

# GVPT NEWS

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Wednesday, September 11, 11-12:30 in 1101 Morrill Hall



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer.

As GVPT NEWS enters its seventh year of publication, I would like to restate the newsletter's purpose and content.

GVPT NEWS builds community among our faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, and staff. Our extended family, which includes alumni students and emeritus faculty, do many interesting and wonderful things, and this monthly newsletter is an excellent network to keep in touch with one another and update on one another's activities. To limit the clogging of your in-box, the newsletter is posted on our website.

GVPT NEWS contains short messages from the chair, directors of undergraduate and graduate studies, placement director, GVPT Student Association, staff, field coordinators and center directors. It also contains a list of recent faculty and graduate student achievements – the same list that is read at the beginning of faculty meetings.

Perhaps most importantly, GVPT NEWS has a monthly schedule of department events. This schedule, which is accumulated from our centers, fields and faculty, allows us to learn about interesting and important speakers, workshops, colloquia, brown-bags, and meetings. The schedule also allows us to better plan activities around the 11-1 time slots on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays that we have reserved for meetings. Faculty and Executive Committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays at 11. If you want to schedule a committee meeting, please check with Cissy. She can update the department's calendar, which appears at the back/end of this newsletter.

Please join me to welcome new faculty member **William Reed**.



William Reed studies international politics using econometric, formal models, experimental game theory. His current project explores the sources and influences of uncertainty and commitment problems on bargaining and war in international relations. Reed has published widely in such journals as American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, and International Interactions.

Let's make this an enjoyable and a productive year.

Mark I. Lichbach  
Professor and Chair



## **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

Welcome back GVPT students, faculty and staff! Ann Marie and I hope you had a restful (and productive) summer. This past year was a very productive one for our graduate students and our program, and we look forward to the same success this year.

Please join me in welcoming our entering class of 2009. The members of our entering class have substantive interests representing all of the primary fields in the department and are from all over the country (and world). As has been the case for several years, competition for a spot in our entering class was intense. This class consists of less than ten percent of our applicant pool. The entering class is as follows:

### American Politics

Brendyn O'Dell Alexander	Rochester Inst. of Tech./BS
Christina Heshmatpour	UMCP/BA UMCP/MPP
Antonio Rodriguez	S. Illinois Univ.-Carbondale/BA S. Illinois Univ.-Carbondale/MA
Joseph Wantz	UMBC/BA
Jatia Wrighten	Virginia Commonwealth U./BA
Dror Yuravlicker	McGill University/BA London School of Econ./MS Georgetown Univ./MPP

### Comparative Politics

Agatha Hultquist	Univ. of Connecticut-Storres/BA Univ. of Denver/MA
Daniel Owens	Univ. of Reading-England/BA Univ. Torcuato Di Tella Univ. /MA GW Univ./MA
Kimberly Wilson	Evangel College-Missouri/BA Southwest Missouri State U./MA

### International Relations

Kyoung Chang	Seoul Nat'l University/BA Univ. of N. Carolina-Chapel Hill/MA
Emma Davies	University of Delaware/BA
Roudabeh Kishi	Georgia Inst. of Tech./BS
Kenneth Matis	Univ. of Chicago/BA
Bilal Saab	American U. of Beirut-Lebanon/BA Univ. of St. Andrews-Scotland/MA

### Political Theory

Ashley Gorham	Oberline College/BA
Darragh McNally	Cork Nat'l Univ. of Ireland/BA Cork Nat'l Univ. of Ireland/MA
Alexander Racheotes	Wesleyan Univ./BA
Sihan Wang	Peiking Univ.-Beijing/BA New York Univ./MA

We welcome them with high expectations.

As we welcome the entering class, we also want to recognize those whose degrees were conferred in August.

