

GVPT NEWS

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******INVITE******

You are invited to the Maryland Constitutional Law Gathering to be held at the University of Maryland School of Law on March 3 and March 4, 2006. Topic is “Constitutional Liberalism at the Turn of the 21st Century”. If you have any

questions about this event, please email Professor Mark Graber at mgrabert@gvpt.umd.edu.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our graduate students have had a very good year on the job market. Our placement director, Virginia Haufler, reports the following:

David Andersen-- about to get an offer from Cal State Fullerton, may also get offers from Sacramento State

Nathan Bigelow--offer from Austin College (accepted)

Bisiha Biswas-- offers from Western Washington, Brooklyn College, Rhodes, Grand Valley State (accepted Western Washington)

Anna Bretell-- non academic job at National Endowment for Democracy

Mitchell Brown-- offer from Auburn (accepted)

Qing Duan-- offer at People's U of Beijing (accepted)

Joshua Dyck-- offer Grand Valley State, U of Pacific, SUNY Buffalo (accepted Buffalo)

Jennifer Lucas—offer University of Northern Arizona; St. Anselm's College (accepted)

Carola Weil-- accepted non-academic position at US Institute of Peace

David Armstrong—five-year post-doc at Oxford

In short, we have had many successes – and quite early in the recruitment season. I'm told that more good news is forthcoming. Congratulations to all these hard-working graduate students, and to the faculty who worked closely with them. Thanks are also to go Ginny, who wrote a very fine column this issue on nonacademic employment of Ph.Ds.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Undergraduate Program New Academic Advisor

The Department is pleased to welcome Karmin Cortes, to the GVPT Advising office. Karmin is a recent GVPT graduate and will be taking over as full-time undergraduate academic advisor.

Pi Simga Alpha

PSA has received an activity award to help support its Katrina Victim's Benefit night planned for the Spring. The chapter will be hosting a Mardi Gras event with raffles, prizes, and games to raise money and awareness of the continuing need for Katrina victim support. The date and time are TBA, but the chapter is looking for any support in donations from the community. For more information, contact umdpisigmaalpha@yahoo.com

Alumni News Events

The GVPT Alumni group has two tentative events for the Spring semester planned. The Alumni Board has a tentative meeting and happy hour scheduled for February 23, 2006. Additionally, the entire alumni group is invited to a spring mixer which is tentatively planned for Thursday April 13, 2006. Both events will be advertised on the GVPT website and via email. Please stay tuned for more information.

Programs

The department is eager to launch to undergraduate-alumni programs this fall and winter. The first is the Alumni Mentorship Program in which alumni would work with one or two students during the semester to help students set and achieve goals, make connections in their career fields, and get to know someone who has made it to the "real world." The department is looking for any and all GVPT alumni volunteers who would be willing to take a small amount of time to participate in the mentorship program. We're looking for all alumni in a variety of career fields, so please contact the new GVPT alumni coordinator, Jennifer Coarts, at jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu for more information and to sign up. The mentorship program would begin September 2006.

The department is also looking for individuals who would be able to participate in the GVPT and Career Center joint Externship Program. The externship program allows students to spend 1-3 days shadowing an individual to learn more about a particular career. Shorter than an internship, this program allows students to gain information about a company as well as gives the employer the ability to interview and get to know a students for a potential internship. Again, the department is looking for any individuals who would like to participate in this program now and in the future. Please email Jennifer Coarts jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu for more information or to sign up.

Wayne McIntosh

GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty members that expect to be able to fund students during the 2006-2007 academic year should notify me in the near future (if you have not done so already). Please indicate how many students you expect to fund and whether or not the funding (in each case) will be for one or two semesters. If you have submitted (or plan to submit a proposal) that might allow you to fund one or more graduate students, please let me know that too. We will need this information to estimate the resources available for new student funding. If you have already provided this information, thanks.

Grad students, please remember that the deadline for applying for financial aid for the 2006-2007 academic year is February 9th.

For those who need to sit for oral exams during the next month, please finalize a date, time and location soon. Potential date and/or time conflicts should be addressed as quickly as possible.

We will soon be in the middle of recruitment season. We expect to receive in excess of 250 applications, and we are sure to have many highly qualified applicants. A large number of these students will make campus visits. Please be generous with your time when they request to meet you. Faculty should also feel free to examine the applicant files and to provide recommendations to one or more members of the Admissions committee. Do remember, however, that the files must be reviewed in the main office.

Hope you had a great break!

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

Placement Issues: Non-Academic Careers for Political Science Ph.D.s

The Ph.D. program in our department emphasizes academic careers as the end goal. In admissions, we focus on accepting applicants who are not just academically good, but who demonstrate genuine scholarly interests. Throughout the program, the courses we teach emphasize academic approaches to the material. We have designed the program to prepare students to become future professors. That seems to leave little room for those who do not seek an academic career path. *Or does it?*

Approximately half of our department's Ph.D. graduates go on to successful careers outside of academia. For many of them, this was an explicit choice, and not some default option when academic jobs were scarce. It is not unusual for someone to enter an academic Ph.D. program and then realize that this life is not for them. Often, a student will support themselves during the program through an "outside job" in the "real world," and learns to like it. In some cases, a student enters the program knowing full well that they really may not want an academic job in the end.

