

GVPT NEWS

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[MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR](#)

We are in the middle of the semester, and our centers and fields are maintaining a busy schedule. Some of these events are shown in the monthly schedule which appears at the

end of this newsletter. For details and information about these and other events, please check the information and announcements contained herein.

Shana Marshal and Cynthia Burack have provided interesting columns on current and past Ph.D.s. Their input is very much appreciated!

Two department meetings are now scheduled for this semester November 14 11-12:15 in 1208 Tawes which Dean Ed Montgomery will be attending, and everyone is urged to attend. The second meeting is scheduled for November 30th 11-12:15, location TBA.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Undergraduate Advising

The Undergraduate Weekly Newsletter is now available on the undergraduate portion of the GVPT newsletter. Find out what announcements including internship and scholarship opportunities are being broadcasted every week to all GVPT undergraduate majors.

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/undergraduate/newsletter/index.html>

Registration Policies

GVPT majors are restricted from registering for no more than three GVPT courses per semester. If students need additional courses in order to graduate in a timely manner they should speak with advising.

GVPT 241 will have 10% of its seats held for freshman and sophomore students who need the course in order to complete the GVPT gateway requirements in time. These seats will be released towards the end of November as needed.

Independent Studies and Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Registration

If faculty are interested in having undergraduates participate in their research, complete an undergraduate readings course, or some other form of independent study with students, please have the student pick up an "Independent Study" contract from the advising office. Faculty should work with the students to determine what assignments will be required and deadlines associated with the work. As a reminder, independent studies courses are considered equivalent to upper level seminar courses and count towards GVPT students' major requirements. Readings and assignments should be as rigorous as any other upper level GVPT course. Once you and the student have filled out and signed the form, it should be returned to the advising office, and the student will be allowed to register for GVPT388 under the faculty member's section.

If faculty are interested in having students TA for their undergraduate courses, there are two ways for students to receive credit. Through the University Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Program (UTA) which details can be found on this website:

<http://cte.umd.edu/teaching/utainfo.html> However, if students would like to receive GVPT credit, they must follow the procedures for an independent study course outlined above. Although preparing for and leading discussion are considered part of the assignments for a UTA, there should also be an academic component of the experience (i.e. a final research paper) since the course counts as an upper level GVPT course. Also, in order to be eligible to be a UTA, student must have received an "A" in the course which they are TAing for. If you have any questions about these policies, please ask advising.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Upcoming Pi Sigma Alpha Events:

White House Tours for members - November 1, 2005

Exploring the seat of government with a guided tour of the White House and its history

Arnold and Porter Open House - November 9, 2005

Part of the Post-Graduation Lecture series, this open house will allow members to sit down with the lawyers of Arnold and Porter, one of DC's top law firms, to find out about career and internship opportunities in law, law schools and the dreaded application process.

Crash Viewing and Discussion - November 2005

Dr. Williams will be joining PSA in discussing the critically acclaimed movie "Crash" and the racial and political themes explored in this film.

Mardi Gras Night for Hurricane Katrina Relief - December 2005

A celebration of the Big Easy with games, jazz, and authentic creole food. Raffels and other games to raise money for the Red Cross will be going on all night long

Wayne McIntosh

GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty members who have not yet submitted their RA/TA preference lists should do so as soon as possible. These lists are due, and Ann Marie and I need them to complete the RA/TA assignments for Spring 2006.

January comprehensive exam committees will be finalized soon. If you are planning to take a comp in January, and your committee has not been set, please let me know as soon as possible.

Graduate students interested in teaching during Summer 2006 should submit proposals to Beth immediately. For information about summer teaching opportunities, see below:

The Department is requesting course proposals for Summer 2006. The criteria for teaching in the summer session are as follows:

1. Applicants must have completed two years of graduate work.
2. Applicants who have not taught summer school are preferred to applicants who have taught summer school.
3. Applicants who have not taught winter school are preferred to applicants who have taught winter school.
4. Applicants teaching within their fields are preferred to students teaching outside their fields.