Ph.D.Degrees

David A. Armstrong - Comparative Politics

Title: Investigating the Logic of the Domestic Democratic Peace

Committee:

Prof. Christian Davenport, Chair  
Prof. Johanna Birnir  
Prof. Paul Huth  
Prof. Piotr Swistak  
Prof. William Jacoby (Michigan State U)  
Prof. Meyer Kestnbaum, Dean's Rep (SOCY)

Michael C. Evans – American Politics

Title: To Remix or Restore the Old Constitution? Hamilton, Madison, and Jefferson on Liberty After Monarchy

Committee:

Prof. Wayne V. McIntosh, Chair  
Prof. Irwin L. Morris  
Prof. Karol Soltan  
Prof. Mark A. Graber  
Prof. Philip Resnick, Dean's Rep (Linguistics)

Daniel S. Gressang – International Relations

Title: Terrorism's Communicative Dynamic: Leveraging The Terrorist-Audience Relationship to Predict Organizational Evolution

Committee:

Prof. David Lalman, Chair

Prof. George Quester  
Prof. Warren Phillips  
Prof. C. Fred Alford  
Prof. Deborah Cai, Dean's Rep. (COMM)

Yookyong Shin – Comparative Politics

Title: The Power of Information: The Internet and the Rise of Soft Power

Committee:

Prof. Miranda Schreurs, Chair  
Prof. George Quester  
Prof. Marcus Franda  
Prof. James Glass  
Prof. Seung-Kyung Kim, Dean's Rep (WMST)

I would also like to welcome the new and returning members of the Graduate Studies Committee: Profs. Fred Alford, Antoine Banks, Daniel Corstange, Sarah Croco, and Bart Kaminski and GSA representatives Melissa Bell, Brittany Bramlett, and Benli Schechter.

Irwin Morris  
GVPT Graduate Director



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

#### **Meeting scheduled to discuss the contents of application packages sent out by students - August 31, 11-12 in Tydings 1111.**

Welcome to those of you just entering the program, and of course welcome back to those of you returning. I want to remind you all that I am happy to talk to anyone any time about career issues. For those students who are on the job market this year I will holding a meeting at the beginning of September to review and discuss the academic job search process. I will send out an email announcement with the date, time, and location for the meeting. I encourage all job applicants and interested students to attend.

It is essential that all students on the academic job market closely monitor the APSA eJobs website listings which is the main source of information on faculty, post-doc, and academic related job openings. This year the number of postings will most likely be lower than usual due to tight budgets at both public and private universities. Nevertheless, new job listings have been posted since early in the summer and most postings will appear by September or October. A smaller number of new postings, however, will continue to appear into the spring of 2010. The number of openings currently listed is smaller in several fields compared to last year such as American, Political Theory, Public Law, and Public Policy. The current totals are as follows: 64 openings in American; 78 in IR; 73 in Comparative; 21 in Theory; 14 Public Law; and 29 in Public Policy. A large majority of these positions are listed as assistant professor or open and multiple ranks.

Just a reminder to everyone to please attend when we organize a practice job talk for someone--these are critical to the success of our graduates, and they work best when the audience is not stacked with people from the same field--it mimics the actual job talk experience better if there is someone asking questions who is outside the field of interest.

All students on the job market should use the online academic placement management system, Interfolio. GVPT has an agreement with Interfolio to support student use of the system. Interfolio provides students with a lot of flexibility in putting together their placement file, as they can upload as many documents--and versions of documents--as they want. They can then select which ones to send out to which institutions. Students request letters of reference through the system, and faculty can upload their letters of reference directly to the site, or send a hard copy to Interfolio. More institutions are asking for material to be sent digitally, and this system makes it easy to do. If students need to establish or renew an existing account, they should contact me and I can then provide them with a GVPT code.

### **Placed**

Ciqi Mei will be joining the faculty at Tsinghua (Qinghua) University in Beijing. Tsinghua is generally regarded as one of China's top two universities, along with Beijing University.

I wish everyone searching for a job this year good luck!

Paul Huth  
Director of Placement



### **MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

As this is the first newsletter before the start of the new academic year, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new graduate students who will soon be loitering the halls with the rest of us, as well as welcome back all those who are returning to Tydings Hall.

The first GSA meeting of the fall semester will be on Wednesday, September 23rd at 11am in Tydings 1111. For those who don't know, GSA meetings are a great place to catch up with fellow grad students, get up to date on department news, and most importantly, to snack on the free pizza we have at every meeting. Our first order of business is to select a First-Year Representative for the 2009-2010 year. A full list of GSA Officers and Liaisons is below.

The GSA also hosts happy hour events in Maryland and DC. Our first happy hour event will be at Old Dominion Brew Pub in Hyattsville, just off the PG Plaza Metro on the Green line on August 25th after Orientation. You can find a tentative schedule below, but in general look out for emails from Seth Abrams (sdabrams@gmail.com), this year's GSA Social Chair, about upcoming events. Seth has got a lot of great events for GSA cooking but if you have something in mind, or if you've found an even cheaper happy hour menu, be sure to drop Seth a line.

