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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This month we will begin the interviewing process for our new Chair. Everyone should try to participate and in this important part of the life of the department. The candidates are our colleagues and good relationships are key to part of the success of the department.

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 GRADUATE STUDIES

SPENCER AWARD WINNER

Please join me in congratulating the 2011 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award recipient, Brittany Bramlett. A reception to honor Brittany will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 2:00 pm in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall. Please join us for this event.

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 Graduate School is currently seeking applications for the 2012-2013 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship. The Liebmann Fellowship covers "actual tuition costs (exclusive of fees) plus an \$18,000 annual stipend to be allocated towards room, board and ordinary living expenses, as well as any income taxes thereon." The University of Maryland may nominate up to three candidates for consideration by the Fund's selection committee. Graduate Students wishing to be considered for nomination must submit their complete application packages in hardcopy to the Graduate School by Thursday, January 5th, 2012. Students will be notified by January 25th as to whether their applications will be forwarded to the Liebmann Fund's selection committee. I distributed an application form via email, but if you need an additional copy, just let me know. If you have additional questions, please contact Robyn Kotzker (rkotzker@umd.edu / x 5-0281).

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

For new students who are wondering about this "placement" thing... The process of getting an academic job in political science is pretty standardized. The goal is to get a tenure-track position. You start the process about a year before you would actually be starting the job, so you have to figure out whether to go on the job market before you are even done with the dissertation. You apply for jobs, most of which are posted on the APSA eJobs website, by sending in your c.v., transcript, writing sample, letters of reference and a cover letter. We use a web-based delivery service called Interfolio, and the Department pays for your registration and all ground mail. If you are invited to interview, you will be asked to spend probably 1 1/2 days at the interview. The

highlight--or challenge--is the "job talk," i.e. typically a talk about your research. We always schedule a practice job talk before you go.

Needless to say, there is a lot more to it than this simple overview, but that's the gist of it!

What about non-academic jobs? About half of our graduate students choose to pursue non-academic jobs. There is no similarly standardized process for applying for these jobs. To find these jobs, people use a range of approaches, from personal connections to specialized job listings. For instance, in international relations there is the Peace and Collaborative Development job listings, or listings for development jobs on dev-net. Beyond that, the possibilities are too numerous to catalog effectively.

If anyone has questions about academic and non-academic career tracks, let me know. I'd be happy to talk one-on-one or put together a larger meeting.

And, a reminder... please participate on the teaching blog at behindpodium.blogspot.com

Virginia Haufler
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Registration

Registration began on October 27 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 Apitchaya. Pre-requisite checks are done by request only and can be completed during between December and before the first day of classes.

Commencement

University Commencement will take place on Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. in the Comcast Center. BSOS Commencement will take place on Thursday, December 22 at 4 p.m. and is also in the Comcast Center. Marshals are needed for the main ceremony! Please contact Apitchaya if you can participate.

Recommendation 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 to request letters of recommendation sooner rather than later.

Karen Kaufmann
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

At GSA's meeting on October 19 we discussed upcoming workshops, which are mostly oriented around computer tools and methods training to improve graduate student research. We also decorated the grad lab in

donated posters.

Thank you Candace Turitto for accepting the Tech Liaison position.

GSA will host several workshops this fall. Be on the lookout for a...

- Zotero Workshop
- LaTex and BibTech Workshop
- Statistical Software Workshop
- Conference Workshop

Any questions for GSA can be directed to the co-chairs, Anne Fruge' at acfruge@umd.edu or Raymond Williams at rtw0613@umd.edu.

GSA Co-Chairs

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STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

MAKE-UP EXAMS (Proctoring)

The main office staff does not proctor or oversee make-up exams. Make-up exams will not be held in the GVPT main Office Conference Room.

