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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 also covered.

We bring you up to date on past Ph. Ds! This issue, for example, contains a piece written by Kathy P Kretman, who is now the Director of Georgetown University's Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership and Research Professor at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute (GPPI), where she is co-chair the Nonprofit Policy and Leadership Track and teach public leadership courses. Kathy stepped away from the university setting after completing her masters in 1977 but after years of working on civil rights and first amendment rights issues in government and public interest groups, Kathy returned to get her Ph.D. The Alumni columns lead by example.

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 Americanists, 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 by attending one of the IR workshops; 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

Registration

Registration for the Fall 2007 semester is beginning on March 28, 2007. Seniors will begin registering on April 2, 2007. As always the department is following specific rules regarding student registration: GVPT majors cannot register for more than three (3) GVPT courses; Non-GVPT majors cannot register for more than one (1) GVPT course; Non-GVPT majors cannot register for any courses at the 400-level; All non-majors are placed on the hold-file for any 400-level GVPT course.

Commencement

The GVPT Department Commencement Ceremony will be held on May 21, 2007 at 2PM in the Record Armory. We need faculty marshalls for ceremony. Since this is a work day, we should have a full stage of faculty representing the department at this important event. To sign up as a volunteer, please email Jennifer Coarts at jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu. The department will be hosting a reception for marshalls and special guests before the ceremony. Please plan to attend.

Alumni News

Spring Mixer Event

The GVPT Alumni Group will be hosting its annual Alumni-Student-Faculty Mixer on April 19, 2007 at McCormick & Schmick's Restaraunt at 9th and F Streets NW. All faculty are invited to attend.

Scholarship Winners

The GVPT Department has distributed over \$15,000 in scholarship funds this semester. Although we had an extremely strong field of candidates, the scholarship committee was able to reach a decision on the winners before spring break. Here are the winners:

Gardner Scholarship

Sandee E'lia - \$2000

Nicholas Chamberlain - \$1500

Vaughn Scholarship

Cyrus Aghamolla - \$2500

Ekaterina Silina - \$2500

Mary Elizabeth Roby

Annika Betancourt - \$2500

Lauren McKenzie - \$2500

Oppenheimer

Matt Wagner - \$1000

Renard Sexton - \$1000

Michael Bacharach - \$1000

Please congratulate these students for their extraordinary accomplishments!

Wayne McIntosh
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

We have distributed funding letters, and as was the case last year, we are not in a position to fund all of those who requested aid. We hope future developments will allow us to fund a number of these students, but at this time, our funds are quite limited. Graduate students, please feel free to contact me to discuss your specific situation. I'm sorry we cannot do more at this time.

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.

If you are planning to take a comprehensive exam this August, and you have not submitted your paperwork to Ann Marie, please do so as soon as possible.

Grad students, please don't wait until the last minute to register for courses. Though the start of the fall term is 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.

Congratulations to our Wylie Dissertation Fellowship nominees, Maren Milligan and Pelin Eralp. Good luck!

The department would greatly appreciate receiving nominations for the Conley Dillon, Don C. Piper and Roger H. Davidson awards. See below for information about each of the awards.

The Dillon award is open to all and only graduate students in the Department of Government and Politics who have finished all course requirements, passed their comprehensive examinations and had their dissertation prospectus approved. Special preference will be given to students whose dissertation makes an original contribution to those fields and questions that occupied Professor Dillon throughout his career, in particular, intergovernmental relationships within the United States, American Government, or public policy in the U.S. In choosing a Dillon Award winner, the faculty committee will primarily consider the quality of work completed on the dissertation, but also take into consideration, teaching, other scholarship and public service. This award is in the amount of \$2000.

The Piper Award is given to a graduate student in the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland at College Park for the best conference paper or journal article within the current academic year. This award is in the amount of \$500.