So far this year, two people (and maybe a third soon) have obtained excellent non-academic positions. Anna Brettell will begin a job soon at the National Endowment for Democracy, and Carola Weil will be a program officer for the U.S. Institute of Peace. Our past graduates have positions in government, think tanks, consulting firms, polling companies, foundations, non-profits, and business.

You may be wondering, what skills does a Ph.D. have that are transferable? Given these successful placements, obviously there are some! There are a surprising number of positions out there in which in-depth knowledge of particular issues is a critical part of the job. That is the obviously transferable skill. So are research skills, such as statistics, polling, and field research. Less obviously transferable skills are some that academics take for granted. Have you organized a workshop, conference panel, or conference itself? That is known as "event planning," and there is an entire industry built upon it. Have you spoken before a group of people, as you might in teaching or presenting a paper at a conference? Public speaking skills are highly desired in many different jobs. Can you write? You would be surprised at how much employers value someone who can communicate well (though you may have a steep learning curve in how to write in non-academese). Have you organized a research effort that involved more than one person or task and included some money, perhaps money you obtained through a grant? Project management and grant proposal development are both valuable skills.

So, where does one look for these jobs? Unfortunately, the "real world" is not as well organized as academic political science (it's true, we beat them on this one!) There is no one-stop shopping, with a clearly outlined set of steps in order to find, apply, and get a non-academic job. Traditional job search strategies that you may have learned as an undergraduate may be the best approach. You may want to use informational interviews and online job search and career help websites to find what kinds of jobs might be interesting. Networking will be a valuable means to find out about potential openings. And at your level, you may even want to use the services of a headhunter. Of course, you will need to learn the difference between a resume and a curriculum vitae before you start applying.

While the Ph.D. program here is designed for those seeking an academic career, the skills taught are applicable for an array of alternative positions. Many of our faculty, including myself, have even worked outside of the University and can give some practical advice. Our student's success in demonstrates how valuable those skills are.

Virginia Haufler, Placement Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Welcome back, everyone. We don't have much to report this month, just our meeting dates for the semester. Let one of us know if you have agenda items for the meeting, including any potential guest speakers you would like to see make a presentation. We are currently awaiting news on technology funding for the graduate student lab and will update you as soon as we have concrete information.

Also, we'll be taking nominations for next year's GSA officers at the April meeting, so think about whether you'd like to nominate someone (including yourself).

Finally, according to Irwin, we got funds for 8 new computers and at least one new printer from BSOS. Hopefully, they will be installed by the time you read this, but the email issues may generate a delay.

Have a great semester!

Shanthi and Shana

Next GSA Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, 2/15 11 am Tydings 1111

Wednesday, 4/12 11 am Tydings 1111

Your GSA Co-Chairs,
Shanti Gonzales (sgonzales@gvpt.umd.edu)
Shana Marshall (smarshall@gvpt.umd.edu)



STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back from your winter break. I hope that 2006 is off to a good start for each of you.

Over the break, Jennifer Coarts relocated her office to Bethany Klein's old office in 3140 Tydings. Jennifer is our new coordinator of academic services. As such, she oversees the undergraduate advising program, course scheduling, and other projects related to the academic program. She will also oversee textbook ordering.

Jennifer's replacement was hired and began work on January 17. Karmin Cortes graduated with a GVPT major and sociology minor in December. Please stop by Tydings 1147 and welcome Karmin.

We have made some significant changes to the Graduate Student Computer Lab. Eight new computers with much faster processors and greater RAM were installed. A new HP printer with duplex printing was also installed. In addition, to ensure these new items are safe and secure, a new entry system requiring student ID card access has been installed. We hope that these improvements will enhance the productivity of our graduate students.

GIFT and COFFEE FUND

It is the time of year to begin collecting for the gift, water cooler, and coffee funds. Payments should all be made in cash for easy access to the funds.

The **GIFT FUND**: This fund is used for baby gifts, flowers, etc. sent to department members (Faculty, Graduate Students and Staff). Faculty: \$25.00, Staff: \$10.00 and Graduate Students: \$. 5.00

The **COFFEE FUND**: Without the payment below, coffee will be \$.40 per cup. Please note: although the department staff will prepare the first pot of coffee of the day, the responsibility lies on those coffee drinkers to refill the pots if you take the last cup. \$15.00 for the semester

I look forward to working with you in 2006. Please let me know if there are ways that I can be of assistance to you.

Have a great spring semester!
Randy Roberson



GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP COLUMN

By Shanthi Gonzales

Presenting at a Conference: Getting the Money and Getting it Done

So I presented my first paper at a conference this month, at the Southern Political Science Association's annual meeting, which was held in Atlanta this year due to Hurricane Katrina. Next year, it is scheduled for New Orleans, where it is normally held. I highly recommend SPSA for first-time presenters. Although quite a large conference, it was very mellow and everyone was really nice.

Best of all, perhaps, SPSA offers travel grants (called Prestage-Cook Awards) that are very easy to get in the amount of \$250, which should at least cover airfare. There is also travel money available from the department and the graduate school. You can ask Ann Marie about the department's travel grant; you basically have to fill out a form detailing

your anticipated expenses on the days of the conference. The graduate school has two kinds of travel grants – one is only available to students who have been advanced to candidacy.