Additionally, all interested applicants may submit more than one proposal, but if selected you will only be able to teach one course. We ask the joint proposals **only** be submitted if you are interested in teaching online courses. The following courses are open for proposals:

Session 1

GVPT 200

GVPT 231

GVPT 4xx - Any upper-level GVPT course that would appeal to a variety of interests

GVPT xxx- Online Course

Session 2

GVPT 100

GVPT 170

GVPT 241

GVPT 432

GVPT 4xx - Upper-Level American Government course,

GVPT xxx - Online Course

New Teaching Opportunities:

Online Courses:

The department will also consider proposals for online courses taught in either semester. Interested students should know that online courses require additional effort in creating the online course material. If you submit an online course proposal please address how the course is suited for this format.

Shady Grove:

The University of Maryland at Shady Grove is interested in proposals for courses taught **at the Shady Grove campus**. Course proposals are open to any topic, but they must be upper-level courses.

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

I am happy to report that a number of our students have been invited for interviews. As many of you have noticed, one result is that there are many practice job talks littering your calendar. These practice job talks are often critical to the success of any candidate. In a competitive job market, it is a sign of success just to be invited to interview—but ultimately, we want job offers. The performance of a candidate during the interview, and especially during the job talk, can be the key to eliciting an offer. Practice job talks, with an audience willing to provide constructive feedback, can really make the difference. Thank you to all of you who attend these talks.

I would also like to bring to the attention of graduate students the importance of your cover letter. This is sent separately from your placement file, directly from you. Many institutions will not look at your file until they have a “letter of intent” from you. These letters are your opportunity to supplement and explain anything that is not obvious from your c.v. In addition, it allows you to tailor your interests and expertise to the job, the department, and the institution. Please do not hesitate to share these letters with me before you send them out, so I can review them and make suggestions for improvement.

As of October 24, the APSA eJobs online listed 95 openings for Assistant Professors in American politics; 100 in Comparative; 99 in International Relations; 29 in Theory; Methods had 18; Public Administration 42; Public Law 35; Policy 45; and Other 35. In addition, there were 28 listings that were Open/ Multiple Ranks.

Virginia Haufler, Placement Director



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**Next GSA Meeting – Presentation on Human Subject Research
With Representative from the Institutional Review Board:**

Hi, folks. Just a reminder that our next GSA Meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 11 am in Tydings 1111. We will have a representative from the Institutional Research Board on hand to answer such frequently asked questions as:

When do I need to submit a proposal to the IRB?

What form(s) are needed to apply to do an experiment involving human subjects?
Is some research exempt from review?
If my sponsored project proposal uses human subjects, how does ORAA find out that I am approved?
What is Minimal Risk?
What is a Consent Form?

Learning this stuff now will save you a lot of hassle later when you are getting ready to conduct your research.

We will also be following up on items from the last meeting, such as feedback on summer comprehensive exams, our discussion of the teaching awards system and the faculty meeting, progress on the graduate student laboratory, setting up a GVPT Happy Hour and anything else folks are concerned or thinking about. See you then!

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



STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

GIFT, WATER COOLER, 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 **WATER COOLER FUND**: \$15.00 for the semester or \$25.00 for the year

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 or \$25.00 for the year



GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP COLUMN

By Shana Marshall

Policy Expert or Unyielding Academic: Which type of mentor to Choose?

There are many distinctions a student should make regarding the professors in her department when deciding upon a mentor. Similar interests, similar values, and personal compatibility are just a few. A mentor's preference for the policy world vs. academia is also an important distinction to make when choosing a mentor. For me, having a mentor who is involved in the policy world has had definite benefits.

Since I came to Maryland my research interests have oscillated between Islamic social movements and neoliberal economic reform in the Arab world. Having the opportunity to work with Professor Shibley Telhami on his Arab public opinion projects has exposed me to important elements of public opinion that are relevant to both, such as Muslim views of US foreign policy and women in the workplace. In addition, this work has widened the scope of possible questions for my future research, honed my survey and statistical analysis skills, and perhaps most importantly, given me access to an impressive policy rolodex.

