

GVPT NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The columns in this month's GVPT NEWS offer some interesting windows into our diverse community.

Ernie Wilson's *Entrepreneurship Column* offers some thoughtful advice about cultivating relationships with funding agencies. The department has been very successful at raising money, and the willingness of Ernie and others to share their experiences is much appreciated.

Mentorship is also an important part of GVPT. This issue offers three columns on mentorship – written from faculty, graduate student, and undergraduate points of view.

When Ken Conca discovered that 14 faculty and 15 graduate students were presenting papers at February's ISA meeting, he used the Harrison Program to organize a pilot "ISA at Maryland" conference. Graduate students made valuable practice presentations. Ken suggests that we need to think about "APSA at Maryland."

Carola Weil writes about her dissertation fieldwork. Carola says that her many exciting experiences in conducting "multinational fieldwork in the shadow of war" enriched her dissertation "in ways that no library of materials could ever have."

Finally, Danielle Dani Harlan is a senior working on an honor's thesis "*Exploring a Constitutional Right to Marriage.*" Her experiences of being "able to work with... a supportive, student-oriented, and proactive mentor" are a joy to read.

Several different folks, several different experiences. I hope you enjoy learning more about them.

GVPT NEWS is written for faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, alumni, and friends of the Government and Politics Department at the University of Maryland. We continue to refine its content and style. Your suggestions are welcome.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

The *Undergraduate Studies Committee* met on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, to consider options for dealing with the growing numbers problem in our major and associated closed courses and long waitlists. Assistant Dean Kathy Beardsley met with us to assist in our consideration of alternatives.

The Committee decided upon several courses of action:

- 1) We will carefully assess the entire pre-requisite regime. All field coordinators have been asked to address this issue among colleagues in each field and report back to us with their recommendations for each class that we offer. When we have identified all courses for which pre-requisites need to be changed, we will submit the formal requests for approval all at once. Then, we will be able to ask the university registration office to begin enforcement. We also agreed that we should identify courses for which statistics (MATH 111, STAT100, our own undergrad methods course, and perhaps other methods courses in BSOS departments) would be an appropriate pre-requisite.
- 2) We decided to propose a restriction on non-majors to only one GVPT course per semester, exempting GVPT100 and GVPT170.
- 3) We decided to propose reserving 75% of the seats in all 300-400 level courses to registration by GVPT majors only, with the remaining 25% open to non-majors who need the coursework to satisfy their own major requirements (minor, cognate field, and the like).

Items 2 and 3 were presented to the faculty at the March 5 meeting and were unanimously approved. Those policies have now been put into place for fall registration, which will begin in early April. We still need to complete the work on the pre-requisite situation and will meet later in the semester to bring that to a close.

In other news, our undergraduate majors elected Matt Rothstein to serve a term as the *GVPT Student Representative in the Campus Senate*. Matt is a sophomore from Hollywood, Florida and his focus is International Relations and Law.

Spring03 Commencement Speaker: We have received 8 applications for commencement speaker at the GVPT graduation. The selection committee plans to have its first meeting the first week of April. We also have a number of students who have applied to speak at the Campus commencement.

REMINDER: GVPT Commencement, May 23, 2003



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Over the course of the next two weeks, we expect a number of prospective graduate students to visit the department. To the extent possible, please make yourself available to speak with these individuals when they are on campus. Prospective students often ask to speak to individual faculty members (and graduate students), and we make every effort to accommodate their requests. Please make time in your schedule for those individuals who have asked to speak with you.

Atiya Stokes has won the 2002 Ted Robinson Award for the Best Graduate Proposal in the field of Minority Politics for "The Quest for the Multiracial Mandate?: African American Candidates, White Voters, and Campaign Strategies in State Legislative Elections". This award will be formally announced at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association. Congratulations, Atiya!!



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

I am pleased to be able to say that some of our students have received--and accepted-- offers, and a number of others have been invited to interview. Congratulations go to Ana Kogl, who has accepted a job at the University of Northern Iowa. Congratulations also to Adolphus Belk, who received offers from the College of St. Rose in Albany and Winthrop University in South Carolina; he has accepted the job at Winthrop. We have other students who will be interviewing at good places in the coming weeks. I encourage everyone to attend practice job talks! And for those students exploring other options, the Placement Series continues with a session on April 9 on "Alternatives to Academic Careers." The next week, the Series will explore "Summer Institutes for Graduate Students" as a way to do intensive learning, networking and c.v.-building.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

by Ernie Wilson

At the first "Grantsmanship" panel that the Department organized, several useful themes emerged which may help colleagues to obtain more grants and research support, and perhaps different kinds of support.

