

GVPT NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are almost half-way through the Fall semester, and GVPT NEWS again reports on our far-flung activities.

Did you know that the GVPT Honors Program has 17 students writing theses? And did you realize that each thesis requires faculty members to serve as mentors? Steve Elkin provides valuable information about the program's activities.

This issue contains an exciting set of columns. You will definitely want to read about our GVPT Alumni in the News - Nathan Brown, Class of 1995. A graduate *summa cum laude*, Nathan went on to Harvard Law School and is an associate at the law firm of Covington &

Burling in Washington, D.C. He has done pro bono work with the Bread for the City Legal Clinic and has worked with the Montgomery Country and national Democratic parties.

You will also want to read Paul Herrson's advice about **how** academics can influence the policy process. Paul reminds us that politicians reside in a world of action and accountability and that they care little about the theoretical or empirical generalizations that dominate scholarship. To have an impact, suggests Paul, you need to make yourself part of a larger effort. And there is an academic pay-off: Being active in the policy-making process has fueled many of Paul's articles and books.

Marcus Franda updates us on his new work on international law and organizations. Having published three books on the politics of information technology over the past three years, Marcus has moved on to other scholarly pursuits.

And Dave Armstrong talks about the mentorship process from a graduate student perspective. Dr. Mote is encouraging just these sorts of faculty-graduate student relationships.

Please take some time to browse through the activities of our centers – CAPC, CIDCM, the Democracy Collaborative, and the Harrison Program – and the many faculty and graduate student achievements. There is also important information about our staff and administration.

Finally, the Executive Committee has met and discussed the planning reports produced by our centers and fields. The first installment of our five-year plan was submitted to Dean Montgomery and we will be discussing our next installment, which is due shortly. After we have a faculty meeting on our American politics recruitment, we will meet to discuss the planning process. I again invite our faculty to make their views known to me or to members of the Executive Committee.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

New Academic Advisor

Please welcome Dwain Cherry, a new member of our advising team. Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, Dwain graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a BA in Psychology. Currently he is a UMDCP Masters student in the department of Counseling and Personnel Services.

Registration for Winter04 and Spring04

Registration began during the last week of October for the upcoming Winter term and Spring04 semester.



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT HONORS PROGRAM

The Government and Politics Honors Program began the Fall 2003 semester with a number of activities and events for its students. Honors students attended the Fall Graduate School Workshop on October 24, where Program Director Professor Stephen Elkin shared information about top Government and Politics graduate schools, tips for applying, and what to expect from a graduate program.

In November, current thesis candidates will present their preliminary research to fellow candidates in a series of thesis workshops. Seventeen seniors are writing theses this semester on a variety of topics, ranging from European Union enlargement in Eastern Europe to a comparative study of mass transportation policy. Many thanks to faculty members who have agreed to serve as advisors for students' theses. For more information about thesis students and their areas of study, please see below.

GVPT Honors courses for the Spring 2004 semester have been posted on Testudo. This Spring, we are offering two Honors sections of GVPT 170 as well as several advanced seminars. Please encourage your students to take advantage of these small, discussion-based classes.

The GVPT Honors Program is also proud to introduce its new website, which features information about program requirements, internships, scholarships, graduate school, thesis writing, and much more. The website also includes samples of recent GVPT Honors graduates' theses, which are excellent examples of our students' high-caliber work. The website may be accessed at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/honors/index.htm>.

Current Thesis Candidates

Graduating December 2003

- Erin Galloway, Belfast Agreement, Dr. Virginia Haufler
- Adam Nathanson, Factors That Contribute To A State's Decision To Develop Nuclear Weapons, Dr. Natalie Goldring

Graduating May 2004

- Aziz Ahmad, Institutions and Famine, Dr. Joe Oppenheimer
- Amy Costanzo, Role of U.S. and terrorist organizations in Columbian politics
- Timothy Daly, Organized labor's activities in presidential campaigns and elections, Dr. Paul Herrson
- Sarah Hale, Conflict and Partition in Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, and Israel/Palestine, Dr. Miranda Schreurs
- Sean Kates, European Union Enlargement in Eastern Europe, Dr. Vladimir Tismaneanu
- Katie Kerstetter, South African Land Reform, Dr. Stephen Elkin
- Alexis Kotarba, Successful African States, Dr. Marcus Franda
- Gloria Maier, Population Control, Dr. Virginia Haufler
- Ian McKay, The Politics of War Crimes Tribunals, Dr. Marcus Franda
- Roseanne McManus, Russian Foreign Policy, Dr. Vladimir Tismaneanu
- Donya Mir, U.S. Policy in the Middle East, Dr. Jonathan Wilkenfeld and Dr. Jillian Schwedler
- Rick Oliver, Justice in Income Distribution, Dr. Joe Oppenheimer
- Andy Smith, Comparing Mass Transportation Policy in the U.S. with Mass Transportation Policy of other Nations, Dr. Karen Kaufmann
- Laura Smithers, The IMF's Role in International Finance, Dr. Virginia Haufler

- Teresa Yeh, The Relationship Between US-Taiwan-China

- 1.) New Website!
- 2.) Graduating in December?
- 3.) Graduate School Workshop Oct. 24
- 4.) Research Conference at Rice University, deadline Nov. 1

GVPT Honors has a website!