The Roger H. Davidson Award was created to honor one of the Department of Government and Politics' most distinguished faculty. It is to be awarded annually by the American politics faculty to the graduate student who writes the best paper in the field. The award consists of a check for \$500 and a citation that will be presented in a ceremony near the close of the academic year. In addition to overall quality, the Davidson Award Committee will give preference to papers written in Professor Davidson's fields of expertise. Preference will first be given to empirical (but not necessarily quantitative) papers on Congress and the Presidency, then to empirical papers focusing on American national political institutions in general, and then to empirical papers written about American politics more broadly. Note that this does not mean that papers on Congress and the Presidency automatically win. We encourage students to submit quality papers on a broad range of subjects within the American politics field.

Nominations and/or papers should be submitted to Ann Marie by April 11, 2007.

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

From the Placement Director's Desk

Many of our people have received invitations to interview in the last few weeks--everywhere from the American University of Paris to the University of Guelph in Canada to St. John's in New Mexico. Richard Longoria accepted a position at National-Louis, and Adam Hoffman has a position at Gettysburg College. We sincerely hope to hear soon that these interviews have resulted in a job offer. We have excellent candidates for positions, as evidenced by the fact that they are making it onto the "short list" at good places.

A number of graduate students will be ready to go on the market this coming year. In order to be a viable candidate, you need to have at least two chapters completed, preferably one laying out the argument and research design, and one that provides empirical evidence. The timing of entering the market is tricky; you may

not have those two chapters completed by August, when the job ads are plentiful--but do try to aim for that as your deadline. If you think you will have those chapters completed by January instead, then you will miss the height of the market--but as you can see, our students are still interviewing at solid institutions this late into the spring. Please consult with your advisors and with me about the appropriate time to start applying for jobs.

In April, I will organize a meeting to provide information about how to apply for jobs, what makes a good file, and what support our department supplies. This will be open to everyone, not just people preparing for a fall assault on the job market--it is a good idea to be thinking of these things long before you have to put them into practice.

Virginia Haufler
Placement Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Hi everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing (or productive) spring break. It is hard to believe, but our tenure as GSA co-chairs will be ending soon. At the next GSA General Meeting, which is Wednesday, April 4th, we will take nominations for the 2007-08 GSA board. The list of positions is below, and we would like to ask all the current officers to be sure to attend the April 4th meeting to share a description of the position, what is involved, and the probable time commitment with everyone. The positions are:

- Two chairs
- One social director
- One Professional Development officer
- One first-year representative (to be chosen in the fall when the new class arrives)
- One representative to the Graduate Student Government
- Three representatives to the departmental Graduate Studies Committee
- Three representatives to the departmental Admissions Committee
- One representative to the departmental Teaching Committee
- One representative to the departmental Undergraduate Studies Committee
- Five subfield representatives for each Political Science subfield, with the addition of a representative from Formal Theory and CP4 if those students wish to be represented.
- One representative to the GVPT Department Awards Committee
- One representative to the BSOS Policy and Curriculum Committee

Below is a list of the remaining GSA events this semester, so we hope to see many of you at the GSA Meetings, Technology Sessions, Coffee Breaks, and Happy Hours.

Wednesday, 4/4 11:00 am GSA Meeting – Tydings 1111

Thursday, 4/12 3:00 pm Coffee Break – Tydings 3rd Floor Lounge

Wednesday, 4/18 11:00 am GSA Tech Session (web page design)

Friday, 4/20 5:30 pm Happy Hour

Saturday, 4/21 1:30 pm National Zoo, followed by drinks at the Irish Pub

Thursday, 4/26 3:00 pm Coffee Break – Tydings 3rd Floor Lounge

Wednesday, 5/2 11:00 am GSA Meeting – Tydings 1111

Wednesday, 5/9 11:00 am GSA Tech Session

Thursday, 5/10 3:00 pm Coffee Break – Tydings 3rd Floor Lounge

Friday, 5/11 5:30 pm Happy Hour

Your GSA Co-Chairs,
Elizabeth Bentley-Smith (ebentley@gvpt.umd.edu)
Michael McDonald (mmcdonald@gvpt.umd.edu)



