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**FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**  
Friday, November 21, 11-12:15 in 1101 Morrill Hall



**DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR-TEACHER LECTURE**  
Professor Stephen Elkin

Thursday, November 20, 2008  
Samuel L. Riggs Alumni Center  
Orem Alumni Hall  
4:00-5:00PM  
Reception to Follow



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

GVPT offers faculty and graduate students an active intellectual life. The GVPT NEWS features updates from our alumni and current faculty and graduate students. You should also take a look at the schedule of activities appearing under Centers and Workshops and Seminars section of the newsletter.

Come to our workshops! If you don't, you are missing the really fun part of academia: the opportunities to exchange information and ideas in a relatively informal, non-classroom situation.

Mark I. Lichbach  
Professor and Chair



**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

**Registration**

Registration began on October 30 and will continue until the first week of December. As always, 400-level courses are restricted to GVPT majors only. Additionally, all 400-level courses have pre-requisites. If you would like to conduct a pre-requisite check to make sure that all students have the pre-requisite for your course, please contact Jennifer Coarts. Pre-requisite checks are done by request only and can be completed at any time during registration and the schedule adjustment period.

**Learning Outcomes Assessment - Paper collection**

Faculty teaching 400-level courses: The department will be collecting any and all research papers from 400-level courses to complete Learning Outcomes Assessment for Fall 2008. You will be contacted by Jennifer Coarts about this process and the best way to submit papers to the department. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Commencement**

University Commencement will be taking place on Saturday December 20, 2008 at 7PM in the Comcast Center.

BSOS Commencement will be taking place on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 4PM in the Comcast Center.

Marshals are still needed for the main ceremony. Please contact Wayne McIntosh if you can participate.

**Recommendations Letters**

Spring is when most deadlines for study abroad, scholarships, and other opportunities occur. Encourage your best students to seek out more information about these opportunities now, and request letters of recommendation sooner rather than later for these unique opportunities.

Students can store all letters of recommendation in a "Credentials File" with the university Career Center. The center will keep letters, either confidentially or open, for students for up to seven years and send out one or all of the letters for students to any organization whenever requested. Encourage your students to sign up for this excellent service.

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 2009.

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

Grad students interested in attending the 2009 Training Institute on Qualitative Research Methods at Syracuse University (<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/moynihan/programs/cqrm/institute.html>), should submit an application (see IQRM website for details) to Ann Marie by November 17, 2008. We plan to have the funds to send at least two students to this program. Good luck to all applicants!

Please join me in congratulating the 2008 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award recipient, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. A reception to honor Shanna will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall. Please join us for this event. Thanks to Geoff Layman and Stella Rouse for joining me on the 2008 Spencer Award committee.

Irwin Morris  
GVPT Graduate Director



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

I am happy to report that our students are beginning to hear about interviews for jobs. It is still very early days yet, but three students have been invited for multiple interviews: Shanna Pearson Markowitz, Michael Evans, and Maren Milligan. We are beginning to schedule practice job talks to get them ready to really blow away the competition, so be sure to attend these sessions. I expect to hear more good news in the coming weeks and months. Unfortunately, we are also beginning to hear that some searches are being closed down due to financial

uncertainty (or more likely, the certainty of budget cutbacks). We have approximately 25 students signed up for placement services, although not all of them are doing serious national searches for academic positions.

Virginia Haufler  
Director of Placement



## **MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Greetings from the GSA

- At our last meeting, we discussed the finalized BSOS Tech Fee proposal. We are pleased to note that the various graduate requests made it into the formal GVPT request in forms both explicit and implicit.
- Dates for the remaining GSA meetings for the semester are Wednesday, November 12th and Wednesday December 10th. Both are at 11am in 1111 Tydings. If you have any items that you would like on the agenda, please contact the GSA Reps or your field rep. Pizza will be provided.
- The November happy hour date will be November 14th at a location to be determined, likely in the District of Columbia. There will be no second November happy hour due to the Thanksgiving break. If you have any suggestions for future locations and social events, please contact Alison Staudinger and/or Martin Elissetche, your Social Chairs.
- We will be announcing a Grad Lab cleaning day for Friday, November 7th. We request that all grads pitch in to make our de facto lounge and de jure study area a cleaner, nicer place to be.

Your GSA Co-Chairs-

Jason Muldrow – [jmuldrow@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:jmuldrow@gvpt.umd.edu)  
Jesse-Douglas Mathewson – [jmathewson@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:jmathewson@gvpt.umd.edu)



## **STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **MAILBOXES**

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.