The other travel grant is called the Jacob Goldhaber travel grant, and it's a matching grant, meaning that you have to also be getting an award from the department. It is also pretty easy to get (fill out a form and the proof that you are getting matching funds from the department), but they take about a month to respond, so make sure you give yourself time before you set off for your conference. Also, the funds get distributed pretty quickly each travel period, so you should apply early in the semester. You can only get the Goldhaber award once, so save it for the most expensive conference. The size of the grant depends on the distance you are traveling.

Check out their website for more information:

<http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/Fellowship/travelgrants.htm>

With both grants, you have to front the money and get reimbursed, so hold onto your receipts! It takes 4-6 weeks to get your reimbursement.

I met lots of people at SPSA doing work in my areas of interest, and best of all, I had a great discussant. My advice to anyone presenting is to get to know and be nice to your discussant, especially if you hope to get your conference paper published. The advice and feedback they give you is useful because they are often some of the same people who will be reviewers if you submit it to a journal. If you don't get them as reviewers, they may know the people who do review it, so it helps to make a good impression on them.

In my case, I was the only person on my panel that showed up, so I got lots of attention and feedback and had a great experience despite being very nervous. I'm glad I got my first presentation over early and I really enjoyed seeing such a broad spectrum of work being done in political science.

Happy travels!



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PH.D's

Love is all you need. That and some *dim sum*....

By: Patricia Wrightson??, a 1993 Ph.D. Graduate

The best advice I got in grad school was from Chuck Butterworth. He told a group of us that we'd better love our dissertation topic because we'd be spending a lot of time with it. That was indeed great advice, and helped me through some of the tougher moments of dissertation-writing.

I'd been following his advice before we even met, because it was a passion for teaching that convinced me to apply to a PhD program in the first place. Enrolled in a master's

program in law and diplomacy two years earlier, I TA'd for course on the Cold War (related to my eventual dissertation topic) and fell in love with teaching. I came to GVPT to get the degree that would make it possible for me to teach.

I taught full time for six years. During my 6th year and last year at Georgetown I started applying for non-teaching positions in the DC area when my efforts to get a tenure-track job weren't getting anywhere. One Sunday morning in the spring of 2000 I was having *dim sum* at a local restaurant when I bumped into an old friend who I hadn't seen in years. I asked him if he knew of any jobs. He referred me to a colleague of his at the National Academy of Sciences.

That summer I started working as a consultant there. The consultant job turned into a part-time position six months later which became a full time position six months after that. My first year out I missed teaching a lot. But then I came to realize that working in the policy arena could be as fulfilling for me as academia. Today I run two programs. As director of the Committee on Scientific Communication and National Security, I get to work on substantively fascinating issues. As director of Global Dialogues on Emerging Science and Technology, I travel all over the world—last year, to Germany and Japan and South Asia, and just last month to Beijing.

So my advice to you is to love what you do and eat plenty of *dim sum*.



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 Spring semester the workshop will meet bi-monthly on Fridays in Tydings 1111 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.

February 3

Juliana Menasce Horowitz, “Fighting the Culture Wars in the U.S. Congress: Cultural Battles on the Floor of the House and Senate”

February 17

John McTague and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, “Intra-party Competition in Statewide Primaries: Does Geography Matter?”

March 03

Geoff Layman and Laura Hussey, “George W. Bush and the Evangelicals: Religious Commitment and Partisan Change among Evangelical Protestants”

March 17

Professionalization Session: Completing the Dissertation: From Prospectus to Defense (Meeting at 3:30)

Followed by special St. Patrick’s Day Happy Hour

March 24 -- Spring Break

March 31

Mike Evans and Becca Thorpe, “The Economy, Stupid: Discrepancies in Supreme Court Decision-Making on Regulatory Takings and Affirmative Action Cases From 1978-Present”

April 07

Professionalization Session: Making the Most of Conference Participation

April 28

Jim Gimpel, “Mining for Campaign Gold: The Spatial Nature of Political Fundraising”

May 05

Wayne McIntosh, Ken Cousins, Steve Simon, Mike Evans, John McTague, Becca Thorpe, Kim Karnes, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, “Mapping the Flow of Precedent”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD WORKSHOP

February 6

11:30-1:00

Paul Huth, "International Law and Dispute Resolution: The Case of Territorial Disputes, 1945-2000"

February 20

11:30-1:00

Ken Conca, "Toward a Social Theory of International Institutions: Transnational Water Conflict and Governance"

March 6

TBA, 11:30-1:00

March 27

TBA, 11:30-1:00

April 10

TBA, 11:30-1:00

April 24

TBA, 11:30-1:00

COMPARATIVE POLITICS SEMINAR

February 9

Valerie Bunce, "Rethinking Recent Democratization: Lessons from the Postcommunist Experience," *World Politics*, 55, January 2003, pp. 167-192

We can address issues related to: relevance of Freedom House and other measures; role of institutions; political legacies and new political actors; role of parties, personalities, values, and ideologies; interaction of external and internal factors in democratization.

2-3 p.m, Location - TBA.

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 and faculty members at institutions throughout the DC metro area to submit their work for consideration in future meetings.

