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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR LINDA WILLIAMS



Professor Linda Williams, an outstanding colleague and friend. Coming from Texas, She fought for justice, decency, and human rights all her life, and gave us an increased understanding of the roots of injustice and racism in the US and its politics. Before coming to Maryland, Williams was on the faculty at Howard for 9 ½ years, Cornell and Brandeis Universities and held the position of Research Associate at Harvard. She also served as the head of the Congressional Black Caucus' Research Group and had held the position of Associate Director of Research at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, both in Washington DC.

Williams came to the University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics in 1991 as an Associate Professor. She served as Acting Director of the Afro-American Studies Program from 1995-1996. In August 2004 she was awarded Full-Professor in the Department of Government and Politics. Williams was the author of "The Constraint of Race: Legacies of White Skin Privilege in America" which received the Michael Harrington Best Book Award, the W.E.B. Dubois Best Book Award and named the Best Book of 2004 on Public Policy and Race and Ethnicity awarded by the American Political Science Association's Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics. She was also author of "The Long Struggle for Black Political Empowerment" and co-author with Husband Ralph Gomes for the edited book "Exclusion to Inclusion: The Long Struggle for African American Political Power."

Williams was a leading analyst of Black political behavior. She served as a consultant on election issues and interpreting election results to a variety of women's groups including the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Black Women's Political Caucus, the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and the women's issue group of the National Black Leadership Roundtable.

She has been interviewed by all of the major networks evening news programs, CNN, C-SPAN, MacNeil-Lehrer, Nightline, the Today Show, the three major news weeklies, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, and many other prominent news media.

Williams' 1992 project entitled "Gender and the Politics of 1992" took the "Year of the Woman" as the starting point of her research. Her areas of interest were American Politics, Public Policy, and Political Economy. Research interests include race, class, gender and politics; press, politics, and public policy; the American welfare state; urban politics; and public opinion and elections.

We dedicate this issue to Professor Linda Williams, who will be missed by all of her friends and colleagues.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Deadlines

November 1 - Winter 2007 Book Orders Due
November 2 - Fall 2007 schedule from field coordinators
November 15 - Spring 2007 Book Orders Due

Registration

Registration for the Spring 2007 semester begins on October 27 and continues through the first week of December. Faculty should send students with questions about registration procedures, pre-requisites, or restrictions on GVPT courses directly to the advising office. Due to some technical difficulties, some pre-requisites are listed incorrectly on Testudo, but we hope to have them fixed in the near future.

Undergraduate Awards and Honors

Jon Tucker and Sarah Gingold were selected to represent the Department of Government & Politics at the National Student Conference on US Affairs sponsored by Westpoint Military Academy. Jon Tucker is a senior Government & Politics and Sociology double major focusing on american politics. Sarah Gingold, the Mary Roby scholarship winner last year, is a senior Government & Politics major with a focus on international affairs. Both will represent the department and the university well at this prestigious event. Congratulations to both for being selected.

Pi Sigma Alpha

The undergraduate political honors society is remaining active this semester. The Alpha Zeta chapter recently admitted 35 new students into the program and is continuing to host several events each semester. Still left: a visit to the U.S. Supreme Court, November 6; Post-election discussion featuring Dr. Paul Herrnsen, November 8; Dinner and Discussion with Dr. Wayne McIntosh on court rulings, November 15th. For more information visit the PSA website: www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/psa

ALUMNI EVENTS

The GVPT Alumni group will be hosting its annual Alumni-Student Mixer at McCormick & Schmick's Restaraunt (9th & F Streets, NW) on November 8 at 6PM. Appetizers and a cash bar will be available. Faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students are available. For more information, email Jennifer Coarts at jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu

Wayne McIntosh
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty members who have not yet submitted their RA/TA preference lists should do so as soon as possible. These lists are due, and Ann Marie and I need them to complete the RA/TA assignments for Spring 2007.

January comprehensive exam committees will be finalized soon. Faculty who will not be able to serve on any January exam committees should let me know as soon as possible.