Graduate Students: Please make every effort to clear out your mailboxes. Overflowing mailboxes send the department a signal that you do not need a mailbox.

### **GIFT FUND**

It is that time of year to begin collecting for the gift fund.

If you would like to participate in the **GIFT FUND**, payments must be made in CASH for easy access to the fund. This fund is used for baby gifts, flowers, etc. sent to current department members (Faculty, Graduate Students and Staff). In the past two years, input to this fund has dwindled to little or nothing so please understand that without your support, the department has little funds should something come up. As of the end of October, we have only collected \$15.00.

Faculty: \$25.00

Staff: \$10.00

Graduate Students: \$5.00

## **HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** GVPT Holiday Reception, Friday, December 12, 2-4pm in 1101 Morrill Hall. This reception will be a Hors d'Oeuvres and dessert event.

## **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.

## **COPYING/PRINTING**

The Department will continue to enforce the copy codes the faculty, grad students and centers. Faculty and funded graduate students are allowed 1000 copies per fiscal year (July 1 to May 31). After your 1,000 copies, you will be charged 5 cents per copy. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT** use your personal copy code for class copying. Each course will be assigned a new copy code per semester. Please **MAKE SURE** your graduate students use that assigned course code if copying for your class. See Cissy for more help with copy codes, such as setting up a new account, making changes to an account, or deleting an account. For financial concerns, please see Michael Mansfield.

Due to budgetary constraints and the large amounts of paper and toner consumed in this department, we have a software program that monitors printing usage by login name. At this point, we are using this software for informational purposes only. Please be selective about the types of material you choose to print. This is just a small way of preserving departmental funds.

## **PAYROLL**

Please remember that when you need to make any payroll additions or changes, please fill out a payroll request form. This form allows us to determine what payroll paperwork the new employee will need. To get this form, please see Denise Wist in the main office.

**Help reduce staff time on payday. Go on-line and request that you no longer need a hard copy of your pay stub. Goto: <https://was-2.umd.edu/phrtimeentry/menu>, then click on View/Print Bi-weekly Earnings Statement, then you will see the line that says: I wish to continue to receive printed bi-weekly earning statement from state payroll, YES or NO. Don't forget to save your change.**



## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's**

### **Books in or out of Press**

**Diamond, Michael A.** Ph.D. 1981, Diamond, M.A. and S. Allcorn (forthcoming, March 2009) *Private Selves in Public Organizations: The Psychodynamics of Organizational Diagnosis and Change*, Palgrave Macmillan

### **Published Articles**

**Diamond, Michael A.** Ph.D. 1981 (2008) *Telling Them What They Know: Organizational Change, Defensive Resistance and the Unthought Known*, *The Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*, Vol.44, No.3: 348-364.

**Frajman, Eduardo**, PhD 2006 "Information and Values in Popular Protest: Costa Rica in 2000" will appear in the Winter 2009 issue of the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.

### **Other**

**Diamond, Michael A.** Ph.D. 1981, has a new position: Associate Director for Academic Programs, Center for the Study of Organizational Change Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Columbia.

**Wu, Fengshi**, PhD 2005 is a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Yenching Institute for the 2008-09 academic year. Fengshi, currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at Chinese University of Hong Kong, will spend the year working on a project entitled "Persuading and Engaging the State: Political Relevance of International NGOs in China."



## **FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

### **AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

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

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

The AP Workshop website is: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend. All workshops will be held from 10:30-12:00 in Tydings 1111 unless otherwise notified.

### **Fall Schedule**

- September 5** American Politics Meet & Greet Luncheon
- September 19** Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, “[Residential Isolation and Latino Political Socialization](#)”
- October 3** Joe Oppenheimer, Norman Frohlich, Maria Dimitriu & Cyrus Aghamolla, “[Some Democracies are More Equal Than Others: using Social Welfare as a Metric for Political Evaluation.](#)”
- October 17** Daron Shaw (University of Texas-Austin), An Insider’s Perspective on Exit Polling in American Politics
- Workshop to be held in the afternoon, time TBA
- October 24** Professionalization Session: Rosalyn Cooperman (University of Mary Washington) on life and work at a teaching institution.
- Session to be held from 3:30 to 5:00, followed by happy hour at Franklin’s.
- October 31** Mike Hanmer and Richard Niemi (University of Rochester), “Voter Turnout Among College Students: New Data and a Rethinking of Traditional Theories”
- November 14** Irwin Morris, “Explaining Presidential Greatness: Peace, Prosperity, and the Luck of Following Losers.”
- December 5** Geoff Layman “Parties, Partisanship, and the Nature of Issue Conflict in American Politics”