The website includes information about internships, scholarships, graduate schools, the thesis writing process, and much more. Check it out: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/honors/index.htm>, and let us know what you think. Send suggestions for future content and other feedback to Katie (kkerstet@umd.edu).

December Graduates

If you are planning to graduate in December and are working on a thesis, please contact Prof. Elkin ASAP if you have not yet done so (selkin@gvpt.umd.edu). We need to send the list of graduates to the graduation registrar soon. Failure to contact Prof. Elkin will jeopardize your chances of graduating with honors. If you have already talked to Prof. Elkin or Katie, you are off the hook.

Undergraduate Research Conference at Rice University

The Department of Political Science at Rice University will hold its sixth annual Undergraduate Research Conference January 17-19, 2004. The conference is designed to give undergraduates a chance to present and receive feedback on their own research papers in political science. Papers should fit within the areas of American Politics, Comparative Politics, or International Relations. Participants will present their papers in supportive, constructive workshops and will be given the opportunity to interact with Rice University faculty.

Interested students should send a written paper proposal or completed paper, a short biography, and a letter of support from a faculty advisor to the Department of Political Science -- Attn: UGRC Committee, MS24, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Proposals received by Nov. 1 will be given the highest consideration, and students will be notified of acceptance by Nov. 15. All travel expenses will be paid by Rice University. For more information, contact William Reed at 713-348-2108 or wreed@rice.edu.



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 2004.

Field coordinators, please remember that field descriptions (for the new comprehensive examination procedure) should be submitted to Ann Marie by December 1, 2003. These descriptions should include whatever reading or question lists the fields plan to use as a basis for their exams. Field coordinators that have questions about the structure and/or content of the new field descriptions should see me. If your field has already submitted the description it is planning to use for the new exams, please let me know.



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

We now have ten graduate students who have begun to apply for academic jobs, and four more who are applying for tenure track positions after accepting one-year positions/ post-docs last year. A few of them are doing only limited searches this year, but most are applying to a wide array of institutions all over the country, and even abroad. Two of them, Celeste Lay and Atiya Stokes, already have been invited to interview for good positions. These are early invitations, and most of the placement year still lies before us. There are a good number of openings for Americanists, as always, but new jobs continue to open up in other areas and I regularly receive letters from departments looking to hire good people.

I want to remind both graduate students and faculty that we now have a web page for Graduate Placement. There is information and advice for graduate students, including tips for interviewing, what goes in the job packet, etc. Faculty may find it helpful to look at the graduate student c.v. posted there when they are contacted by friends at departments to which our students have applied. Check it out at www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/graduate/placement.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, faculty and graduates, who showed up to hear Celeste and Atiya present their work last week. We had a good, diverse crowd who provided essential feedback to both of them. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to do a practice job talk in front of the friendly audience here before presenting it at an interview somewhere else!



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The GSA held its last meeting on Wednesday, October 29th. Among the subjects discussed were the changes to the graduate program, particularly the new comprehensive exam format, an upcoming brown bag discussion on making the transition to candidacy, and updates from the various GSA officers. Tentatively scheduled for November 5th, we will be holding a meeting with First-Year students to discuss issues that primarily affect them. We hope that all First Years will be able to attend; watch your in-boxes for details. In future issues we will bring you information about a department-wide community service day to be held in the spring as well as other professional development brown bags - stay tuned for further details.

Your GSA Co-Chairs,
Juliana Menasce Horowitz (jmenasce@capc.umd.edu)
Annie Leonetti (aleonetti@gvpt.umd.edu)



ALUMNI NEWS

GVPT Annual Alumni/Student Mixer

The department will host the annual Alumni Career Networking Event on Nov. 6, 2003 from 7:30-9:30 pm in the Margaret Brent room located in the University of Maryland Stamp Student Union. Please save this date on your calendars! The event is a wonderful opportunity for alumni, faculty and undergraduate students to network. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Beth Klein at bklein@gvpt.umd.edu. We hope to see you on Nov. 6th!



STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

Outside Consulting Reports

This is just a reminder that our faculty members should be keeping track of their outside consulting hours for this academic year. You will be required to report them in the spring. Summer consulting hours do not apply. It will be less work for everyone in the end if the hours and exact dates are accounted for as the faculty member goes along, rather than trying to pull it all together when the report is due. Just something to keep in mind.