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

The Brookings Institution is currently soliciting nominations for Research Fellowships in Foreign Policy Studies and Research Fellowships in Governance Studies. If you are interested, please remember to submit a letter of interest and vita (with references) to Ann Marie by November 3, 2006.

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

I am very excited to report that our students are beginning to be invited to interview for jobs. I encourage all of you to make a really strong effort to attend practice job talks--getting feedback on how to present research effectively can make a real difference in helping people make a positive impression. Faculty are encouraged to come, so that grad students can get a taste of the kinds of questions they will face. Some faculty may even want to pretend they are from another university, and toss oddball (but not too outrageous!) questions at our candidates. Graduate students should come and help fellow graduate students refine their presentation in terms of both substance and style--and learn more about the academic interview process.

Note to all students on the market this year: from now on, all requests for placement files to be sent out should be sent to Virginia Haufler at vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu and not to Ann Marie Clark. Requests should include the name of the advertised position, the place to send it to, and the deadline. All requests must be made at least two weeks in advance of deadlines.

I put together some statistics on job openings from APSA eJobs, for those interested. These were openings posted on October 1 of this year, and I also list numbers from last year's October newsletter. Some of these openings are double counted, since I didn't control for job openings with more than one field listed (for instance, many openings are listed as IR/Comparative); I simply used the search categories on the eJobs website.

	Oct 1, 06	Oct 05
American	126	115
Comparative	108	89
IR	105	100
Theory	42	30
Methods	25	18
Law	36	37

Virginia Haufler, Placement Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Hi everyone!

Below are some words of wisdom that some of our graduate students have noted in their biographical statements and that we thought would be helpful advice; you can find all words of wisdom on the graduate students website at www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/grad/.

- **“Follow your curiosity and cultivate your imagination; but don't forget that you need to eat.”**
- **“You are here to learn so you are not supposed to already know everything. Embrace new ideas.”**
- **“Remember what motivates you, and go with that.”**
- **“Take notes on everything from the day you get to school, instead of just reading on the couch. That way when the comps come around, you're halfway there.”**
- **“Don't skip meals and practice speed reading.”**
- **“Be prepared to take classes that don't particularly interest you your first semester and think of it like a job because the workload requires your full attention.”**
- **“Don't assume everyone else in the program is smarter than you, chances are they are not. And don't qualify your statements with such disclaimers; if you consistently tell people you don't know much, they'll begin to agree with you.”**

To be listed on this site, please send us the following information: name, email, where you received your Bachelor's degree and in what, any other degrees you have received, year you entered the program, your first and second field, research interests, other interests, and of course any words of wisdom.

A few reminders:

- Friday, November 10 at 5:00pm – Happy Hour at Franklin's
- Wednesday, November 15 at 11:00am – GSA General Meeting in Tydings 1111 (pizza, of course, will be provided)
- Friday, November 17 at 8:00pm – Laser Tag (more information forthcoming)

Finally, we are preparing next semester's calendar of events and would like your input on all things technological and social. Please send us your ideas so we can try to make them happen.

Your GSA Co-Chairs,
 Elizabeth Bentley-Smith (ebentley@gvpt.umd.edu)
 Michael McDonald (mmcdonald@gvpt.umd.edu)



STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

News about OACS – from Virginia Haufler

The new leadership at OACS is making great progress in upgrading our computer services and equipment. As many of you know, OACS has needed more staff, more upgrading of hardware and software, and better standards of operation. Some of the improvements you will notice right away, others are behind the scenes. The highest priority has gone to improving the security of equipment and data. OACS now has a backup power system, and will soon be installing a fire suppression system in the server room. They have installed a new server backup system with both on-site and off-site backup. They recently arranged for the servers to be protected by the firewall used by the university Office of Information Technology, and generally are developing very good relations with OIT. They also will be establishing a regularly scheduled downtime for the system, in order to do monthly maintenance (install patches and upgrades, etc.). In general, they are instituting a lot of "industry best practices" to make sure OACS is run in a more professional manner.