In my own case, I had received an NSF grant early in my career to do field work in Africa. The application process was straight forward. Later, I began to seek grants from other foundations like Ford, Rockefeller, and then other sources like USAID. As others on our panel pointed to, successfully gaining grants from private foundations, and especially from more action-oriented bodies like USAID or the World Bank, requires a great deal of time commitment to meet repeatedly with the potential funders. Many of us have found that getting money for research and program development requires several trips to the funding organization, finding out

who the relevant officer is, and meeting with that person. It requires establishing a relationship of trust with the funder. In practical terms, I found that one approaches the donor with a list of topics in which one is interested, and describing them. The potential donor will always find some more interesting than others, and will usually indicate which topics are worth developing, and which not. This was certainly the case for my successful grant from the Markle Foundation in New York, which was discussed with them over many months. At a certain point, the discussions become a joint effort to find a way to support work on a topic both parties are excited about.

This holds both when one seeks a research grant for oneself, and certainly when one is building an institution or program. Not surprising to political scientists or at least to political economists, the larger the sum of money you seek, the more 'face time' and serious conversation is required. But when calculated as a material return on time spent (e.g. calculating the money gained per hour of effort), the effort is usually worthwhile.



MENTORSHIP: THE FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

by Ken Conca

Conferences as mentoring opportunities: Why not “APSA at Maryland”?

Preparing and delivering conference papers are important parts of scholarly life. If mentoring means helping students grow and develop as scholars, then conferences become important mentoring opportunities. I've always been impressed by the large and active GVPT contingent that one finds at major conferences such as the ISA and APSA annual meetings. For example, we had 14 faculty and 15 doctoral students presenting papers at February's ISA meeting, certainly one of the largest departmental contingents at that event. In some ways, we already take advantage of these events as mentoring opportunities—helping our students get papers and panels accepted, providing departmental funds to defray travel costs, and showing up when our students present.

What we don't do enough of is to share among ourselves the scholarship we generate for these meetings. We should seize upon major conferences as opportunities to conduct an annual “ISA at Maryland” and “APSA at Maryland” in which we present, observe, discuss, and critique one another's work as a scholarly community. For first- and second-year doctoral students, such an event would illustrate the value of presenting and fielding comments on one's work, as well as underscoring the important norms of working beyond the classroom and getting involved in the major meetings. For more senior students, the benefit would be useful practice and helpful feedback, resulting in better conference presentations and closer-to-publication conference papers. For all of us, it would be a great opportunity to learn about one another's work.

The Harrison Program organized a pilot “ISA” at Maryland prior to last month's annual ISA meeting. It was a small event, but by all accounts a useful one for those presenting or in attendance. Let's take advantage of the upcoming APSA meeting to scale up to a major departmental event, either just prior to or just after the conference itself. The timing of the meeting will give us the added bonus of jump-starting our brand-new doctoral students into an active approach to scholarship. If you are presenting a paper at APSA, watch for details to follow and please volunteer to present at APSA at Maryland, 2003.



MENTORSHIP: THE GRADUATE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

By Carola Weil, AbD

On conducting multinational fieldwork in the shadow of war

The last time the U.S. went to war, I was in the middle of a tour de force of nine countries across two continents to complete my dissertation fieldwork. Time and financial constraints required me to compress my fieldwork. I had already been to the region several times before and had established contacts in Europe on previous occasions, so it seemed at least feasible if not ideal to squeeze everything into two months. Armed with two passports, various entry visas, flight insurance, an armful of vaccinations and anti-malaria pills, cash, traveler's cheques and a credit card (both pretty useless in most places), a long list of emails sent off requesting appointments, too many books, files and clothes for two totally different climates, I finally flew to Europe. I started off in Geneva continued on to Berlin and Brussels before going to East and Central Africa. There I spent time in Rwanda, the DRC, Kenya and Tanzania. On my way back I stopped in Paris and London.

