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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

In addition to summarizing the numerous activities of our centers and fields, this last edition of the academic year features columns by our graduate students, both past and present. Maren Milligan, a current graduate student, writes about her mentorship experience and Doug Joong Kim, a Ph.D. from 1989, writes about his career experience. You should also take a look at Virginia Haufler's column about placement. Many of our students successfully navigated the job market and we hope they have long and fruitful careers. Finally, note that the GVPT Graduate

Student Association has been quite active. It's been a good year for faculty-graduate student relationships.

Enjoy the summer!



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

GVPT Alumni News:

The Department hosted its annual spring Alumni/Student Career Networking Event on Thursday, March 31st in the Stamp Student Union. The event was a wonderful success and allowed alumni to interact with current students, faculty, and their fellow alums. The casual atmosphere was perfect for an evening of catching up and new introductions. The mixer was well-attended by students and DC area alumni, with over 70 in attendance.

The GVPT Alumni Council will also be hosting a scholarship fundraising event on Tuesday, May 24 at Franklin's Restaurant in Hyattsville, MD. A percentage of the evenings' proceeds will support GVPT student scholarships. For more information on the event, please contact Beth Klein at bklein@gvpt.umd.edu.

Del. Michael Vaughn – GVPT Commencement Speaker

The GVPT commencement will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 5 p.m. in the Armory. The department is honored to have Del. Michael Vaughn as the key-note speaker. Del. Vaughn's family has been a generous donor of an endowed scholarship to the department, and Del. Vaughn currently represents the 24th District of Prince George's County in the Maryland House of Delegates.

We look forward to Del. Vaughn sharing his connection to GVPT with our graduates and their families.

Pi Sigma Alpha – An Active Return to GVPT

Pi Sigma Alpha, The Political Science Honors Society, has returned the University of Maryland campus and the Department of Government and Politics after an extended hiatus. In Fall 2004 with the help of Dr. Margaret Pearson, Professor of Government and Politics, and Jennifer Coarts, GVPT academic advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) began recruiting new members and elected new officers for the first time in four years.

In September 2004, the department launched a campaign to bring academically talented leaders from the major to direct PSA and make it into an integral part of the campus community once more. Four students were voted by the newly inducted members to head the chapter: Greg Blackman, President Alpha Zeta Chapter, senior GVPT major; Yue Liu Executive Vice President and VP of Communication, senior GVPT major; Lindsay Feltzin, Vice President of the Treasury, senior GVPT and ENGL double major; and Rachel Abraham, Vice President of Member

Services, sophomore GVPT major. The four officers set out on an ambitious agenda which included recruiting speakers for federal agencies, introducing new career fields to graduating seniors, hosting discussions on important issues in the news, and a formal induction banquet that was held on April 17, 2005.

Students are invited to join Pi Sigma Alpha based solely on the academic merit at the undergraduate level and within Government and Politics. PSA is always looking to make connections with GVPT alumni. If you would like to find out more about upcoming events with the Alpha Zeta Chapter, or would like to sponsor an event, please contact the officers at umdpisigmaalpha@yahoo.com.

Mock Trial Press Release

Two University of Maryland teams tied for fifth place in the Main Division of the National Mock Trial Championships, held in Des Moines, Iowa on April 8-10, 2005. The first team, captained by Francis Granados (PHIL) tied with Macalester, defeated Drake and Northwestern, before losing an agonizing close decision against Virginia that would have left the team tied for first with a possible shot at competing against the winner of the Taver Division for the national championship. The second team, captained by Tiffani Sterrette, bounced back from an opening round loss to Yale by tying Bowling Green, then defeating the University of Illinois and pre-tournament favorite Macalester. Tiffani Sterrette and Lauren Pruitt (GVPT) were named All-American Attorneys.

Behind the Press Release for Mock Trial By Professor Mark Graber

On Saturday night of the national mock trial championships in Des Moines, the kids learned they had hit Virginia and Macalester for the final round. Only the coaches know the results of the early rounds. The kids do not know whether they were 6-0, 0-6 or somewhere in between. But they knew one thing. If they were up against Virginia, the match almost certainly had national championship implications, and the same might be true for Macalester. Their suspicions were confirmed on Sunday morning. The Virginia/Maryland match was held in the biggest room in Drake Law School. An extra judge was provided. Attendance was high. This was, for all practical purposes the final four. One of the members of the team played varsity field hockey for Maryland and went to the NCAAs. She found the pressure level that morning much higher.

In that pressure cooker, you should know our Maryland students, Francis Granados (PHIL), Lauren Pruitt (GVPT), Dan Routh (GVPT), Ingrid Lofgren (Family Studies), Nisha Raikar (GVPT) and Britt McEarchern (GVPT) were perfect. Their level of performance rose to levels we had never seen. Through skillful use of objections, they knocked out major chunks of the evidence Virginia wanted to present, while getting all of our evidence in. Every Virginia witness was forced to backtrack or recant claims made in direct examination. No Maryland witness was retreated under powerful Virginia cross-examination (there was an epic 14 minute confrontation between our expert witness and the Virginia attorney reputed to be the best in the country). One could see the frustration increasing on the Virginia bench as they got a bit flustered with the poise of our students.. As I told our students after the match (no coaching contact may be made during), they could not have performed better under more pressured circumstances and that in the opinion of everyone watching they had whipped Virginia and deserved their shot for the national championship. Well, not in the opinion of everyone. The two judges who scored

the match gave Virginia an agonizing close decision. Anyone who wants to see steam rise from my head can get the details. But the whole university should be so proud of that performance our students gave in that match and throughout the national championships.

There are 577 teams representing approximately 300 schools in the American Mock Trial Association. 64 teams representing 51 schools competing for the national championships (Maryland was one of only 13 schools to qualify 2 teams). All our aspirational peers were represented. All the Ivies and public Ivies were represented. Maryland's performance in this field was outstanding. And as our returning freshmen, sophomores, and juniors want you to know, the mock trial team, GVPT, BSOS and UMCP have some unfinished business in Des Moines that, if you will encourage the best undergraduate students you have to join us, we will take care of next year.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Please join me in congratulating Joshua J. Dyck, the 2005 Conley Dillon Award winner. Josh's dissertation is entitled "The Direct Democracy Dilemma: Dissociated Choices and Ballot Measure Elections." Josh will be spending next year at the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) in San Francisco on a dissertation fellowship. Thanks to Karen Kaufmann and Frances Lee for joining me on this award committee.