In the Spring 06 semester, the group meets every other Wednesday from 11AM-12:30PM at the University of Maryland in Tydings 0139 (CIDCM conference room) on the following dates:

Feb 1

"Mobilizing for Peace: Majority Credibility, Minority Power and Ethnic Politics"
Author: Mark Lichbach and Chalinda Weerasinghe, University of Maryland
Discussants:

Feb 15

"State Repression and the Tyrannical Peace"
Author: Christian Davenport, University of Maryland
Discussants:

March 1

"What if They Gave a Demonstration and Nobody Came?"
Author: Agnieszka Paczynska, George Mason University
Discussants:

March 15

"Revolution and Attempts at State Breakup: Is There a Connection?" [Outline]
Author: Mark N. Katz, George Mason University
Discussants: Jack Goldstone, George Mason University

March 29

"Threat and Repression: The Illiberal Nature of Liberal Democracies"
Author: Dave Armstrong, University of Maryland
Discussants:

April 12

"War by Other Means: The Fate of Civilians in Times of War"
Author: Paul Huth (University of Maryland), Ben Valentino (Dartmouth College) and Sara Croco (University of Michigan)
Discussants:

April 26

"Political Authority, Neopatrimonial Institutions and Conflict in Africa"
Author: Phillip Roessler, University of Maryland
Discussants:

May 10

"Turning a Blind Eye: Neglect as Policy for Managing Ethno-Religious Minorities in Asia"

Author: Sandra Leavitt, Georgetown University

Discussants:

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

CIDCM SEMINAR SERIES

As part of its ongoing seminar series, CIDCM will be co-hosting the IR research seminar this spring 2006 term, which features the work of various IR faculty members in GVPT. In addition, CIDCM will schedule additional talks for scholars from within the Center and those in the greater D.C. area. Please consult the CIDCM webpage for the full schedule.

MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR SERIES

This year, the Middle East Seminar Series, sponsored by the Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, will host a series of events on the theme "Religion and Politics."

Upcoming events include:

Tuesday, December 6, 4-6 pm

"The State of U.S. Relations with the Muslim World"

Speakers:

Anwar Ibrahim, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute, and former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

William Cohen, Secretary of Defense in the Clinton Administration

Shibley Telhami, Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, University of Maryland

Moderator:

Robin Wright, Los Angeles Times

Location: Stamp Student Union



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CAPC will continue its study of voting systems and ballot designs, including a study of vote verification systems for the Maryland State Board of elections and testimony presented before commissions in Maryland, California, and elsewhere.

CAPC will have a booth on voting on Maryland Day on April 29th.

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

CIDCM Welcomes Dr. John Grayzel

Dr. John Grayzel, a former senior official with the United States Agency for International Development, began his tenure as Baha'i Chair for World Peace in early January. Dr. Grayzel succeeds the inaugural holder, Dr. Suheil Bushrui, who retired after holding the position since 1992.

Dr. Grayzel holds a law degree from Stanford University and a doctorate in anthropology from the University of Oregon. He served for 25 years in the field of international development and conflict management, tackling senior Foreign Service assignments for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). His work took him to Africa, India, and the Philippines, among other places. He also served in the US Peace Corps.

We are thrilled that Dr. Grayzel has joined our team, and with his extensive background in development and conflict management, we believe Dr. Grayzel will be a good fit for the Center.

CIDCM Seminar Series

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Exploring the Relationship between Conflict and NGO Networks

CIDCM has just been awarded a grant from the USAID Office of Private Voluntary Cooperation (PVC-ASHA) to investigate the impact that the characteristics of fragile states and post-conflict environments have on the effectiveness of NGO networks. The premise of the research is that these environments impact negatively on the ability of NGO networks to operate by undermining trust and reducing the ability of networks to operate openly and transparently. The year-long project will survey member organizations of the West African Network for Peace-building's National Peace-building Networks in Nigeria, Senegal, Liberia, and Cote d'Ivoire. The results will be used to develop policy recommendations for USAID on ways to support NGO networks in fragile and environments. Andrew Blum and Joseph Hewitt are PIs on the Project.

Bahai'i Chair Suheil Bushrui Recognized at Annual Lecture

Bahai'i Chair for World Peace annual lecture, entitled, "What Inter-Group Cooperation Can Teach Us," was given by Dr. Robert Henderson was given on November 17th. The event also provided an opportunity for the CIDCM and larger university community to express its gratitude to Dr. Bushrui for his dedication, as resigns his position as the first holder of the Bahai'i Chair. Dr. Bushrui will continue as the Kahlil Gibran Research and Studies Chair after his departure.

ICONS Runs Training for Presidential Management Fellows

The ICONS Project has developed a customized simulation for the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program. Because each training session was composed of approximately 90 and 125 Fellows, delivery of the simulation exercise (closing of a field office in a fictional federal agency), was a logistical challenge. Susan Kalbach, Kathie Young and Andy Blum acted as facilitators for the simulation exercises, in which participants assume the roles of various governmental agency representatives tasked with working together to develop a termination plan for the field office. The PMF training, which ICONS will deliver four times each year, is offered through the Office of

Personnel Management at its Shepherdstown, WV training center. For more information on PMF, go to: <http://www.pmf.opm.gov/>

CIDCM Partners with ARD Consortium

CIDCM is a senior partner in a consortium that ARD Inc. has put together in response to a call for proposals by the USAID. This new collaboration will offer fundable opportunities in the area of instability, conflict and recovery programs, under the umbrella of an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC). This funding vehicle will be used to develop and promote the application of human security and development assistance tools for addressing conflict, instability, fragility, state-failure, terrorism/counter-terrorism, insurgency/counter-insurgency (extremism), corruption, and public security and safety.