There are two improvements in process right now that will be the most visible to us. First, they are looking at new spam control systems, since the GWAVA system obviously does not work. They will be testing a new product in the coming months to make sure it actually meets our needs before implementing it BSOS-wide. We need to balance the need to block those viagra ads without also eliminating messages from our friends in Nigeria. Second, OACS is in the process of hiring a dedicated Helpdesk Manager. This person will oversee the technicians who are the first line of contact for most of us. This ought to improve the customer service and training of the part-time technicians.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PH.D's

“A Special Place in My Heart”

By: Martin E. Bookbinder, a 1972 Ph.D. Graduate

I received my Ph.D. in Government & Politics in January, 1972 at the winter ceremony. Lt. Governor Blair Lee handed me the sheepskin. My thesis advisor was the late Professor Franklin Burdette. At that time, I was teaching part at a Maryland off-campus site at Andrews Air Force Base. In addition, I was on the faculty of Dunbarton College, which closed in 1972.

The application process resulted in job offers at about 4 four year colleges. Instead, I took a position at Passaic County College in Paterson, NJ; I've been there now for 35 years. The key factor in making that choice was the excellent pay. The teaching load as negotiated between the union and administration is 30 contact

hours per academic year; moreover, there are ample options to teach overload. In a typical year I teach almost 400 students.

The college has grown from 500 students to 8000 on 3 campuses. In a sense, I have grown with the college. In New Jersey and all over the USA, well over half of college students attend community colleges. For this reason, faculty need to be generalists. I have taught Introduction to Political Science, macro & microeconomics and US History. Teaching is our primary focus. Research and publishing are not really encouraged.

A sizeable number of the students require developmental and remedial courses. Even then many still have difficulties with college level work. On a more positive note, most of our students transfer to Rutgers, William Paterson University, Montclair State, Farleigh Dickinson University, Kean University, College of New Jersey and Ramapo College. A few students have transferred to NYU, Columbia, and even Harvard. Our nursing graduates work at many of the local hospitals. The local police forces and fire departments employ many of our graduates as well. Some of our graduates have served in the US military.

Over the years, I have been a liberal arts chairman. [Administration is not for me]. I have served on tenure, promotion, and curriculum committees. I was selected for Who's Who Among America Teachers; I have reviewed numerous text books and am now Phi Theta Kappa advisor, where I try to get scholarship money for our transfer students.

On a personal level, I have a 33 year old son [stockbroker in NYC] and 32 year old daughter [social worker in NYC] and a 3-year old basset hound. It's been fun, and no plans to retire for a while.

Most of the GVPT professors I had are now deceased but if they were still here I know they would be proud of my accomplishments. I shall always be grateful to the University of Maryland for the outstanding education and experience. Maryland will always have a special place in my heart.



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 workshops will meet in Tydings 1136 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.

Wednesday, November 1 - CANCELED

John Owens (of University of Westminster), “The Most Powerful Legislature in the World? Congressional Oversight and Party Government in the ‘War’ on Terrorism: The Fire Engines Stayed in Their Stations”

Friday, November 17

Ozan Kalkan, Geoff Layman, & Ric Uslaner, “Are Muslims Just Another Outgroup? American Public Opinion Toward Muslims and Muslim-Americans”

Friday, December 1

Julia Joh, “State Politics and Governmental Public Health Capacity”

Wednesday, December 6

Irwin Morris (coauthored with Trey Hood of University of Georgia and Quentin Kidd of Christopher Newport University), “Two Sides of the Same Coin? Black Mobilization and Republican Growth in the Modern American South”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD WORKSHOP

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. We strongly encourage all IR graduate students to come to our meetings. We meet approximately once per month on Monday at 11am.

Monday, November ?th, 11-12:30

????? will be presenting “**TITLE**”

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.