Please join me in congratulating Nathan S. Bigelow and Elizabeth Freund, the co-winners of the 2005 Roger Davidson Award. Nate's winning paper is entitled "Representation in the Statehouse: The Responsiveness of State Legislators to their Constituents, their Parties, and their Supporters." Liz's winning paper is entitled "Presidential Success in Foreign and Domestic Policy Areas." Thanks to Ric Uslaner (chair), Geoff Layman and Linda Williams for serving on the award committee.

At last count, 25 new students have committed to join our program in Fall 2005, and I expect them to be an outstanding entering class. When the class is finalized, I will provide further details about the new students' substantive interests.

As admissions season draws to a close, I would like to thank the members of the 2005 Admissions Committee: Liz Freund, Jim Glass, Virginia Haufler, Carter Johnson, Geoff Layman, Rich Longoria, and Jillian Schwedler. This is a time-consuming committee, and I appreciate their work very much. I'd also like to thank Ann Marie for her extra efforts during this busy time. Finally, I'd like to thank the faculty and graduate students who met with prospective students, gave them tours of the campus, ate lunch with them, etc. Sometimes the intangibles make all the difference.

Please remember that field coordinators for 2005-2006 should be selected no later than the end of the current term.

Grad students planning to take one or both comprehensive exams in August 2005 should already have provided Ann Marie with a list of the members of their 3-person mentorship committee as soon as possible. While changes may occur in the committee composition between now and August, we need to get an early estimate of the faculty grading these exams.

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.

Irwin Morris
Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

Placement Year 2004-05

This is the final note about Placement for this year, so I'll be looking back to summarize events this past year, and looking forward to next year. This past year, we had about 15 students looking for jobs in a serious way, a few for the second time. There also were a couple of students applying to one specific job, and not yet doing a full-scale search. Bradley Hays accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Chris Fettweis will be going to the Naval War College, Stephen Deets will be moving to Babson College in Boston, Fengshi Wu will be moving closer to her home country with a position at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Deepa Khosla has accepted a position at Memorial College in Newfoundland. In addition, Carola Weil will be taking a one-year position at George Washington University, and Bidisha Biswas was offered a one-year position at Hobart-William Smith College in upstate New York. Michael Johns, now at Laurentian University, has had his contract extended two more years and may be in line for a tenure track opening this fall. In addition, two people who were not on the job market accepted post-doctoral fellowships: Lorrie Frasure, who will be going to Cornell University, and Joshua Dyck, who will be going to the Public Policy Institute in California. A number of people were invited for interviews at a wide range of institutions; although I know it is no real consolation, we all realize that getting the interview is an achievement in itself. I do not have information at this time on those students who have accepted non-academic positions. I hope I have not inadvertently left someone out—please be sure to let me know if I have.

So far, I have a list of about fifteen students who may be ready to enter the job market this coming fall or spring. All graduate students, but especially those close to finishing their dissertation, should attend a session on The Placement Process on May 5 at 12:30p.m. This will be an orientation for students about the steps in applying for an academic position in political science, the assistance provided by the Department, and the importance of putting together a fabulous academic placement file. All students should join the APSA to gain access to the primary source of job listings: eJobs online. Other resources that may be helpful in preparing for the job search include The Chronicle of Higher Education Career Network, which has lots of advice about applying for jobs, interviewing at different kinds of institutions, choosing between academia and other options, and other issues. I highly recommend the Ms. Mentor column, which is quite clever. I also recently discovered that About.com has a nifty page of links to advice on surviving graduate school, and you might want to check that out at <http://gradschool.about.com/cs/survivaltips/> (I was a little disturbed, however, by the ad for a

survival machete on the same page...) On the GVPT Placement website you can find some documents that may be helpful, including an article on successful interviewing.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those who have helped so much in the placement process this year. First on that list is, of course, Ann Marie Clark, who has shown time and again that she is dedicated to the success of our graduate students, and who has been a tremendous help to me personally. I also would like to thank those faculty and graduate students who were so good at attending practice job talks—I have heard repeatedly that these practice talks were critical to a successful interview, and everyone appreciated the feedback from those who attended them. Finally, I would like to thank the graduate students themselves—a bright, professional, and dedicated group; it is a joy to work with them.

Virginia Haufler
Placement Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

This has been a great year for GSA. We've got a revamped website, a new institutionalized "Been There/Seen It" grad student forum, and a refreshed display case, currently showcasing the field work experiences of Fengshi Wu and Peter Voitsekhovsky. A round of comps under the new system has come and gone and there is the potential of updated technology for our use next year. Thanks to all of those who completed a survey on this. Overall, the greatest technology needs seem to be for a new printer for the grad lab or fifth floor and for updated memory on the grad lab computers. The feedback was very constructive and will be passed along to Irwin soon.

Don't forget to vote in the upcoming elections and good luck with final papers and grading!

Signing off,
Jen and Jenny



COLUMNS

Graduate Students: Mentorship

How Light A Ton of Feathers Can Be...
By Maren Milligan

The summer before I first entered graduate school I did what any good academic would do before embarking on any endeavor: I developed a reading list! At the top of the stack was a book by Paula J. Caplan *Lifting a Ton of Feathers: A Woman's Guide to Surviving in the Academic World* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993). This book, a useful mix of description, proscription, and prescription had a tremendous impact on me as I reflected upon my new profession.

The most striking part of the book—one which I think has applicability to men as well—was the issue of mentorship. But like much else in life: it's one thing to read about something; it's quite another to experience it. This year I have had a remarkable opportunity to being mentored by a female academic. Through working with Dr. Jillian Schwedler, I now have a better understanding of the importance of mentorship and how it is essential to one's growth as a scholar.

On this, I could speak at length about the projects I have worked with Jillian on and how she has viewed me as a partner not merely as free labor, involving me substantively in the work and seeking my intellectual investment. However, that should be our minimum hope for mentorship. A mentor, according to Caplan, should be, “showing what is possible for women;” “learning the rules of the profession and what really matters in a career,” ... and “experiment(ing) with ideas and getting feedback as they form.” (92-3)

Quite apart from leading by example in having twins, a manuscript with Cambridge, and a three-course teaching load, Jillian has consistently worked with graduate students to develop their work and find their voice, not merely echo her own. Helping students find their unique voice is not limited to encouraging them to speak at workshops, but also encompasses helping them find their own approach in the problems they investigate, the theories they advance and the methodologies they adopt. This year, in having the opportunity to work with a female academic who is an example of dedication, rigor, and engagement, I have finally gotten a better understanding of what Caplan was talking about...and why we all need and deserve it.

