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GVPT FACULTY MEETING:
Monday, March 9, 11-12:15pm in 1123 Taliaferro Hall



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

GVPT offers faculty and graduate students an active intellectual life. I would like to call your attention to the many workshops that are taking place this semester. In the pages of GVPT News that follow, you will see that

we have ongoing field workshops in American politics, international relations, comparative politics, and political theory.

Come to our workshops! If you don't, you are missing the really fun part of academia: the opportunities to exchange information and ideas in a relatively informal, non-classroom situation.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Mock Trial Updates by Mark Graber

PRESS RELEASE: The University of Maryland Mock Trial team earned their first qualification for the national championships, February 14-15, at the Washington DC Regional Invitational. The team captained by Michael Warley (GVPT) and Katrina Self (Bus) defeated undergraduate attorneys from William and Mary, Princeton, and Richmond in order to gain a spot in the national tournament preliminary to be held in Easton, Pennsylvania in four weeks. Other members of the qualifying team were Leyla Korkut (GVPT and Econ), Marilyn Le (GVPT), Glen Feldman (GVPT), Gary Hersey (GVPT), and Julia Shu (GVPT and Spanish) and Issac Chung (GVPT and Chinese). Katrina Self and Temitope Odusame (Biochemistry) were named all-regional attorneys. Two other Maryland teams will have opportunities to qualify this weekend in Baltimore.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The team that qualified was our C team, composed largely of students with very little mock trial experience. To qualify under those circumstances is truly extraordinary. To give you a sense of how tough the tournament was, Virginia's vaunted A team, which won 2 of the last three national championships, did not qualify for the national championships.

Our D team, alas, did not qualify, but put up a valiant effort. We beat William and Maryland and split with the vaunted Penn B team, before taking our Howard's A team in the last round. This team always has national ambitions. Nevertheless, our most inexperienced attorneys fought them tooth and nail. The Howard coach (a former BSOS student and Maryland mock trailer) though we had pulled the upset. Alas, the judges saw things otherwise.

The good news is that all universities are allowed two qualifiers. This week, in Baltimore, our experienced teams will be on trial. Wish them luck and I will have the press release next week.

Update 2/23/09: The University of Maryland Mock Trial team captured the maximum two bids to the Opening Round of the Mock Trial Championships at the Noel Myricks Regional Mock Trial Tournament in Baltimore held this weekend. Maryland teams earned their bids by defeating teams from St. Vincent, Gettysburg, Villanova and Swarthmore. The members of the first qualifying team were Kaitlyn Murphy (GVPT/Phil) (team captain), Emma Raviv (ECON/PHIL) (team captain), Rob Kerins (ECON), Alex Carlson (BUS), Nicholas Olumoya (PHIL/PSYC), Marcia Groman (GVPT), E.J. Baluch (GVPT/PHIL) and Daniel Gochnour (GVPT/CCJS). Members of the second qualifying team were Erica Guy (HIST/GVPT) (team captain), Lauren Forgie (ECON) (team captain), Paul Halliday (HIST/CCJS), Robert Bott (GVPT), Brian Nutty (ECON), Brittany Marshall (GVPT), and Ryan Walburn (GVPT). Brian Netty and EJ Balach were named all-regional witnesses. Lauren Forgie and Kaitlyn Murphy were named all-regional attorneys.

Wayne McIntosh
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

We are in the middle of recruitment season. We have received 245 applications, and there are many quality applicants. Over the course of the next 6 weeks, a number of our applicants will be visiting. 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.

Faculty evaluations of student financial aid applications are due in Ann Marie's office on March 3. If you have not submitted your evaluations yet, please do so ASAP.

If you are planning to take one or more comprehensive exams in August, your application is due in Ann Marie's office on April 1st.

The Graduate School offers a number of prizes for current graduate students (see <http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/Fellowship/Endowed/special.htm>). We are now accepting nominations for these awards. Nominations are due in Ann Marie's office on Wednesday, March 4th.