Besides bidding on specific tasks that come down through the AID pipeline, CIDCM can also work closely with in-country missions to shape initiatives that respond to their needs.

DHS Grant:

In collaboration with the new START Center, CIDCM has been awarded a supplemental grant from the Department of Homeland Security. Entitled “Inter-religious Dialogues: Changing Attitudes across Religious Communities: Developing Models for College Campuses,” the new grant will support a range of programs on five different U.S. campuses (Tufts, MIT, Wellesley, Brandeis, UMD) designed to decrease biases among students from different religious traditions, and to train facilitators at each campus who will support these programs. The project focuses on affecting the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of university students in an effort to help foster at an early age habits of intergroup acceptance and cooperation among future leaders and decision-makers. CIDCM will work with each campus to develop rigorous evaluation tools for existing and expanded programs. The lessons learned throughout this project about how to design and deliver programs that enhance understanding and foster constructive cooperation will be systematically disseminated to college campuses across the country.

ICONS Update:

This semester the ICONS Project is offering four educational simulations: two at the university level and two at the high school level. The International System 4-week and 3-week high school simulations have twelve schools from around the nation and the world, including participants from Brazil and Canada. The two university simulations also have a full roster with over thirteen different universities negotiating in a 3-week European Security simulation and a 3-week International Systems simulation. Universities from Japan, Republic of China (Taiwan), Mexico, Chile, Finland, Spain, and the U.S. are engaging in these university-level negotiations. ICONS exercises are also offering University of Maryland students in upper-level Spanish and Japanese classes the opportunity to develop their language skills by translating messages for participants negotiating in their home languages. On the ICONS Training front, the training team is

closing out its 2005 Office of Personnel Management (OPM) training programs. The Presidential Management Fellowship's (PMF) new "Midnight at Oasis" simulation got rave reviews. The ICONS training staff is gearing up for the 2006 training sessions.

Harrison Program

HARRISON FELLOWS: Each year the Harrison Program supports two GVPT doctoral students as Harrison Fellows. All GVPT doctoral students on departmental funding are eligible, regardless of subfield. A call for applications for 2006-07 Fellows will be circulated later in the spring. For more information, contact Ken Conca.

2005-06 HARRISON FELLOW--HELMA DE VRIES: One of the Harrison Program Fellows for 2005-06 is Helma De Vries. Helma is writing her dissertation on global social movements, party politics, and democracy in Europe and North America. She is analyzing the structural and cultural variations that have led political systems to respond so differently to the global anti-war movement. She has previously conducted surveys of anti-war and anti-globalization demonstrators at protests in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Scotland, and the United States. Her research interests and activities also include the history of the anti-globalization movement, theories and mechanisms of contentious politics, and activism in Muslim social movement organizations since September 11. Helma has been an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University since 2004. Her teaching interests include Comparative Politics, West European Politics; Scope and Methods of Political Science; Party Politics, Social Movements, and Democracy; and the Media, the Internet, and Politics.

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

The Democracy Collaborative

Former U.S. Senator Max Cleland to Speak – February 8

BSOS and The Democracy Collaborative are sponsoring a presentation by Former U.S. Senator and Vietnam Veteran Max Cleland at 7 p.m. on February 8, in 2203 Art-Sociology Building. An opponent of the war in Iraq, Senator Cleland will speak on "Restoring America's Positive Role in the World." His presentation will be followed by a Q&A session moderated by former U.S. Ambassador and University of Maryland Regent Jim Rosapepe. All are invited to attend this free lecture. For more information, contact Ted Howard at thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu

Building Community Wealth

The Democracy Collaborative and the Aspen Institute sponsored a luncheon seminar on January 18 to promote the results of the Collaborative's "Building Community Wealth" research project. The January 18 roundtable focus on how community wealth-building institutions – including community development corporations, employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), nonprofit enterprise, land trusts, municipal enterprise, and state investment efforts – provide jobs, build assets, and alleviate poverty.

Before an audience of policy experts, journalists, foundation representatives, and community economic development specialists, Gar Alperovitz reflected on the emerging trajectory of policy options aimed at stabilizing communities, anchoring capital locally, and developing individual and collectively held economic assets. A panel of respondent commented on the political potential of this new direction in social change – one of the rare policy areas that many believe can win bi-partisan support. Representing three distinct political perspectives were Robert Borosage, co-director of the Campaign for America's Future; Bill Galston, senior fellow at Brookings Institution and former head of the University's Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy; and Stephen Goldsmith, director of the Kennedy School of Government's Innovations in American Government Program and former Republican mayor of Indianapolis.