Accomplishments of our Past Ph.D's

From Korea

By Doug Joong Kim, Ph.D. graduate from 1989

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I first met Professor Warren Phillips in August 1981, who served as the chairman of my dissertation committee, with McNelly, Hsueh, Dawisha and Destler as its members. All the members in GVPT and University of Maryland treated me very well, and I had wonderful eight years at Maryland as a graduate student, a research assistant, a teaching assistant and an instructor. I took almost every course offered by the department, and I was particularly interested in American politics and U.S. foreign policy.

In 1989, with my dissertation, *Sino-Soviet Relations 1972-1988: American Elites' Perceptions and Policies toward China*. and with my previous career as a platoon leader in the Army and a specialist in Communist affairs at the National Unification Board, I was invited to the Sejong Institute as a fellow in charge of North-South Korean affairs and foreign and security policies.

Then, in 1996, I was invited to Kwandong University as Professor of North Korean studies, and, in 1997, to Kyonggi University as Professor of International Relations. I do teach courses on international relations with special emphasis on Russian foreign relations, and I am fully equipped with the syllabi from my Maryland days.

When I was a visiting scholar at the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C. in 1995, Professor Dennis Pirages kindly invited me to a workshop on American foreign policy held at Maryland. In 2002, I published *US-China relations and Russia*. You should be able to find a copy at the McKeldin Library. There, you can also find a copy of *Foreign Relations of North Korea during Kim Il Sung's Last Days* (1994), which I edited.

In my first class in 1981, I met Mike and Linda, who showed me what the homework was. Since then, for the last twenty three years, we are good friends. In 2004, I had a wonderful year at Michigan State University as a visiting scholar. Whenever I visit College Park, I look forward to meeting Professor Phillips and all my former professors and secretaries. Many thanks to you all.

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.

The workshop will meet two Fridays a month in Tydings from 10:30 to 12:00. If you would like to get on the Fall schedule, please send a title and brief description of your paper to Karen Kaufmann at kkaufmann@gvpt.umd.edu.

If you would like to attend the workshop, you can find the schedule on the AP Workshop website: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>.

While the substantive focus of the workshop surrounds issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

NOTE TO AUTHORS: You must send a copy of your paper to Wayne McIntosh at least one week prior to your presentation date. I will send out workshop reminders once the paper has been posted on our website.

CALL FOR DISCUSSANTS: We are happy to take volunteers for the Fall 2005 semester. If you would like to discuss a particular paper, just let me know.

Spring 2005 Schedule

May 6 -- Frances Lee: "[Untangling the Sources of Congressional Partisanship: Ideology, Interests, and Opportunism.](#)"

CIDCM SEMINAR SERIES 2004-2005

May 4 - "A Pseudo-Democracy That Delivered On Its Promises: Ukraine's Orange Revolution in A Comparative Perspective"
Peter Voitsekhovskiy, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland

DEMOCRATIC DESIGN WORKSHOP

The Democratic Design Workshop has been scheduled in Tydings 1136 at 2pm on May 20. If you have questions about this workshop contact Professor Karol Soltan at ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu.

COLLABORATIVE DEMOCRACY STUDIES & CIVIC PRACTICE PROGRAM

The Democracy Collaborative announces a research seminar series on "The Role of Youths and Universities in Mobilizing Social Movements" that will bring to the University of Maryland campus nine speakers during the spring 2005 semester. As part of the Collaborative's Democracy Studies and Civic Practice Program, **brown-bag seminars will be held on Tuesdays from 12:00 noon-2:00 pm in Room 1208 Tawes Hall** during the spring semester. The seminar series will involve faculty, students, and practitioners from the Washington, DC metro area who have participated and/or are familiar with the social movements covered in the series. Confirmed speakers and topics for each of the seminars include:

May 3, 2005

- **Social Movements and Global Democracy: The Role of Universities in the Global Justice Movement**

Jackie Smith, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, SUNY-Stony Brook

May 10, 2005

- **Student Activism and the "People Power" Movements in Indonesia and the Philippines**

James Riker, Associate Director, Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CAPC Study of Voting Technology and Ballot Design

CAPC's NSF-sponsored study of voting technology and ballot design relies on several research approaches: review by human-computer interaction experts, usability laboratory experiments, usability field experiments, and natural experiments. We tested six voting machines, each of which was representative of a different set of design principles. Three machines were touch screen: voters literally touch the screen to navigate through the ballot and to record their votes. Another used a unique dial and button system to navigate and vote. One more uses "membrane buttons," which are smooth buttons located behind the ballot that must be depressed in order to vote. The final system used a paper ballot tied in with an electronic system for checking the ballot before it is cast.

In May 2004, 12 human-computer interaction experts, most of whom did not have a background in voting systems, reviewed each of the six machines in our study. The experts provided mixed reviews for each machine and an overall conclusion that the machines' user interfaces were immature. The shortcomings included inadequate feedback and poor access to an integrated help system.

The good news is that despite these concerns, the experts also felt that the machines were likely to be usable by many (but not all) voters. So far, this is consistent with what we have observed in other parts of the overall study. The full results of the expert review are available on the project website.

Forty-two individuals participated in the laboratory experiment. They were recruited from populations identified as the most likely to be challenged by new voting equipment, mainly senior citizens and individuals who rarely used computers. Across multiple measures of voter satisfaction, individuals indicated a clear preference for the touch screen machines and clear dislike for the system with dial, with the remaining four machines in between. Our analysis of the video recordings focuses on the sources of these satisfaction differences as well as their relation to voting accuracy.

The video analyses, which are on-going, explore usability problems, the time it takes to complete a ballot, and the accuracy with which voters are able to cast their ballots as intended. Preliminary results indicate that more problems occur for relatively rare tasks (e.g. vote changing and selecting multiple candidates) and that the number of actions (clicks, button presses) required to complete the task is a good predictor of voter performance and satisfaction.

Initial results from a large-scale field experiment show that while electronic voting systems hold the promise of improving how people vote, but they also have the potential to introduce new complexities into the voting process. All of the voting systems performed quite well, but voters found some design features annoying, perplexing, or disconcerting; they expressed varying levels of confidence that their votes would be accurately recorded; and some felt the need to ask for help in completing the voting process. Especially interesting was that voters had more confidence in the abilities of paperless touch screen systems to accurately record their votes than in other systems, including the system using a paper ballot. Two systems that had interfaces with relatively low levels of visible computerization were not evaluated as favorably as were the touch screen systems on most criteria.

We plan to continue to analyze data from the usability field study. Our next steps include assessing the accuracy of casting votes on different systems and ballot formats. We also intend to compare voting systems in terms of how much time it takes to cast ballot.