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:

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Fall Semester

November 1: TBA

November 15: TBA

December 13: TBA

Winter/Spring Semester

February 7, 21

March 7, (no meeting on the 21st due to Spring Break)

April 4, 18

May 2, 16

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. This year Paul Huth, Professor in the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland and Research Director for the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) will organize the workshops. Please email Professor Huth at phuth@gvpt.umd.edu.

CIDCM SEMINAR SERIES

Starting this fall, CIDCM will again host the Contentious Politics Seminar, as well as continuing its Speaker Series. Please consult our website for announcements and dates.

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

<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 Mark Jacobs at mxjacobs@umd.edu.

November 10

Joe Oppenheimer, Department of Government and Politics

“Demystifying Social Welfare: Needs and Social Justice in the Evaluation of Democracies”

ABSTRACT:

We argue that the justification of democracy is best based on its positive effects on the welfare of its citizens. But the difficulty is that the citizens are a group, and hence we need some way to characterize aggregate welfare, and this, in turn, requires some way of comparing individuals' welfare. These problems are notoriously difficult, but we accept the recent proposals of those who look at needs and need satisfaction as the keystone in the architecture of welfare aggregation and justice. This allows us to use a scale of need satisfaction as the basis for evaluating democratic systems in economically developed states. Such a scale shows great variability among the developed democracies in the world. We discuss the theoretical arguments linking the performance of democratic systems along this dimension with the stability and perseverance of democracy.

December 8

Rachelle Hollander, Former Senior Advisor, National Science Foundation and Visiting Scholar, Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy, University of Maryland

“Politics and Commerce in U.S. Funding for Science”

POLITICAL THEORY WORKSHOPS

We are happy to announce Professor Anne Norton of the University of Pennsylvania will be coming to the campus to give a talk. Professor Norton is the author of *95 Theses on Politics Culture, and Method* and *Republic of Signs: Liberal Theory and American Popular Culture* among others. Details forthcoming.

Time: November 14, Noon

Location: TBA

Political Theory Workshop.

Time: November 16, Noon – 3:00

Location: Tydings, 1111

Ozguc Orhan will be presenting a paper titled “Virtue and Nature” and Benjamin P. Newton will be presenting a paper titled “Thucydidean Answers to Nietzschean Questions: Das Religiöse.” The papers are available at the theory website: [Political Philosophy](#).

Anyone interested in participating or for more information please contact Alison Staudinger at astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu

FORMAL THEORY PANEL DISCUSSIONS

November 3, Formal Theory Open House, 1:00-2:15 pm, TYD 1111.

Get to know formal theory faculty, ask questions about our program, courses we teach, or anything else you would want to know. To stir things up we will make brief comments on common misconceptions about rational choice. Stop by to see if you have them. (Important and common misconceptions about rational choice theory have to do with the presumption that it assumes much more than it really does. So, how can we use the few empirical presumptions of the theory to model the substantive concerns that you have and what are the benefits of doing it that way?)

Also in late November (details forthcoming) the formal theory group will hold a workshop on “Culture and Game Theory.”



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CAPC is sponsoring three events this semester in conjunction with a grant from the Provost.

Wednesday, November 8 at 3:30pm, The Decision 2006 will be held in Anne Arundel Hall basement lounge. Faculty from the department will speak toward the recent mid-term elections answering questions such as "What happened?" and "Why does it matter?"

Monday, November 13 at 3:00pm, the fall Career Seminar will be in the Skinner Building, room 0200. Guest speakers include local attorney Michael Wein; recent graduate and Research Associate at Pew's Research Center for the People & the Press Juliana Menasce Horowitz; Sarah Hale who works for Representative Myrick (R-NC); and Delegate Justin Ross from District 22.