**From Nontraditional Student to Nontraditional Academic
by Kathy P Kretman, Georgetown University, Ph.D. Graduate from 1995**

I was “a nontraditional” doctoral student when I entered the Department of Government and Politics (GVPT) in 1989. I was in my late thirties, and the only classrooms I had been in since I completed my master’s degree in 1977 were those of my two young sons. After years of working on civil rights and first amendment rights issues in government and public interest groups, I was excited to be back in school, exploring the link between theory and practice, particularly with regard to the representation of underrepresented groups in the politics. While at UM, I co-authored a history of the Women Legislators of Maryland, served as a GVPT Executive-Legislative Intern at the Maryland Department of Education; and directed the *CivicQuest* Project, a leadership/civic education initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. I was very proud to be awarded GVPT’s first Jean Elizabeth Spencer Scholarship. These experiences, coupled with my dissertation research on women lawmakers, influenced my career choices after I received my doctorate in 1995.

Today, I am the Director of Georgetown University’s Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership and Research Professor at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute (GPPI), where I co-chair the Nonprofit Policy and Leadership Track and teach public leadership courses. Since coming to Georgetown six years ago, I established GPPI’s Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate Program, and have provided education programs for such diverse organizations as the Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the International Monetary Fund, the Harry S. Truman Foundation, and the United Way of America. I currently serve on the advisory boards of the Foundation Center of Washington, D.C., and the Mayor’s Strengthening Partnership Initiative and as a Senior Fellow at Georgetown’s Center for Social Justice, Teaching and Research.

I love what I do. I never could have predicted that I would find a job so suited to my teaching interests –public leadership and civic engagement; that draws on my experience working across sectors to build community leadership capacity; and that best utilizes the skills I’ve developed over the years as a teacher, connector and entrepreneur—the latter, I have come to learn, is essential for a director of an academic center.



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 Spring 2007 American Politics Workshop is now underway. We meet from 10:30 to 12:00 in Tydings 1111. 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.

Wednesday 4/11 -- Jim Gimpel, "The Spatial Distribution of Capital and Labor in an Election Campaign"

Friday 4/20 -- Paul Herrnson and Irwin Morris, "Presidential Visits Through Time and Space: Off-Year Congressional Campaigning, 1990-2002"

Friday 5/4 -- Mini-Conference on the University of Maryland's Polimetrix Survey

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. Students could present dissertation work or a conference. We meet approximately once per month on Monday at 11am. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Virginia Haufler at vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu or call at 301-405-4122.

IR WORKSHOPS

Monday, April 2nd, 11-12:15, TYD 1136

Daniel Deudney, Johns Hopkins University **"Bounding Power: Republican Security Theory from the Polis to the Global Village"** Discussant TBD

Monday, April 9th, 11-12:15, TYD 1136

Guy Ziv "**Hawk-to-Dove Foreign Policy Change: The Case of Shimon Peres**" Discussant TBD

Monday, April 23rd, 11-12:15, TYD 1136

Pelin Eralp "**Military Interventions in Civil Wars: Why do Foreign Powers Intervene in Civil Wars?**" Discussant TBD

Monday, April 30th, 11-12:15, TYD 1136

Ben Appel, "**Kant vs. Polanyi: Globalization, the Double Movement, and Political Survival**" Discussant Tony Marcum

Monday, May 3rd, 11-12:15, TYD 1136

Alexander Wendt, Ohio State University, "**Quantum Social Theory**" Discussant TBD

Monday, May 7th, 11-12:15, TYD 1136

Tony Marcum/ Jonathan Brown "**Models, Methods, and Relevance for Theories of Foreign Policy**" Discussant TBD

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).