Finally, there is still time to nominate deserving students for the George M. Phillips Award, a BSOS award for outstanding policy-related research by a graduate student. Nominations are due in the Dean's office by March 13.

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

No Updates

Paul Huth
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank our fellow graduates who came to the previous GSA meeting to discuss general issues, social events and Fulbright scholarship opportunities. Since the meeting we have held a conference with one of UMD's Fulbright representatives on how to go about applying for a grant. If you would like any further information about this we suggest you contact Dr. Morris. The social chairs are organizing an outdoor event in the spring at the CRC challenge course, which offers rock climbing and a ropes course. The preliminary date is April 19th. Please contact Alison Staudinger (astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu) if you would like to participate or if you require further information. The next GSA Happy Hour is Friday, March 6th at the Looking Glass Lounge by the Petworth / Georgia Ave. metro in DC.

We have concluded the graduate round of negotiations with other BSOS department representatives for our BSOS Technology Fee request disbursement. The committee decided to fund our request at 40%, which

is not as much as we'd hoped for, but is \$7000 more than we received in AY 2007-08. This is the first time in recent memory that we won as large a concession as the Economics department, and it sets the precedent that we deserve to be funded at as high a rate as other large BSOS departments. The total amount of money agreed upon would be enough to fund two new additional in our graduate lab, replete with software for qualitative and quantitative analysis (such as ArcGIS and Ethnograph), two fieldwork kits with laptops, PDAs, and camcorders, a set of pen translators, and a few other items. Please take the time to publicly and privately thank Dr. Morris, Dr. McIntosh and Dr. Lichbach for their support during these negotiations and for helping us get this new equipment in the future.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11. As usual there will be refreshments; the leadership will work harder to make sure they are of a punctual nature. The main event at the next meeting will focus on Molly Inman, GSA's Professional Development Coordinator, who has taken the initiative to document all of our "I wish I knew then what I know now" experiences, so that we may provide guidance to each other and those who will come after us. Please attend to provide your wisdom and cautionary tales. If you have any other items you would like to discuss, please contact us so that we may add them to the agenda.

Good luck with your continued studies!

Your GSA Co-Chairs-

Jason Muldrow – jmuldrow@gvpt.umd.edu

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STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

MAKE-UP EXAMS (Proctoring)

The main office staff does not proctor or oversee make-up exams. Make-up exams will not be held in the GVPT main Office Conference Room.

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS

The main office staff does not collect or return student papers. If you want to provide a pick-up service, give the students a time when you will be in your office for them to pick the papers up. Leaving papers out for the students to flip through is a violation of student privacy. The best suggestion is to ask the students to provide a self addressed and stamped envelope and you will return the papers to them.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's

NO UPDATES



FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly research colloquium for faculty and graduate students. The workshop constitutes an ongoing research community where participants present and discuss papers in an informal, supportive environment. Papers are made available via the workshop website in advance of our meetings, and participants are expected to have read them. Discussion leaders are assigned on a rotating basis, matching papers with discussants who share complementary research interests. Many of the papers presented in recent years have gone on to publication in top tier political science journals.

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshop.

The AP Workshop website is: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend. All workshops will be held from 10:30-12:00 in Tydings 1136 unless otherwise notified.

Spring Schedule

March 13:

John McTague, Contested Populism and the White Working Class in American Politics

March 27:

Kerem Ozan Kalkan, John C. Green (University of Akron) and Geoffrey C. Layman, Faith of his Fathers: Barack Obama, Islam, and the Impact of Religious Background Cues on Vote Choice in the 2008 Presidential Election

April 17:

Stella Rouse, Latinos and the Deliberative Process: Examining the Role of Ethnicity on Committee Participation in Congress

April 24:

Paula McClain (Duke University) TBA

May 8:

Sarah Croco, The Obama Effect: Leader Culpability in Wartime Elections

May 15:

American Politics Graduate Student Conference (time and place, TBA)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. The Workshop is meant to be a forum in which students and faculty can present work in progress, in order to get valuable feedback and also hone their professional presentation skills. We occasionally also invite guest speakers. This fall, we will meet on Mondays 11-12:30 in Tydings 1111.