Wednesday, November 15 at 3:30pm, J. Toscano will discuss Campaigning Strategies and the Media. He is a political and media consultant at the GMMB firm in Washington, DC. The event will be held in Anne Arundel Hall basement lounge.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM Names Goldstein as Distinguished Scholar

For this academic year, Joshua Goldstein has been appointed a Distinguished Scholar by CIDCM. Goldstein will work as a non-resident Sadat Fellow with Sadat Chair, Shibley Telhami, on the Sadat project, entitled "Arab Attitudes towards Political and Social Issues, Foreign Policy and the Media." The goal is to develop new research questions to expand the impact of this survey research.

Currently a Research Scholar at the University of Massachusetts, Goldstein has written "The Real Price of War: How You Pay for the War on Terror" (2004) and the most widely used textbook on international relations, entitled "International Relations," among others. He is also the author of numerous research and opinion pieces, and is a frequent guest on such media outlets as ABC Nightline, CNN International, National Public Radio, and the BBC World Service.

Updated Dataset

The Polity IV Project has just released its 2004 update. Users can register to download the data free of charge through the [Polity IV Website](#)

ICONS Partners with UM's University College

In partnership with UMUC's National Leadership Institute, the ICONS training group delivered three Negotiating Conflict workshops for the FBI and NOAA so far this year. Both audiences were new to NLI and to ICONS simulations; participants expressed particular interest in the simulation exercise, and plan to direct more of their colleagues to the program.

Harrison Program

KARIM PRESENTATIONS ON BANGLADESH: Harrison Fellow Tariq Karim recently participated in two roundtables on the upcoming elections in Bangladesh. On October 17 he participated in the forum “The Bangladesh Elections: Promoting Democracy and Protecting Rights in a Muslim-majority Country” at the Rayburn House Office Building. Sponsored by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), the forum coincided with the release of the Commission’s report Policy Focus on Bangladesh, which includes recommendations for U.S. policy to advance respect for human rights in the world's third largest Muslim-majority country. On October 24, Tariq was a featured speaker in the panel discussion “Bangladesh’s Barometer: Impending national elections amidst political conflict and rising Islamism,” organized by the Asia Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

WELCOME TO GURI BANG: We are pleased to welcome as a visitor to the department Guri Bang, a senior research fellow at CICERO (the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo). Guri received her doctorate in political science from the University of Oslo in 2004. Her research interests focus on international environmental cooperation, with particular attention to the climate change negotiations and the role of domestic actors in climate policy decision making. Guri will be with us until August 2007. She is in 3114J Tydings and can be reached at guri.bang@cicero.uio.no

HARRISON FELLOW JOANNE MANRIQUE: Joanne Manrique is a Harrison Program Fellow for 2006-07. She is researching the effects of armed conflict on public health for her dissertation, with a particular focus on the role of civil society networks in El Salvador and Lebanon in sustaining health systems during conflict. In addition to her doctoral work, Joanne also has public health training from George Washington University and Bogotá, Colombia, and professional experience consulting on research and policy projects in Latin America and the Middle East. In the summer of 2005, she traveled to Lebanon to conduct preliminary research on the effects of civil war on infant mortality and under-five mortality. During the coming year Joanne will be traveling to El Salvador and Lebanon as part of her dissertation research.

Our other Harrison Fellow for 2006-07, Tariq Karim, was profiled in last month’s newsletter.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER VULNERABILITY IN AFRICA: Ken Conca participated in a meeting at UNESCO’s Institute for Water Education on designing an advanced training workshop for young African researchers on the effects of climate change on water vulnerability and human security. This initiative will include a training and mentoring program for African researchers beginning in 2007, fostering research by African scholars that integrates natural-science and social-science perspectives on climate change, adaptation, and water resource vulnerability. For more information contact Ken at kconca@gvpt.umd.edu

Democracy Collaborative

Dr. Gar Alperovitz's book, *America Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming Our Wealth, Our Liberty, and Our Democracy*, is now available for course adoption in paperback. (John Wiley & Sons, \$14.95)

Faculty around the country have used this thought provoking work in courses ranging from political science, economics and sociology to modern U.S. history, community studies, environmental studies, and labor studies.