### 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 Wednesdays 11-12:15.

#### Schedule for the fall (so far):

#### Wednesday, October 1, 11-12:15, TYD 1111

Quddus Snyder “Systemic Theory Revived”  
Discussant: Virginia Haufler

NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR: For those of you who intend to read my paper "Systemic Theory Revived" I would greatly appreciate any stylistic or substantive suggestions on how to improve the theoretical side and the empirical section on China so as to successfully prepare the manuscript for publication. And as always, I am prepared for a barrage of big idea critiques. The paper is posted at [www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop)

**November 5** - 11-12:15pm in 1111 Tydings Hall

Post Election Workshop: Foreign Policy Challenges for the Next President

A discussion about foreign policy challenges for the next president. What advice do you have? What challenges do you predict?

Refreshments will be provided!

### **December 3 Jesse Mathewson**

Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at [www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop](http://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 Virginia Haufler at [yhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:yhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu) or call at 301-405-4122.

## **COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

Throughout the course of the semester we will hold periodic gatherings for the comparative field, including social events, speakers, and special topic seminars (e.g. how to do research in the field, how to get grants to go overseas). Please watch for future emails of scheduled events.

### **Fall Schedule:**

#### **Friday, September 12, 2008**

Comparative Politics Field “Meet and Greet” 11-12:30, 1136 Tydings Hall. RSVP to Cissy required, light lunch will be served.

#### **Friday, October 10, 2008**

Workshop – 3-4:30pm, 1111 Tydings Hall. With Donna Lee Van Cott, Univ of Connecticut  
Paper: Donna Lee Van Cott “Radical Democracy in the Andes: Institutional Innovation and Local Governance.”  
Discussants: Maren Milligan and Andres Garcia.

#### **Friday, October 17, 2008**

First Years Luncheon, GVPT Conference Room, 11-12:30pm, by invitation only.

#### **Friday, October 24, 2008**

Workshop – 3-4:30pm, With Daniel Corstange  
Paper: Daniel Corstange “Democratic Talk and the Democratic Walk: Superficial versus Sincere Support for Illiterate Voting Rights in Lebanon”.  
Discussants: Mark Lichbach and Molly Inman

#### **Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

Workshop – 11-12:30pm, in Tydings 1111 with Alan Zuckerman  
Paper: Alan Zuckerman, Brown University, "Searching for the Social Mechanisms of Genocide: First Steps in a Study of the Holocaust in Lithuania."  
Discussants: Vladimir Tismaneanu and Jason Petrucci

#### **Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

Workshop – 11-12:30pm,  
Paper: Devra Moehler, USAID, Title TBA  
Discussant: TBA

#### **Wednesday, December 3, 2008**

Workshop – 11-12:30pm,  
 Paper: Maren Milligan, University of Maryland, Title TBA  
 Discussant: Summer Agan and Cyanne Loyle

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

### **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 Fall starting late September or early October via email and posted in GVPT's monthly newsletters. The meetings when scheduled will be held on Wednesdays 9:30-11AM every third week in Tydings Hall , 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:**

#### **Fall Semester:**

#### **September 24**

Paper: Mark Lichbach and Steven Wendel, Title TBA  
 Discussant: Alyssa Prorok

#### **October 8**

Paper: Ben Appel, University of Maryland, "Understanding When Trade Promotes Peace: Core-Periphery Dyads and the WTO"

Discussant: TBA

**October 29, TYD 0139 (CIDCM conference room) 9:30-11AM**

Paper: Dan Reiter, Emory University, Foreign Imposed Regime Change and Civil War Onset, 1920-2004" (with Goran Peic).

Discussants: Sarah Croco and Cyanne Loyle.

### **November 19 11-12:30, CIDCM Conference Room**

Paper: Paul Huth, Sarah Croco, and Benjamin Appel, "International Law and Territorial Disputes"

Discussant: TBA

### **December 10**

Paper: Steve Wendel, University of Maryland, "

Discussant: TBA

### **Spring Semester:**

**February 4, 25**

**March 25**

**April 15**

**May 6**

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](mailto:bappel@gvpt.umd.edu) with your information even if it is tentative at this point.

### **POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

In addition to Professors Glass and Alford, two additional faculty members join us this fall.