Payroll, Purchasing and Reimbursement Requests

In order to make payroll, purchasing, and reimbursements more efficient, the front office will only process requests on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This includes payroll request forms, purchases of supplies/equipment, reimbursements, keys, and phones. Your request will be processed on the closest Tuesday or Thursday that it is submitted. If you submit a request on Tuesday or Thursday before noon, it will be processed that day.

Printers and Troubleshooting

Just a reminder that OACS no longer services printers. If you experience problems with your printer, you can print to the front office until your printer is repaired. Please keep your print jobs to a minimum when sending to the Main office. If you currently do not have the front office printer as a choice on your print menu, you are encouraged to add it. OACS will assist you with this. You can place a work order at <http://www.oacs.umd.edu/workorder/index.asp>

For minor printer problems, please check the following before alerting the front office:

1) Is it the toner?

Come get a toner cartridge and someone in the front office will show you how to install it. It is very easy.

2) Could it be a paper jam?

The front office staff will be on hand to show you how to unjam it. Again, this is usually very easy.

3) When all else fails, turn the printer off, wait a minute and then turn it back on. This often solves many printer problems.

Course and Exam Copying

Just a reminder that when the front office does copying for classes, we require 24-hours notice. You are required to fill out a copy form with your classroom copy code, and we will have the copies back to you within 24 hours. This applies to all copying except for exams (see next paragraph).

Due to the loss of two full-time staff employees in the past two years and the fact that our students are not allowed to copy exams, we unfortunately do not have the staff to copy exams on a regular basis. For courses that have TAs, we will require that the assigned TAs copy the exams. For courses without TAs, we will make arrangements to copy the exams as usual. We will need **48 hours** to do this.

TIME TO CLEAN-UP YOUR H: and I: Drive as well as your Email

Monthly, you should be cleaning off your H: and I: drives. This means simply deleting unnecessary files. Your Email should be cleaned up as well. Email includes your archives. The largest problem that we have with our email is the attachments within your messages. If you have duplicate attachment files, **PLEASE delete** all but the most recent and the most recent should be placed on a disk. As a large department, we use a lot of space on the system and this requires that we do some maintaining ourselves. GVPT will receive monthly reports at the end of each month.

To create space on the H: Drive

- 1) **DO NOT MOVE YOUR FILES TO THE I: DRIVE**, archive old files on a disk. If you are worried about backup in case of a bad disk, back up your information on a 2nd disk and don't overload the 2nd disk with files. If your folder is inactive, then delete it.
- 2) **IF YOUR FILES are in someone's folder that has left**, get your files out and into your own folder (using your last name of course). Any folder from someone who left will be deleted on Monday, November 3.
- 3) **ALL MP3 Files will be deleted on Monday, November 10.**

People, please use a zip or CD for your archived databases and music. If you need help with a cd, contact Tony Mendelson (e-mail: amendelson@oacs.umd.edu). Databases should only take up space if it is being used/worked on continuously



COLUMNS

Academic Scholarship

“Professor Smith” Goes to Washington: Some Reflections on Academicians in Politics

By Paul Herrnson

Academicians who are inclined toward participating in politics can occasionally find opportunities to influence the policy process. This is particularly the case in the United States, where the political system is open to input from diverse sources. The U.S. Congress, for example, is relatively unique in that an ordinary citizen can drop in unannounced on a high-powered member of the House or the Senate and meet with a top aide or even the legislator him or herself. An expert in a particular area of public policy also can influence the policy process, but an unscheduled visit will rarely result in a scholar being taken seriously.

There are many ways to share one’s expertise with policy makers. Those that I have used include: research reports and testimony to congressional and state legislative committees, commissions, party caucuses, and executive branch officials; briefings for legislative, executive branch, interest group, and party aides; written and verbal professional testimony; and amicus (friends of the court) briefs in court cases. I also have worked on Capitol Hill and for various party committees and political consulting firms. Other professors in our department and the profession have had similar experiences.

My experience suggests the first step to influencing the policy process is to establish a credible academic record. Next, it is advisable to familiarize yourself with those you seek to influence. What are their goals? What does the world they inhabit look like? What kind of knowledge do they possess or need? Note that their goals, needs, and the world they inhabit are very different from those of academicians. It is generally up to those from the ivory tower—not political decision makers—to bridge the gap between the two worlds.

Here are some things I recommend bearing in mind when trying to influence the policymaking process.