My trip was postponed and somewhat more complicated by the events of September 11th. Needless to say, traveling under the shadow of war was a bit nerve wracking. It also made it more difficult to focus on past conflicts – the subject of my research being international responses to complex humanitarian emergencies in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire) during the 1990s. The situation war particularly surreal in Goma, Eastern DRC, a war zone in its own right where nearly 3 million people had already been killed, watching the “War on Terror” on a large screen TV in the hotel 24/7.

One of the biggest lessons for me was that the more you know, the less you know. Each additional contact, each new piece of information opened up multiple other threads one needs to investigate. I barely found time to reflect on anything and just seem to file notes away (despite my best intentions to transcribe them every night, etc., etc...). Before leaving I had participated in an APSA workshop on fieldwork conducted by Marc Howard among others. It was incredibly helpful to know what to do – at least in principle!

Interviews proved much more difficult in Europe than in Africa. People were either too busy to meet with me, too impatient to discuss what for them by now was “ancient history” or traveling. I spent much time trying to set up or confirm meetings, a process made both costly and inefficient by my lack of a mobile phone there. I eventually purchased a GSM phone in Brussels for the remainder of my trip. I also learned to handle my departure dates flexibly to take advantage of last minute opportunities to meet people. Key to successful interviews everywhere was to find at least one person with the “right” connections – a catalyst who could put me in touch with many others. This worked in Brussels and in much of Africa –less so elsewhere, but even when I couldn't see people, I was able to make useful contacts for future reference and picked up publications that I could not have found in the US.

In Rwanda and the DRC, by contrast, the schedule was more grueling with meetings typically from 8 to 8 every day, with little or no break for lunch even. My fingers were starting to

ache from taking notes (people generally did not want me to use a tape recorder), and my head was throbbing from having to conduct so many conversations in my rather rusty French.

I was lucky to be able to meet with top echelons of government throughout Africa. In Rwanda, I had help from the head of Security. While helpful in many ways, this friendship also made research a bit more challenging. For example, I had planned to go to Goma, Eastern DRC with a United Nations convoy. But in the end this fell through and I had to get there on my own. My government friend kindly provided me with a car and driver who was from the region and seemed to know everyone. The advantage was that I had no trouble crossing the border controlled by the Rwandans and the Rwandan supported rebel faction. On the other hand, driving around in Eastern Congo in a car with Rwandan tags and apparently known to be part of the security establishment meant that I had to preface virtually every meeting with “No, I don’t work for the Rwandan government....”

With the help of friends within the UN, I made some excellent contacts with leading representatives of the parties involved in the conflicts in the region. An interesting unintended consequence was that it became clear very quickly that people were using the interviews as a means of conveying messages across opposition lines. So here I found myself in the difficult position of “participant observer” in the middle of rather heated politics!

To go to Kinshasa, DRC I had to use my second passport, still pristine and untouched by entry stamps from Rwanda. Because of the war between the two countries, I had to be careful not to mention my visits to Rwanda or to Eastern DRC. The Congolese are very hospitable and generous, and were most helpful in navigating a rather difficult environment. Although it has been tough communicating almost exclusively in French, I also felt very welcome. Throughout my travels, I used the snowball technique to identify prospective interviews with fairly good results. While not all proved directly relevant to my research, they did help to deepen my general understanding of conditions on the ground.

Living out of a suitcase, eating alone, having to acclimate to a new place every few days gets old rapidly – even for a seasoned globetrotter. Lugging around heavy luggage, dealing with unanticipated changes in transportation (two airlines went bankrupt in the middle of my travels leaving me stranded twice!); constantly worrying about having enough cash in the right currency, whether it is safe to eat or drink, and whether or not your worldly goods will still be with you at the end of the day – all this get rather tedious. I did have a few unpleasant run-ins in Dar-Es-Salaam and Nairobi, where street crime was on the rise. And what wouldn’t I have given for a comfortable mattress and a good shower!

But these problems should not take away from the positive experiences I had along the way. I met fascinating and generous people, experienced new sites and insights. Most importantly, field work enriched my understanding of my dissertation topic in ways that no library of materials could ever have.