One thing Professor Telhami has always insisted upon is that I contact those individuals and organizations that we would like to work with so that I may begin to develop a rapport with them. I have also been able to accompany Professor Telhami to a press conference on the poll results jointly released by the Sadat Chair and Zogby International and have worked with the staff of both Zogby International and PIPA (Program on International Policy Attitudes).

Of course, there are drawbacks to having a mentor who is intensely involved in the policy world. Chances are they are less available for advising because of off-campus commitments, however, with patience and planning this can be overcome.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PH.D's

Learning how to be an academic

By: Cynthia Burack a Ph.D graduate of 1991.

In the winter of 1983 I was 25 years old and I worked in a furniture store in Baltimore. A college graduate, I had more education than anyone in my extended family had ever received and no idea how to plot a career path that might take me beyond my working class experience. When I applied to the graduate program in Government and Politics I was looking for a venue in which I could study political thought. Once there, I encountered a world of relationships and intellectual activity for which I am still deeply grateful.

In Government and Politics, I worked primarily with Fred Alford, Jim Glass, and Ron Terchek in GVPT; from them I learned not only lessons that were on the syllabus but also much about how to be an academic. Because of my interests in women and gender, I ventured outside the department and worked with Evelyn Beck, former Director of what was then the Women's Studies Program. I relied on other grad students for emotional and intellectual sustenance (I was a student in the department for so long that I was blessed with both an early and a late cohort). Finally, and just

as important, I sang with the Maryland Chorus under founder and former Director, Paul Traver. My graduate experience was deep and broad and, even when my judgment about how to make an academic career faltered from time to time, I wouldn't give up any part of this background.

Since I left Maryland in 1991, I've taught at George Washington University, the University of Florida, and at Ohio State, where I teach today. I've been affiliated with women's studies and political science, and my career has taken me in unexpected directions, both geographically and intellectually. Although my present appointment is in women's studies, I remain active in political science and consider the discipline my intellectual home. Political science continues to become more and more open to non-traditional kinds of work, including work associated with gender, race, and sexuality, and I'm pleased to participate in the discipline as an interdisciplinary scholar. My current work on the antigay politics of the Christian right owes much to all the influences in my intellectual life.



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.

Starting in September, the workshop will meet bi-monthly on Fridays in Tydings 1111 from 10:30 to 12:00. 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 workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

November 4

Professor Karen Kaufmann, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland and Professor Ben Bishin, Department of Political Science, University of Miami.

“Power Struggles, Pan-Ethnic Ties, and Latino Political Behavior”

November 18

Graduate Student Laura Hussey, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland

“Are Social Welfare Programs ‘Pro-Life’? Individual Analyses of Low Income Women”

December 2

Professors Mark Lichbach and Ric Uslaner, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland

“Jews, Identity, Liberalism and Voting”

DC AREA WORKSHOP ON CONTENTIOUS POLITICS

As the semester prepares to begin, we wanted to invite you to attend and welcome you to submit a paper for this semester’s workshop on contentious politics: repression, human rights violation, genocide, protest, civil war, terrorism, strikes, everyday resistance and interstate conflict. Any questions about the workshop you can contact Jack A. Goldstone, Hazel Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University, (703)993-1409 or email at jgoldsto@gmu.edu. The project webpage can be found at: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/davenport/dcawcp/index.htm>.

The objectives:

- to improve our understanding of contention all over the world;
- to sharpen our theoretical and methodological tools to understand the phenomenon; and,
- to promote interdisciplinary communication among researchers from various fields who are interested in many parts of the globe.

The format:

- one unpublished manuscript (a maximum of 50 pages, including notes and end matter, accompanied by a one-page memo outlining what specifically is desired from the reading audience) is distributed one week prior to each session;
- two critics and a moderator are selected;
- at the designated session, critics open with ten-minute critiques of the paper, the author then replies briefly, followed by a period of question-and-answer

The workshop will be held at:

George Mason University – Fairfax, Virginia
Bldg. School of Public Policy, Rm TBA
Phone: 703-993-1409

Wednesdays, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

To facilitate greater access and participation of all members, some sessions will be held at affiliate institutions (University of Maryland, American University and the American Association for the Advancement of Science) as well as the home office of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC. Individuals will be informed via email when a change of venue is taking place.