Schedule for the spring:

March 6

Scott Kastner, GVPT

Paper: “Buying influence? Assessing the political effects of China’s international economic ties”

Discussant: Margaret Pearson

March 30

Sarah Croco, GVPT: “

Paper: TBA

Discussant: Jason Petrucci

April 24 (NOTE DIFFERENT TIME: Friday, 2PM-4PM)

Michael Hiscox, Department of Government, Harvard University

Paper: TBA

Discussant: TBA

May 4

Jesse-Douglas Mathewson, GVPT

Paper: “An Occupation with Democratization: Achieving Success in Foreign-Imposed Democratic Regime Change.”

Discussant: TBA

May 11

Jon Brown and Tony Marcum, GVPT

Paper: TBA

Discussant: TBA

Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop as they become available. Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Scott Kastner at skastner@gvpt.umd.edu or call at 301-405-9710.

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). Please watch for future emails of scheduled events.

Spring Schedule:

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Workshop – 9:30-11:00am in 1101 Morrill Hall

Dr. Irfan Nooruddin of Ohio State University

Paper: “Voting for Peace: Do Post-Conflict Elections Help or Hinder Recovery?”

Discussants: Dan Corstange and Summer Agan Newton

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Workshop – 9:30-11:00am in 1101 Morrill Hall

Molly Inman, GVPT

Paper: TBA

Discussants: Mary Kate Schneider and TBA

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Workshop – 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall

Dr. David Waldner of UVA

Paper: TBA

Discussants: Margaret Pearson and Jennifer Wallace

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Workshop - 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall

Dr David Backer of William and Marry

Paper: TBA

Discussants TBA

Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

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 we will follow the standard format followed in previous years in which a) ongoing research is presented, b) a paper is submitted about a week in advance for everyone to read, and c) a discussant will start things off with some comments and then we will open up for general discussion. Third, we encourage advanced graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. Last year the workshop benefited from the active participation of a number of graduate students and we would like to see this continue this year with students presenting their ongoing work or serving as discussants.

Watch for both DC Area Workshop and IR Workshop schedules in the Spring via email and posted in GVPT's monthly newsletters. The meetings when scheduled will be held on Wednesdays 11-12:30pm about every third week, room 0139 CIDCM Conference Room. If you are interested in presenting or serving as a discussant/reviewer, then please provide a title and a date preference.

The schedule of meetings is as follows starting at 9:30AM:

Spring Semester:

We still have paper openings, as well as several discussant opportunities for the Spring Semester

March 25

March 25: Available

Discussant: Available

April 15

April 15: Tony Marcum, Title TBA

Discussant: Available

May 6

May 6: Jacob Shapiro, Title TBA

Discussant: Available

So, please let us know your plans for presenting your work and/or in serving as a discussant. We would like to put together a first-cut at a schedule in the next week or two so please email Ben Appel at bappel@gvpt.umd.edu with your information even if it is tentative at this point.

POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Please watch for emails and newsletters for panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are welcome, especially those with some interest in wars and/or game theory. A lot of really clever work has been done recently in this area. So even if you don't care at all about wars, and couldn't care less about game theory, you should come just to find out what is going on.

For more info contact Benli Schechter or Alison Staudinger

QUANTITATIVE POLITICS – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

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

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

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

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 Prof. Karol Soltan of the Government and Politics Department at ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu.



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

The Sadat Chair for Peace and Development is happy to announce that on March, 12 Dr. Joshua Goldstein is coming to UMD campus to give a talk at the Middle East Seminar Series on "Winning the War on War: The Surprising Decline in Armed Conflict Worldwide". The announcement of the talk will go out later today. He will arrive on campus around 9:30 am and have some time before noon for meetings with students and faculty which the Office of the Sadat Chair will be happy to coordinate.

Please, contact Gulnur at sadat@umd.edu if you would like to meet with Dr. Goldstein, indicate your availability, your contact information, and how much time you think this meeting will take.