In the natural experiments portion of our research, we employed an ecological analysis of data representing changes in voting technology between 2000 and 2004 in Florida to evaluate hypotheses concerning the impact of change in voting systems. Election administrators and voting machine manufacturers expect that the adoption of new technology should reduce the residual vote rate compared to previous elections, increasing the proportion of votes cast that are counted as valid. Our analysis suggests that this goal was accomplished in Florida; in particular, the elimination of punch card and lever machines has resulted in a significantly lower rate of residual votes with newer technology. Overvotes were dramatically reduced and undervoting rates did not increase. A second issue is to make sure that there were no unintended consequences of the new technology in the sense of reducing levels of turnout, changing patterns of straight and split- ticket voting, or altering roll-off across the ballot. Again, our analysis suggests that none of these unintended consequences of shifts in technology occurred to an unacceptable degree.

For more information on the study, please visit:
http://www.capc.umd.edu/rpts/VotingTech_par.html.

From the CAPC Director:

This has been a productive year for us at the Center for American Politics and Citizenship:

- We continue to analyze data collected in our National Science Foundation-supported voting technology and ballot design project with our partners at the University of Michigan and the University of Rochester. Our research has been well received by academics, election administrators, other government officials, and voting machine manufacturers.
- A grant from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission allowed CAPC to join with the Prince George's County Board of Elections to recruit University of Maryland students to serve as election workers on Election Day. Approximately 135 students were trained and ready to assist voters at the polls. Congressman Steny Hoyer applauded CAPC's efforts in a press event on October 27.
- We published *The Interest Group Connection: Electioneering, Lobbying, and Policymaking in Washington*, 2nd ed. (CQ Press), edited by Paul S. Herrnson, Ronald G. Shaiko, and Clyde Wilcox.
- We hosted a town hall meeting with U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer on Monday, March 14, 2005 to discuss strengthening Social Security.
- CAPC's Real Politics in America book series published by Prentice Hall and edited by Paul Herrnson published *Transforming the American Polity: The Presidency of George W. Bush and the War on Terrorism*, edited by Maryland Alumnus Richard Conley, and *Women's PACs: Abortion and Elections* by Christine Day and Charles Hadley.
- We provided research experiences and employment for several outstanding undergraduate students, hosted career seminars that more than 300 undergraduates attended, hosted guest speakers for government and politics classes, and participated in Maryland Day on April 30.

Have a terrific summer,
 Paul Herrnson

The Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

ICONS Project

GRANT AWARD

The ICONS Project has received a grant from the Longview Foundation to apply ICONS' technology-facilitated learning to the Choices' Capitol Forum program. The Capitol Forum is a civic education initiative that engages high school students in civic practice and consideration of international issues. ICONS will construct and offer an interactive online component—a series of student-driven “online summits”—to fit within the Capitol Forum's existing curriculum. The online summits will expand the impact of the Capitol Forum program by providing all students at participating schools from different areas of the country with the opportunity to interact with peers from other schools.

SIMULATION PARTICIPATION

The ICONS Project managed several internationally-focused negotiation simulations during the school year. Over 1,500 students participated in the distributed international simulations, including students from Japan, Chile, Taiwan, Argentina, Brazil, and Finland. The students negotiated in issues such as public health, debt and development, international terrorism, sustainable development, conflict resolution, and peacekeeping.

CIDCM

GRANT AWARD

Andrew Blum and Kathie Young were awarded a grant from the Alliance for International Conflict Prevention and Resolution to conduct research on the use of simulations as part of conflict management activities and to develop simulation materials for the Guinea-Bissau peace game. The simulation materials will include a conflict prevention scenario, role sheets that outline the interests and constraints for the actors and guidelines for facilitators.

A special congratulations to Dr. Shukri Abed, who was approved for the Fulbright grant for May 2006 to go to the Arab World (Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar, Morocco, Syria, and possibly Jordan) to study the impact of globalization on the Arabic language and Culture.

PRESENTATIONS

On March 31, 2005, Dr. Abed delivered a speech on "Freedom, Democracy, and Education" at James Madison University for a conference organized by the University on Freedom. For an electronic version of his speech, please email him at sabed@cidcm.umd.edu.

CIDCM/GVPT MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

If you know of undergraduate students who may be interested: The Department of Government and Politics and the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) are currently accepting applications for the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management. All students are eligible to apply. The Minor is a 19-credit, undergraduate program designed for students interested in the fields of conflict resolution, international development, and humanitarian relief. The Minor provides students with one-on-one mentoring with development professionals, interaction with small groups of like-minded students, assistance in locating internships, and a specialized certification upon completion that demonstrates commitment to the fields of development and conflict management. Information and application materials are available at www.cidcm.umd.edu/cidcm_minor.asp. For more information, please contact Dr. Andrew Blum at ablum@cidcm.umd.edu or 301.405.4511.

Summer Program in Multi-Track Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation

June 20th – July 10th 2005 (GVPT 808K/409K): Focus on India/Pakistan/Kashmir

The Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM), in association with the Office of Summer Programs at the University of Maryland, is offering an intensive program to provide experiential learning and multiple perspectives on ways to bring about conflict transformation and peace-building. The aim is to develop the knowledge and professional skills necessary to facilitate the resolution of protracted ethnic, nationalist or religious conflicts, as well as conflicts over borders, water or other common-pool resources, using in particular the techniques of “second track” or citizens’ diplomacy. These techniques, as exemplified in CIDCM’s Innovative Problem-Solving Workshops, provide an essential complement to official, or “first track,” diplomacy especially for conflicts involving non-state communities.

Multi-track diplomacy has become an increasingly important tool for diplomats, government and IO agencies and NGO staff working in development, relief, refugee and humanitarian aid and other activities in areas of conflict. The great majority of violent conflicts are now internal rather than inter-state, with at least one party a non-state community, and no mutually acceptable official structure through which disputes can be settled. In the context of mistrust and uncertainty, project sustainability often depends on our ability to encourage local communities to find common ground on implementation of planned initiatives. Trust building, skills building in areas such as nonviolent communication, prejudice reduction and integrative problem solving, along with consensus building and action planning methodologies may become essential elements for success.