DC AREA WORKSHOP ON CONTENTIOUS POLITICS

The DCAWP is dedicated to the rigorous study of contentious political phenomena including, but not limited to state repression/human rights violation, protest, civil war, genocide/politicide, everyday resistance as well as interstate conflict.

This workshop is meant to help authors refine and revise their work for publication. As such, we do not present/discuss work that is already published, but work in any other phase of completion is welcomed, including work that is just getting underway. We encourage both graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. We also encourage faculty members at institutions throughout the DC metro area to submit their work for consideration in future meetings.

The DCAWCP 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.

The plan is to meet every other Wednesday of the semester in 0139 CIDCM Conference Room from 11:30-12:30pm. If interested in presenting or serving as a discussant/reviewer, then please provide a title and a date preference.

Schedule for the Spring 07 semester are as follows:

April 18

Paper: Holger Schmidt, George Washington University, and Michael Tierney, College of William & Mary, "Perpetual Terror? Explaining the Terrorist Penchant for Attacking Liberal Regimes"

Discussant: Johanna Kristin Birnir, U of Maryland

April 25

Paper: Kristian Gleditsch, U of Essex, "Dyadic Analyses of Civil War"

Discussant: TBA

May 2

Paper: Scott Gates, PRIO, Title TBA

Discussant: TBA

May 9

Paper: Johanna Kristin Birnir, U of Maryland, "The Paradox of Terrorism in Democracy and Institutional Alternatives"

Discussant: Meredith Weiss, East-West Center

May 16

Paper: Tony Marcum, U of Maryland, Regional Organizations and Norm Enforcement in Territorial Conflict"

Discussant: Jon Brown, U of Maryland

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.

FORMAL POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

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 is going on.

POLITICAL THEORY FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

April 17

Professor Cindy Burack of the Women's Studies Center at Ohio State University in April. Professor Burack received her Ph.D. from this Department. She will be speaking about her recent book on the religious right in American life.

April 24

Professor Nancy Hirschman will be speaking at a colloquium sponsored by the graduate students on April 24th.

Anyone interested in participating or for more information please contact Alison Staudinger at astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu

POLITICAL ECONOMY FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Please mark your calendars for the **Collective Choice Center Conference on Friday, May 18, 2007**. The theme of the conference is "The Political Economy and Institutions of Developing States."

The preliminary program includes:

Allan Drazen (University of Maryland, Economics)
Philip Keefer (World Bank, Development Research Group)
Paolo Mauro (IMF, Research Department)
James Robinson (Harvard, Government)

Contact: Irwin Morris, Razvan Vlaicu (Economics) and Piotr Swistak organizers.

QUANTITATIVE POLITICS – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

April 11: Selection Bias - Led by Professor Huth

April 18: Expected Utility Theory - Led by Professors Swistak and Oppenheimer

The updated schedule can also be found on our wiki at:

<http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/UMd>

http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page

COMMITTEE ON POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY (CP4) WORKSHOPS

The Committee on Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy (known informally as CP4) is an interdisciplinary graduate specialization sponsored by the [Department of Government and Politics](#), the [Department of Philosophy](#), the [Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy](#), and the [Maryland School of Public Policy](#). The CP4 monthly workshop is an excellent opportunity to interact with faculty and graduate students across disciplinary lines.

Workshops take place one Friday a month, **2:00-3:30 p.m. in Tydings 1136**. The paper should be read in advance; speakers will talk only briefly before discussion begins. Please see <http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/prospective/specialization/cp4workshop.html> for a copy of the paper. To be added to our e-mail list, or if you have questions, please contact Mark Jacobs, the CP4 RA, at mxjacobs@umd.edu or Prof. Judith Lichtenberg of the Philosophy Department, or Prof. Karol Soltan of the Government and Politics Department.



Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship will have a booth on the Electronic Voting Systems at the 9th Annual Maryland Day on April 28th from 10-4pm. Please stop by and visit.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

New Article

CIDCM's partnership with UMIACS in the development of the Laboratory for Computational Cultural Dynamics (LCCD) has produced its first article, "CARA: A Cultural-Reasoning." Collaborating on this article: V.S. Subrahmanian, Massimiliano Albanese, María Vanina Martinez, Dana Nau, Diego Reforgiato, Gerardo I. Simari, Amy Sliva, Octavian Udrea, and Jonathan Wilkenfeld, University of Maryland.

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New Project

CIDCM has received a one-year grant of \$38,000 from the Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden, Program on Conflict Prevention, for a project entitled "Mediating Intrastate Crises." Jon Wilkenfeld is the PI, with Michael Brecher of McGill University as co-PI. Work on this project will be based on the assumption that appropriate mediation strategies in intrastate crises, delivered by acceptable third parties, can help shorten the time to resolution, lead to stronger agreements, and result in the greater satisfaction of the parties with negotiated outcomes, such that these outcomes are more durable over time. Using the International Crisis Behavior (ICB) codebooks as initial guides, investigators will compile a dataset based on the Uppsala Conflict Data Program for the post-Cold War period 1990-2005.

Conference

On March 16, 2007, CIDCM hosted ministers from nine African countries for a strategy session on African and global ICT trends. The "Building African Global Competitiveness in Information and Communication Technologies" conference brought together senior policy makers, analysts and scholars from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss ways to foster African competitiveness in the world information technology industry. A second conference was held the following week in San Francisco, CA.

Baha'i Chair for World Peace

John Grayzel, the Baha'i Chair for World Peace, returned on March 10th from Mongolia, where he partnered with the NGO Heath for Humanity and Nur University in Bolivia, who were invited to present a moral leadership training program for Mongolian doctors. This partnership created the opportunity for the Chair's to conduct its first field visit for the development of an assessment tool to capture and compare, cross-culturally, the possible operational effects of providing explicit moral leadership training as part of larger institutional reform efforts. The assessment tool, which seeks to address both individual and institutional behavior, is intended to serve as part of a projected long-term study by the Baha'i Chair on moral leadership and principle-based group dynamics.

Harrison Program

The Harrison Program sponsored a workshop on environmental governance in war-torn societies at the ISA annual convention in Chicago. Mike Beevers, Virginia Haufler, Ken Conca, and GVPT alum Geoff Dabelko were participants.

The Harrison Program cosponsored a student trip to UN headquarters in New York with a group of UMD undergraduates over spring break. The trip was sponsored and organized by UMD's "Beyond the Classroom" living-learning program. Ken Conca and June Samuel Swinski participated in the trip, which featured briefings at the UN on refugee issues and the responsibility to protect and site visits to two area NGOs working on UN issues, the World Federalist Movement and the International Rescue Committee.

On March 29 the Harrison Program welcomed to campus Rafael Colmenares, director of Ecofondo, A Bogotá-based organization working on the campaign for a constitutional right to water.

GVPT 'GREEN GROUP' GETTING ORGANIZED: Several GVPT graduate students and faculty with interests related to the environment will be meeting periodically in the spring to talk about common interests and possible activities. Contact Ken Cousins at kcousins@gvpt.umd.edu to be added to the distribution list or for more information.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books in Print

Benjamin Barber's Consumed: How Markets Corrupt Children, Infantilized Adults, and Swallow Children Whole, was published by WW Norton.

Chapters and Article Publications

Paul Herrnson published "Don't Replace the Voting System," oped in the Baltimore Sun, with Donald F. Norris, February 26, 2007. He also published the Testimony on the Recruitment of Election Judges, Ways and Means Committee, Maryland State House of Delegates, February 28, 2007.

Grants and Awards

Paul Herrnson was selected to receive the Outstanding Faculty Award by the University Honors Program.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Ken Conca gave a keynote address "The International Politics of Water" at Furman University, as part of Furman's "Year of the Environment" initiative.