MENTORSHIP: THE UNDERGRADUATE PERSPECTIVE

By Danielle Dani Harlan, Senior, GVPT Honors

My experience as a “mentee” in the Department of Government and Politics began rather unexpectedly at the end of the spring 2001 semester when, after the completion of an undergraduate civil liberties course, I found myself with a life mission and passion for this field

of study. My newfound intellectual fervor and desire for social justice led to a summer internship with the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, D.C. and me, without a mentor! What to do? Of course, I did what any undergraduate in my position would do—I bombarded Brad Morse with emails and voice mail messages and implored his assistance with the matter.

Fortunately for me, this method worked, and out of the kindness of his heart I suppose, Brad referred me to Dr. Wayne V. McIntosh, who immediately offered to be my mentor on the project; and, the rest, as they say...“is history.” Now, as I am completing my senior year at Maryland, Dr. McIntosh has been a mentor to me for nearly two years. All totaled, he has served as a Summer Senior Scholars mentor, general advisor, internship sponsor, independent study sponsor, professor, and thesis advisor to me.

At present, I am finishing up my honors thesis for the department, entitled: *Exploring a Constitutional Right to Marriage*. The purpose of this thesis is to examine whether or not a constitutional right to marriage does in fact exist, according to a positivist interpretation of United States law. My research explores the complex legal and historical framework of state-sanctioned unions and the socio-political evolution of family and marital law. Primary to this investigation is the exploration of federalism and the fundamental right to intimate life, as well as the legal restrictions on marriage, particularly same-sex unions. The legislative, executive, and judicial precedents concerning a right to marriage, as well as the historical records of state-sanctioned unions, serve as the principal data sources for this research.

By way of Dr. McIntosh’s guidance, I have not only learned about the ever-evolving notion of marriage in the context of constitutional law, but I have also learned a tremendous amount about the field of American politics and civil liberties in general and I plan on pursuing a graduate degree in government and politics upon the completion of my two years as a Teach for America Corps member.

As an incoming student to the department, I must confess that I did not know what to expect exactly in terms of how undergraduates were treated by the faculty; however, my experiences with Dr. McIntosh have surpassed what I believe I would have received at any other institution (and what many of my peers have received elsewhere), and I feel extremely privileged to have been able to work with such a supportive, student-oriented, and proactive mentor.



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

Atiya Stokes and Paul Herrnson will present “Campaigning on the Internet: Constituency Demographics and the Diffusion of Innovations in Election Politics” at the 2003 annual meeting of the **Midwest Political Science Association** next week. Peter Francia and Paul will present “Learning from the Professionals: Candidates’ Perspectives on Negative Campaigning.” Paul will also present “The Impact of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act on Political Parties.” Owen Abbe will be presenting two papers at the Midwest meeting: “Party Strategy in Nonfederal

Contributions” and “Soft Money and Issue Advocacy in the 2002 Maryland 8th Congressional District Election.” He will also serve as a discussant on the panel “The Effects of Negative Campaigns on Voters.”

Peter Francia, Nate Bigelow, and Paul Herrnson presented “Improving Political Debates: Assessments and Suggestions from Citizens” at the **Western Political Science Association’s** annual meeting in Denver.

Peter Francia and Paul Herrnson’s article “The Impact of Public Finance Laws on Fundraising in State Legislative Elections” will be published in the forthcoming volume 31 of *American Politics Research*.

Owen Abbe, Jay Goodliffe, Paul Herrnson, and Kelly Patterson’s article “Agenda-Setting in Congressional Elections: The Impact of Issues and Campaigns on Voting Behavior” has been accepted and will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Political Research Quarterly*.

Annapolis Policymaking

CAPC's research continues to influence policymaking in Annapolis. Paul Herrnson testified before the Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland regarding CAPC's research on campaign finance in Maryland. Findings from the 1998 and 2002 elections show most elections are not financially competitive and reflect the incumbent's advantages as well as the partisan biases of the state. The findings also show that business interests speak with more voice in the electoral process than any other groups. Following Herrnson's testimony, Dr. Carl Stenberg, chairman of the study commission, requested CAPC and the Schaeffer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore survey Maryland citizens on campaign finance reform. The survey found nearly all Marylanders believe campaign contributions influence the policies supported by state elected officials. Most believe that fundraising is a major source of political corruption. About three-quarters of Marylanders believe that public funding would make government work more in the interests of the people. The legislature recently extended the life of the commission. Recommendations regarding campaign finance reform in Maryland likely will be presented later this summer. CAPC's research will have much impact on these recommendations.