And if you're not an obsessive email checker, be sure to take a look at the GSA announcement board in the 3rd floor hallway near the GVPT department office as you go to check your mail. New info about meetings and happy hour times and locations will be posted there, as well as any other information our fellow grad students want posted. Contact either of the co-chairs to have info put up.

As always, feel free to contact either Heather or myself with comments, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Heather Creek  
[hcreek@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:hcreek@gvpt.umd.edu)

Katie Kruger  
[kkruiger@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:kkruiger@gvpt.umd.edu)

Your GSA Co-Chairs

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### **2009-2010 GSA Officers and Liaisons**

GSA Co-Chairs: Katie Kruger & Heather Creek  
Social Chair: Seth Abrams  
Professional Development Officer: Molly Inman  
Int'l Student Liaison: Sung-Wook Paik  
Technology Liaison: Jesse-Douglas Mathewson

#### *Committee Assignments:*

Admissions: Emilbek Dzhuraev, Heather Creek and Mary Kate Schneider  
Graduate Studies: Melissa Bell, Benli Schechter and Brittany Bramlett  
Undergraduate Studies: Alison Staudinger  
Teaching Committee: Jesse-Douglas Mathewson  
BSOS Policy and Curriculum: Breanna Forni  
GVPT Awards: James Curry

#### *Subfield Representatives:*

American Politics: Steve Yoder  
Comparative Politics: Mary Kate Schneider  
International Relations: Molly Inman  
Political Philosophy: Jesse Kirkpatrick  
CP4: Jesse Kirkpatrick  
Formal Theory: Steve Wendell and Maria Dimitriu  
Methodology: James Curry  
Political Economy: Jesse-Douglas Mathewson

### **GSA (Tentative) Happy Hour Schedule**

Tuesday, August 25: Old Dominion Brew Pub (PG Plaza Metro)

Wednesday, September 15: Buffalo Wild Wings in the IKEA Center  
(Seth will buy a beer for the first person to eat 6 atomic wings, or whatever's hottest)

Thursday, October 22: Hanks Tavern (PG Plaza Metro)



## **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

Welcome to the Fall 2009 semester! We hope that you are excited about the upcoming semester. Below is important information regarding undergraduate courses and teaching, upcoming events, and contact information for our office.

### **Course and Teaching Policies**

The following restrictions apply to Government & Politics courses:

- 400-level GVPT courses are restricted to GVPT majors only. No exceptions.
- The department does not oversubscribe students into courses which are full. The department follows the waitlist strictly.
- Non-GVPT majors may only take 1 GVPT course per semester (100-300 level). GVPT majors may only take 3 GVPT courses per semester. No exceptions.

If you have any questions about these policies, or if students would like to discuss these policies further, please see the GVPT advising office in 3104 Tydings Hall.

### **Waitlist and Holdfile Information**

#### *Seats on Hold*

You may notice that GVPT courses listed on Testudo have slightly smaller seat totals than usual. That is because the department has kept a few seats reserved in each course in case of advising emergencies. On the first day of classes, all seats will open up, so the first few students off the waitlist will likely get a seat in the course.

#### *What is a waitlist or a holdfile?*

The waitlist is the virtual "line" to get into the class. As a seat becomes available, the first student "in line" will earn that spot. The department follows the waitlist strictly - students can't cut in line by being oversubscribed.

The holdfile is similar in that it is a line for the course; however, the holdfile is for students who do not meet the initial qualifications for the course. This could be that they are not GVPT majors, do not have enough credits, or do not meet some other restriction. After the first day of classes, the holdfile will become the end of the waitlist, putting holdfile students at the end of the virtual line to get into the course.

### **Events**

The department has scheduled an alumni event for the fall semester. The Alumni-Student-Faculty mixer is scheduled for Thursday, September 24 at 6.30PM. As usual, the event will be held at McCormick & Schmick's at 9th & F Streets NW. For more information about this event, please email [gvptalumni@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:gvptalumni@gvpt.umd.edu).

