

# GVPT NEWS

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The most efficient way to keep abreast of developments in the Department of Government and Politics is to spend a few minutes each month reading GVPT NEWS. We cover all the workshops, seminar series, panel discussions, brown bags, and general meetings that occur in the Department. We discuss undergraduate and graduate student affairs. The latest developments in staff and administration are covered. We even bring you

up to date on past Ph. Ds! This issue, for example, contains a wonderful piece by Marion Orr, who now has an endowed chair at Brown University.

Graduate students thinking about an academic career should take advantage of the full range of research, teaching, and service experiences available from our faculty. If you are an Americanist, take a look at what the theorists are doing; if you are a theorist, take a look at what's happening in comparative politics; if you are a comparativist, find out about international relations; and if you plan to be in IR, drop by a workshop in American politics. As you move through your career, you will inevitably specialize. A little time spent exploring the breadth and depth of political science can lead to better informed choices.

Mark I. Lichbach  
Professor and Chair



### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

#### **Policy Information**

The undergraduate advising office will continue to enforce the following academic policies in the Spring 2007 semester:

**Oversubscription Policy, Three Course Policy, and Pre-Requisite Policy.** Accordingly there will be no oversubscriptions or seat increases in courses to accommodate students, GVPT majors will not be allowed to take more than three GVPT courses per semester, and all pre-requisites listed for the class will be enforced and students will be dropped from the course if they do not meet the requirements. Please do not tell students that you can make an exception for them or that you will allow them to enter the class off the waitlist. We will be making no exceptions to these policies in the Spring 2007 semester.

#### **Pi Sigma Alpha**

PSA is getting off to a great start this year with a Dinner and Discussion featuring Dr. Karol Soltan. PSA will also be hosting a fundraising event on **TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2006 from 5-9PM at California Tortilla**. Please stop by and have dinner and say the codeword "PSA" to help our chapter earn money for upcoming events. The chapter is also planning to hear oral arguments at the Supreme Court and host another Dinner and Discussion. For more information about upcoming events or how you can volunteer with the group please email [umdpsa@gmail.com](mailto:umdpsa@gmail.com)

#### **Alumni Information**

The GVPT Alumni Board is planning a Fall mixer for the first week of November in DC. Please stay tuned for more information about the exact time and location of this fantastic event.

Wayne McIntosh  
GVPT Undergraduate Director



### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

Congratulations to Cornel Ban and Shana Marshall, our department's representatives at the 2007 annual meeting of the Consortium for Qualitative Research Methods. Thanks also to Prof. Lichbach for agreeing to fund two students this year.

For those currently on the job market, please remember to provide Ann Marie with the names and addresses of the individuals/search committees to whom you wish your file sent as early as possible. It is very difficult to make a dozen deadlines with a couple days notice. Obviously, if you have not yet sent your completed file to Ann Marie, be sure to do so well in advance of your first job deadline. And for faculty that still have letters of recommendation to submit to Ann Marie, please get those in soon.

If you are planning to take one or more comps in January and have not submitted your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible.

The Jean Elizabeth Spencer award committee (Doug Grob, Linda Williams, and Irwin Morris) is still accepting nominations and self-nominations for the 2006 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award. The award goes to an outstanding woman graduate student in Government and Politics, with "preference given to a candidate with the potential to make a contribution to the areas of state and/or local government or American politics." Nominees must be active graduate students either taking courses or working on their dissertations. Nominees should submit a brief letter outlining their interests and goals in political science, a resume, a short writing sample, and the names of at least two professors willing to serve as references. All materials should be submitted to Ann Marie Clark. The deadline for application is October 16, 2006.

Finally, I want to recognize the students whose doctoral degrees were conferred in August.