A summary of the roundtable has been posted on the Aspen Institute website and streaming video excerpts of the panel discussion will soon be available at:

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/>

A published report on a May 2005 Aspen Institute-Democracy Collaborative conference on building community wealth can be downloaded from the Collaborative's research website, www.Community-Wealth.org at: http://www.community-wealth.org/_pdfs/articles-publications/cross-sectoral/report-abramson.pdf

Creating a Sustainable Local Economy

The Democracy Collaborative and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society are co-sponsoring a three-day course on "The Small Mart Revolution: Creating a Sustainable Local Economy" from March 17 – 19. The course, led by Michael Shuman, author and economist, will be held at the University of Maryland Adult Education Center. 3501 University Blvd.

The course focuses on cutting-edge economic systems rooted in local ownership, self-reliance, sustainability, and justice, and provides participants with tools for local planning, entrepreneurship training, and local investing, purchasing, and policy-making.

Shuman is the author of six books, including "Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in the Global Age," and most recently, "The Small Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses are Beating the Global Competition."

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Prince George's County News Service

The Collaborative's Engaged University Initiative now issues a weekly summary of important news events in Prince George's County. The January 20 summary included reports on crime issues, health, schools, nonprofit organizations, transit budget cuts, etc.

If you would like to receive these weekly updates by e-mail, please contact Genevieve Villamora at: gvillamora@civilsociety.umd.edu

Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies

The Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies is currently preparing, in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars an international symposium on the occasion of 50th anniversary of Nikita Khrushchev's "Secret Speech" in February 1956. Professor Vladimir Tismaneanu wrote the initial concept paper for this event.

College Park Scholars-International Studies (CPS-IS)

College Park Scholars International Studies (CPS-IS) is one of twelve special living-learning programs for academically talented first- and second-year students who take classes together and live together in selected residence halls. Each entering class consists of approximately 60-70 students. Although CPS-IS brings together undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines, there has been a steady increase in the number of Government and Politics and BSOS students since 2002. In fact, over a third of the 2005 freshman class are GVPT or BSOS majors; and a sizeable number of those who are undeclared or in other majors have indicated very strong interests in adding or changing to GVPT. Many of these students pursue department honors after completing the program and are usually at the top of the GVPT and BSOS graduating classes.

As an academic program, CPS-IS offers a two-year opportunity to build global awareness and community as well as explore political, economic, social and other issues at the international level. Specially designed courses and experiences focus on critical thinking and experiential learning and mirror the substantive levels of analysis used in international studies. In addition, all students are required to take GVPT100S and one other 3 or 4-credit supporting course such as GVPT200 and ECON200.

Like the other twelve programs, CPS-IS gets support from Undergraduate Studies and sponsoring colleges. However, given the nature and content of international studies, the program is deeply indebted to the GVPT department. The Faculty Director (Dorith Grant-Wisdom), Associate Director (Colette Chichester) and Graduate Assistant (Neha Sahgal) are affiliated with GVPT. CPS-IS is also greatly enhanced by the expertise provided by various GVPT and related faculty. As a frequent visitor, Professor Mark Lichbach (GVPT Chair) has been particularly informative in providing an overview of

the GVPT department and its faculty, and the significance of international studies and research especially at this critical period in world history. For the past three years, Professor Karol Soltan has been teaching GVPT100—designed for, and restricted to International Studies scholars. Likewise, CPS-IS now looks forward to the annual talks by Professor Shibley Telhami (Anwar Sadat Chair) and Professor Suheil Bushrui (Baha’i Chair for World Peace). This semester, the first years began their academic journey with an introduction to the levels of analysis by Professor Virginia Haufler. Professors Ken Conca, Marcus Franda, Soo Yeon Kim, Martin Heisler, Jillian Schwedler, Ernie Wilson and Kathleen Young have also shared their ideas and views with the students over the years. The same applies to Tim Wedig (Research Associate with ICONS) and to a number of past and present graduate students including Anthony Kammass and Matt Bowker. Support for scholars goes beyond the physical presence in the CPS-IS classroom. Other members of faculty have in some way shared their ideas with students and conveyed the importance of scholarship and academic integrity through supporting classes, discussions and mentorship.

The International Studies students also benefit from exposure to other university faculty, CPS-IS alumni (many of whom are GVPT majors), as well as professionals from the international community in the Washington D.C. area. This semester, the visiting experts and professionals include the Ambassador of Belize and the Director of AFRICA ACTION. Various activities such as the Ropes Course, visit to the Holocaust Museum and CPS-IS sponsored events help to provide opportunities for experiential learning and the building of community.

Next spring semester, the first year class will focus on research activities (with guidance from the Mckeldin librarians) at the national and regional levels, and will take the annual trip to the United Nations. The sophomores will conclude their journey in Scholars with a 3-credit practicum that encourages students to explore and accumulate practical and/or research experience related to long-term academic, personal or career interests. The various options include Discovery Projects Research, Diplomacy and Negotiation Project involving ICONS, Teaching Assistantships, Service Learning, and Internships. The program looks forward to the critical support of the GVPT faculty and the department as a whole.

Submitted by Dorith Grant-Wisdom



FIELD UPDATES

AMERICAN POLITICS

The American politics field will continue its series of research and professionalization workshops this semester. We also will be considering proposals from graduate students for summer research funding and funding for summer training.