For consideration:

Please submit a paper title, abstract and date preference to jgoldsto@gmu.edu. You will be informed of the selection committee's decision (Jack Goldstone, Christian Davenport, Jillian Schwedler and Mark Lichbach) and then a schedule will be placed on the net - after which time we will seek reviewers/critics for the different papers.

Sessions will take place on the following dates: November 2, November 16, November 30.

CIDCM SEMINAR SERIES

November 2, 2005

"Arab Public Opinion on the US" By Shibley Telhami, Director, Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace & Development, Center for International Development and Conflict Management. 11:30am - 1:00pm, 0139 Tydings Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

November 30, 2005

"In Defense of Islam," Suheil Bushrui, Bahai Chair for World Peace, Center for International Development and Conflict Management. 11:30am – 1:00pm, 0139 Tydings Hall.

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:

Monday, November 7, 11:30-1:00

"Why Talk about the Kharijites and Why Now?" Nelly Lahoud, Goucher College

Dr. Lahoud is assistant professor of Political Science at Goucher College. Location: 1101 Morrill Hall. Note: This event is organized and sponsored by the Political Theory/Philosophy Sub-Field.

Thursday, November 10, 11-12:30

"The Global Vision of American Evangelicals: Islam and the Middle East" Melani McAlister, George Washington University.

Dr. McAlister is associate professor of American Studies and International Relations at George Washington University, and author of Epic Encounters: Culture, Media, and US Interests in the Middle East, 1945-2000 (California 2001, 2005). Location: TBA

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

CP4 FALL WORKSHOP

Below is the list of fall 2005 workshops for the Committee on Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy. Workshops meet on Fridays from 2-3:30 in 1136 Tydings Hall. This year CP4 will be ran by Professor Karol Soltan and he can be reached at ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu or 301-405-4135.

November 11

Adrienne Martin, National Institutes of Health
"Hope in Our Relationship with Medicine"

December 9

Dale Jamieson, New York University
"Topic: TBA"

FIELD MEETINGS

Political Philosophy/Theory sub-field lecture:

Monday, November 7, 11:30-1:00, 1101 Morrill Hall. "Why Talk about the Kharijites and Why Now?" Professor Nelly Lahoud, Goucher College. A light

lunch and suitable beverages will be served, so please be kind enough to reply to this announcement.



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship Mission Statement

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship provides citizens and policy-makers with research on critical issues related to the nation's political institutions, processes, and policies. One of the major challenges we face as Americans is to uphold and strengthen our nation's system of democratic governance. CAPC is committed to improving the relationships between citizens, government, politics, and public policy. We use research, education, and outreach to improve understanding of issues, such as campaign ethics, money in politics, and election reform. Through our work, we increase the contributions that the academic community, specifically the University of Maryland, makes to the conduct of American politics.

Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture

Paul Herrnson received the Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award for 2005. His DST lecture, *Beyond the Hanging Chad: The Promise and Performance of Electronic Voting Systems*, was on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 4 pm in Marie Mount 1400. Herrnson's research provides a comparative analysis of six electronic voting systems, including a prototype developed at the University of Maryland. Herrnson's presentation included a comparison of different voting machines, ballot designs, and voter responses.

CAPC's Usability Study with the Maryland State Board of Elections

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship's usability study on voting verification systems with the Maryland State Board of Elections will be conducted throughout November. CAPC plans to conduct field tests at various public places, including two malls, a retirement center, and on campus. All GVPT faculty, staff, graduate, and undergraduate students are invited to participate. Stipends will be available for students who wish to work on this project.

Visiting Faculty Members

Dr. Charles Hadley and Dr. Gary Remer are new additions to the Center for American Politics. These two visiting professors are from the University of New Orleans and

Tulane University, respectively. The Center is accommodating them until they can return to their home universities.