The Winter Program in Multi-Track Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation offered by CIDCM offers both theoretical and experiential bases for application of these methodologies, bringing to participants the cumulative experience of researchers and scholar-practitioners at CIDCM in working with *Partners in Conflict*, *Partners in Peacebuilding* and related projects around the world, including in Israel/Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Lesotho, Armenia/Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Burma/Thailand/China, Philippines, Falklands/ Malvinas and Galapagos Islands, Nicaragua, Ecuador/Peru, Guyana/Venezuela, Bolivia, Canada (Mohawks) and US. This year’s applied focus in the weekend workshops will be the Kashmiri conflict, building on our ongoing work to build partnerships between Indian and Pakistani universities as a needed element for a broader, sustainable peace process.

Instructors and Readings: Dr. John Davies and Dr. Edward [Edy] Kaufman are senior associates with CIDCM, which has pioneered the development and application of Second Track Diplomacy for resolving protracted ethnic and nationalist conflicts since the early 1980's. They are co-editors of the book: *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (2003), and have collaborated in leading conflict transformation workshops through CIDCM's *Partners in Conflict*, *Partners in Peacebuilding* and related projects on several continents. Edy Kaufman, former Executive Director of the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace in Jerusalem, has taught and worked extensively with applied techniques of conflict management in the US, Middle East, Latin America, Former Soviet Union, South Asia and Africa. John Davies has done similar work in the Middle East, Caucasus, Balkans, South and South-East Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, and also has helped to build conflict early warning and early response networks in the Caucasus, Africa, Central Asia and South East Asia. Visiting speakers will include Ambassador John McDonald, founder of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy in Washington, and Mr. Madhukar Gupta, till recently executive head in northern Rajasthan along the Pakistani border. ad current CIDCM Visiting Scholar.

The primary text for the program will be: John Davies and Edy Kaufman (eds.) *Second Track/Citizens' Diplomacy: Concepts and Techniques for Conflict Transformation* (2003). Additional readings for the course will include extracts from the European Center for Conflict Prevention's *People Building Peace* (1999) (required); the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance's *Democracy and Deep-Rooted Conflict: Options for Negotiators* (1998); and from Jeffrey Rubin, Dean Pruitt and Sung Hee Kim *Social Conflict: Escalation, Stalemate and Settlement* (McGraw Hill, 3rd ed. 2003). All required readings outside the two required texts and not available on line will be available for purchase as a course packet at the first seminar by arrangement with the publishers.

Program Structure and Credit: The program may be taken either by non-degree-seeking professionals for audit and certification, or by graduate or advanced undergrad students as a three-credit seminar (GVPT 808K or GVPT 409K) on campus over the second half of the first summer session. Evening seminars, Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 20th – July 10th, 6.00 – 9.20pm; and a weekend workshop: Friday evening plus Saturday and Sunday July 9th – 10th 9.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00 – 6.00pm.

The seminars will introduce participants to the concepts and issues of unofficial diplomacy and its interface with official diplomacy in conflict transformation and peace building processes. The weekend workshops will focus on preparatory techniques (trust building and skill building), including communication skills and shared visioning, and on role-playing the adversarial, reflective and integrative phases of the problem-solving process (consensus building), focusing on withdrawal from Gaza and the Middle East conflict.

Certification of Seminar Completion will be available for all those completing the program (a B or better will be required for degree-seeking students).

For more information about the program, please contact Dr. John Davies at jdavies@cidcm.umd.edu.

The Democracy Collaborative

Aspen Institute Conference

On May 22-24, 2005, the Aspen Institute's Nonprofit Sector and Philanthropy Program (NSPP), in collaboration with The Democracy Collaborative and with funding support from the Skoll

Foundation, will host a conference in Aspen, CO: “Enterprising Organizations: New Asset-Based and Other Innovative Approaches to Social Problem-Solving.”

The conference focuses on the new and expanding field of entrepreneurial, social-purpose economic activity at the state and local level. Today, organizations in all three sectors – government, nonprofit, and business – are trying innovative ways to tackle social problems. New asset-building strategies include a wide range of activity, from programs that help low-income individuals develop savings, to community-based strategies that build neighborhood and workplace assets, to municipal and state asset accumulation initiatives in which government acts entrepreneurially to create jobs and spur locally-based capital formation. Other enterprising approaches that cross traditional sector lines – socially-responsible business and income-generation by nonprofits, for example – have also begun to multiply across the country.

Participants in the conference will include practitioner leaders of asset-based wealth-building models around the country, foundation representatives, policy makers, and media. Conference attendees will explore:

- **Key challenges** facing social entrepreneurs, including finding new forms of financing, shaping public policy regarding this new “space,” and developing a supportive infrastructure for the field;
- **New directions** which might be taken by investors, nonprofit practitioners, the policy community, and foundations;
- **Tools** for building alliances across the distinct “silos” of activity (e.g., community economic development, municipal enterprise, and socially-responsible business);
- **Strategies** for creating greater public visibility and support; and
- **Future implications**, political, economic, and cultural, of the growth in new organizational forms developing around asset-based and other social entrepreneurial approaches.

The meeting’s primary goal is for participants to leave with new appreciation for the broad enterprise movement sweeping all sectors, and bring back to their work an interest in and tools for supporting innovative approaches to social problem-solving. The gathering is also designed to spur conversations and learning across silos, to stir debate within the field, and to help social entrepreneurs think more critically about how their work brings about positive change.

For more information, contact Ted Howard at thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu

“Building Wealth”

In May, the Aspen Institute will publish The Democracy Collaborative’s latest book, “Building Wealth: The New Asset-Based Approach to Solving Social and Economic Problems.” The book will serve as the centerpiece of discussion at the May “Enterprising Organizations” conference (see above).

This book marks the first across-the-board survey of the road range of community-based, asset-building wealth models – and their strategic interaction – in a comprehensive fashion. To do this,

a wide variety of wealth-building strategies are examined, highlighting both key accomplishments as well as the continuing challenges. Although these challenges are not inconsequential, the achievements in terms of increased local capacity and the generation of new sources of local wealth are impressive. The new approaches also provide important tools for regions and localities to reinforce their local economies in the face of the growing vagaries of global economic competition.

For more information, contact Ted Howard at thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu

Community-Wealth.org

On May 9, The Democracy Collaborative will launch Community-Wealth.org, the web's most comprehensive and up-to-date information resource on strategies for democratic, asset-based, community economic development. The site will contain hundreds of model "best practices" (from community development corporations and land trusts to social enterprise, employee-ownership, and municipal and state investment programs), and numerous links to research resources, support organizations, books, articles, and reports.

The site also features a "Search by Location" feature to identify innovations and models in every state, and a "Directory of Community Builders" across the country. Visitors can subscribe to a on-line newsletter. The site has been developed with funding from the Ford Foundation and the Knight Foundation.