Ian Ward will be joining us as Assistant Professor this fall. He is graduating from Princeton University. He will be teaching a seminar on political theory and social criticism.

Richard Boyd will be teaching a graduate seminar on "Current Problems in Political Theory: Critics of Liberalism: Left and Right." Professor Boyd is an Associate Professor at Georgetown University, and the author of \*Uncivil Society: The Perils of Pluralism and the Making of Modern Liberalism,\* as well as several other works.

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

### **Scheduled**

For more info contact Benli Schechter or Alison Staudinger

## 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](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](mailto:ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu).



## CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Are you interested in finding out where your polling place is? Need directions there? Want to know in advance what your ballot will look like? Or are you wondering if you are registered to vote or whether provisional ballot was counted? Check out the Maryland Elections Center, provided by CAPC as a service to our state.

<http://www.capc.umd.edu/index.html>

CAPC is pleased to announce a briefing on campaign strategy and communications by J. Toscano of GMMB, a leading Democratic Consulting firm. Mr. Toscano ran the media campaign for Donna Edwards, one of four challengers to defeat an incumbent in a congressional primary this year. To be held on Tuesday, Oct 28 at 3:30 in 1101 Morrill Hall.

CAPC is pleased to announce a Post Mortem on the 2008 Elections, featuring many GVPT faculty. Come to listen and to participate in the insightful analysis. Tuesday, Nov 11 at 3:30 in 1101 Morrill Hall.

### Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

#### **Birnir Wins DHS International Grant Award**

Johanna Birnir, a CIDCM faculty member, has received funding from the Department of Homeland Security to examine the organizational origin and development of violent/terrorist minority organizations in Latin America.

The project seeks explanations for their resiliency by employing the broad analytical framework developed for the Minorities at Risk Organizational Behavior dataset. This approach will also allow for systematic comparison of Latin American organizations to rebel movements in the Middle East, North Africa and parts of Central Asia.

Birbir will work with researchers in Lima, Peru, to train coders, collect data, and then analyze groups in Colombia, Peru, and the tri-border area of Argentina. The finished data will provide information spanning several levels of analysis on those organizations most likely to employ violence and terrorism in the pursuit of their perceived grievances with local, national, or international authority structures.

### **New MAROB Dataset Released**

The Minorities at Risk project is pleased to announce the release of the Minorities at Risk Organizational Behavior (MAROB) dataset for the Middle East and North Africa. This new dataset covers 112 organizations representing 22 ethnic groups in 12 countries, providing information on 163 variables on an annual basis from 1980-2004. Variables included cover organizational characteristics, state-organization relations, external support, and organizational behavior (nonviolent, violent and criminal). The MAROB data (in ASCII, SPSS and STATA formats) and codebook are available online at [www.cidcm.umd.edu/mar/data.asp](http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/mar/data.asp). Please direct any questions about the dataset or codebook to Mary Michael, the MAR Project Coordinator at [minpro@cidcm.umd.edu](mailto:minpro@cidcm.umd.edu).

MAROB is a project of the Minorities at Risk Project and is sponsored by the Center for International Development and Conflict Management and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, both based at the University of Maryland.

### **CIDCM/START Receive National Science Foundation Grant**

CIDCM Director Jonathan Wilkenfeld and Minorities at Risk Research Director Amy Pate are part of an interdisciplinary, multi-university team that has received a grant from the National Science Foundation's Human and Social Dynamics program. Entitled "The Ecology of Terrorist Organizations," the collaborative project includes 15 researchers from 3 major research universities, and aims to advance understanding of the behavior of terrorist organizations as agents of change. In an effort to address the absence of systematic, unclassified empirical data on terrorist organizations, the project will assemble a major new dataset, and use the tools of the social and behavioral sciences to develop and test models that predict which political organizations are most likely to use terrorist violence to pursue goals.

The research home for this project is the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), a Center of Excellence of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The resulting data will be made available to the research and policy community to advance the scientific study of terrorism.

### **Ralph Bunche Society Established at UMD**

Under the guidance of faculty advisor Dr. John Grayzel, the University of Maryland recently established the nation's second Ralph Bunche Society.

According to its mission statement, the Ralph Bunche Society (RBS) is a student organization that seeks to address the need for greater minority involvement in the international arena; to better prepare minority students to become full and active participants in the global community; and to expand academic and career opportunities for students. RBS will develop leaders for a global society, encourage active and engaged citizenship, and raise awareness of living in an interdependent society. The Society will promote the Ralph Bunche legacy of perseverance, self-reliance, and the pursuit of academic excellence; activism, leadership, and

service; unity within diversity; peace, justice, and conflict resolution; and the basic right of all humans to a dignified existence.