1. ***Politicians reside in a world of action and accountability.*** They have to make the concrete decisions in limited amounts of time, usually using imperfect information. Moreover, they are often held responsible for their decisions. Failure to cast the right roll-call vote could be damaging to a legislator—just ask former Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D-PA), who’s vote on President Clinton’s budget cost her reelection in 1994. The politicians’ world contrasts sharply with the world of academics. Many of us spend years researching important but esoteric subjects. Our profession gives accolades to scholars who produce studies that demonstrate the world’s complexities, even when those studies present inconclusive results. And, no one ever fires a tenured academic for producing a better book or article a year later. The moral of the story: If you want to bridge the gap, produce a short report with a one-page executive summary that gives strong factual and political arguments for your position. It also should address the arguments made by those who are on the opposing side. If presenting oral testimony, try to boil your argument down to three major points. You can always arrange for an aide to give committee or commission members questions that will enable you to present additional information.
2. ***Politicians rarely fully understand or care about the theoretically or empirically-supported generalizations that dominate the political science literature.*** When social science research comes up against a good anecdote, particularly one presented by the proverbial little old lady who is afraid that some new healthcare reform won’t allow her to continue to see her doctor, the social science research usually loses. The best way to

stay in the game is to very briefly state at most three major findings and back each one up with some real life or make believe examples for key data points. One little old lady at the dais can sometimes be outflanked by two or three little old ladies who resemble some of the constituents committee members represent, especially if those constituents remind the committee members of people they refer to as “mom.”

3. ***Make yourself part of a larger effort.*** Public policies don’t change unless large numbers of individuals and groups come together to make a case for change. The broader and larger the coalition, the more likelihood a policy change will occur. Academicians, on the other hand, usually work alone or in small groups with like-minded individuals. If you want political influence, be willing to work closely with individuals and organizations you normally would get no closer to than the opposite side of Byrd Stadium.

Following the preceding guidelines (and others) have enabled me to have a modest amount of influence in the halls of power in both Washington, D.C. and Annapolis. While working as a congressional aide, I was able to help secure federal appropriations for some research projects and edit/ghost write *Investing in America’s Future*, an issues handbook that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee distributed to more than 7,000 Democratic candidates and activists. I also wrote a report that then-House Majority Leader Gephardt used to convince large numbers of House Democrats to emulate the Republicans’ practice of redistributing money from their campaign committees and leadership PACs to endangered incumbents and promising nonincumbents. As a professor, I provided testimony and contributed to amicus briefs on the subject of campaign finance reform. Some of this testimony was used in the recent Supreme Court case involving the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act. Jim Gimpel and I helped convince a commission in Annapolis to defeat an ill-advised proposal to make it easier for third parties to place their candidates on the ballot. Currently, I am working on an interdisciplinary project to assess different voting technologies and ballot designs. But, don’t blame me if there is another election fiasco in Florida!

There have been other benefits to participating in politics. Being active in the policy making process has enabled me to learn more about the practice of politics more than has any journal article. It also has provided the foundation for a number of publications, including *War Stories from Capitol Hill*, and a handful of journal articles and book chapters. Most important, I felt like I was making a meaningful contribution to American politics.

Faculty Update

FRANDA'S RESEARCH TRANSFORMATION: FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REGIMES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS By Marcus Franda

Having published three books on the politics of information technology over the past three years, Marcus Franda is now working on two works (one of them in two volumes) that stem from his current teaching and research interests, as follows:

1. The book that is furthest along---i.e. almost entirely sketched out over 200+ pages---is tentatively titled *International Organizations: A Realist’s Multicultural Textbook*. Rather than introducing international organizations by trying to develop models or delineate processes of international organization, as is the case for most of the better available IO textbooks, the Franda volume seeks to provide an introductory empirical understanding of the full range of international organizations that have come into being over the past century and a half, including

those that aspire to be universal or global, those with a geographic or regional focus, and those that address specific structural or functional areas of human endeavor or sets of problems or human needs. In addition to the United Nations ‘family’ of organizations, the book explores the constitutive elements, successes and failures of major non-UN intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (INGOs), including international foundations, global scientific and professional associations, internationally organized religious groups, relief and humanitarian conglomerates, air transport, letter and parcel delivery networks, telecommunications and global Internet organizations, terrorist, counter-terrorist and global security organizations, sports authorities and international entertainment networks and corporations, and many more. Attempts are made to place these organizations within analytical and conceptual frameworks derived from contemporary political science and legal literature, including those relating to processes of organizational creation, development and maintenance; role behavior (both within and between organizations); intra- and inter-organizational conflict; legitimacy-building; and the evolution within and among IOs of principles, norms, rules and procedures designed to achieve cooperation in international regimes.