For more information: www.community-wealth.org

Interdependence Day 2005 - Paris

Following the success of Interdependence Day 2004 in Rome, Italy, the third annual Interdependence Day will be held September 10-12 in Paris, France with the full support of the government of Paris.

The theme for 2005 is "Arts and Culture at the Heart of Interdependence" and our guests will include distinguished artists and writers, UNESCO Cultural Ambassadors and other cultural figures – as well as statesmen and intellectuals. Confirmed participants to date include former Prime Minister of France and European Parliamentarian Michel Rocard, former President of Switzerland Ruth Dreifuss, former President of Slovenia Milan Kucan, and former Ambassador of France Stephane Hessel.

The Democracy Collaborative has also initiated a program to expand participation in Interdependence Day in the United States. A large number of nonprofit and service groups are signing on as cooperating and collaborating organizations and will sponsor their own Interdependence Day commemorations in September. An Interdependence Day school curriculum is also being developed.

For more information, visit www.civworld.org or contact Benjamin Barber at bbarber@civilworld.org

Democratic Approaches to Global Governance

The Democracy Collaborative's Democratic Approaches to Global Governance (DAGG) project, which is supported by the Ford Foundation, is developing a state-of-the-art synthesis of promising democratic approaches to global governance that draws on the perspectives and practical experiences of civil society activists and scholars around the world, especially from the Global South. In light of current challenges to global governance, what are civil society's proposals to build a more democratically governed world? What visions and strategies can civil society, diverse in its interests but potentially united in its actions, propose as means of attaining global democracy? The focus is on identifying promising approaches for democratizing global governance in order to foster mutual learning and action among civil society activists, scholars, and policy-makers.

The research findings from the DAGG project will be presented at the upcoming international conference on "*Global Democracy: Civil Society Visions and Strategies*" sponsored by the Forum International de Montréal (FIM) from May 29th to June 1st, 2005 in Montréal, Canada. Over 600 people from around the world are expected to participate in the Global Democracy 2005 (G05) conference, especially representatives from civil society organizations (CSOs); multilateral institutions; governments; parliaments; businesses and associations; the labor sector; indigenous communities; academia; and the media. The results from these deliberations will be broadly disseminated as part of a cross-sectoral learning process for strengthening the vision, strategy and practice of the key constituencies engaged in democratizing global governance – including environmental, human rights, labor, trade, and women's groups and networks, as well as academic centers and global institutions. For more information about the G05 conference, go to www.G05.org, or contact James Riker at jriker@democracycollaborative.org.

The Role of Youths and Universities in Mobilizing Social Movements

The Democracy Collaborative concludes its spring semester research seminar series on "The Role of Youth and Universities in Mobilizing Social Movements." This seminar series seeks to stimulate dialogue, exchange and mutual learning among faculty, students and practitioners to understand the factors that lead students and youths to engage in effective forms of political activism from campus-based advocacy and protest to civil disobedience and participation in broader social movements. The final two sessions are:

May 3, 2005

- **Social Movements and Global Democracy: The Role of Universities in the Global Justice Movement**
Jackie Smith, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, SUNY-Stony Brook

May 10, 2005

- **Student Activism and the "People Power" Movements in Indonesia and the Philippines**
James Riker, Associate Director, Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland

For information about this seminar series, see the College of Behavioral and Social Science's web site at: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/bullets/DCYouthSocialMov.htm>

or contact Loreene O'Neill, seminar coordinator (301-405-8519; loneill@gvpt.umd.edu).

The seminar is supported by a grant from The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE; web site: www.civicyouth.org). Jim Riker directs this research project.

The Harrison Program

HARRISON SYMPOSIUM

The Harrison Symposium, which focuses on globalization, world politics and the life sciences, is a regular feature of the journal *Politics and the Life Sciences*. Faculty or graduate students with ideas for future symposia should contact editors Dennis Pirages and Ken Conca.

BIG GIG

The Big Global Issues Group (Big GIG) will continue in the fall. Big GIG is a reading and discussion group on broadly global topics (our first session focused on Jared Diamond's book *Collapse*). If you have ideas about suitable texts for discussion, contact Karol Soltan.

SO LONG, RACHEL

Harrison Program associate and Environmental Science and Policy (ENSP) advisor Rachel Roberts has left the program to take a job with a Washington-area environmental consulting firm. Many thanks to Rachel for her two years with us, and for her tireless efforts in support of the ENSP program.

WELCOME, RODRIGO

Rodrigo Pinto, who is currently finishing his first year in the doctoral program, will be joining the team as advising specialist for the Environmental Science and Policy (ENSP) major. Beginning June 1, Rodrigo will be working with students concentrating in Environmental Politics and Policy. Environmental Politics and Policy is managed by GVPT and is ENSP's largest concentration, with roughly 45 students.

The Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development

The Sadat Chair/Brody Event in early May - Tom Friedman and Shibley Telhami will speak on the long-term impact of the war in Iraq, and the future of the Middle East.

The Center for Study of the Post-Communist Societies

On May 6, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and CSPCS will cosponsor a presentation by Romania's Foreign Minister, Mr. Mihai-Razvan Ungureanu. The event will take

place at noon, at the Wilson Center. Professor Tismaneanu will introduce the minister who is also a well-known historian.



DEPARTMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW FALL 2005, CORE INTERDISCIPLINARY WORLD COURSE

WRLD 235: The Power of Water: Politics, Technology, and Development of the Mekong River

This **new CORE** Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE) course provides students with a unique opportunity to learn about one of the great undeveloped rivers of the world. The Mekong River is the sixth largest river system in the world. It originates “upstream” in China and has significant impacts “downstream” on the economies and societies of Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand. In the course, students will engage a number of difficult questions that contemporary societies face. These include: How should an essential shared



international resource be governed? How can one balance basic humans needs (e.g. food, water, agriculture) with long-term ecological stability? Can sustainable development be achieved in an emerging/developing country? What roles should local culture and national politics play in the development of a country’s infrastructure? The course is team-taught by award-winning faculty; Dr. Spencer Benson, College of Life Sciences, Dr. Gregory Baecher, College of Life Sciences, and Dr. Lois Vietri, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Each of the three faculty has expertise in innovative teaching, as well as broad expertise in politics, environmental engineering and biology.

A companion course, *The Value of Water: Culture and Sustainable Development in China and Vietnam*, will be offered during the January 2006 Winter-term semester. This 300-level course will be conducted in China (Yunnan Province) and Vietnam (HaNoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and the Mekong Delta). For more information, contact Dr. Lois Vietri or Dr. Spencer Benson. Students who have successfully completed WRLD235 will be given enrollment priority for this unique study-abroad course.