American Politics Workshop:

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly gathering for all faculty and graduate students interested in American Politics. Each of our research workshops features a paper by a faculty member or graduate student. The paper is posted at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop/schedule.htm> and all participants are expected to have read it in advance. Paper authors make no formal presentations, and one faculty member and one graduate student serve as discussion leader for each session. After their initial comments on the paper, we open it up for general discussion among the entire group. This year, we also have added a series of “professionalization workshops,” at which we discuss issues of career development (e.g. the job market, academic publishing, completing a dissertation) that are particularly important for graduate students. The research workshops are held at 10:30 am on Fridays in Tydings 1111. The professionalization sessions generally are held at 3:30 pm on Fridays in Tydings 1111. The schedule put together by our workshop director, Frances Lee, for this semester is:

02/03 -- Juliana Menasce Horowitz, “Fighting the Culture Wars in the U.S. Congress: Cultural Battles on the Floor of the House and Senate”

02/17 -- John McTague and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, “Intra-party Competition in Statewide Primaries: Does Geography Matter?”

03/03 -- Geoff Layman and Laura Hussey, “George W. Bush and the Evangelicals: Religious Commitment and Partisan Change among Evangelical Protestants”

3/17 -- Professionalization Session: Completing the Dissertation: From Prospectus to Defense (Meeting at 3:30)
Followed by special St. Patrick’s Day Happy Hour

03/31 -- Mike Evans and Becca Thorpe, “The Economy, Stupid: Discrepancies in Supreme Court Decision-Making on Regulatory Takings and Affirmative Action Cases From 1978-Present”

04/07 Professionalization Session: Making the Most of Conference Participation

04/28 Jim Gimpel, “Mining for Campaign Gold: The Spatial Nature of Political Fundraising”

05/05 Wayne McIntosh, Ken Cousins, Steve Simon, Mike Evans, John McTague, Becca Thorpe, Kim Karnes, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, “Mapping the Flow of Precedent”

Summer Research Awards

The American politics field is allocating \$3,000 of the field funds given to us by the department to awards to help fund research during the summer that involves graduate students in American politics. There are three categories of projects that will be eligible

for the awards, but we especially encourage proposals regarding projects on which a faculty member and one or more students are co-authors. These awards will provide a small amount of funding for students to work on their research during the summer. Projects that involve work during the regular academic year will be eligible for the funds, but we generally will favor projects that involve summer research.

To be considered for an award for the summer of 2006, each applicant (or set of applicants) should submit a proposal of about one page to the American politics field chair (Geoff Layman) by March 15, 2006. The decisions regarding which proposals receive awards and the amounts of those awards will be made by the entire American politics faculty. The three types of projects eligible for awards, and the further stipulations for each category, are as follows:

1. **Faculty-student co-authored projects**: Students working on a co-authored project with a faculty member may apply for a summer research award. The students who receive awards will be expected to work on campus during the bulk of the summer and be in regular contact with the faculty member(s) with whom they are working. The faculty member and student(s) involved in the project will be expected to present the results of their research at the American Politics Workshop during the following academic year.
2. **Independent student projects**: A graduate student or a group of graduate students working independently (without a faculty co-author) on an article-length research project may apply for a summer research award. To be considered for an award for an independent project, students must have a faculty sponsor for their research. The sponsor will oversee the project and advise the student(s) on it. A proposal for an independent student project must be accompanied by a letter from the faculty sponsor providing his or her assessment of the merits of the project. Students who receive awards for independent projects will be expected to work on campus during the bulk of the summer, to be in regular contact with their faculty sponsors, and to present the results of their research at the American Politics Workshop during the following academic year.
3. **Dissertation research assistance**: Students who have defended dissertation proposals may apply for awards to support their dissertation research. These awards may be applied to the purchase of data or computer software or hardware that are necessary for the dissertation project. They also may be used for hiring more-junior graduate students to assist the dissertation student with data gathering and coding. A proposal for dissertation research assistance must be accompanied by a letter from the student's dissertation chair providing his or her assessment of the merits of the dissertation project and the importance of the items or assistance to be funded by the award to the student's research. Although the awards will be given for the summer, this dissertation research does not necessarily have to be conducted during the summer.

Graduate Student Training Awards

The American politics field is allocating \$1,000 of our field funds to awards to assist students in acquiring training not available in the department or on campus. An example of such outside training is the ICPSR summer program in quantitative methods at the University of Michigan. These awards will be limited to those students not receiving funding from the department for summer training. Although it is possible that the entire \$1,000 will go to a single student, our expectation is that it will be divided into smaller awards for two or more students. So, it is likely that these awards will serve as supplements for students who are willing to bear the rest of the costs themselves (or who have some other small source of funding). To be considered for a graduate student training award for the summer of 2006 or for the 2006-07 academic year (for programs that take place during the academic year rather than in the summer), students must submit a proposal to the American politics field chair (Geoff Layman) by March 15, 2006. The proposal should indicate what the purpose of the outside training is, what courses they plan to take, and whether they plan to take courses for credit or audit them. The decisions regarding which proposals receive awards and the amounts of those awards will be made by the entire American politics faculty.