2. The second two-volume work is tentatively titled *International Law: A Twenty-First Century Textbook* (it is also almost entirely sketched out in 200+ pages, but has further to go because it will be twice as long as the first work). This study looks at contemporary international law from the perspective of the world’s five major legal traditions---the Chinese, Islamic, Indic, Common Law and Civil Law traditions--- each of which accounts for something approaching a fifth of the world’s population. Volume I delineates the origins and key features of these five major legal traditions and brings them up-to-date, pointing out the considerably different perspectives that peoples from these five traditions bring to modern international law. Volume II then takes up the kinds of topics discussed in some of the standard textbooks on modern international law---e.g. treaties, customary law, conflicts of law, principles of international legal personality, reciprocity, legitimate expectation, persistent protest), using examples and materials from each of the five legal traditions to demonstrate areas of convergence and divergence, concluding with a series of chapters that identify aspects of modern international law likely to be conducive to cooperation or more intractable.

Mentorship

A Heartwarming Story about a Grad Student and his Numbers

By David Armstrong

I have been lucky to have a number of great mentors here at Maryland, including my advisor, Christian Davenport, Mark Lichbach, Irwin Morris and Jim Gimpel, just to name a few. I’ve co-authored papers with all of the above, two of which have become published articles. There is no doubt that being able to write with all of these individuals has had an immeasurable impact on my ability to succeed as a political scientist. I want to briefly highlight one of these experiences, but all of my collaborative efforts with faculty have been very rewarding.

In the Summer of 2001, I attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods at the University of Michigan. What I brought back was a bigger methodological toolbox that I could share with my colleagues here. Upon my return, I began work Christian on a paper dealing with the relationship between democracy and human rights violations. I learned a couple of methodological techniques that would allow us to more accurately investigate and model this relationship. The original paper

we wrote was presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in 2002.

The process of writing the paper was one of the most enriching academic experiences of my life. The formula was simple - we each wrote a few of the sections and together we poured over them discussing possible changes and improvements. One of the most important aspects of this process was that when something needed to be changed, Christian didn't just change it and send it to me, he asked me to try to change the manuscript in accordance with our conversations. I took my best shot and then we discussed what I did right along with the things that could be improved. While this was undoubtedly more time consuming and, at times, frustrating, it gave me an invaluable insight into the process of writing something that is publishable and not just journal-length. In the end, the fruits of our labor paid off. Our article is forthcoming in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

I do have a couple of pieces of advice for students looking to have a similar experience. First, you need to talk to faculty members about either the work they are doing or the work you're interested in doing. You need to highlight your ability to contribute something new and interesting to the project, from methodological skills, to a different theoretical orientation or just a different perspective on the subject. Unfortunately, these opportunities will probably not just fall into your lap, you will need to take some initiative. People won't know what you have to offer unless you tell them.

GVPT ALUMNI in the NEWS

Nathan Brown, Class of 1995

Nathan Brown received his B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Government in Politics in 1995. After completing a B.S. in Education, *magna cum laude*, in 1996 Nathan attended Harvard Law School where he served as an editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review and worked with the Applesseed Foundation on campaign finance reform issues.

Following his graduation from Harvard with honors in 1999, Nathan joined the Maryland Bar and began practicing law as an associate at the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. He practices primarily in the field of healthcare law, and his practice involves litigation as well as regulatory and legislative work. Nathan represents State agencies participating in federal programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and TANF (the federal welfare program) in federal and state court litigation, and before federal agencies. He also provides assistance to both State agencies and private companies on issues relating to healthcare and food and drug legislation and regulations. Nathan has found his practice to be especially rewarding because the legal questions often relate directly to public policy issues, such as helping States provide Medicaid coverage to its residents in the most effective way. Nathan recently participated in his firm's rotation pro bono program with Bread for the City Legal Clinic, where he provided free legal representation to indigent clients in cases before D.C. courts and agencies relating to housing issues, disability benefits, and family law issues.

Nathan also puts his GVPT degree to good use in his spare time, in which he is involved in legislative advocacy as well as local and national politics. He has authored campaign finance legislation that has been endorsed by local advocacy groups. His proposal is currently under consideration by the Stenberg Commission, which was formed by the Maryland General Assembly to study ways to improve Maryland's campaign finance system. Nathan testified

before the Commission last December on behalf of this legislation. He has also drafted testimony and assisted in developing legislative initiatives for presentation to the Maryland General Assembly. Nathan has served for several years as a precinct chair and caucus president for the Montgomery County Democratic Party. Since graduating from the University of Maryland, he has served and advised numerous local and national political campaigns. Nathan previously worked on the White House Advance Team, and served on the vice presidential vetting committee for Albert Gore's presidential campaign.

Nathan is an active Maryland alumnus and is currently the president of the Maryland Young Alumni Club. As the clearest indication of his dedication to Maryland, this year he is marrying a fellow University of Maryland and GVPT alumni! Nathan has the fondest memories of his time in the GVPT program, which nurtured his interest in law and government and prepared him for success in his career.