In addition, the department will be hosting a GVPT Honors welcome reception on Monday, September 21 for Honors and Banneker Key students. Please join us in Morrill Hall from 4PM-6PM

### **Advising Office**

The GVPT Advising Office has hired a new advisor! Please help us welcome Ms. Anne Marie Poblador to our department. Prior to joining our office, Anne Marie worked with the Asian American Health Initiative, part of the Department of Health and Human Services in Montgomery County, Maryland, to help eliminate health disparities in the Asian American community. Anne Marie received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs from Trinity University in Washington, DC.

Please feel free to contact the Academic Advisors with undergraduate advising questions:

Felecia Commodore: [fcommodore@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:fcommodore@gvpt.umd.edu) (P): 301-405-4142

Anne Marie Poblador: [apoblador@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:apoblador@gvpt.umd.edu) (P): 301-405-4124

For general questions, contact the advising staff at [advising@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:advising@gvpt.umd.edu).

### Maryland Internship Program

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC), with the Department of Government and Politics, is launching the Maryland Internship Program, a comprehensive program focused on State government that will allow students to integrate what they learn in the classroom with real world experience in the political process. 15-20 highly-qualified undergraduate students will be placed in internships in State government offices. Course credit and stipends will be earned by participants for attending weekly seminars and completing various assignments, aside from their internship responsibilities. For more information, or if you are interested in participating, please contact Michael Charlebois at [mcharleb@capc.umd.edu](mailto:mcharleb@capc.umd.edu) or by phone at 301-314-2736.

Karen Kaufmann  
GVPT Interim Undergraduate Director



### STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

#### MAILBOXES

In case you haven't noticed that there are no more boxes on the floor in the mailroom, we are now putting little red magnets that say **"You have a package"** on the outer side of your mailboxes if you have a box/es instead. The boxes are now located in the back of the mailroom. Please return the magnets to the main office once you have picked up the items.

Graduate Students: Please make every effort to clear out your mailboxes. Overflowing mailboxes send the department a signal that you do not need a mailbox.

#### GIFT FUND

It is that time of year to begin collecting for the gift fund.

If you would like to participate in the **GIFT FUND**, payments must be made in CASH for easy access to the fund. This fund is used for baby gifts, flowers, etc. sent to current department members (Faculty, Graduate Students and Staff).

Faculty: \$25.00

Staff: \$10.00

Graduate Students: \$5.00

#### HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Although the Holiday Reception is not set in stone yet, we are looking at Friday, December 11, 2-4pm in 1101 Morrill Hall. This reception will be a Hors d'Oeuvres and dessert event. If you know of any reason that this date would not be good for the OVERALL department, please let Mike Mansfield know ASAP.

### **PAYROLL**

Please remember that when you need to make any payroll additions or changes, please fill out a payroll request form. This form allows us to determine what payroll paperwork the new employee will need. To get this form, please see Denise Wist in the main office.

**Help reduce staff time on payday. Go on-line and request that you no longer need a hard copy of your pay stub. Goto: <https://was-2.umd.edu/phrtimeentry/menu> , then click on View/Print Bi-weekly Earnings Statement, then you will see the line that says: I wish to continue to receive printed bi-weekly earning statement from state payroll, YES or NO. Don't forget to save your change.**

### **MAKE-UP EXAMS** (Proctoring)

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

### **RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS**

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



### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's**

#### **Articles and Book Chapters**

Fox, Jonathan; James, Patrick; & Li, Yitan "Religious Affinities and International Intervention in the Middle East and Beyond" Canadian Journal of Political Science, 42 (1), 2009, 161-186.

Fox, Jonathan; James, Patrick; & Li, Yitan "State Religion and Discrimination Against Ethnic Minorities" Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, 15 (2), 2009, 189-210.

#### **Other**

**Fox, Jonathan's** "Religion and State" project has launched a new website. <http://www.religionandstate.org>

**Hoffman, Adam**, PhD 2005, was appointed co-director of the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) at Salisbury University.



### **FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

#### **AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

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

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshops. **All Workshop sessions will be held on Fridays, 10:30am-12:00pm (unless otherwise noted), in Tydings 1111.**

### Scheduled

- September 11:** American Politics Meet & Greet Happy Hour **(1101 Morrill Hall, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)**
- September 18:** Anne Cizmar, “What Makes an Issue Easy? The Impact of Party and Neutral Cues on Attitudes Toward Abortion”
- October 2:** Antoine Banks, “Is it Fear? Emotions Undergirding Group Conflict Attitudes”
- October 16:** John Aldrich (Duke University), TBA (1101 Morrill Hall)
- October 30:** Karen Kaufmann, “Local Context and Latino Political Socialization: Why Immigrant Destinations Matter”
- November 13:** Jeff Taylor, “Do Committees Preempt Party Domination? An Analysis of State Legislatures”
- December 4:** Brian McKenzie, TBA

The AP Workshop website is: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. We invite faculty and graduate students to discuss their latest research; present papers in progress, with a formal discussant; present information for professional development; and invite guest speakers. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. The international relations workshop will be meeting on Mondays this fall from 11:00-12:15 in Tydings 1136. We will schedule approximately 5 meetings over the course of the semester. Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at [www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop) as they become available.

Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Scott Kastner at [skastner@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:skastner@gvpt.umd.edu).

## **COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

Throughout the course of the semester we will hold periodic gatherings for the comparative field, including social events, speakers, and special topic seminars (e.g. how to do research in the field, how to get grants to go overseas). Please watch for future emails of scheduled events. All will be held 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall, with the possible exception of October 14. An email will be sent with room conformation.

### **Scheduled Events 11-12:30, 1101 Morrill Hall:**

#### **Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – NOTE: different time from Workshops – 11:30-12:30**

Comparative sub-field lunch meeting

#### **Wednesday, September 30, 2009**

Stella Rouse – Latin American institutions and violence

Discussant: Johanna Birnir

#### **Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – CONFIRM ROOM LOCATION**

Mark Lichbach, UMCP. Democratization.

Discussant: Ian Ward

#### **Wednesday, October 28, 2009**

Vladimir Tismaneanu, UMCP. Democracy, Memory, and Moral Justice. Confronting the Past in Post-Communist Romania.

Discussant: Mark Lichbach

#### **Wednesday, November 11, 2009**

Yinan He from Seton Hall University. The Search for Reconciliation: Sino-Japanese and German-Polish Relations since WWII.

Discussants: Margaret Pearson and Jennifer Wallace

#### **Wednesday, November 25, 2009**

Dan Posner from UCLA. Lights and Patronage in Africa.

Discussants: Dan Corstange and Molly Inman

#### **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

Cyanne Loyal, UMCP. TBA

Discussants: TBA

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

## **CIDCM WORKSHOP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT**

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back to the 2009/10 academic year! Starting this year we have re-named the Contentious Politics Workshop the CIDCM Workshop on Peace and Conflict. I look forward to a lively and productive workshop this year and the opportunity to interact with all of you. I wanted to get things started by reviewing plans for the workshop this year and then by asking all of you to sign up for specific dates to present your work and/or to serve as a discussant.

First, the workshop will be held generally on Mondays every third week (see the schedule below for a couple of exceptions) at the University of Maryland in Morrill Hall, room 1101 (conference room on the first floor), from 11:00-12:15. Second, we will follow the standard format followed in previous years in which a) ongoing research is presented, b) a paper is submitted about a week in advance for everyone to read, and c) a discussant will start things off with some comments and then we will open up for general discussion. Third, we encourage advanced graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. The workshop has benefited in the past from the active participation of graduate students and we would like to see this continue this year with students presenting their ongoing work or serving as discussants.

**The schedule of meetings is as follows:**

**Fall Semester:**

September 25: This first meeting will actually be held on Friday from 11:00-12:15. We have a guest speaker, Professor Bear Braumoeller from Ohio State, who will be presenting chapters from his book manuscript.

October 12

November 2

November 23

December 7: Ben Appel and Cyanne Loyle from the University of Maryland will be presenting their work.

**Spring Semester:**

February 8

March 22

April 12

May 3

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

## POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

In addition to Professors Glass and Alford, two additional faculty members join us this fall.

Ian Ward will be joining us as Assistant Professor this fall. He is graduating from Princeton University. He will be teaching a seminar on political theory and social criticism.

Richard Boyd will be teaching a graduate seminar on "Current Problems in Political Theory: Critics of Liberalism: Left and Right." Professor Boyd is an Associate Professor at Georgetown University, and the author of \*Uncivil Society: The Perils of Pluralism and the Making of Modern Liberalism,\* as well as several other works.

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

### Scheduled

For more info contact Benli Schecter or Alison Staudinger

## QUANTITATIVE POLITICS – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

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

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

[http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page)

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

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

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



### CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## **Maryland Internship Program**

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC) is launching the Maryland Internship Program (MIP), a comprehensive program focused on state government that will allow students to integrate what they learn in the classroom with real world experience in the political process.