Name: Virginia Grzelczyk – International Relations  
 Thesis Title: Ten Years of Dealing with Kim Jong-il: Can Negotiations Ensure Conflict Resolution?  
 Committee: Miranda Schreurs, Chair  
 Jonathan Wilkenfeld  
 George Quester  
 Scott Kastner  
 Seung-Kyung Kim, Dean's Rep (Women's Studies)

Name: Laura Hussey – American Politics  
 Thesis Title: Social Policy and Social Services in Women's Pregnancy Decision Making: Political and Programmatic Implications  
 Committee: James Gimpel, Chair  
 Mark Graber  
 Geoffrey Layman  
 Linda Williams  
 Karen Kaufmann  
 Joan Kahn, Dean's Rep (SOCY)

Name: Lawrence Olson – Political Theory  
 Thesis Title: The Politics of the Imaginary  
 Committee: Vladimir Tismaneanu, Chair  
 Ronald Terchek  
 C. Fred Alford  
 James Glass  
 Jeffrey Herf, Dean's Rep (HIST)

Name: Arcelia Rodriquez – Political Theory  
Thesis Title: Cervantes' Don Quixote and the Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry  
Committee: Charles Butterworth, Chair  
Piotr Swistak  
Mark Graber  
Douglas Grob  
Warren Phillips  
Hernan Sanchez de Pinillos, Dean's Rep (SPAN)

Irwin Morris  
GVPT Graduate Director



**MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

The placement "season" is in full swing now, and we have a number of people applying for jobs. Everyone is commenting that there are many job openings, and I regularly receive inquiries from around the country from people looking for me to announce an opening they have.

One tip I'd like to give everyone, something that will be useful even before you go on the market: learn how to format a good-looking c.v.! Yes, this is not an exciting Placement News column. But I have read a large number of c.v. in the last few weeks, and few got away with no mark-ups and revisions. A c.v. is not a resume, as those with French and Latin can easily tell. The c.v. tells the reader everything of relevance, while a resume is a really brief summary. Because it is longer, the actual formatting makes a big difference. It must be clearly organized and easy to read. There should be no distracting over-abundance of fonts and fancy details. The best c.v. follows some standard practices--the reader expects to see certain things in a certain order, and it is easier to read if you meet those expectations. On the other hand, since every case is different, there is no one format that everyone follows, and every c.v. has to be tailored to the individual. I have posted a sample on the Placement website which can be used as a guide.

Virginia Haufler, Placement Director



**MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Hi everyone, a few reminders:

- The next **GSA General Meeting** is **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** at 11am in Tydings 1111. As usual, we will discuss any problems/news/other issues, and pizza will be provided.
- The next **Technology Session** is **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 11am in Tydings 1111. We will decide on a topic for that session at the GSA general meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Last week we had a great tech session regarding Endnote. Thanks to Mike Evans and Ken Cousins for sharing their wealth of knowledge with us. If you missed the meeting, here's a quick blurb from the Endnote website about what the program does:

Millions of researchers, scholarly writers, students, and librarians use EndNote (patent pending) to search online bibliographic databases, organize their references, images and PDFs in any language, and create bibliographies and figure lists instantly. Instead of spending hours typing bibliographies, or using index cards to organize their references, they do it the easy way—by using EndNote! EndNote for Windows and Macintosh is a valuable all-in-one tool that integrates the following tasks into one program:

- [Search bibliographic databases on the Internet](#)
- [Organize references, images and PDFs](#)
- [Construct your paper with built-in manuscript templates](#)
- [Watch the bibliography and figure list appear as you write!](#)

If you missed the tech session and want more information about Endnote, contact Elizabeth or Mike and we'll be happy to help.

We still need to choose a GSA representative for the first year students from among your ranks. If you have any interest, or if you know someone who would be a good candidate, please let one of us know right away.

Finally, we have several social activities coming up (like Happy Hour on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at Franklins and a trip to the Eastern Market on Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>). We refer you to the calendar of events from September's newsletter at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/newsletter/September06.news.pdf> for more information.