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

CAPC to Welcome House Democratic Leader to Campus

Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi will accept the Millard E. Tydings Award for Courage and Leadership from the Center for American Politics and Citizenship on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 8 p.m. at the University of Maryland's Memorial Chapel. The Tydings Award is presented to political leaders who have displayed great political courage and have made a significant difference in the American political system. Representative Pelosi is the second recipient of the award; Senator John McCain received the Tydings Award in December 2001.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Pelosi has represented California's 8th congressional district in the House of Representatives since 1987. Her district includes most of the city of San Francisco including Golden Gate Park, Fisherman's Wharf, and Chinatown. Elected as Democratic leader of the House of Representatives by her colleagues in the fall of 2002, Pelosi is the highest ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Congress and the first woman to lead a major political party. Before being elected Leader, she served as House Democratic Whip for one year and was responsible for the party's legislative strategy in the House.

Pelosi has fought to increase educational opportunity and health care and secured funding to double the budget for the National Institutes of Health. Her international initiatives include the fight to improve China's human rights record by attempting to tie trade to increased human rights standards. Pelosi also urged U.S. and foreign leaders to pay greater attention to the threats to international security caused by the creation of technology associated with the weapons of mass destruction and global terrorism.

The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please plan to arrive early for this event.

CAPC Purchases Piece of Electoral History

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship has purchased one of Palm Beach County, Florida's infamous punch-card voting machines, complete with a Butterfly Ballot. If you are interested in seeing this equipment, stop by Paul Herrnson's office. The machine will also be featured in CAPC's Maryland Day exhibit.

CAPC Book Series Growing

The Center for American Politics' Real Politics in America book series published by Prentice Hall and edited by Paul Herrnson has added several new publications in the last year. The Real Politics in America series bridges the gap between academic scholarship and the popular demand for knowledge about politics. The goal of the series is to mix solid empirical research with examples from politics to present the best contemporary political science research. Five new books in the series meet this high standard.

In *Congress and the Internet*, editors James Thurber and Colton Campbell present chapters that analyze the emergence and impact of the Internet on Congress, both positive and negative. Colton Campbell, Nicol Rae, and John Stack, Jr.'s volume, *Congress and the Politics of Foreign Policy*, examines the struggle over American foreign policy as it is played out in the national legislature. *No Holds Barred: Negativity in U.S. Senate Campaigns* is Kim Fridkin Kahn and Patrick Kenney's examination of "ultimate fighting" in election politics. Bruce Buchanan's book, *Presidential Campaign Quality: Incentives and Reform*, uses case studies, facts, statistics, and logic to argue that presidential campaigns can better serve ordinary citizens than they do now. *Reforming the Republic: Democratic Institutions for the New America*, by Todd Donovan and Shaun Bowler, offers a discussion of a wide range of political reforms and asks the reader to consider how the American political system would be different if various reforms were adopted.

All books in the Real Politics in America Series are available through Prentice Hall Publishing on the web at <http://www.prenhall.com>. To view information on books in the series, search by author or book title.

The Center for International Development and Conflict Management

CIDCM has a new employee

Please join us in welcoming Andy Blum, Research and Program Officer at CIDCM. Andy brings considerable expertise in developing conflict management training and field-based peacebuilding programs. His research background is in the prevention and resolution of ethnic conflict. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California (international relations). His previous experience includes work for the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution and for The Carter Center, where he worked in Guyana designing and implementing conflict prevention and ethnic reconciliation programs. He has also worked on conflict resolution and development projects in Mexico, Azerbaijan, Estonia, and Kazakhstan. He is tasked with helping the Center develop new training initiatives.

Conference

CIDCM, along with the Minerva Center for Human Rights at Truman University, will co-host the conference, "Testimony by Agents of the State and the Protection of Human Rights" in February 2004 in Israel. Eric Goldstein, Visiting Fellow at CIDCM, and Edy Kaufman received a grant from the Ford Foundation to hold the conference which will gather international participants to discuss the testimonies of soldiers and other state agents and the implications these testimonies have on human rights practices. For additional information on the conference and the Soldier Testimony and Human Rights Project, please visit the project's website at <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/project.asp?id=21>.

Bahá'í Chair for World Peace

Events:

"The Perennial Philosophy and the Wisdom of the Arabs," a lecture to be delivered by the Bahá'í Chair Professor to the Honors Program on November 3, 2003;

An award dinner given by the Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut on November 16, 2003 in honor of Professor Bushrui's services to inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue;

And on the occasion of the launching of *The Club of Budapest North America*, the Bahá'í Chair for World Peace and the Office of International Programs are sponsoring a public lecture to be given by Dr. Ervin Laszlo on November 19, 2003 entitled "You Can Change the World."