The Harrison Program

-As part of the Tamaki Environment Project, Miranda Schreurs is organizing an international workshop on "Environment Equity in Law and Policy in Japan, Germany, and the United States", April 13-14, in Shonan, Japan.

-Ken Conca has joined the editorial team of the forthcoming *Globalization Encyclopedia*, with chief editors Roland Robertson and Jan Aart Scholte. The encyclopedia will consist of a series of short essays on core themes related to globalization. Authors are currently being recruited; if interested, contact Ken at kconca@gvpt.umd.edu

-We're pleased to have Sonja Walti of the Institute of Political and International Studies at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland as a visiting scholar with the Harrison Program this spring.

Supported by a grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation she is conducting research on the impact of multilevel structures on environmental policy performance in industrialized countries, particularly Europe and the United States. She is also an adjunct professor with the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, where she teaches federalism and intergovernmental relations. Sonja Walti received her Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Lausanne. Sonja has also conducted research related to land use planning, environmental policy, energy policy, fiscal policy, and urban drug policy from both a domestic and internationally comparative perspective. She also served a four-year term as a member of a Swiss state parliament. Sonja is sitting in 3114 Tydings and can be reached at sw29@georgetown.edu

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

The Bahá'í Chair for World Peace

The Bahá'í Chair for World Peace is deeply gratified that Professor David Cadman has agreed to deliver its Ninth Annual Lecture. Professor Cadman is former Chairman of The Prince of Wales's Foundation (1999-2001) and is currently a Trustee of The Temenos Academy, of which His Royal Highness is the Patron. The date for this year's lecture is Wednesday April 2, 2003, 8:00 p.m.

**The Annual Lecture will be held at The Inn and Conference Center
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A NOTE ON PROFESSOR CADMAN: Professor David Cadman was the Chairman of The Prince of Wales's Foundation (1999-2001). He represents His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales on the Executive Committee of The Friends of Mount Athos and is a Trustee of The Temenos Academy, of which His Royal Highness is the Patron. He has had a number of Professorial Chairs and for many years was a Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge. He is presently a Visiting Professor at The Bartlett School of Planning, University College London and of The Faculty of the Built Environment, at The University of the West of England. He has written and lectured extensively on the subject of land economy and, more recently, has published work that draws upon the teachings of the great spiritual traditions, especially those of Buddhism and his birthright Quakerism. He is the author of a mythic tale, *The King Who Lost His Memory* and, bringing together The Prince's Foundation and The Temenos Academy, he contributed to and was the joint editor of a collection of essays, *A Sacred Trust: ecology from a spiritual perspective* which was published in 2001 with a Preface from His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Professor Cadman founded and is now the Chairman of Upstream, a strategic consultancy concerned with corporate social responsibility, socially responsible investment and environmental management.

Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies (CSPCS)

The Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies has organized a symposium on "Rethinking Stalinism: Its Impact on East-Central Europe." The symposium will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. The scheduled speakers are Jeffrey Herf from the History Department; and Bart Kaminski and Vladimir Tismaneanu for the Department of Government and Politics.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books out or in press

Mark Howard's book The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe by Cambridge University Press was just published and is now displayed in the GVPT Book Display.

Paul Herrnson's book with John C. Green Responsible Partisanship? The Evolution of American Political Parties Since 1950 by University Press of Kansas is now displayed in the GVPT Book Display.

Articles or Chapters in print

Jillian Schwedler published an article on her research in Jordan last summer: "More than a Mob: The Dynamics of Political Protest in Jordan," *Middle East Report*, no. 226 (Spring).

Fred Alford recently published two articles "Freedom and Borderline Experience," in *Political Psychology*, vol. 24 (2003): 151-173 and "The Opposite of Totality: Levinas and the Frankfurt School," in *Theory and Society*, vol. 31 (2002): 229-254

Gar Alperovitz with Thad Williamson and David Imbroscio will publish their article "The Triple Threat to Community Economic Stability in the United States," in *Indicators: The Journal of Social Health's* spring issue. (Indicators is a new journal published by M.E. Sharpe and edited by Jeff Madrick, focused on articles "measuring the quality of life.")