Your GSA Co-Chairs,  
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## STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

### News from CPAC Virginia Haufler

The Computer Policy Advisory Committee has met twice already this year. We are working with the new director of the Office of Academic Computing (OACS), Dan Navarro. OACS is reviewing options to control the overload of spam we are receiving. They are also looking at expanding storage capacity. In addition, I'm sure you'll be pleased to know they are looking at fire suppression systems to protect the server room. Dan has proposed that we undertake an Information Lifecycle Management review in order to see how each of us actually uses information and data storage, in order to plan for the future. Right now, OACS is primarily focused on providing more reliable service to all users. As part of this, they have been hiring more people, such as a network administrator, and they are now searching for a helpdesk manager. If you have any suggestions for further improvements please let me know and I will raise them at the CPAC meetings.

### **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 and coffee funds.

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 fits, flowers, etc. sent to department members (Faculty, Graduate Students and Staff).

Faculty: \$25.00

Staff: \$10.00

Graduate Students: \$5.00



## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PH.D's**

### **“Moving Up, Up North, That is”**

**By: Marion Orr, a 1992 Ph.D. Graduate**

In early August 1987, my parents and I loaded a U-Haul, hitched my 11-year old Toyota Celica and made the drive north on Interstate 95 from Savannah, Georgia. When we arrived in College Park, we were tired and hungry. We ate at what I later learned was a locally-owned restaurant. Somehow, in a conversation with the waiter, it came up that we were there for me to attend the University of Maryland. When the waiter asked if I was coming to UofM on a basketball scholarship (I am 5'11" and have never played any organized sports), my mother informed the waiter, in a proud but stern voice, “My baby is here to get his Ph.D.”

At Maryland, I worked with Clarence Stone, who became my dissertation advisor and mentor. I also developed a wonderful relationship and lasting friendship with Ric Uslaner, who was a strong supporter throughout my tenure at Maryland. Fred Alford, Charles Butterworth, Peggy Conway, Roger Davidson, Steve Elkin, Richard Hula and Linda Williams were some of the others who taught me. I also learned a lot from my fellow graduate students, especially Martha Bailey, Kathy Dolan, Lynn Ford, Jan Hardt, David Imbroscio, Valerie C. Johnson, Meredith Ramsay, and Tim Ross.

I completed my Ph.D. in 1992. In 1993, I landed my first tenure-track job at Duke University. I had long desired to return to my native south. I recall a senior colleague at another university explaining to me that “working at Duke must be like working in heaven.” Duke was a great first job. I worked hard. However, I did find time to meet and date Ramona Burton, then a graduate student in political science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Ramona completed her Ph.D. in December 1997. We married a few days later.

In my fifth year at Duke, I received a letter from the chair of Brown University’s political science department. The letter encouraged me to consider becoming a candidate for a tenured position with a joint appointment in Brown’s Urban Studies Program. I put the letter aside and forgot about it. About a week later, I received a telephone call from Brown’s political science chairman asking why I had not responded to the letter. When my senior colleagues at Duke learned of Brown’s overtures, they moved to put me up for tenure early. Ultimately, I had to make a decision. Do I stay at Duke or move to Brown? After lots of discussion and prayer, Ramona and I decided to leave our native south. My brother-in-law, a sports enthusiast, was incredulous. He asked, “Why would anyone leave the ACC to go to the Ivy League?”

In July 1999, I joined Brown's political science department as an associate professor. I am affiliated with the Urban Studies Program and the Alfred A. Taubman Center for Public Policy. After three years, I was promoted to full professor. Three years later, I was appointed to an endowed chair, fulfilling a long-time professional goal. I have served as department chair and director of graduate studies. Brown University is a great scholarly fit. There are a number of other scholars who share my general interest in cities and urban affairs. None of this, however, would have been possible without the support I got from the University of Maryland and the training and mentoring I received from the professors in the Department of Government and Politics. GO TERPS!