THEORY

What the political theorists are up to:

1. On October 3, we had a meet and greet with all the graduate students. Lots of food, no wine, as it was in the middle of the day.
2. Ozguc Orhan has taken the lead in establishing a website for the field. The website is from the graduate student perspective, but it represents us all. See www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/theory. It contains everything from a list of faculty and their interests to a list of recent dissertations to resources of interest to theorists to a list of grad students and their interests.
3. Professor Nelly Lahoud, an expert in Islamic studies, from Goucher College, spoke to the theorists and interested others in November. Professor Jane Bennett, an expert in cultural and feminist studies from Johns Hopkins University, will speak in February to theorists and interested others.
4. We plan to hold a graduate student conference in the spring. More on that later. It will be funded, in large measure, from the \$5K we have been awarded by the chair.
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

IR in Motion:

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Information to come.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books in print

Marcus Franda's "The United Nations in the 21st Century: Management and Reform Processes in a Troubled International Organization" is in page proofs at the publisher (Rowman and Littlefield) and should be out in March 2006.

Miranda Schreurs and In-taek Hyun, eds., *The Environmental Dimension of Asian Security: Conflict and Cooperation over Energy, Resources, and Pollution* (Washington: D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press, forthcoming, May 2006). This edited volume includes contributions from several GVPT graduate students and alums, including Anna Brettell, Shin-wha Lee, Sangsun Shim, Esook Yoon, Fengshi Wu.

Chapters and Article Publications

Charles Butterworth's Review Essay: "Leo Strauss: Philosopher and Neither Straussian nor Imperialist, Reflections on Anne Norton, Leo Strauss and the Politics of American Empire," in *Crossing Boundaries, New Perspectives on the Middle East: The MIT Electronic Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 5 (Fall, 2005), 80-83.

Ken Conca's "Environmental Governance After Johannesburg: From Stalled Legalization to Environmental Human Rights?" *Journal of International Law and International Relations* vol. 1 nos. 1-2 (December 2005): 121-138.

Paul Herrnson, Peter L. Francia, John C. Green, Lynda W. Powell, and Clyde Wilcox, "Limousine Liberals and Corporate Conservatives: The Financial Constituencies of the Democratic and Republican Parties," *Social Science Quarterly*, vol. 86 (2005): 761-778.

Geoffrey C. Layman and John C. Green. 2006. "Wars and Rumours of Wars: The Contexts of Cultural Conflict in American Political Behaviour." *British Journal of Political Science* 36:61-89.

Irwin Morris and Liz Freund recently published "The Lottery and Income Inequality in the States" in *Social Science Quarterly*.

Miranda A. Schreurs, "Global Environment Threats and a Divided Northern Community," in Steiner Andresen and Ellen Heys, guest eds., a special edition of *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, Vol. 5, No. 3, 2005, pp.349-76. Schreurs reviewed the book, Györy Széll and Ken'ichi Tominaga, *The*

Environmental Challenges for Japan and Germany: Intercultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Frankfurt am Main: Pater Lang, 2004 in *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 242-46.

Clarence Stone, Professor Emeritus' recent publications include an article, "Rethinking the Policy-Politics Connection," in the British journal, *Policy Studies*, vol. 26 #3 (2005), and two book chapters: "Institutions Count but Resources Decide: American Mayors and the Limits of Formal Structure," in *Transforming Local Political Leadership*, edited by Rikke Berg and Nirmala Rao (Palgrave 2005); and "Civic Capacity: What, Why, and from Whence," in *Institutions of American Democracy: Public Education*, ed. By Susan Fuhrman and Marvin Lazerson (Oxford University Press 2005). An article in press for March is "Power, Reform, and Urban Regime Analysis," forthcoming in *City & Community*, the journal of urban sociology. Also forthcoming is an article in *Perspectives on Politics*, "The Flight of the Bumblebee: Why Reform Is Diffiult but not Impossible." The latter is co-authored with two Maryland Ph.D.s, Marion Orr of Brown University and Donn Worgs of Towson State University.

Ric Uslaner's "*Sex, Lies, and Audiotapes: The Watergate and Monica Lewinsky Scandals in American Politics*," In John Garrand and James A. Newell, eds., *Scandals in Past and Contemporary Politics* (Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press, 2005), pp. 106-120. And Ric's "*Social Trust*," in Lonnie R. Sherrod, ed., *Youth Activism: An International Encyclopedia*, v. 2 (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2005), pp. 602-607.

Grants and Awards

Ken Conca's latest book, *Governing Water: Contentious Transnational Politics and Global Institution Building* (MIT Press, 2006), has been chosen as the winner of the 2006 Chadwick F. Alger Award. The award is given by the International Studies Association to "the best book published in the preceding calendar year on international organizations, multilateralism, and nonstate actors."

Marcus Franda has been named to the three-person Advisory Board for a large public television project titled "The Power: The Information Revolution in Our Lives," consisting of several hours of television programming to be narrated by Frank Sesno, based on footage and research conducted throughout the world. The project will also produce books, films, and other educational materials.

Paul Herrnson was Program Chair for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, GA, January 4-7.

Clarence Stone, Professor Emeritus, has received an invitation from the Rockefeller Foundation to hold a workshop at the Bellagio Center in Italy. To be held in November, the workshop is for the design of a cross-national study of efforts to revitalize urban neighborhoods. There will be eighteen participants –