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS

The main office staff does not collect or return student papers. If you want to provide a pick-up service, give the students a time when you will be in your office for them to pick the papers up. Leaving papers out for the students to flip through is a violation of student privacy. The best suggestion is to ask the students to provide a self addressed and stamped envelope and you will return the papers to them.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's

Chapter and Article Publications

Wu, Fengshi, PhD, 2005: "Strategic State Engagement in Transnational Activism: AIDS Prevention in China", *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 20, No. 71: 621-37.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Mei, Ciqi. PhD, 2009: with co-author Margaret Pearson, presented the paper "Despite political clout: Selective sanctions, shared beliefs and local defiance in China" at the Third International Conference on Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, Oct. 23, 2011.

VanDeveer, Stacy D. PhD, 1997: Is currently a 2011-2012 Senior Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy, at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (Washington, DC). He was recently named co-editor (with Kate O'Neill) of *Global Environmental Politics* (MIT Press journals), recently ranked among the top journals in political science and international relations. His recent publications include "Consuming Environments: Options for 21st Century Citizens" (Review of Policy Research (28)(5): 517-24); "Networked Baltic Environmental Governance" (Journal of Baltic Studies (42)(1): 37-55); "Climate Change Regionalism in North America" (Review of Policy Research (28)(3): 295-304); and a book chapter "Europe, Climate Change and International Security" in *Climate Change and National Security*, edited by Dan Moran (Georgetown UP, 2001). He is also co-editor of *The Global Environment: Institutions, Law and Policy* (3rd edition, CQ Press, 2011) and the *Comparative Environmental Politics* (forthcoming, MIT press).

Weil, Carola, PhD 2003, is now the Director of International & Strategic Partnerships in Washington DC and Research Professor Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism at the University of Southern California.



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:

November 4 – 1111 Tydings Hall – 10:30-12:00

Marty Kobren, “Authoritarians in Their Midst”

Discussant:

November 18 – 1111 Tydings Hall – 10:30-12:00

David Karol, “Forcing Their Hands? Explaining Trends in Retirement Announcement Timing in the U.S. Congress”

Discussant:

December 2 – 1111 Tydings Hall – 10:30-12:00

Patrick Wohlfarth and Peter Enns(Cornell University), “The Swing Justice”
Discussant:

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Throughout the course of the semester we will hold periodic gatherings for the comparative field, including social events, speakers, and special topic seminars (e.g. how to do research in the field, how to get grants to go overseas). The comparative subfield is putting together a stellar lineup of guest speakers for the Fall.

Fall Schedule:

November 30 – 1101 Morrill Hall – 11-2:00pm

Dan Corstange, Book Workshop

Discussants: Phil Keefer and Donald Horowitz

December 7 – 1136 Tydings – 11-12:15pm

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP - TBA

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. We invite faculty and graduate students to discuss their latest research; present papers in progress, with a formal discussant; present information for professional development; and invite guest speakers. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. The international relations workshop will be meeting on **Mondays this fall from 11:00-12:30 in 1101 Morrill Hall**. We will schedule approximately 5 meetings over the course of each semester. Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop as they become available.

Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Scott Kastner at skastner@gvpt.umd.edu.

Scheduled Events are from 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall:

Fall Schedule:

November 21:

Mark Shirk: TBA.

Discussant: [Sarah Croco](#)

December 5:

Quddus Snyder: TBA.

Discussant: TBA.

If you are interested in presenting or acting as a discussant, please contact Scott Kastner.

POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

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

Fall Schedule:

November 2:

Robinson Woodward-Burns will present a paper entitled "Divided Liberalism: Tocqueville and Emerson on the Jacksonian Democrats" on Wednesday, November 2nd at 11 am in Tydings 1136.

CIDCM WORKSHOP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT

We are in the process of scheduling workshops for the Fall semester. If you are interested in presenting your work or serving as a discussant please contact Kenneth Matis ASAP at kmatis@umd.edu. We have not settled on an exact set of dates for the entire semester yet, so please let me know approximately when you would like to present or be a discussant.

