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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On September 27, Our GVPT Emeritus Professor Ronald Walters was honored with the 2011 Frederick Douglass Award. Professor Walters passed away one year ago and his wife Patricia was received the award for him. Ron was given this honor as an African American scholar and activist who fought for civil rights all his life. Ron was proud of his role in organizing the first lunch-counter sit-in in 1958 in Wichita, Kansas. Ron's

influence widened as he entered academia. GVPT was extremely fortunate to have Ron on our faculty and we were all honored to share this ceremony that recognized Ron's accomplishments.

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 PhD's!

If you are not attending one of our workshops, you're missing an important part of the GVPT experience. I suggest that you look through the many announcements put out by centers and fields and attend some of the activities. These events allow graduate students to 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 GRADUATE STUDIES

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 (Jim Gimpel, Frances Lee, and I) invite nominations and self-nominations for the 2011 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. The deadline for nomination is October 19, 2011.

Graduate course registration will begin soon. 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.

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

Finally, it's here! Please check out the new blog "Behind the Podium" (thanks to Dror for the name) addressing teaching issues at www.behindpodium.blogspot.com. I will post thoughts, links to articles, and occasional "Dear Prof V" letters asking for advice on a particular problem. If you would like to be one of our bloggers, let me know and I can make you an author. Otherwise, please Comment on the posts and/ or send ideas, problems, and info to me or Nena Cavel for us to post. Note: I'm new at this, so please forgive any errors in setting this up.

A reminder to all graduate students who are considering job-hunting this fall--please let me know your plans. I can provide you with the special code for Interfolio that identifies you as one of our students. The Department pays for the registration fee and regular mail fees for five years or until you get a tenure track position. I also am happy to take a look at your c.v. and cover letter. I cannot, however, tell you what is in your confidential letters of recommendation. Also, please feel free to come to me for advice even if you have decided not to pursue an academic position.

Virginia Haufler
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

ADVISING

Please feel free to contact the Academic Advisors with undergraduate advising questions:

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For general questions, contact the advising staff at advising@gvpt.umd.edu.

REGISTRATION

Undergraduate student registration for Spring 2012 will begin in late October. GVPT majors only restrictions are in place for all 400-level GVPT courses. **Instructors should also check Testudo for any errors in their course listings.** The deadline to make changes to the Spring 2012 schedule is October 3, 2011.

Karen Kaufmann
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

At GSA's meeting on September 21 we discussed future initiatives and consumed free pizza. We would like to congratulate: Hayley Sullivan and Andy Jannett who will serve as the Co-First-Year Representatives; Hayley

Sullivan and Gilbert Nunez who will serve as our DGSAC representatives, and Chenqi Huang who will serve as our Comparative Field Representative.

The Grad Mural Committee has been disbanded. However, Dror Yuravlivker proposed that grad students bring posters & wall ornaments to the next GSA meeting and we as a body will vote on what should be placed on the Grad Lab walls. We are sending out a call for any items you would like to contribute to the Grad Lab Beautification Project.

A GSA Survey Committee has been established. Its members include: Agatha Hultquist, Anne Fruge, David Prina, Katie Kruger, and Raymond Williams. The finalized report of the survey results will be completed by Thanksgiving.

In addition to pushing for technology upgrades for the Grad Lab and grad student's offices, GSA will be organizing several workshops. Be on the lookout for a...

- Zotero Workshop
- LaTeX and BibTech Workshop
- Statistical Software Workshop
- Conference Workshop
- Field Methods Workshop

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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

Fox, Jonathan, PhD, 1997, "Building Composite Measures of Religion and State" *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, 7 (8), 2011, 1-39.

Lee, Shin-wha, Ph.D, 1994, Professor with the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University is now Director of the Global Leadership Development Center at Korea University.



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:

October 7 – 1111 Tydings Hall – 10:30-12:00

Sarah Croco, “Culpability in Congress”

Discussant:

October 21 – 1111 Tydings Hall – 1:00-2:30

Brittany Bramlett and Jim Gimpel, “Local Age Distributions and Support for the Political Fringe in American Politics”

Discussant:

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:

October 12 – 1136 Tydings – 11-12:15pm

Allison Berland-Kaul, “The Urban Voter in India: Explaining Variation in electoral support for the Hindu Nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party”

Discussant: Joel Simmons and Jeronimo Torrealday

October 26 – 1136 Tydings – 11-12:15pm

Agatha Hultquist and Daniel Corstange, "Silent Support: Examining Public Attitudes toward Terrorism in the Middle East."

Discussant: Kanisha Bond and Emma Davies

November 9 – 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:

October 31:

Vera Mironova, "Unintended Media Effects in a Conflict Environment: Serbian Radio and Croatian Nationalism."
 Discussant: TBA.

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:

October 12, 1101 Morrill Hall 11-12:15pm: Professor Jeffrey Green from the University of Pennsylvania, author of *The Eyes of the People: Democracy in an Age of Spectatorship* (Oxford University Press, 2010). Title: "The Plebeian Addendum to Liberal Democracy." Link to his bio:

http://www.polisci.upenn.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=191&Itemid=26. Light refreshments will be provided.

