Mark Your Calendars.

BSOS Spring Faculty/Staff Recognition and Award Ceremony, April 12, 2016 in the Atrium, SSU

Faculty Meeting – April 18 from 11:00-12:00pm in 2113 Chincoteague

GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series w/Dr. Margaret Weir, April 27 at 11am in Special Events Rm, 6137 McKeldin Library

MARYLAND DAY, Saturday, April 30 from 10a.m. – 4p.m.

BSOS Scholarship Dinner, May 4 from 6-8pm in the Heise Ballroom, Riggs Alumni Center

GVPT End of Year Celebration – May 11, 12:30-2:00pm in 1101 Morrill Hall

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

We have a lot going on in the month of April.

The BSOS Faculty and Staff Recognition Reception will be on April 12th this year. This ceremony is a chance to show your support for colleagues being recognized for mentorship, research, teaching, and service.

On April 27th, GVPT will be hosting our next Distinguished Guest Lecturer, Dr. Margaret Weir, Professor of Political Science and International and Public Affairs at Brown University. Prof. Weir’s will speak on “The Delegated State in the Sunbelt.” This event will be in the Special Events Room, 6137 of McKeldin Library at 11am. Watch for emails from Cissy about this lecture and I hope to see you there.

And let’s not forget that Maryland Day is on Saturday, April 30. Mark your calendars and come visit us from 10-4pm. GVPT will be in a tent in front of Tydings and Chincoteague. CAPC gives you an opportunity to have your picture taken with a president. Here’s hoping the weather cooperates.

Also in May, the GVPT Commencement ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 19th, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Armory. If you are a volunteer, that’s great and thank you! If not, please reconsider being a part of this very important event in the future. Graduation is an important time for our students as it was for you. The students are looking for you after the ceremony to introduce their favorite faculty members to their families. There are huge rewards for simple and small gestures.

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Ann Marie, the faculty, and students have done a remarkable job with our graduate recruitment efforts. Thank you for all of your help with recruitment.

Registration will open soon. Please be sure to register quickly so we can avoid having to cancel classes due to low enrollment and so that we can minimize the amount of assignment switching due to course conflicts.

Please stay tuned for news on Graduate Appreciation Week.

Mike Hanmer
GVPT, Director of Graduate Studies
MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

I look forward to working with the graduate students as they navigate the job market.

As Placement Director, I am here to help with any issues related to job searches and career planning more generally. Please feel free to ask me questions about any aspect of the process – from thinking about what type of job to pursue, to applying and interviewing, to seeking job outside academia. I am happy to comment on CVs and job application materials.

For students not yet on the market, don’t wait to ask your questions and learn about the process.

Anyone on the market this year who receives an invitation to interview should immediately contact me to arrange a practice job talk.

Maryland places many graduate students at top departments for tenure-track jobs and post-docs, and I look forward to helping to continue this trend.

Good luck!

Kathleen Cunningham
Director of Placement

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Fall 2016 Registration

Registration has begun for the Fall 2016 semester and will continue until the first week of May. Faculty should be aware of the following registration policies:

- GVPT majors are restricted from registering for no more than three GVPT courses.
- All 400-level courses are restricted to GVPT majors only.
- Non-majors may only take one course at the 100-300 level.

Spring 2016 Commencement

The GVPT Commencement ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 9AM in the Armory. The department is currently looking for faculty volunteers to serve as members of the platform party. If you are available, please contact Karmin.

Scott Kastner
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies
This semester we worked with the DGS to bring more clarity to the assistantships allocation system and provide improved communication channels. This semester, five of our graduate students have offered workshops on different qualitative and quantitative skills they have learned as part of external training. We have also worked on the organization of student-led workshops, and MPSA mock panels. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 18th, in which we will nominate the new GSA representatives for 2016-1017. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send an email to the GSA Co-Chairs Analia Gomez Vidal (agv@umd.edu) and Patrick Tiney (ptiney@umd.edu).

GSA Methods Workshop Schedule - Spring 2016

Workshops will take place on Fridays at 3pm (unless otherwise noted) in Tydings 1111.

• **February 19 - Experimental Design** (Jacob Lewis)
  o This workshop will offer a brief survey of the experimental method in qualitative research. It will review the benefits of using experiments as empirical tests for theory and ways of structuring an experimental design.