I will email a working schedule for the Fall semester as soon as it become final.

As a reminder, the workshop will be held generally on Tuesdays every third week at the University of Maryland in **Morrill Hall, room 1101** (conference room on the first floor), from **11:00-12:30**. We will follow the standard format followed in previous years in which a) ongoing research is presented, b) a paper is submitted about a week in advance for everyone to read, and c) a discussant will start things off with some comments and then we will open up for general discussion. We also encourage advanced graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. The workshop has benefited in the past from the active participation of graduate students and we would like to see this continue this year with students presenting their ongoing work or serving as discussants.

Fall Schedule:

November 7:

Paul Huth and Alyssa Prorok "International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Changes"

Why are some changes to the territorial status quo consolidated and sustained over time while others are subject to new challenges and ongoing dispute? More specifically, why do losing states sometimes accept their territorial losses while at other times they challenge those losses via diplomatic or even military means? In this paper, we develop a theoretical argument to explain this variation in the sustainability of territorial changes. We argue that under certain conditions, international law can serve as a focal point, providing information to disputants and third parties regarding the appropriate distribution of disputed territory. When this legal focal point supports maintenance of the new territorial status quo, it solves the enforcement problem associated with international cooperation by generating both reputational and non-reputational costs for challenging the new status quo. We test this theoretical argument on a new dataset of territorial changes within the context of ongoing territorial disputes between 1945 and 2000. Empirical tests support our theoretical argument: losing states (i.e. potential challengers) are more likely to accept the loss of territory when a clear legal focal point

supports the opponent, while potential challengers are more likely to assert a new claim to lost territory when a legal focal point exists and is supportive of the challenger's position.

November 17: 2-3:30pm, 1101 Morrill Hall

Scott Gates “Groups for Separation: Comparing Religious and Ethno-Nationalist Movements”

Co-authored with Kathleen Cunningham and Ragnhild Nordus.

November 28:

Peter White

What causes some militaries to support autocratic regimes with lethal violence against protesters, and others not to? This is a central question that lacks a systematic examination in the recent literature. And the events of early 2011 in the Arab states have highlighted this gap, as the military has proven to be an indispensable actor in the collapse of the Ben Ali (Tunisia) and Mubarak (Egypt) regimes, yet the same institution—or parts of it—has seemingly prolonged the tenures of the Assad (Syria), Ghadaffi (Libya), Al Khalifa (Bahrain), and Salih (Yemen) regimes. For the most part, existing work on political transitions does not treat the military as an autonomous actor or focuses only on one type of transition in which the military can take part—coups. Using basic game-theory, simple quantitative methods, and case studies, this paper will examine the impact of military minority-coethnicity with the regime and military politicization on a military's decision to engage in large-scale repression on behalf of an autocratic regime.

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



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

Congressman Steny Hoyer to accept CAPC's Tydings Award and lead town hall event on campus

On Monday, November 28, Rep. Steny Hoyer will be awarded the Millard E. Tydings Award for courage and leadership in American Politics. Following the award ceremony, Congressman Hoyer will lead a town hall event open to the campus and public. The event will be held on campus in the evening, but exact time and venue have yet to be announced. Check back soon for more details.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to CAPC@umd.edu<<mailto:CAPC@umd.edu>>. Contact CAPC at 301-314-2736 or CAPC@umd.edu<<mailto:CAPC@umd.edu>> for more information.

Government Internship Programs

CAPC is currently accepting resumes for the Capitol Hill Internship Program, and the Public Policy Internship Program. If you are interested in learning more about local, state, or federal government, an internship in our state or national capital would be a great experience. Visit

www.capc.umd.edu/education.html<<http://www.capc.umd.edu/education.html>>, contact CAPC at capc@umd.edu<<mailto:capc@umd.edu>> or (301) 314-2736, or visit CAPC's booth at the September 28 UMD Career and Internship Fair to learn more.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

The ICONS Project

The ICONS Project is pleased to announce the release of two NEW simulations to its online simulation catalog - "Piracy off the Somali Coast" and "Cambodia-Thailand Border Dispute"!