Schedule of Classes: Information

Two 50-minute lectures and one 75-minute project learning-laboratory per week. There are dedicated learning laboratory sections for University Honors and College Park Scholar. This

WRLD 235

0101 (58724)	MW	2-2:50	EGR0110 and Tu 2-3:15	JMP1109 (learning lab) (25 seats open to all students)
0102 (58725)	MW	2-2:50	EGR0110 and Th 2-3:15	CHE2142 (learning lab) (25 seats open to all students)

WRLD 235H

0101 (58735)	MW	2-2:50	EGR0110 and Tu 2-3:15	MTH0306 (learning lab) (25 seats for University Honors)
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course can be used to satisfy the CORE Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues Distributive category.

For more information, feel free to contact any one of the faculty team:

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Dr. Lois Vietri, Department of Government and Politics lvietri@umd.edu

GVPT Past Meets Present at NCOBPS

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From March 23-26, 2005, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) held its 36th Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. Conference highlights included a panel celebrating the scholarly contributions of Dr. Ron Walters to the study and practice of Black politics and a “roast” honoring his lifetime achievements. Dr. Linda Faye Williams, a key organizer of the event, participated in the “roast.” Other participants included Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. and George Curry, editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service and BlackPressUSA.com.

The conference was noteworthy for another reason, as eleven former or current GVPT doctoral students made their way to the meeting to present their research. What is more, our work was well received by conference attendees.

It was great catching up with GVPT graduates who are currently serving in the academic or policy fields.



In order of appearance (c, l, r): Dr. Linda Faye Williams; Chris Whitt, (4th year); Adolphus G. Belk, Jr., Winthrop University (PhD. 2003); Erika Gordon, Macro International Inc. (PhD. 2002); Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Hood College (PhD. 2002); Avis Jones-DeWeever, Institute for Women's Policy Research (PhD. 2000); Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University (PhD. 2001) Lorrie Frasure (4th year); Donn Worgs, Towson University (PhD. 2000). Donn and Tamelyn's children pictured: Kamel and Kamaria Also in attendance, not pictured: Guy DeWeever, James Bell and Associates (PhD. 2000); Valerie Johnson, DePaul University (PhD. 1995); Marion Orr, Brown University, (PhD. 1992).



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books Published

Virginia Haufler's "Enabling Economies of Peace" (co-authored with Karen Ballentine)United Nations Press.

Miranda Schreurs and Hidefumi Imura eds., Environmental Policy in Japan (Edward Elgar, 2005). (May release in UK; July release in US).

Vladimir Tismaneanu's book "Stalinism for All Seasons: A Political History of Romanian Communism," came out in Romanian translation, with a new foreword by the author, at one of

Romania's most prestigious publishing houses, Polirom. Vladimir will be in Romania between May 30-June 15 to participate in numerous book launchings.

Articles, Chapters, Book Reviews

Gar Alperovitz' "A Rich Country Can Be More Generous," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 27, 2005. "The Centrality of the Atomic Bomb" with Kai Bird, in *In Democracy's Shadow, The Secret World of National Security*, ed. Marcus Raskin and Carl LeVan, (New York: Nation Books, 2005). "America Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming our Wealth, Our Liberty and Our Democracy," *Philosophy and Public Policy Quarterly*, volume 25, number 1/2 (winter/spring 2005), pp. 23-35. And his article "The Next Wave: Building a University Civic Engagement Service for the 21st Century," with Ted Howard, *Journal of Higher Education, Outreach and Engagement*, Spring Issue 2005, is forthcoming.

Charles Butterworth's "Conservatism, Society, and Politics," in International Symposium on Conservatism and Democracy: 10-11 January 2004 (Ankara: Ak Parti Yayinlari, 2004), 53-57. Charles reviewed David Williams, Condorcet and Modernity in *Choice* 42/8 (April, 2005), 4905.

Scott Kastner's "Partisanship and the Path to Financial Openness." *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 38, no. 5 (June 2005): 484-506. With Chad Rector.

Joe Oppenheimer had an entry for the Palgrave Dictionary of Economics on the life and work of Mancur Olson accepted.

Margaret Pearson's article on Chinese regulatory politics appears in *World Politics* (January 2005). The article is entitled "The Business of Governing Business in China."

Miranda Schreurs and Hideofumi Imura eds., "Introduction" in Hideofumi Imura and Miranda Schreurs, eds., *Environmental Policy in Japan* (Edward Elgar, 2005). Miranda Schreurs', "Environmental Policy-making in the Advanced Industrialized Countries: Japan, the European Union and the United States of America Compared," in Hideofumi Imura and Miranda Schreurs, eds., *Environmental Policy in Japan* (Edward Elgar, 2005). Miranda's "Promoting Environmental Regionalism in East Asia: Environmental Security and Cooperation," in Akio Igarashi, ed., *New Perspectives on East Asian Security* (Meiseki Press, 2005). Chapter translated by Katsura Fujiike who is one of our own PH.D. alumni. Also, "Civil Society, International Relations and the Promotion of Environmental Cooperation in East Asia," in *Korea Observer*, Vol. 36, No. 1, Spring 2005, pp. 111-42.

Jillian Schwedler's article "Cop Rock: Protest, Identity, and Dancing Riot Police in Jordan" was published in the Spring issue of *Social Movement Studies*.

Vladimir Tismaneanu's "Threats to Liberal Values: The Persistence of Nationalism and Populism in post-Cold War Europe," forthcoming from *Nexus Institute Proceedings*, Amsterdam. And his "Romania after the 2004 Elections: Prospects for Democratic Consolidation," *Journal of Democracy*, April 2005, co-authored with Peter Gross, School of Journalism and Communications, University of Oklahoma.

Grants and Awards

Christian Davenport was awarded a Research Fellowship at the Center for the Study of Civil War at the Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO) for 2006-2007.

Dorith Grant-Wisdom won the award for "Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Campus and Local Community" by the African Students Association at its Annual Tribute to Women of Color Ceremony. This event took place on Thursday, March 17. She also won the "Women and Top" Award for the 2004-2005 school year by the Black Government & Politics Society. This is in "Recognition of Your success as a Positive Role Model to Minority Women".

Scott Kastner received a Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program postdoctoral fellowship to study at Princeton next year.

Joe Oppenheimer is a co-PI on a 3 year Social Science Research Council of Canada grant to study how the structure of democracy affects the attainment of social justice. Joe was also been selected for inclusion in the 9th edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, having been nominated apparently by 'a successful former student.' About 15% of those in the volume are college teachers.