[Upcoming CAPC Newsletter](#)

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship's fall newsletter will be coming out at the end of November. This newsletter will include articles on Hurricane Katrina, CAPC's Career seminar, Internships, an article by Charles Hadley, and much more.

[Conference Paper Presentations](#)

"An Overview of Electronic Voting Systems" presentation at the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences on September 29 and "Electronic Voting Systems" presentation at the Hanseatic Institute on October 1.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM Seminar Series

We are happy to announce three upcoming events, please mark your calendars! As always, the Series will be held in the CIDCM conference room at 11:30 AM. A light lunch will be provided.

- **November 2, 2005 (Wednesday)** – “**Arab Public Opinion on the U.S.**” Professor Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland.
- **November 30, 2005 (Wednesday)** - “**In Defense of Islam.**” Professor Suheil Bushrui, Director, Bahai Chair for World Peace. University of Maryland.
- **December 12, 2005 (Monday)** - "**Preemption and Preventive War: Issues and Precedents.**" Professor George Quester, Government & Politics. University of Maryland.

New 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 Semester 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.

Anwar Sadat Chair Events:

October 11

Launched major public opinion survey in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, and the United Arab Emirates. The survey will conclude by the middle of November.

December 6

Organized a special Sadat Chair event on the "State of US Relations with the Muslim World" with former Secretary of Defense William Cohen, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim, and Washington Post correspondent, Robin Wright. Event is scheduled for 4-6 pm.

The Harrison Program

BIG GIG' READING GROUP: The next meeting of the Big GIG (Global Issues Group) will be Monday November 21, from 1:30-3:00 in Tydings 1136. We will be discussing Francis Fukuyama's Statebuilding. Copies for graduate student use will be

available shortly. For further information or to suggest books for future sessions, contact Karol Soltan at ksolatan@gvpt.umd.edu

DOCTORAL STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: We would like to continue the series of occasional presentations of in-progress doctoral student research during the fall semester. If you are interested in presenting in November or December, contact Ken Conca at kconca@gvpt.umd.edu

2005-06 HARRISON FELLOW-JUNE SWINSKI: One of the Harrison Program Fellows for 2005-06 is June Swinski, a fourth-year GVPT doctoral student with interests in international relations and political philosophy. June's research interests center on how ideas become institutionalized and the politics of changing ideas. Her dissertation research focuses on non-state actors and conservative social movements and advocacy networks in the international arena.

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 in the spring. For more information, contact Ken Conca.

SPEAKER SERIES: We are focusing the speaker series for 2005-06 in part on the recent or ongoing work of GVPT faculty. If you would like to speak on a topic related to Harrison Program themes of global governance, globalization, transnationalism, the global environment, or global futures (all broadly defined), contact Ken Conca to schedule a date.

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
November, 2005



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books out or in press

Dennis Pirages and Ken Cousins, eds. "From Resource Scarcity to Ecological Security: Exploring New Limits to Growth," MIT Press, 2005.

Wilkenfeld, Jon, Kathleen J. Young, David M. Quinn and Victor Asal have a new book out "Mediating International Crises." Routledge Taylor and Francis group.

Articles or Chapters in Print

Frances Lee had a book chapter out this month: "Interests, Constituencies and Policymaking" in *Institutions of American Democracy: The Legislative Branch*, eds. Paul J. Quirk and Sarah A. Binder, New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Vladimir Tismaneanu's article on "Raymond Aron and the Problem of Political Messianism" will come out this Fall in "Studia Politica," the Romanian political science quarterly. Vladimir's article on "Threats to Liberalism in United Europe" came out in the 2005 issue of the journal Nexus, published in Netherlands by the Nexus Institute.

Awards

Steve Elkin received the Phillip Merrill Faculty Mentor Award and will be honored at a ceremony on November 4 at the Samuel L. Riggs Alumni Center.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Chris Davenport conducted a 2 week workshop on human rights documentation and analysis with the Navsarjan Trust - An organization dedicated toward the documentation and elimination of untouchability in Gujarat, India. We are designing a project to investigate the practice of untouchability in 3000 villages (later to be expanded to 6,000).