Dr. John Grayzel, the Baha'i Chair for World Peace, facilitated the opening discussion at the Society's first meeting on October 9. He and those who attended discussed putting international development and foreign affairs in perspective to show why an understanding of global issues is critical.

For more information, please contact Ralph Bunche Society President Yonas Beshawred at [ethiyo247@gmail.com](mailto:ethiyo247@gmail.com).

### **START Seminar**

The START Seminar Series presents "Osama Bin Laden and the Globalization of Terror" with Steve Coll, President & CEO of the New America Foundation and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Bin Ladens" and "Ghost Wars."

Mr. Coll will speak on Monday, November 17, 2008 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Benjamin Banneker Room of the Stamp Student Union. RSVP is required to [infostart@start.umd.edu](mailto:infostart@start.umd.edu).

Please see the START website for more details:

<http://www.start.umd.edu/announcements/announcement.asp?id=117>

### **Winter Program: Multi-Track Diplomacy**

CIDCM is pleased to announce the Winter 2009 Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict program. Open to undergraduates, graduate students, working professionals, and other concerned citizens, the program will begin January 5 and run through January 25.

The goal of this 80-hour training program is to develop the knowledge and skills needed to facilitate transformation of interpersonal, organizational, community or complex societal conflicts, including ethnic, religious or cultural tensions, using techniques of multi-track and citizens' diplomacy. These techniques, applicable at all levels of society, provide an essential complement to official ("first track") diplomacy and police work, from conflicts in the workplace or community, to dealing with political instability, terrorism or insurgent activities.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/pic/multi-track\\_diplomacy/winterprogram1-09.pdf](http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/pic/multi-track_diplomacy/winterprogram1-09.pdf).

### **Harrison Program**

The Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda promotes research, teaching, and public dialogue on issues related to ecological security, long-term sustainability, energy and environmental policy, global governance, and transnational society. The program also hosts visitors, sponsors events and speakers, and supports two doctoral students annually as Harrison Dissertation Fellows. For more info see [www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison) or contact the Harrison Program director, Ken Conca at [kconca@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:kconca@gvpt.umd.edu)

**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](mailto:aberland@gvpt.umd.edu) or Jing Chen at [jichen@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto: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](http://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.

**CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY WEB SITE:** Learn about the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, UMD's first greenhouse gas inventory, the campus sustainability initiative, events, and more at <http://www.sustainability.umd.edu/>

The central focus of The Democracy Collaborative is on "community wealth building" and the relationship of local economic health and stability to democratic life in America's communities. By the term "community wealth building," we mean an integrated set of activities and processes that are designed to: (1) build individual and family assets; (2) anchor capital and jobs in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods; (3) utilize common ownership institutional mechanisms (including employee ownership, worker cooperatives, community development finance, land trusts, social enterprise, etc.) to create local economic stability; and (4) leverage existing assets (particularly anchor institutions) to focus their procurement, investment, and other economic activities toward local ends.

## The Democracy Collaborative

Following are a set of current community wealth-related research and policy projects The Democracy Collaborative now has underway:

### Research Projects:

The Democracy Collaborative recently has been awarded grants by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation for two new research projects:

- **Assessing Community Wealth Building Opportunities in Three Cities**

The Democracy Collaborative will assess the opportunity for comprehensive wealth building strategies and programs in three cities (Baltimore, Atlanta, and New Haven) which are part of the Casey Foundation's civic sites network. The goal will be to determine the viability and potential interest in implementing various wealth-building and asset creation strategies in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and to provide the Foundation with recommendations for how to proceed. The research agenda will include ascertaining the existing and potential community wealth building institutions locally; research in each community to determine key economic trends and current proposed responses either being considered or implemented by various local groups and organizations which may have implications for a wealth building effort; and identification of key institutional actors in moving such an agenda forward.

- **Feasibility study integrating ecological, energy, and population concerns with new institutional strategies for current and next stage city and community development**

The feasibility study will focus on how new and necessary capital investments within the U.S. related to emerging trends in ecological, energy, and population concerns might be directed toward the build-up of a range of new institutional developments in ways which help achieve longer-term sustainable and equitable development as population also expands. The feasibility study will outline the framework for a major effort to shift public policy toward these ends and the outlines of a campaign to achieve such change.