This competitive program will place 15 to 20 highly-qualified undergraduate students in internships where they will work with and learn from officials in state government. Possible internship placements include the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, members of the General Assembly, state agencies, and the courts.

Participants will earn course credit and stipends during the semester-long program by attending weekly seminars and completing various assignments, aside from their internship duties. Alumni of the Maryland Internship Program will also take with them invaluable experiences, skills, and networking that will help them find, and succeed in, careers in government, politics, or any other field.

For more information, or if you are interested in participating in the Maryland Internship Program, please contact Michael Charlebois at [mcharleb@capc.umd.edu](mailto:mcharleb@capc.umd.edu) or by phone at 301-314-2736.

## **Maryland Elections Center**

Throughout the summer CAPC has written several reports analyzing campaign finance in Maryland politics, as part of its ongoing partnership with the Maryland State Board of Elections. See these detailed analyses on campaign finance at the Maryland Elections Center, [www.mdelections.org](http://www.mdelections.org).

## **CAPC Staff Updates**

CAPC welcomed several new Undergraduate Research Assistants over the summer, as well as the new Center Coordinator. Undergraduates Marcus Johnson, Edrees Roshan, David Searle, Thom Koh, and Amy D'Avella have all brought strong research and analytical skills to CAPC, and several of them will be staying with CAPC into the fall.

Michael Charlebois joined CAPC in July as the new Center Coordinator. For more information on CAPC staff, see the upcoming edition of the CAPC newsletter, "In The Public Interest" or visit the Center's website at [www.capc.umd.edu](http://www.capc.umd.edu).

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

### ***Peace and Conflict 2010* Slated for Publication**

CIDCM's biennial report, *Peace and Conflict 2010*, is slated for publication in late summer 2009. *Peace and Conflict* makes cutting edge academic research on armed conflict, democratization, terrorism, and political instability more accessible and usable for the policy community. The forthcoming report contains a special focus on the challenges of post-conflict reconstruction. The volume features articles written by nineteen contributors representing eleven universities across four countries.

### **CIDCM to Support ECOWAS Conflict Early Warning Program**

CIDCM has been awarded a 2-year contract to support the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) strengthen its existing conflict early warning system (named ECOWARN). That system, which has

been in place for approximately five years, is currently maintained by a team of analysts working in the Early Warning Department at ECOWAS. CIDCM will take the lead in incorporating a new set of methodologies into ECOWARN to facilitate longer-term forecasts of armed conflict and instability. CIDCM will also play a leading role in training personnel from ECOWAS, as well as from several civil society organizations, in carrying out detailed conflict assessments throughout the region for the purposes of identifying strategies for appropriate policy responses that will reduce the risk of future violence.

### **MIDCM Program Sees Surge in Student Interest**

CIDCM's undergraduate Minor in International Development and Conflict Management (MIDCM) has seen a recent surge in student interest. Run in collaboration with the Department of Government and Politics, the minor is designed to provide students interested in careers in international development, conflict resolution and humanitarian relief with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to work effectively in these fields. Under the leadership of MIDCM Director Dr. Daniella Fridl, the program has increased its efforts to reach out to interested students, and student demand has grown in kind. The most recent application cycle saw a record high of 85 applications, and admitted a Fall 2009 entering class of 40 talented students with diverse academic backgrounds and a wide variety of international interests.

### **Harrison Program**

The Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda promotes research, teaching, and public dialogue on issues related to ecological security, long-term sustainability, energy and environmental policy, global governance, and transnational society. The program also hosts visitors, sponsors events and speakers, and supports two doctoral students annually as Harrison Dissertation Fellows. For more info see [www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison) or contact the Harrison Program director, Ken Conca at [kconca@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:kconca@gvpt.umd.edu)

**WEB PAGE:** The Harrison Program web site provides information on the program's history and activities. See [www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison) The page also features information on and links to a wide array of campus activities in environmental studies and in global studies.

**HARRISON FELLOWS:** The Harrison Program is pleased to announce that Michael Beevers and Rabih Helou have been appointed as Harrison Fellows for the 2009-10 academic year. Watch future newsletters for background on their work! For more information the purpose and eligibility criteria of the Harrison Fellow awards, see the program webpage at [www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison)



### **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Books In and Out of Press**

**Hanmer, Michael J.** 2009. Discount Voting: Voter Registration Reforms and Their Effects. Cambridge University Press.

**Lee, Frances,** Davidson, Roger H., and Walter J. Oleszek. Congress And Its Members, 12th edition, Washington DC: CQ Press, 2009.