Ron Walters was presented the 2005 NCAPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Award.

Lectures and Presentations

Gar Alperovitz' "The University as Historic Political-Economic Actor," the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 30-31, 2005. His lecture "America Beyond Capitalism," at the Washington Book Forum, American University, April 5, 2005. And this month "The Lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," at Lifting the Shadow: Toward a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World Conference at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, May 2, 2005. As well as his lecture "Blue State Blues Conference" at the Wolfson Center for National Affairs at the New School, New York, NY, May 2, 2005.

Charles Butterworth presented "Democracy: Praiseworthy, Warts and Blemishes Notwithstanding?" at Seminar on the Reception and Development of Greek Political Thought in Classical Islam, Department of Political Science and International Relations and the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center, Goucher College, April 13, 2005. And presented "The Political Education of a Way-ward Ruler, what Shahrayar learned from Shahrazade," at The Arabian Nights - Eastern and Western Vantage Points, Conference sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, April 22-23, 2005.

Virginia Haufler was a panelist, "What is the Value of the UN to the US and the World?," campus event sponsored by the International Finance and Economics Association (Business School), April 20

Paul Herrnson and colleagues on the project to study voting technology and ballot design presented *The Promise and Pitfalls of Electronic Voting Machines: Results from a Usability Field Experiment* at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005. Paul Herrnson and colleagues on the project to study voting technology and ballot design presented *The Impact of Voting Systems on Residual Votes, Incomplete Ballots, and Other Measures of Voting Behavior* at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005.

Scott Kastner presented two papers at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 7-10, "Trade Policy Openness, Domestic Political Institutions, and Environmental Performance" (with Michael Hiscox and Joanne Manrique) and "Making Restraint Credible: Prospects for Political Integration across the Taiwan Strait" (with Chad Rector).

Joe Oppenheimer gave a lecture on how the structure of democracy affects the attainment of social justice at Carnegie Mellon University. Joe also presented a paper on experimental results supporting a new cognitive theory of choice at the Public Choice Society.

Margaret Pearson lectured at American University on economic regulation in China in April.

Miranda Schreurs was invited to participate as a paper author and discussant at the workshop, Security and Securitization: How Non-Traditional Security Issues Are Securitized, Hosted by Iimin International Relations Institute, Korea University. Sponsored by the Ford Foundation April 26, 2005, Seoul, Korea. She was also invited to present a paper, "The Politics of Acid Rain in Europe" at the conference "Acid in the Environment: Lessons Learned and Future Prospects" sponsored by the Goodwin Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies at Connecticut College, April 1-2, 2005. Miranda was also invited to present a paper, "A Comparative History of US and Japanese Environmental Movements," at the International Conference on Geographical and Historical Conditions for Nature Restoration, February 28, 2005, Nagoya University, Japan. And invited to present a paper, "The Development of Cyclical Societies and Environmental Governance in the United States, Germany, and Japan," at the Comparative Conference on Cyclical Societies (Junkangata Shakai), Hokkaido University, Japan, February 20, 2005.

Jillian Schwedler gave talks at the Middle East Policy Council and for Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society. She will give talks in May at Ohio State University and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and will participate in a small workshop at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs on the direction of scholarly studies of politics in the Middle East.

Vladimir Tismaneanu "Twin Brothers: Stalinism and Nazism," presentation at the conference "Open Wounds: Communism, Nazism, and the 20th century", organized by the Einstein Forum and the Remarque Institute (NYU), Potsdam, April 14-16, 2005 and "The Future of the Romanian Social Democratic Party," interview with Radio Free Europe, April 22, 2005. Vladimir will also introduce Romania's foreign minister at Wilson Center. CSPCS will co-sponsor, together with the Romanian Embassy in Washington and the Wilson Center a lecture by Romanian Foreign Minister, Mihai-Razvan Ungureanu who will speak on May 6, 2005 at the Wilson Center on "Advancing Romania's Eu Membership and thge Strategic Partnership with the US."

Ric Uslaner will teach as a Fulbright Senior Specialist at Novosibirsk State Technical University, Novosibirsk, Russia, May 15-28. He will make a presentation on terrorism and trust at the **The Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security** sponsored by the Turkish National Police, Istanbul, Turkey, June 9-11. Ric will present a paper, "The Inequality Trap," at the WIDER Jubilee Conference, *WIDER Thinking Ahead: The Future of Development Economics*, WIDER-United Nations University, 17-18 June 2005, Helsinki, Finland. And will present a paper, "Inequality and the Quality of Go vernaent," at the 2005 Meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Budapest, Hungary, June 29-July 2, 2005.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Lectures and Presentations

Lorrie Ann Frasure (co-authored with Michael Jones-Correa) presented the paper entitled, “NIMBY’s Newest Neighbors: Bureaucratic Constraints, Community-Based Organizing and the Day Laborer Movement in Suburbia”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. April 7-10, 2005. Lorrie also participated in the panel entitled “Immigration” for the Cornell Mosaic Conference, Ithaca, NY. April 29-May 1, 2005. Frasure’s presentation was entitled “Inequality and Immigrant Spatial Location in Suburbia”.

Grants and Awards

Lorrie Ann Frasure received the Ford Foundation Dissertation Award.

Adam Hoffman who has accepted a job as a Public Policy Analyst at the National Council of Nonprofit Associations in Washington DC. NCNA is a membership-based organization with a mission to advance the role and capacity of the nonprofit sector in civil society and support and give voice to state associations of nonprofit organizations. Adam will conduct state and federal policy research on campaign finance reform and a variety of other issues that affect the nonprofit sector.

Maren Milligan was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Nigeria in what was a very competitive year!! She will spend next year in Nigeria and Lebanon conducting field research for her dissertation on transnational Islamist networks.



SCHEDULE

MAY 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 FACULTY MEETING 11-12:15 1208 Tawes	3 Democracy Collaborative Research Seminar 12-2, 1208 Tawes	4	5	6 <i>American Politics Workshop</i> TYD 1111 10:30-12:00	7
8	9 <i>Executive Committee Mtg</i> 11-12:15	10 Democracy Collaborative Research Seminar 12-2, 1208 Tawes	11	12	13 GVPT End of Year/ Heisler's Retirement and Karen Bond's Farewell Party. 3140 TYD, 2-4pm	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 University Commencement 7pm Comcast
22 GVPT Graduation Ceremony 5pm Reckord Armory	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Now to access the calendar, click on the little person and select my name. Click on the Calendar, Select the current Month, 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.