Additional research projects The Democracy Collaborative now has underway include:

- **Will green jobs and the green economy result in building wealth and assets for low and middle-income Americans?**

This study will examine the growing “green jobs” and “green economy” movement. Particular emphasis will be on identifying institutional and policy mechanisms that can integrate new green collar jobs with community wealth building strategies to produce greater benefit and impact for workers in terms of asset accumulation. The research will also explore approaches to capture federal and state infrastructure and energy/environmental funds for wealth creation in low- and moderate-income communities

- **Can New Anchor Institution Strategies Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Neighborhoods and Promote Sustainability Locally?**

Beginning with the University of Pennsylvania’s West Philadelphia Initiative in the mid-1990s, a number of higher education institutions have attempted to help develop the neighborhoods surrounding their campuses. Many have also leveraged their business practices (real estate development, procurement, endowment investment, hiring, and so forth) to help underwrite the costs of large community revitalization programs. Do these new redevelopment initiatives actually benefit the poor and low-income residents who live in these neighborhoods? To what degree do they do so? As new jobs are created, how many are filled by local low-income residents? Are new individual and community assets being created through targeted purchasing programs, and if so, who owns those assets? This study examines up to 10 universities of various types in an attempt to quantify the impact their initiatives are having on their surrounding communities.

### **Policy Development:**

The Democracy has been awarded a grant by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to develop a comprehensive “community-wealth” policy package for aimed at national, state and local policy makers. The project will involve research into existing policies that might be adapted and/or scaled up; new proposals which have not yet been enacted; original policy development aimed at areas of potential innovation; the convening of a wide range of groups that have sector-specific policy interests related to community-wealth strategies; outreach to legislators and representatives of the new Administration and Congress; and media outreach.

## **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Books out or in Press**

**Alperovitz, Gar** UNJUST DESERTS (with Lew Daly) is being published this November by The New Press. The book presents a theory of distributive justice for the knowledge economy, and has received supporting endorsement and related comment from (among others) Kenneth Arrow, Robert Dahl, William Galston, Jacob Hacker, Bill Moyers, and Thomas Schelling.

### **Chapter and Article Publications**

**Alperovitz, Gar** “Reinvigorating the Theoretical Case for Redistribution in the Knowledge Economy,” will appear as a chapter in Property Owning Democracy: Rawls and Beyond, edited by Thad Williamson and Martin O’Neill, to be published by Blackwell-Wiley in early 2009. “American Democracy: From Continental Empire

to Pluralist Commonwealth,” will appear as a chapter in Democracy, States and the Struggle for Global Justice, edited by Heather D. Gautney, Neil Smith, Omar Dahbour, Ashley Dawson, to be published by Routledge in January 2009. And ” America Beyond Capitalism: The Pluralist Commonwealth,” will appear as a chapter in Pluralism In Economics and Economies, edited by Rob Garnett, Erik Olsen, and Martha Starr to be published by Routledge in early 2009.

**Birnir, Johanna** Party Regulation in Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America: The Effect on Minority Representation and the Propensity for Conflict. In Benjamin Reilly and Per Nordlund ed. "Political Parties in Conflict Prone Societies."

### **Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Alperovitz, Gar** gave the keynote address to Martin Luther King III’s “Realizing the Dream Summit” on October 21, 2008.

**Pearson, Margaret** presented on China's regulatory system and accountability at the University of California Berkeley, Department of Political Science 12th Annual Travers Ethics Conference, October 2008.

**Uslaner, Ric** will speak on "Corruption, Inequality, and the Rule of Law" at Esta Skondal College, Stockholm, Sweden, November 21.



## **GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Chomiak, Laryssa** presented a paper entitled "Neoliberal Economic Reforms, Gender, and the State in Morocco" at the "La Mondialisation et l’Espace Méditerranéen" conference in Hammamet, Tunisia, October 23-25, 2008.

**Wüstenberg, Jenny** presented ‘Vom alternativen Laden zum Dienstleistungsbetrieb: the Berliner Geschichtswerkstatt A Case Study in Activist Memory-Making’ at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN, October 2 - October 5, 2008.

**SCHEDULE****NOVEMBER 2008**

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16	17	18	19 Executive Com 9:45-11:00  Comparative Pol Wrkshop 11-12:30pm TYD 1111  DCAWCP 11-12:30 CIDCM Conference Rm	20 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture w/Prof. Elkin 4-5pm Samuel Riggs Alumni Center Orem Alumni Hall	21 Faculty Meeting 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall	22
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