#### **Chapters and Article Publications**

**Conca, Ken** "An Environmental Agenda for Obama," Dissent magazine, Summer 2009, pp. 73-79.

**Oppenheimer, Joe** and Stephen Wendel, "An Agent-Based Analysis of Context-Dependent Preferences" has been accepted for publication in Journal of Economic Psychology.

**Uslaner, Ric** with Kerem Ozan Kalkan and Geoff Layman, A "Band of Others"? Attitudes toward Muslims in Contemporary American Society," Journal of Politics, v. 71 (July, 2009), pp. 1-16.

### **Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Conca, Ken** was a featured speaker in a plenary roundtable on Environment, Conflict, and Peacebuilding at the Synthesis Conference on Global Environmental Change and Human Security, University of Oslo, June 2009.

**Telhami, Shibley** released his annual UMD/Zogby Arab Public Opinion Poll. You can find the key findings on a Power Point Presentation at the following link: <http://www.sadat.umd.edu/>

**Uslaner, Ric** was an Invited keynote speaker, "Trust, Diversity, and Segregation," Conference on "The Social Differentiation of Trust and Social Capital," Aalborg University, Denmark, June 6-9, 2009; at the Conference on "The Politics of Social Cohesion," Centre for the Study of Equality and Multiculturalism (CESEM) at the University of Copenhagen, September 9-12, 2009; at the 2009 Sweden Conference on Urban Policies and Social Capital, Lidkoping and Gothenburg, September 24-26, 2009; An Invited keynote speaker, "Trust and Business and the Crisis of Public Confidence," at the Ruffin Summit on Public Trust in Business at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, September 18 – 20, 2009.; An Invited speaker (for the United States Department of State), "The Roots of Corruption," Politics and Parliamentary Team of the National Assembly Research Service, National Assembly of Korea, Seoul, July 6, 2009; to academics and non-governmental organization leaders, U.S. Embassy, Seoul, July 6, 2009; and Chonbuk National University, Jeonju, South Korea, July 7, 2009; and an Invited speaker, "The Roots of Corruption" and "Measuring Trust and Corruption," University College Dublin, May 11-12, 2009.

### **Awards**

**Croco, Sarah** is the co-recipient of the 2009 CAMOS (Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy) prize for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of strategic studies.



## **GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Chapter and Article Publications**

**Marshall, Shana.** "Syria and the Financial Crisis: Prospects for Reform." Summer 2009.\* Middle East Policy. \* XVI(2): 106-115. \*

**Newton, Benjamin** his essay "Thucydidean Answers to Nietzschean Questions: What is Religious?" is Forthcoming in Polis: The Journal for the Society of Greek Political Thought vol. 27, no. 1 (spring 2010).

**Wendel, Stephen** and Joe Oppenheimer, "An Agent-Based Analysis of Context-Dependent Preferences" has been accepted for publication in Journal of Economic Psychology.

### **Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Kalkan, Kerem Ozan** has been appointed as a Fellow in Quantitative Methods in Department of Politics and International Relations (Nuffield College) at Oxford University. His dissertation is being supervised by Eric Uslaner and Geoffrey Layman.



**SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 <b>APSA RECEPTION 7:30-9pm Convention Centre 202A</b>	5
6	7 <b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED LABOR DAY</b>	8	9 <b>Executive Committee Meeting 9:45-11:00 GVPT Conf Rm.</b>	10	11 <b>FACULTY MEETING 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall</b>  <b>American Pol "Meet &amp; Greet" 3-4pm 1101 MOR Hall</b>	12
13	14	15	16 <b>Comparative Pol Lunch Mtg 11:30-12:30 1101 Morrill Hall</b>	17	18 <b>Amer Pol Wrkshp 10:30- 12:30pm TYD 1111</b>  <b>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</b>	19 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
20 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	21	22	23 <b>Executive Committee Meeting 9:45-11:00 GVPT Conf Rm</b>	24	25	26
27 <b>Yom Kippur begins at sundown</b>	28 <b>Yom Kippur</b>	29	30 <b>Comparative Pol Wrkshop 11-12:30 1101 Morrill Hall</b>			