## **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.

#### **Friday, October 6**

Professionalization Session: Earning Tenure (at 3:30, followed by happy hour)  
Discussion leader: Karen Kaufmann

#### **Friday, October 20**

**John McTague and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz**, "Voting from the Pew: The Effect of Senators' Religious Affiliations on Cultural Issues Votes, 1976-2004"

#### **Wednesday, November 1**

**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, October 9th, 11-12:30**

Paul Huth and Mark Lichbach will be presenting “**Game Theory and War**”

### **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**

October 4: Doug Lemke, Penn State “Stages of State Making”

October 18: Scott Kastner, University of Maryland “TITLE TBA”

November 1: TBA

November 15: TBA

November 29: 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](mailto: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 email CP4 graduate assistant Mark Jacobs for a copy of the paper, to be added to our e-mail list, or if you have questions: [mxjacobs@umd.edu](mailto:mxjacobs@umd.edu). The workshop website is [www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/cp4](http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/cp4) - click on [CP4 Workshop Series](#).

### October 13

**David DeGrazia**, Department of Philosophy , George Washington University  
**“The Case for Single-Payer National Health Insurance”**

American health care is in a terrible mess. For starters, despite not covering nearly one of every six Americans, we spend *far* more per capita (including the uninsured), and as a fraction of GDP, on health care than do citizens of any other country. After introducing the problem, this paper offers an overview of how American health insurance emerged, developed, and arrived at its present state. Next various reform proposals other than the single-payer approach are briefly examined and found to have a common feature that greatly reduces administrative efficiency: preserving the private insurance industry as a prominent source of health care finance. The paper turns to evidence that the single payer is the most cost-effective way to achieve the basic goals of health care. After this approach is further elaborated, major objections are taken up in turn. On the basis of the

case for superior cost-effectiveness and the replies to objections, it is next contended that this reform model is the most morally defensible. Finally, the charge of political infeasibility, the objection most likely to be compelling, is placed in perspective.

### November 10

**Joe Oppenheimer**, Department of Government and Politics

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

### 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

The first theory field event will be a presentation by Emeritus Professor Iliya Harik from Indiana University titled “Democracy, Violence, and Islam.”

**Time: October 12, Thursday, 4:30-6:30.**

Location: TBA

The next event will be a graduate student workshop. Keep watching the theory field website for paper postings. Anyone working on a theoretically inclined paper is welcome to present. We are particularly interested in having advanced students present dissertation chapters or articles in progress.

**Time: November 16, Noon – 3:00**

Location: Tydings, 1111

Some interest has been expressed in beginning a monthly reading group intended to focus on the field reading list and other literature of interest. The first meeting will be Friday October 6, 4 P.M. at the College Park coffee shop.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these events please contact Alison Staudinger at [astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu)

## FORMAL THEORY PANEL DISCUSSIONS

**October 6 - TYD 1111, 1-2:30PM**

Mark Lichbach, Paul Huth, and Joe Oppenheimer: "War and Game Theory."

## MARYLAND MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR SERIES

Please read future newsletters for schedule.



**CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

CAPC will be hosting an Election Discussion on Wednesday, November 8, at 3:30pm in the Anne Arundel Lounge. This is a joint event with Honors and participants include members from the American Politics faculty. The discussion will focus around the recent election and its affect on domestic issues. This event is sponsored through a grant from the Provost's office.

CAPC will be hosting a Career Seminar during the GVPT 170 class on Monday, November 13 at 2:00pm. Speakers will discuss future employment and graduate school options, and will represent all areas of government (both on the Hill and in Annapolis), law and graduate school, and working in a federal or state department.

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

### **General Meeting**

CIDCM will host its annual fall meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Center staff will offer updates on current and new initiatives.

### **Website**

CIDCM will launch its new redesigned website this month. CIDCM's new logo, voted on last fall by CIDCM staff, will be unveiled as well.