Professor Ervin Laszlo

Professor Ervin Laszlo, founder and President of the Club of Budapest, will speak on Wednesday, November 19th at 8:00pm at the UMUC Inn and Conference Center. Sponsored by The Office of International Programs and the Bahá'í Chair for World Peace at the Center for International Development and Conflict Management, Prof. Laszlo will present the Club of Budapest's report, "You Can Change The World."

This report, along with his newly published book of the same title, delivers a basic, yet essential message: the power in designing the future lies with each individual. The aim of Prof. Laszlo's work and the mission of the Club of Budapest is to make the largest possible public aware of practical and concrete individual actions towards a better world.

Prof. Laszlo will use this special event to introduce the publication of "You Can Change The World" here in the United States and to kick-off the Club of Budapest of North America. The purpose of the new organization, based in the Washington DC area, is to leverage the Club's work in Europe and elsewhere into Mexico, Canada and the United States.

For more information please contact the Bahá'í Chair office at 301-314-7714.

The Democracy Collaborative

Through programs of theoretical and practical research, teaching, training, and community action the Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland works to strengthen democracy and civil society locally, nationally, and globally. Our recent activities, new publications, and an announcement about our visiting scholar are briefly presented below. For more information, please see our web site at: www.democracycollaborative.org.

Recent Activities:

- The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) and the Democracy Collaborative jointly sponsored the Fall 2003 Civil Society Lecture on October 9th. Dean Edward Montgomery opened the event highlighting the College's various initiatives to support education, research, and public service that advances progress on democracy in the United States and around the world. The lecture featured Dr. Kumi Naidoo, Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, who spoke on "The Democratic Promise and Power of Global Civil Society" and included panelists David Cohen (Advocacy Institute), Ann Florini (Brookings Institution), and James Riker (The Democracy Collaborative).
- The Democracy Collaborative convened the latest "We're Engaged" Meeting involving community leaders and university researchers on October 24th. The theme of this meeting was making ideas into reality by developing planning partnerships with a wide range of organizations in Prince George's County. The event featured Curtis Muhammad, a community organizer with the Color Line Project at Junebug Productions, who discussed how to use art and story-telling methodologies to "excavate" consensus to connect communities to engage in effective advocacy to solve pressing community problems.

New Publications:

- The Democracy Collaborative and the National Center for Economic and Security Alternatives have issued a new report on "*Your Community's Economic Future: A Guide to Innovative State and Local Policies*" that provides innovative approaches to policy makers to foster economic stability at the community, state, and national levels. This policy report, co-authored by Gar Alperovitz, David Imbroscio and Thad Williamson, was supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Nathan Cummings Foundation, Ford Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and the Bauman Foundation.
- Benjamin Barber's new book, *Fear's Empire: War, Terrorism and Democracy* (W. W. Norton), was just published and will be available in eight languages. In connection with his book, Barber has appeared on National Public Radio, ABC's "Here the Point," Wall Street Journal Radio, as well as on CNN's "American Morning." *Time Magazine* featured Barber in a Time forum on terrorism. *City Paper*, Baltimore's alternative newspaper, featured Barber in a cover story in its October 8th edition under the title "The World According to Barber."

Visiting Scholar:

- We welcome Dr. Ngina Chiteji, a visiting scholar from Skidmore College, who is an Assistant Professor in Economics with teaching and research interests in the fields of macroeconomic theory, monetary economics, economic development, and financial development. She will be in residence with the Democracy Collaborative during the Fall

2003 and Spring 2004 semesters doing work on economic inequality and conceptions of equality.

The 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, and global governance. The Harrison Program also hosts international visitors; conducts conferences, workshops, and a speaker series; and sponsors two doctoral students annually as Harrison Dissertation Fellows. For more info see www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison or contact the Harrison Program's director, Ken Conca at kconca@gvpt.umd.edu

WORKSHOP: The Harrison Program and CIDCM will be conducting a one-day workshop on environmental peacemaking on November 17. The workshop will bring together specialists and practitioners in environmental policy and conflict resolution to examine possibilities of using environmental initiatives as peacemaking mechanisms. Attendance is by invitation only; for more information contact Ken Conca of the Harrison Program or Christos Kyrou of CIDCM.

WATER CONFLICT AND COOPERATION: Ken Conca represented the Harrison program at the meeting of the International Water Working Group in the Okavango Delta region of Botswana, October 28-31. The working group met with regional water officials, NGOs, and local communities as part of its assessment of new dimensions of water conflict and cooperation.

RESEARCH REPORT: "Is There a Global Rivers Regime? Trends in the Principled Content of International River Agreements." A Harrison Program Research Report by Ken Conca, Fengshi Wu, and Joanne Neukirchen, October 2003.