If you have any questions, please, call Gulnur at 301-405-6734

Harrison Program

GVPT 'GREEN GROUP':

Several GVPT graduate students and faculty with interests related to the environment meet periodically (about once a month) to talk about common interests, comment on one another's work, and discuss teaching and learning in environmental politics. Contact Allison Berland Kaul at aberland@gvpt.umd.edu or Jing Chen at jichen@gvpt.umd.edu to be added to the distribution list or for more information.

NEW WEB PAGE: The Harrison Program has a new web site! See www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison Additions include new pages with links to a wide array of campus activities in environmental studies and in global studies.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books in press

Kastner, Scott, *Political Conflict and Economic Interdependence across the Taiwan Strait and Beyond*, Stanford University Press, Studies in Asian Security series (in press).

Uslaner, Ric, *The Moral Foundations of Trust*, was translated into Chinese and published by Chinese Social Sciences Press. The Chinese Association of Publishers named it the Excellent Imported Book of Social Science, and Fudan University and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences listed it as a Modern Classic of Humanities. Another of Professor Uslaner's books, *Corruption, Inequality, and the Rule of Law: The Bulging Pocket Makes the Easy Life*, also will be translated into Chinese and published by Chinese Social Sciences Press.

Chapter and Article Publications

Banks, Antoine with Nicholas A. Valentino, Vincent L. Hutchings, and Anne K. Davis. "Selective Exposure in the Internet Age: Campaigns as Triggers for Political Information Seeking". Forthcoming in *Political Psychology* (August 2009).

Grants and Awards

Corstange, Dan received an honorable mention for the Horace H. Rackham 2008 Distinguished Dissertation Awards Competition.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Kastner, Scott, "Buying Influence? Assessing the Political Effects of China's International Economic Ties," paper presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, New York, NY, Feb. 17. The paper will also be presented at the conference "Assessing China's Rise: Power and Influence in the Twenty-first Century," MIT, Feb. 27.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapter and Article Publications

Curry, James and Professor Paul S. Herrnson published "Issue Voting in the 2006 Elections for the U.S. House of Representatives," in Lawrence C. Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered* (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2008), 97-118.

Muldrow, Jason and Yoder, Stephen (2009). Out of Cite! How Reference Managers Are Taking Research to the Next Level. *PS: Political Science & Politics, * * 42*, pp 167-172. doi:10.1017/S1049096509090337

Wallace, Jennifer. "The Security Dimensions of Climate Change," in *The Worldwatch Institute. State of the World 2009: Into a Warming World*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2009.

Awards

Brown, Jonathan N. and Marcum, Anthony S. will receive the Alexander L. George Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper at the annual meeting for the International Studies Association on Tuesday, 17 February, at 6:15 PM.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Aghamolla, Cyrus will present his honors thesis: "TBA" at the Public Choice meetings in Las Vegas in March.

Beevers, Michael D. presented two papers at the 50th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in New York from February 15-18. The papers were titled, "The Future is Now: Global Environmental Governance as a Global Public Sphere" and "Understanding Environmental and Natural Resources Governance in War-Torn Societies: Initial Observations from Forest Politics in Liberia".

Brown, Jonathan N. and Marcum, Anthony S. will present their paper, "Domestic Political Accountability and Concessions in Public versus Private Diplomacy," at the annual meeting for the International Studies Association on Monday, 16 February, at 2:15 PM.

Dimitriu, Maria will present the paper Some Democracies are More Equal than Others: Using Need Satisfaction to Evaluate Democratic Performance - by Joe A. Oppenheimer, Norman Frohlich, Maria Dimitriu & Cyrus Aghamolla at the 2009 Western Political Science Meetings, Vancouver, BC.

Kirkpatrick, Jesse will be presenting a paper "Capabilities, Human Rights and Cluster Munitions" on 2/27/09 at the University of Connecticut, Democracy and Democratization Conference.

Other

Bullock, John has received an offer for a tenure track position at Towson University.

SCHEDULE

MARCH 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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