Alperovitz asserts that America's widening wealth gap is deeply corrosive of our democracy. But, he says, the growing concentration of wealth is not inevitable, and he offers a broad range of innovative models and policies that begin to point the way toward more equitable ownership of wealth by individuals, workers, and various forms of community.

America Beyond Capitalism is not simply another indictment of our national ills. It builds upon the latest scholarship, as well as practical developments at the state and local level, to produce systematic proposals for the rebuilding of democracy in America.

Jane Mansbridge, Adams Professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, calls the book "Highly readable; excellent for students... A tonic and eye-opener for anyone who wants a politics that works."

Juliet Schor, author of *The Overspent American: Why We Want What We Don't Need*, hails the book as "[T]he kind of careful, well researched, and practical alternative progressives have been seeking. And it's more visionary, hopeful, even inspirational. I highly recommend it."

Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*, states "America Beyond Capitalism comes at a critical time in our history when we all know our system isn't working, but we are not sure what can be done about it. This book takes us outside the confines of orthodox thinking, imagines a new way of living together, and then brings that vision back into reality with a set of eminently practical ideas that promise a truly democratic society."

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UM Collective Choice Center

The University Collective Choice Center is planning a workshop on “(Re)Structuring State Institutions.” It will be held in late April or early May.

START Center

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) Presents:

Framing Counterterrorism: Comparing Perspectives and Goals

Featuring:

Martha Crenshaw, Wesleyan University
 Clark McCauley, University of Pennsylvania
 Jerrold Post, The George Washington University
 Jeff Victoroff, University of Southern California
 Arie Kruglanski, University of Maryland

Panelists will discuss the implications of framing counterterrorism efforts as:
 -A global War

- An epidemic to be contained
- a law-enforcement operation, or
- an effort to improve inter-group relations

When: Tuesday, November 28th

Where: National Press Club

529 14th Street NW, 13th Floor, Washington DC

RSVP: Colleen Bayus: 301.405.6600 or infostart@start.umd.edu

START will also be co-sponsoring an lecture taking place on Thursday, November 16th. However, the time and location have yet to be decided. It will feature Mark Juergensmeyer, author of "Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence". Once I know the details, I will forward them on to you.



FIELD UPDATES

AMERICAN POLITICS

The main order of business for the American politics field in October is our search for a new assistant professor in American politics and methods. We will be interviewing candidates for this position relatively early in the month and invite faculty and students to take part in the process.

American Politics Workshop schedule above

FORMAL THEORY

Schedule posted above. Please watch for future emails and newsletters for more panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are most 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 the hell is going on.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

There will be a workshop this year and Paul Huth has started to organize it now. The plan is to hold the workshop on Weds at noon in the CIDCM conference room. Specific dates have not been lined up yet.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper they are working on for example. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Paul Huth at phuth@gvpt.umd.edu or call at 301-314-8481.

International Relations Workshop schedule above

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

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).



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapters and Article Publications

Ken Conca, Fengshi Wu and Ciqi Mei, "Global regime formation or complex institution building? The principled content of international river agreements." *International Studies Quarterly* 50 (June 2006): 263-285. "Transnational Dimensions of Freshwater Ecosystem Governance," in A.R. Turton, J. Hattingh, G.A. Maree, D.J. Roux, M. Claassen, and W.F. Strydom, eds., *Governance as a Trialogue: Government-Society-Science in Transition* (Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 2006). "The New Face of Water Conflict." Policy Brief no. 5 of the Navigating Peace Initiative, Environmental Change and Security Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, August 2006. And "Governing Water: Globalization, Networks, and the New Face of Water Conflict," *Vanguardia Dossier* (Spain), no. 21, October-December 2006: 30-36.

Chris Davenport has an article "State Repression and Political Order" coming out in the forthcoming *Annual Review of Political Science*.

Joe Oppenheimer has had his paper (coauthored with Norman Frohlich) "Justice Preferences and the Arrow Problem" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Political Theory*.