John Grayzel, the Baha'i Chair for World Peace, returned on March 10th from Mongolia, where he partnered with the NGO Heath for Humanity and Nur University in Bolivia, who were invited to present a moral leadership training program for Mongolian doctors. This partnership created the opportunity for the Chair's to conduct its first field visit for the development of an assessment tool to capture and compare, cross-culturally, the possible operational effects of providing explicit moral leadership training as part of larger institutional reform efforts. The assessment tool, which seeks to address both individual and institutional behavior, is intended to serve as part of a projected long-term study by the Baha'i Chair on moral leadership and principle-based group dynamics.

Martin Heisler presented a paper at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Feb. 28-Mar. 3, 2007: "Double Standards or Normative Fault-Lines? Critical Cases in Human Security and Migration." His "Immigration in a Globalizing World," lecture presentation to the Great Decisions Program of Oregon, March 11, 2007. And he presented a paper at the invitational conference on Migration and the Evolution of International Relations," Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs, Princeton University, March 16-17, 2007: "Migration and the Transformation of World Politics."

Vladimir Tismaneanu On March 22, 2007, delivered the key-note address on "Working Through the Communist Past" at the international conference "The Hour of Romania," Indiana University (Bloomington)

Ric Uslaner was a participant in roundtable on "Religion in Recent American Elections," Midwest Political Science Association, April 14, 2007. Ric held a talk with representatives of the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation, "Trust and Economic Growth in the Knowledge Society," Princeton University, April 13, 2007. Ric was an invited keynote speaker, "Corruption, Inequality, and Trust," at the Conference on "Social Capital: Building Bridges Between the Social Sciences," University of Aarhus (Denmark), April 19, 2007. Last, Ric also gave a talk to the Department of Political Science, University of Aarhus (Denmark), "Trust and Economic Growth in the Knowledge Society," April 20, 2007.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapters and Article Publications

Tariq (Ahmad) Karim, under the heading of Editorials/op-eds in newspapers: Two op-eds of mine relating to policy, governance and rule of law issues were published in the "New Age" daily newspaper of Dhaka, Bangladesh this month. The op-eds were published under the captions (1) "Bangladesh's travails: a view from afar", and (2) "Dead men tell no tales ...". The subject matter of these op-eds were meant primarily for the Bangladeshi audience, and I am told drew not inconsiderable attention among the audience that mattered.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Michael D. Beevers presented a paper titled "Assessing the Environmental Constraints of Refugee Repatriation and Reintegration in Postconflict Societies: Implications for Policy and a Durable Peace" at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Chicago on March 3.

Tariq (Ahmad) Karim was invited by Security Policy Studies Program at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University to give an in-depth lecture on March 13, 2007, on "Regional Relations in South Asia" at a seminar on Asia organized by the Elliot School for around 40 mid- to senior-level NSA analysts . My comprehensive lecture covered intra-South Asian relations as well as South Asia's relations with its three most important neighbors -- Myanmar, Iran and China. The talk was very well received and prompted many follow-up questions from the audience.



SCHEDULE

APRIL 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 IR Workshop 11-12:30 TYD 1136	3	4 DCAWCP 11-12:15 0139 TYD	5	6	7
8	9 IR Workshp 11-12:15 TYD 1136	10	11 AP Workshp 10:00-11:00 TYD 1111 Executive Committee 11-12:15 3140 TYD Quantitative Politics Workshop TBA/TBA	12 MPSA	13 MPSA	14 MPSA
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** For more details on calendar events you first need to set your Groupwise to access my calendar. Go to the little person in the lower left hand corner of your email, click Proxy, type under Name: Abu and my name should automatically come up. Click OK. Now you can use that little person to go back and forth between your email and my Calendar.

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.

Should you see an event that you want more information on, right click on the event, click open. Should you require further information, follow instructions.