Jim Gimpel and Jason Schuknecht had the details of their study, *Political Participation and the Accessibility of the Ballot Box*, written up by reporters from the Baltimore Sun and Washington Post, on Sunday, March 3rd. The study examines the geographic accessibility of precinct polling sites in the Baltimore-Washington area in connection with current proposals for election reform. The article will be published by the refereed journal, *Political Geography*, in June '03.

Marc Howard published a book chapter, entitled "*Raison d'Etat or Raison Populaire? The Influence of Public Opinion on France's Bosnia Policy*" (co-authored with Lise Morjé Howard), in *International Public Opinion and the Bosnia Crisis*, edited by Richard Sobel and Eric Shiraev (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003).

Vladimir Tismaneanu's article "The Post-Soviet Political Mind" will come out in *Journal of Democracy*, April 2003; and his article "Partisan Review and the Ideological Storms of the 20th Century" will come out in *Partisan Review*, Spring 2003 (April).

Ronald Terchek has published "Teaching Democracy: A Survey of Courses in Democratic Theory" in the new American Political Science publication, *Perspectives in Politics*, I, 1 (March, 2003).

Dennis Pirages has contributed a chapter entitled "Building Sustainable Societies: The Third Revolution in Human Affairs," to Joel Jay Kassiola's book *Explorations in Environmental Political theory* just published by Greenwood Press.

Awards

Virginia Haufler was elected Section Chair of the International Political Economy Section of the International Studies Association at the recent Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon February 25-March 1, 2003 and was elected to the Executive Board of Women in International Security (WIIS).

Benjamin Barber won the John Dewey Award for 2003 in recognition of his contribution to education and culture of the course of his professional career. The award will be presented when Barber delivers the 2004 John Dewey Lecture at the American Educational Research Association Meeting in San Diego. And President Norman Fainstein of Connecticut College announced that the College will award Barber an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters "in recognition of his scholarship, writing and commitment to democracy."

Jim Gimpel has been named the new editor of the journal, *American Politics Research* (formerly American Politics Quarterly), beginning July 1st, 2003. APR is a peer reviewed journal published by SAGE. The journal will be under Jim's editorship for a five year term.

Mark Howard received a Research Fellowship from the German Marshall Fund for the 2003-04 academic year, to begin writing a new book on comparative citizenship in the countries of the European Union.

Lectures and Presentations

Virginia Haufler did a paper presentation, "Unexpected Expectations: Corporations and Interventions in Domestic Politics," at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway for the seminar, "Oil Companies and Corporate Social Responsibility in the New Petroleum Provinces," on March 21, 2003.

Margaret Pearson will be making several presentations on her research project, "The Rise of China's Regulatory State," including at Yale Law School and Stanford University. She will return to Hong Kong and southern China in May for further research on the project.

Piotr Swistak has concluded a lecture series at the University of Warsaw under the Senior Specialist Grant of the Fulbright Foundation. In March Swistak will deliver a series of lectures at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden (sponsored by the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.)

Mark Howard recently gave invited lectures at Syracuse University, the University of Washington, and Cornell University and gave a presentation on "Strategies for Field Research in Comparative and International Politics" at the Institute in Qualitative Research Methods at

Arizona State University in January.

SCHEDULE**APRIL 2003**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30-11:30AM Graduate Admissions Committee	2 11:30-12:30PM Graduate Women in GVPT Meeting (Open to all) 8:00pm – The Ninth Annual Baha'i' Chair for World Peace Lecture w/Professor David Cadman	3 ➤ MPSA	4 ➤ MPSA	5 ➤ MPSA
6 ➤ MPSA	7	8	9 11-12:30PM Placement Series: Careers Outside of Academia 11-12:30PM Executive Committee Meeting	10	11 11:30AM Globalization and Governance Discussion Group "The Democratic Deficit"	12 6-10:00PM Univ of MD Alumni Association Awards Gala
13	14	15	16 11-12:30PM Placement Series: Careers Outside of Academia	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 11-12:30PM Executive Committee Meeting	24 12:30PM Symposium "Rethinking Stalinism: It's Impact on East- Central Europe."	25 11:30AM Globalization and Governance Discussion Group "Do Corporations Rule the World?"	26
27	28	29	30 1-2:15PM Contentious Politics Workshop			

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Now to access the calendar, click on the little person and select my name. Click on the Calendar, Select the Month of February, right click on the tab Month, click properties and select Month, then move up to place tab for the Month first. Click OK.

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