CONFERENCES: Miranda Schreurs is organizing the sixth conference of the Tamaki Project on Environment and Equity in Japan, Germany, the US and China. A conference focused on China will be co-hosted with the Woodrow Wilson Center and held on November 17. And Miranda will also be serving as a senior advisor to the project "Natur, Oekologie und Umwelt in Japan," in Tutzing, Germany Nov 21-23 and presenting an invited talk at a conference on Environmental Protection in Japan and Germany to be held in Munich November 19-20.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books out or in press

Gar Alperovitz has signed with John A. Wiley and Sons to publish his just completed The Next System? Evolving Normative Theories and Strategies of Long Term Political-Economic Change in 2004. Gar co-authored with David Imbroscio and Thad Williamson a new report on "*Your Community's Economic Future: A Guide to Innovative State and Local Policies*" supported by

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Paul Herrnson's *Congressional Elections: Campaigning at Home and in Washington*, 4th ed., (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2004).

Dennis Pirages' Ecological Security: An Evolutionary Approach to Globalization, was published by Rowman-Littlefield. It is co-authored with graduate student Theresa DeGeest.

Articles or Chapters in Print

Paul Herrnson's article "Public Financing for Judicial Elections? A Judicious Perspective on the ABA's Proposal for Campaign Finance Reform," with Owen G. Abbe, *Polity*, vol. 35 (2003): 535-554.

Joe Oppenheimer and Piotr Swistak's volume with John Wallis, eds. (July, 2003), "On the Shoulders of a Giant: Essays in Honor of Mancur Olson." Special symposium in *Economics and Politics*. vol. 15, no. 2. (published in 10/2003) and their volume with John Wallis, eds. "On the Shoulders of a Giant: Essays in Honor of Mancur Olson." Special volume of *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. vol 15 num. 3. July. (published in 10/2003).

Joe Oppenheimer contributed the following entries in the *Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Rowley, Charles K. and Fritz Schneider (eds.), Kluwer Academic Publishers (published in 10/2003). "Logrolling" and "Self-Interest." He also following review essay: "Considering Social Justice: A Review of David Miller's Principles of Social Justice." *Social Justice Research*. 15: 3 (Sept. 2002): 295-311. (published in 10/2003).

Jillian Schwedler's chapter, "Yemen's Aborted Opening," in Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Daniel Brumberg, eds., *Islam and Democracy in the Middle East* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press).

Vladimir Tismaneanu's article "Fallen Hero" about Georgi Dimitrov's Diary (Yale UP, 2003) came out on September 5, 2003 in *Times Literary Supplement*. On September 23, his essay "The Pedagogy of Dogma: Politics and Philosophy and Stalinist Romania" came out in Romania's leading cultural-political weekly, *Revista 22*.

Grants and Awards

Jillian Schwedler was elected to a second two-year term as Chair of the Board of Directors of *Middle East Report*, a quarterly journal. Jillian was also invited to serve as Workshop Director for a workshop on the theme, "Cross-Ideological Cooperation in the Arab World," sponsored and hosted by the European-Mediterranean Institute of the European University Institute 5th Meeting on Political and Social Research, March 2004, in Florence.

Lectures and Presentations

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Virginia Haufler will be giving two talks in October: the keynote speech, "Should I Stay or Should I Go?: The Global Politics of Foreign Investment in Unstable Regions" for the Corporate Governance and Sustainable Peace workshop at the University of Michigan School of Business, October 4; and a paper presentation, "Pushing the Limits: The Political Environment for Industry Self-Regulation," for a workshop on the "Potential and Limits of Self-Regulatory Arrangements," Zurich October 10-11.

Martin Heisler participates in the Voice of America's weekly live French-language broadcast/telecast panel discussions of international relations.

Jillian Schwedler presented a paper, "More than a Mob: Protest Narratives in Jordan," at the Columbia University Contentious Politics Workshop, October 20. She will also present a paper, "Cooperation among Political Protesters in Jordan," at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, November 8, in Anchorage.

Vladimir Tismaneanu's book "Stalinism for All Seasons: A Political History of Romanian Communism" was launched at the Romanian Embassy in Washington. On that occasion, Ambassador Sorin Ducaru presented the author and the book and Vladimir delivered a lecture on Romanian communism in comparative perspective on October 18. On October 20th, Vladimir's new book was launched at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The event was sponsored by the Center's Cold War International History Project and the East European Studies Program. Vladimir lectured on "The Political Psychology of Stalinism: The Romanian Case". Professors Charles Gati (SAIS) and Charles King (Georgetown) commented on the book. On October 23, Vladimir delivered his DST lecture: "The Devil in History: Communism, Fascism, and the Lessons of the Twentieth Century."



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Articles and Chapters Published

David Anderson, Amy Pate, and Jonathan Wilkenfeld, "Learning and Foreign Policy Decision-Making," *Chinese Political Science Review*, 33, June 2002.



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