Paul Herrnson's "An Overview of Electronic Voting Systems" presentation at the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences on September 29 and "Electronic Voting Systems" presentation at the Hanseatic Institute on October 1.

Frances Lee gave a presentation at the Department of Government at William and Mary entitled "Principled and Unprincipled Partisanship in the Contemporary U.S. Senate," September 23, 2005.

Jillian Schwedler will be giving two lectures: "Political Inclusion and the Challenge of Religious Moderation," at the Department of Political Science of Johns Hopkins University (November 9); and "New Directions in the Study of Conflict," at the Fulbright Association Annual Conference in Baltimore (November 12). She is also chairing two panels at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting in Washington DC (November 20-24).

Shibley Telhami spoke on the following panels "Making the Vote Real: Beyond the Voting Rights Act" at the Second Annual Wiley A. Branton Symposium, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC, October 28, 2008. "The Middle East: From Camp David I through Camp David II--power and power asymmetries" at a workshop The Challenge of Conflict Resolution in Highly Asymmetric Conflicts" at the Institute of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, October 28, 2005. "Combating Catastrophic Terror A Security Strategy for the Nation," Center for American Progress, Washington, DC, October 26, 2005. A panel organized by the Newseum, "Reporting Terrorism and Natural Disasters: Do Americans Feel Secure?" National Press Club, Washington, DC, October 24, 2005. "Sources of Discontent: Arab and Muslim Attitudes Toward the United States," St. Albans Episcopal Church, Washington, DC, October 23, 2005. "Human Rights and the Media" at a conference on Human Rights and Humanities, City University of New York, October 21, 2005. On public diplomacy in the Middle East, Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR), Washington, DC, October 7, 2005. At a forum "Clash of Misperceptions: US and the Middle East since 9/11" at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, October 20, 2005. Delivered a lecture on "Assessing the Impact of the Iraq War on US-Arab Relations," University of California, Los Angeles, October 18, 2005. Gave a luncheon talk about "The State of Middle Eastern and Israel Studies in American Universities," University of California, Los Angeles, October 18, 2005. Gave a talk on "The Stakes: America in the Middle East," at the Family Weekend, University of Maryland, October 14, 2005. Delivered keynote address at Glocal Conference at the Kennedy Center, about the Middle East after Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, Washington, DC, 2005. And spoke at a Democracy Collaborative dialogue on "The Iraq War & the Costs at Home" featuring "Peace Mom" Cindy Sheehan and "Unity Campaign" Senate Candidate Kevin Zeese, moderated by Professor Gar Alperovitz - September 27, 2005 at 8pm in the Memorial Chapel.

Vladimir Tismaneanu made a presentation October 26, 2005, on parties, ideologies, and personalities in contemporary Romania for the ambassadorial briefing conference prepared by the State Department for Mr. Nicholas Taubman, the new US ambassador to Romania. On October 27, 2005 Vladimir delivered the keynote lecture on "The End of Leninism and the Future of Liberal Values" at the International Young Researchers Conference on "Thinking in/after Utopia: East-European and Russian Philosophy before and after the Collapse of Communism, Miami University, Ohio. And in November 2005,

Vladimir will chair a panel on "New Perspectives on the Holocaust in Eastern Europe," at the Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Salt Lake City.

Ric Uslaner has an invited paper, "The Bulging Pocket and the Rule of Law: Corruption, Inequality, and Trust," at Quality of Government Conference, Göteborg, Sweden, November 17-19. Ric also had an invited presentation, "The Moral Foundations of Trust," at Social Trust – A Working Seminar ,Monday November the 7 th 2005, Ersta Hotel & Conference, Ersta Sköndal University College, Stockholm, Sweden.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Books out or in press

Dennis Pirages and **Ken Cousins**, eds. "From Resource Scarcity to Ecological Security: Exploring New Limits to Growth," MIT Press, 2005.

Wilkenfeld, Jon, **Kathleen J. Young, David M. Quinn and Victor Asal** have a new book out "Mediating International Crises." Routledge Taylor and Francis group.

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