Ric Uslaner (with Thomas Zittel) "Comparative Legislative Behavior," in R.A.W. Rhodes, Sarah Binder, and Bert Rockman, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions* (Oxford University Press, 2006), pp. 455-473.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Gar Alperovitz will lecture on "Beyond Capitalism in the Real World of American Cities" November 6, as one of the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science and the Arts Theme Year Lecture Series: The Theory and Practice of Citizenship: From the Local to the Global. And On November 16, Gar will speak on "Dr. King and the Central Political-Economic Issue" at the "Realizing the Dream Listening and Learning Summit and Symposium" (MLK III), L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Chris Davenport is giving a lecture entitled "Getting Rwanda Right, Getting Rwanda Wrong" at Wesleyan University on December 7th.

Virginia Haufler organized a workshop, funded by the US Institute of Peace and the Harrison Program, on "Corporations and Conflict Prevention." It was held on October 5 at the University Inn and Conference Center. The participants included representatives from the academic, corporate, and non-profit world, and a number of our graduate students attended. Papers presented at the workshop will be collected for an edited volume. Virginia also was invited to participate in a workshop on Environmental Governance October 13-14, organized by Oran Young and Magali Delmas at the Bren School at UC Santa Barbara. The workshop participants compared approaches to governance from economics, political science, management and law, and sought to develop a common framework. Virginia is pleased to report she has sand in her briefcase.

Paul Herrnson lecture “The Promise and Performance of Electronic Voting,” The Institute for Public Affairs, Temple University, October 19, 2006. And his lecture “The Professionalization of Election Campaigns,” All Eyes on the Hill: The 2006 U.S. Elections and the Road Ahead for American Politics and Canada-U.S. Relations,” The Center for United States Studies, University of Quebec at Montreal, Montreal, Canada, October 5, 2006.

Jillian Schwedler was invited to present her new book, "Faith in Moderation: Islamist Parties in Jordan and Yemen," and to discuss recent events in Jordan, at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, on November 1.

Ric Uslaner had an invited paper, "Trust and Corruption in Transition," at the Conference on “Comparative Reflections on Developing Democracies and the Case of Turkey,” sponsored by the Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University and the Institute of Turkish Studies, Northwestern University, November 14-16, 2006. Ric was also a invited roundtable participant, "Can Congressional Reform Help End Policy Gridlock?" at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, November 13, 2006



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Articles and Chapters

Sungmoon Kim, "Transcendental Collectivism and Participatory Politics in Democratized Korea" forthcoming in *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (2008) [published by Routledge].

Ciqi Mei, Fengshi Wu and Ken Conca, “Global regime formation or complex institution building? The principled content of international river agreements.” *International Studies Quarterly* 50 (June 2006): 263-285.

Jenny Wüstenberg 'Berlin's Changing Memory Landscape: New Scholarship in German and English' *German Politics and Society* Vol.24 No.2, Summer 2006.



SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Contentious Politics Workshop 11-12:30 0139 TYD Am-Methods KAPLAN Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15	2 IR-Methods Sambanis Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15	3 Formal Theory Open House 2-4 Am-Methods LEBO Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15	4
5	6	7	8 Decision 2006 3:30 – Anne Arundel Hall IR-Methods Clare Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15	9	10 CP4 Workshop 2- 3:30PM, 1136 TYD Am-Methods SINCLAIR Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15	11
12	13 IR-Methods Chapman Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15 Career Seminar 3pm – SKN 0200	14 Political Theory Mtg 12pm Location TBA	15 GSA General Mtg, TYD 1111 at 11am Contentious Politics Workshop 11-12:30 0139 TYD CAPC, 3:30 Anne Arundel	16 Political Theory Workshop 4:30-6:30PM, TBA IR-Methods Gartzke Lecture 1123 Taliaferro 11-12:15 Political Theory 12-3:30 TYD 1111	17 American Politics Wrkshp TYD 1136 10:30-12 WILLIAMS MEMORIAL 1:30-3:30 Univ Chapel Formal Theory Meeting 2-4	18
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