October 19, 1101 Morrill Hall 11-12:30pm: Political Theory "Meet and Greet" and Field Meeting.

Alternatively, inquiries may be directed to politicaltheory@umd.edu. For more info contact Ashley Gorham, agorham@umd.edu

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:

October 10:

Jacob Aaronson

Guerrillas avoid direct battle with state forces and interact with local populations to hide and gather basic resources. Instead of attacking rebels directly using search and destroy missions (S&D), which may alienate civilians without having much noticeable impact on rebel capability, counterinsurgency (COIN) theory suggests that states should focus on winning control over the population. From the state's perspective this is unfortunate—COIN is time-consuming and relies on skills not traditionally associated with standing militaries. This paper will put this claim to a direct test: do S&D missions—offensive operations that destroy enemy assets without holding territory—benefit the state in irregular warfare? I will first introduce the broader research project, which examines why S&D might be beneficial (it destroys specific rebel assets) and why it might not be (the benefits of attrition do not outweigh the costs of collateral damage). Next I provide preliminary results by looking at the effect of drone strikes in Pakistan (missile attacks against rebel militants, leaders and infrastructure in ungoverned tribal areas) on rebel capability in Afghanistan (measured as the volume and lethality of rebel-initiated attacks).

October 25:

Dr. Hein Goemans, University of Rochester, “Examining Territorial Disputes in Africa”

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 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)

Government Internship Programs

CAPC is currently accepting resumes for the Maryland Internship Program, 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, contact CAPC at capc@umd.edu or (301) 314-2736, or visit CAPC's booth at the September 28 UMD Career and Internship Fair to learn more.

New Leadership and Members on CAPC Advisory Board

At the last CAPC Advisory Board meeting, the members elected a new board chair and vice-chair. Monica Healy (President of Healy Strategies) was elected as chair, and the Hon. Karen Haas (Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives) was elected as vice-chair.

Several new members have joined CAPC's Advisory Board. Chris Myers (Vice President of DCI Group), Paul Morrell (communications consultant and former Chief of Staff for NASA), Kevin Fromer (Vice President of HSBC North America), Ron Faucheux (President of Clarus Research Group), and Nidhi Thakar (Associate at Perkins Coie) all bring experience from varying backgrounds in government and politics.

Upcoming CAPC Career Seminar

On Tuesday, October 11, at 2pm, CAPC will be holding its latest Government and Politics Career Seminar. Held each semester, these events feature 4 or 5 professionals in various fields of government and politics discussing their careers with undergraduate students. Students have a rare opportunity to learn directly from experienced professionals about the different career opportunities for GVPT graduates, and some of the things they can do during college to prepare for them.

Confirmed to speak at this fall's career seminar are:

- Ron Faucheux – President of Clarus Research Group; former Louisiana Secretary of State

- Kevin Fromer – Vice President of Government Relations, HSBC North America; former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Treasury
- Ryan Hedgepeth – Chief of Staff for Representative Brad Miller (D-NC)

The seminar will be held from 2 – 3pm in 2205 LeFrak Hall.

CAPC Faculty Publications

Herrnson, Paul. Congressional Elections: Campaigning at Home and in Washington (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, forthcoming).

Herrnson, Paul. Interest Groups Unleashed, edited book with Clyde Wilcox and Christopher Deering (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, forthcoming).

Herrnson, Paul and James Curry. "Issue Voting and Partisan Defections in Congressional Elections," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, vol. 36 (2011): 281-307.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

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.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books in press

Herrnson, Paul Congressional Elections: Campaigning at home and in Washington Deering (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, forthcoming). And Interest Groups Unleashed, edited book with Clyde Wilcox and Christopher Deering (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, forthcoming).

Chapter and Article Publications

Allee, Todd and Clint Peinhardt. 2011. "Contingent Credibility: The Reputational Effects of Investment Treaty Disputes on Foreign Direct Investment." *International Organization* 65(3): 401-432.

Banks, Antoine and Nicholas Valentino "The Emotional Substrates of White Racial Attitudes" *AJPS*, forthcoming

Herrnson, Paul "Issue Voting and Partisan Defections in Congressional Elections," with James M. Curry, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, vol. 36 (2011): 281-307.

Grants and Awards

Wohlfarth, Patrick has won the *2011 Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award* from the Midwest Political Science Association for his paper: "Political Context and Regulatory Decision Making: The Impact of Public Opinion on Decentralized Policy Enforcement" (with Christopher Ellis, Bucknell University).

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Cunningham, Kathleen serving as the commentator at the Peace Research Institute Oslo Annual Address next week. The main speech will be by US Congressman John Lewis, entitled The Role of Nonviolence in the Struggle for Liberation.

Oppenheimer, Joe has been selected to deliver the 2011 Keynote Speech on Social Justice and Social Welfare and the Future of Korea at the 8th Annual SBS Future Korea Conference in Seoul, Korea on Nov. 2, 2011.

Uslaner, Ric presented paper, "Diversity, Segregation, and Trust" at Aarhus University, Denmark, October 26, 2011. Also nominated by the Department of Political Science as an Honorary Professor at the University.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

No Updates This Month!



SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2011

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