"Piracy off the Somali Coast" addresses the mounting economic and security problems posed by piracy in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. This negotiation simulation features eight roles ranging from a coalition of pirate bosses to the UN Office of Drugs and Crime. The "Cambodia-Thailand Border Dispute" simulation focuses on a long-standing conflict over the land surrounding Preah Vihear, a Buddhist temple along the countries' border. Students will act as various players (including government, military, and religious leaders, as well as ASEAN officials, and UNESCO representatives) in an attempt to address security and economic concerns fueling this dispute. These two simulations are the first to include the new "Alert" element developed by the ICONS Project. With this feature, participants get real-time alerts and updates on simulation events via a pop-up message through the online simulation system. The new feature, which provides a brief summary of each event, helps participants realistically view the situation and practice their skills in crisis management.

Contact the ICONS Project at icons@gvpt.umd.edu or at: x54172 to learn more about how to incorporate one of these simulations into your course. The ICONS Project simulation catalog is available here: www.icons.umd.edu/highered/catalog_single_class

CIDCM 2012 Winter Program Course - Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict

Recent events in the Middle East have demonstrated the devastating impact that oppression, instability and violence can have on quality of life and development. Yet these events also highlight the promise of multi-track diplomacy in promoting peaceful democratic transition. Join us for an intensive, short-term program on ways to resolve conflict and build a lasting peace, in day-to-day local situations as well as in complex national and international conflicts.

Through hands-on learning, participants will develop multi-track diplomacy skills designed to transform interpersonal, organizational, community, or complex societal conflicts. These techniques, applicable at all levels of society and for a range of ethnic, religious, or cultural tensions, provide an essential complement to official ("first track") diplomacy and police work. Coursework has global relevance, as illustrated through current projects by Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) faculty in the Middle East, South Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Offered annually, this year's intensive course includes simulated negotiations between influential civil society representatives, co-facilitated by course instructors, Prof. Edward (Edy) Kaufman, and Prof. John Davies (see below). In an effort to bridge negotiation gaps between parties caught in cycles of confrontation, unofficial channels will be explored using cutting-edge interactive techniques.

See <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/announcements/announcement.asp?id=258> for more information.

Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society (PEGS)

New Issue of The Good Society

PEGS, The Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society, is pleased to announce the new issue of its journal *The Good Society*.

It centers on a symposium on "The Bloomington School," addressing the work of Elinor and Vincent Ostrom in light of Lin's Nobel Prize in Economics.

For additional information on PEGS and The Good Society, and for links to current and past issues, please visit our webpage: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/pegs>. Those interested in obtaining hard copies of current or prior issues of *The Good Society* should contact Jeremy Janow, Managing Editor, at pegs@gvpt.umd.edu.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapter and Article Publications

Bond, Kanisha, with Navin Bapat, "Alliances amongst Militant Groups" *British Journal of Political Science*, (Forthcoming).

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Lee, Frances E. "Partisan Uncertainty and Senate Debate, 1960-2008," American Politics Research Workshop, University of Minnesota, October 13, 2011. "Roundtable on Barry Burden's *Personal Roots of Representation* and Frances Lee's *Beyond Ideology*." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 2, 2011. And Panelist, "The Return of Divided Government: A Roundtable on the 112th Congress." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 1, 2011.

Pearson, Margaret, with co-author Ciqi Mei (our recent PhD and tenure track faculty at Tsinghua University), presented the paper "Despite political clout: Selective sanctions, shared beliefs and local defiance in China" at the Third International Conference on Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, Oct. 23, 2011.

Uslaner, Ric, Keynote address on "Diversity, Segregation, and Trust," to the Conference on People Powered Capital, Goteborg, Sweden, November 11, 2011.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

No Updates this Month



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NOVEMBER 2011

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