### **Visiting Fellow**

CIDCM welcomes Johanna Birnir for the 2006- 2007 academic year. She is the recipient of this year's National Academies Research Council's Department of Homeland Security Resident Research Associateship at the START. Jóhanna completed her Ph.D. at UCLA in 2001. Her research focuses on political developments in new democracies in Latin America and Eastern Europe. While at CIDCM, Jóhanna will be working on the "paradox of political terrorism in democracies" and institutional solutions to ethnic conflict and terrorism. She will also be involved in the improvement of the MAR data-set and merger of MAR and the new MAROB (OB for Organizational Behavior).

### **Peace and Conflict 2007**

CIDCM has just negotiated a book contract for the publication of the next edition of Peace and Conflict, the Center's signature publication. Paradigm Press will publish Peace and Conflict 2007, and will market it to an educational audience. To supplement the book, CIDCM will develop a set of web tools to allow instructors and their students to manipulate the data and variables from CIDCM's conflict datasets as a way of enhancing their understanding of the factors that affect conflict. By agreement with the publisher, CIDCM will continue to produce a summary document that will be posted on our website and distributed to the policy community at no cost.

## **Harrison Program**

**WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT--CORPORATIONS AND CONFLICT:** On October 5, Virginia Haufler will host a USIP-grant funded workshop "Corporations and Conflict Prevention: Establishing a Basis for Evaluation." The workshop will bring together a mix of experts from academia, non-profits, think tanks, and business to discuss recent public and private initiatives to involve the private sector in conflict prevention. The

purpose is to establish the grounds for evaluation from ethical, political, and pragmatic perspectives. For more information, contact Virginia at [vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu)

### **WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT--ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN WAR-TORN**

**SOCIETIES:** As announced last month, the Harrison Program will be cosponsoring a workshop in November at Duke University, as part of a partnership initiative on challenges of environmental governance and sustainable development in postconflict settings. We have now added a follow-up event for ISA 2007 in Chicago next February. See Ken Conca for details about the workshops or the program's activities in this area.

**HARRISON FELLOW AHMAD TARIQ KARIM.** One of the Harrison Program's two Harrison Fellows for 2006-07 is Ahmad Tariq Karim. A former Ambassador to the United States and diplomat with over three decades of experience, Tariq is now a doctoral student with GVPT, with research interests on state fragility, civil society and democratic transition in South Asia, as well as political Islam and globalization issues. After retirement from the Bangladesh Foreign Service, he joined the University of Maryland (1999-2000) as a Ford Fellow in the capacity of Distinguished International Executive in Residence, and later served as a senior advisor to the IRIS Center. His teaching interests include Ecological Security, Environmental Politics and Policies, International Relations and Comparative Politics. During his diplomatic career, Tariq held several key posts, notably as Ambassador to the United States, High Commissioner to South Africa, Ambassador to Iran, Deputy Chief of Mission in Beijing, and Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi. He also played a key role in negotiating and finalizing the 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India (1996), and in promoting sub-regional cooperation among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal. Tariq's office is 3114-C Tydings.

**BIG GIG:** We are currently soliciting suggestions for books to read for our monthly spring sessions of the Big GIG (Global Issues Group). To suggest titles or for more info contact Karol Soltan at [ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu)

## **Democracy Collaborative**

### **Democracy Collaborative Organizes "Community Wealth Summits"**

The Democracy Collaborative is organizing "Community Wealth Summits" as part of its ongoing Community Wealth Building Initiative. The first two conferences will be held in Scranton, PA (October 11) and Cleveland, OH (December 7 and 8). Early planning is underway for 2007 meetings in Tallahassee, FL and the San Francisco Bay area.

The summits (working title: "*Building Community Wealth: New Asset-Based Approaches to Solving Social and Economic Problems in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio*") will bring together local economic development leaders from community-based organizations, city government, labor, universities, the business community, policy makers, select media, and funders. The dialogue will focus on the local situation, seek to create linkages across sectors and between organizations, and help identify local opportunities to expand the community wealth building field and to build greater support for the range of individual and common asset-based innovations and policies.

