 FINALS END	20
21 UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT	22 GVPT Graduation Ceremony Armory, 2pm	23	24	25	26	27
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