• **March 4 - Process Tracing** (Patrick Tiney)
  o Process tracing focuses on causal mechanisms and thereby encourages the researcher to think more carefully about how an independent variable is associated with a dependent variable. For our purposes, this may be seen as a useful tool for elucidating cases of interest by focusing on the evidence required to demonstrate the linkages within a causal mechanism and encouraging the use of fine-grained (often within-case) data. The workshop will give a brief overview of the method to place it in a wider context, in particular, to point out the differences with other similar techniques (such as congruence and comparative case studies) and to highlight how it could be profitably used in a multi-method setting. As the focus is on causal mechanisms, participants are encouraged to come with a core mechanism of interest in mind which we can then apply the methodology to.

• **March 25 - Applied Latex/Knitr** (Trey Billings)
  o This workshop will cover the basics of Latex and Knitr. The course will go through the ABCs of setting up a preamble, making publishable quality tables and figures, and will spend some time reviewing the benefits of Knitr both with regard to PDF and HTML rendering.

• **April 15 - Introduction to Text Analysis** (Neil Lund)
  o Workshop will cover the basics of string manipulation, cleaning, and sentiment analysis in the R programming environment. In addition, it will review commonly used visualization techniques in textual analytic work. There will be a brief introduction to string manipulation in Python if time permits.

• **April 29 - ABCs of Webscraping** (Eric Dunford)
  o This workshop will offer a general overview of web scraping techniques using the R programming environment. It will cover basics of HTML, data extraction, web crawling, and timeout procedures central to legally extracting online data.
Student-led Workshop Schedule - Spring 2016

- **March 22**
  
  **Presenters:**
  Jori Breslawski and Brandon Ives
  Alli Patch

- **March 25**
  
  **Presenters:**
  Patrick Tiney
  Analia Gomez Vidal

- **March 28**
  
  Felipe Westhelle and Joe Braun
  Sebastian Vallejos
  Julian Wamble
  Steve Arves

GSA Co-Chairs,

Annie (Analia) Gomez Vidal
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**STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION**

**SOCIAL NETWORKS**

The Department of Government and Politics is on Twitter and Face Book. “Follow” and “Like” GVPT. Information that you want to share on either (or both) of these outlets can be forwarded to gvptdepartment@gmail.com.

**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.

**INSTALLING Personal Network Devices IS PROHIBITED**

Please refrain from connecting your own networking devices to the campus network. Not only is this a violation of the Policy on the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources ([http://www.nethics.umd.edu/aup/](http://www.nethics.umd.edu/aup/)), but also could cause much disruption to you, your colleagues, and our students. Such disruptions may be as serious as multi-building wide network outages (i.e., entire building data and voice services become unavailable).
If such a device is found on the network (i.e., a wired or wireless device that can hand out IP addresses) the device owner will be referred to the Division of IT’s Security Office and their device will be confiscated.

If you have needs that you feel the campus network cannot fulfill, please contact OACS. We will work with you and our network and security offices to devise a networking solution that works for you, yet is in compliance with the campus’ security rules and regulations.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PHD Alums**

**Books in Print**


**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Dougherty, Keith**, (PhD, 1997), Starting June 1, Dougherty will replace Georg Vanberg (Duke) as an Associate Editor for *Public Choice*. He will serve for a three year term.

**FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

**AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

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

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

The AP Workshop website is: [http://www.gypt.umd.edu](http://www.gypt.umd.edu). Click the research tab and then select the American Politics Workshop.
Workshops and events are held from 11-12:30pm at the locations listed by date. While the workshops and events focus on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

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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). The comparative subfield is putting together a stellar lineup of guest speakers for the Fall. Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

April 6 – TBA – 11-12:15pm, 1101 Morrill Hall

April 20 – TBA – 11-12:15pm, 1101 Morrill Hall

April 27 – GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series w/Dr. Margaret Weir – 11-12:30pm, 6137 McKeldin Special Events Rm.

May 11 – Joel Simmons – 11-12:15pm, 2113 Chincoteague Hall

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD/CIDCM – 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. Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at www.gvpt.umd.edu, click on the Research tab and then open the IR workshop schedule as they become available.

Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work or would like to act as a discussant should contact Todd Allee at tallee@umd.edu.

Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

Monday, April 4 – first floor Chincoteague
Manuel Vogt, Princeton University
“Ethnic Stratification and the Equilibrium of Inequality: Ethnic Conflict in Postcolonial States.”

Monday, April 25 – first floor Chincoteague
Caitlin McCulloch, University of Maryland
“Natural Disasters and Conflict: Disaster Diplomacy or Just Disaster?”

Wednesday, April 27 – Margaret Weir, GVPT Distinguished Lecture
6137 McKeldin Library, Special Events Room, 11-12:30pm

Monday, May 2 – 2113 Chincoteague 10-12:30pm
Bahar Leventoglu, Duke University
Title TBA
(co-sponsored with Methods)

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

For more information contact Professor Fred Alford calford@umd.edu.

METHODS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

May 2nd – METHODS/IR/CIDCM Workshop – 10-12:30pm, 2113 Chincoteague Hall

For information and details of the Methods Field Workshops, please contact Professor David Cunningham at dacunnin@umd.edu.

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

- The Center had two successful events at the end last month and we would like to thank all of the GVPT Faculty, Staff, and students who came out to our End of Legislative Session Internship Reception Tuesday March 22 and to Reflection, Resistance, Resurgence: The Ongoing Legacy of the Voting Rights Act on Thursday March 24th. Special thanks to Jane Hudiburg, the Intern and Page Coordinator at the MD General Assembly, Congressmen Tom Petri (R-WI) and Steven Horsford (D-NV), and the Former Members of Congress Association for making both events possible.
- Internship applications are now open for the summer and fall. See capc.umd.edu for more information or email Christian Hosam at chosam@umd.edu
- Maryland Day is this month. CAPC will have a booth along with the department and CIDCM. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Christian Hosam
Coordinator, Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)
Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

❖ Minor in International Development and Conflict Management

NO UPDATES THIS MONTH

❖ Sadat Chair for Peace

This month the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and the Department of Art will be co-hosting the annual Sadat Art for Peace Competition on the theme, “The Refugee Crisis.” The submissions for this contest will be on exhibit in the Herman Maril Art Gallery (Room #1309) in the Art and Sociology Building from April 1st until April 7th.

In addition, the Sadat Chair and the School of Public Policy will be co-sponsoring an event titled, “Egypt’s Role in a Changing Middle East” on Monday, April 11th from 2:00-3:30pm in the School of Public Policy Atrium, Van Munching Hall. This event will feature a conversation with Ambassador Nabil Fahmy, the Dean of the School of Public Affairs at the American University in Cairo and former Foreign Minister of Egypt; Dean Robert Orr, Dean and Professor in the School of Public Policy; and Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, will serve as moderator.

Dr. Telhami will be traveling to Yale University on April 2nd to participate as a panelist in a lunch discussion on “Anwar Sadat and the United States in the Middle East” for the Johnson Center for the Study of American Diplomacy Fifth Annual Conference, “Biography and Grand Strategy: Implications for Leadership and Global Affairs.” Dr. Telhami will also be traveling to Tufts University on April 19th to deliver a talk at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He will also be participating in a panel for the launch of Michael Barnett’s book, The Star and Stripes: A History of the Foreign Policies of American Jews, at George Washington University on April 12th.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books


Chapter and Article Publications

Croco, Sarah has a co-authored paper with Jessica Weeks entitled "War Outcomes and Leader Tenure" that has been accepted for publication at World Politics.


Lectures, Presentations and Other

Karol, David 2016. Gave a talk at Fordham University on "Parties and Presidential Nominations in Perspective"


Awards

Lee, Frances was awarded the 2016-7 Distinguished Scholar Teacher Award

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

Arves, Stephen was selected as the 2015-16 winner of the James F. Hoobler Fellowship Award.

Arves, Stephen and Braun, Joseph won the 2015-16 Donald C. Piper award for their paper: “On Solid Ground: Evaluating the Effects of Foundational Arguments on Human Rights Attitudes.”

Nunez, Gilbert was selected as the 2015-16 winner of the Conley Dillon Award for his many contributions in research, teaching, and mentoring.

Parrott, Michael received the APSA Congressional Fellowship for 2016-2017.
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