The Cleveland summit is being organized in partnership with the Kent State University Ohio Employee Ownership Center.

For more information contact Ted Howard at x59834 or [thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu](mailto:thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu)

## **Community-Wealth.org Continues to Grow**

In April 2005, the Collaborative launched a definitive web portal on asset-based community economic development – [www.Community-Wealth.org](http://www.Community-Wealth.org). The site brings together, for the first time, information about the broad range of community wealth strategies, policies, models, and innovations. With links to more than 2,500 articles and studies, organizations, websites, and other sources of information, the site is proving increasingly useful to practitioners and policy makers seeking new and emerging ideas, access to experts with useful knowledge, and as an avenue for promoting and publicizing their own efforts. Already, more than 6,000 practitioners, scholars, media, funders, and policy makers subscribe to the site's monthly informational newsletter. Less than a year after launching, the site now averages more than 14,000 unique visitors.

Recent additions to the site have included sections on Transit-Oriented Development, State Asset Building Initiatives, and Socially Responsible Investment.

## **Neighborhood Funders Group National Conference**

Gar Alperovitz keyed the national Conference of the Neighborhood Funders Group (NFG) in Durham, NC on September 13. The NFG is a national network of foundations and philanthropic organizations that support community-based efforts that improve economic and social conditions in low-income communities. The Collaborative's Executive Director, Ted Howard, participated in the conference's Asset Building Institute.

## **Argentine American Cultural Institute (ICANA)**

Ted Howard has been invited to address the Third Forum of the Argentine American Seminars in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October. This year's topic will be "The University and Social Leadership." ICANA, the organizer of the Forum, is a nonprofit Argentine organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural exchange between Argentina and the US. The conference is supported by the US Embassy in Buenos Aires, the Center for International Studies of the Argentine Catholic University, the Atlas Foundation and ESEADE University.



## **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](#)**

### **POLITICAL THEORY**

The next event will be a graduate student workshop. Keep watching the theory field website for paper postings. Anyone working on a theoretically inclined paper is welcome to present. We are particularly interested in having advanced students present dissertation chapters or articles in progress.

**Time: November 16, Noon – 3:00**

Location: Tydings, 1111

Some interest has been expressed in beginning a monthly reading group intended to focus on the field reading list and other literature of interest. The first meeting will be Friday October 6, 4 P.M. at the College Park coffee shop.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these events please contact Alison Staudinger at [astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu)

## FORMAL THEORY

The Formal Theory Field has begun to set up their panel discussion this year, starting with Professors Mark Lichbach, Paul Huth, and Joe Oppenheimer who will discuss "War and Game 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](mailto: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**

### Books

**Steve Elkin's** "Reconstructing the Commercial Republic: Constitutional Design after Madison". Chicago University Press.

### Chapters and Article Publications

**Chris Davenport:** annual review of political science entitled "state repression and political order: a review".

**Kevin Fandl:** "Recalibrating the War on Terror by Enhancing Development Practices in the Middle East". It was published in Volume 16 of the Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law (16 Duke J. of Comp. & Int'l L. 299). I am listing the introduction/summary of the article below, but the entire text is available here: <http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/djcil/articles/djcil16p299.htm>

**Scott Kastner:** "Strategic Uses of Economic Interdependence: Engagement Policies on the Korean Peninsula and Across the Taiwan Strait" (with Miles Kahler), Journal of Peace Research 43, no. 5 (2006), pp. 523-541.

**Jillian Schwedler** contributed to a symposium on field methods for Middle East politics that appeared in the July issue of PS: Politics and Political Science. Her article was titled, "The Third Gender: Female Researchers in the Middle East."

**Ric Uslander:** "The Civil State: Trust, Polarization, and the Quality of State Government," in Jeffrey E. Cohen, ed., Public Opinion in State Politics (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), pp. 142-162.

### Grants and Awards

**Jillian Schwedler** received a grant from the United States Institute of Peace for her project, "Does Cooperation Equal Pluralism? Political Protest in Two Amman Neighborhoods." The grant will enable her to complete her field research for her current book project on protest and policing practices in Jordan.

### Lectures, Presentations and Other

**Gar Alperovitz** gave the keynote address—"The Emerging Community Wealth-Building Paradigm"—to the National Neighborhood Funders Annual Conference, an association of 200 leading foundations, held in Durham, N.C., September 11-13, 2006. He will be speaking on "Civic Engagement and Wealth Building" at the "Local Democracy Convention" to be held at the University of Wisconsin, September 29-30.

**Charles Butterworth's** lecture "Blinkered Politics: The US Approach to Arabs and Muslims," Opening lecture for AMSS (Association of Muslim Social Scientists) Annual Meeting, Istanbul, Turkey, September 1-2, 2006.

**Chris Davenport's** lecture "The State's Must be Crazy, Part I: Dissent and the Puzzle of Repressive Persistence" - The Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, Speaker Series. Yale University. September 20, 2006. And his lecture "Violence and Restoration: Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Reparations Following Political Violence" - Workshop on Contentious Politics, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy. Columbia University. November 20, 2006.

**John Grayzel** gave a presentation at the United Nations on September 21st and he and the University of Maryland were the only university represented at the event.

**Martin Heisler** presented a paper, "Power(s) in the Politics of Memory and Memorialization" at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. He also chaired and was a participant on the round-table on "Social Inquiry and Political Knowledge."

**Jillian Schwedler** gave two formal talks at the Mershon Center at Ohio State University on September 28 and 29, one on her recent book, *Faith in Moderation*, and one on the application of social movement theory to the

study of Islamist groups. Schwedler also presented a paper at APSA titled, "Political Protest and State Repression: Insights from Jordan."

**Ric Uslaner** will deliver an address, "Trust and Economic Growth in the Knowledge Society," to Walden University's Conference on Social Change, October 21, Baltimore, MD



## **GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Articles and Chapters**

**Ghada Al-Madbouh** wrote a book review that was published at the Political Studies Review in Sept, 2006, Vol 4, Issue 3, P 366-367. The book is for Amal Jamal, The Palestinian National Movement: Politics of Contention, 1967-2005, Bloomington IN: Indiana University Press, 2005. 229pp., \$50.00, \$22.95, ISBN 0 253 34590 1, ISBN 0 253 21773 3. The link: [http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1478-9299.2006.00115\\_6.x](http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1478-9299.2006.00115_6.x)

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

**Micah Lebson** presented on 9/7/06 at the Middle East and Central Asia conference in Salt Lake City, UT. the paper is titled: "Applying Neorealist Theory to Domestic Environments: An analysis of Hamas and Palestinian politics, 1987-2006."



**SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER 2006**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	2 Yom Kippur	3	4 Contentious Politics Workshop 11-12:30 0139 TYD	5 Corporations & Conflict Workshop: Harrison Program Contact <a href="mailto:vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu">vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu</a> for more information.	6 American Politics Wrkshp TYD 1136 - 10:30-12  Theory Faculty Panel 1-2:30, TYD 1111	7
8	9 IR Field Workshop 11-12:30	10	11 GSA General Mtg, TYD 1111 at 11am  Executive Com. Mtg. 11-12:15, GVPT Conf. Rm	12 Political Theory Workshop 4:30-6:30PM, TBA	13 CP4 Workshop 2-3:30PM, 1136 TYD	14
15	16	17	18 Contentious Politics Workshop 11-12:30 0139 TYD	19	20 American Politics Wrkshp TYD 1136 - 10:30-12	21
22	23	24 Eid al-Fitr	25 GSA TECH Session, 11am  Executive Com. Mtg. 11-12:15, GVPT Conf. Rm	26	27	28
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