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**MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR**
Please join me in congratulating this year’s Spencer Award Winner, Alauna Safarpour. The Spencer Award Ceremony is scheduled for December 7th at 1:30-3:00pm at the Chaney Library at the Samuel Riggs Alumni Center.

GVPT will be participating in the Cherry Blossom 10-Miler again this year. The race is on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 7:30AM. GVPT has had a team for the past six years, and we hope to get another group together for 2019. It's a fun event on a beautiful course around the National Mall and monuments. Entry to the race is handled via a lottery (http://www.cherryblossom.org/generalinfo/entryinfo.php). Registration begins on Saturday, December 1 through 11:59 P.M. on Wednesday, December 12. You'll only be charged the entry fee (usually around $45) if you're selected for the race. Frances Lee is coordinating our team this year so if you are selected from the lottery, please let Frances know.

Finally, please join us for the University Commencement on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30pm and the BSOS Graduation on Wednesday, December 19th at 3:30p.m. Both events are in the Xfinity Center. I realize scheduling is difficult at this time of year, but your participation is important to our students and their friends and family, so I hope to see you there.

The next GVPT Newsletter will be February 2019. Continue to send in your updates to Cissy. And enjoy your winter break!

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

SPENCER CEREMONY

This year’s Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award ceremony is on Friday, December 7th at 1:30 pm in the Chaney Library at the Samuel Riggs Alumni Center. Please join us in congratulating this year’s winner, Alauna Safarpour.

SPRING REGISTRATION

If you haven’t done so already, please register for classes. We will have to make decisions about low-enrollment classes over the next few weeks.

AWARDS

Please stay tuned to the GVPT graduate email list for announcements about dissertation and other award competitions.

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 has recently placed graduate students at top departments for tenure-track jobs and post-docs, and I look forward to helping to continue this trend.

- Joan Timoneda – got a post doc at Duke

Happy Holidays!

Kathleen Cunningham
Director of Placement

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Commencement
University Commencement will take place on Tuesday, December 18th at 6pm in the Xfinity Center. BSOS Commencement will take place on Wednesday, December 19th at 3:30pm in the Xfinity Center.

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Jillian Santos jsantos5@umd.edu or (301) 405-4142
Kiersten Riffert krieffert@umd.edu or (301) 405-4124

If you have any questions about these policies, please contact Karmin Cortes at k cortes@umd.edu.

David Cunningham
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Karmin Cortes
Associate Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The GSA and the Teaching and Learning Center (TLTC) will be hosting a TA-training session for GVPT graduate students on Thursday, January 24 from 1 pm - 3 pm in Tydings 2102. The training is open to all GVPT students, regardless of spring assignment. Faculty, please encourage your spring semester TA to attend.

The final GSA meeting of the semester will be Wednesday, December 12 at 12:30 pm in Tydings 1111. Please let the GSA co-chairs, SoRelle Wyckoff (sorellew@terpmail.umd.edu) and Kee Hyun Park (khpark@terpmail.umd.edu), if you have any announcements to pass along. Graduate students, hope to see you there!

If you would like to get in touch with the GSA Co-Chairs, SoReele Wycoff and Kee Hyun Park, you can contact them at sorellew@terpmail.umd.edu and khpark@umd.edu

STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

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 PHD Alums

Books in press


Burack, Cynthia (Ph.D. 1991) Because We Are Human: Contesting US Support for Gender and Sexuality Human Rights Abroad, SUNY Press.


Articles and Chapters in print


Lectures, Presentations and Other
Francia, Peter (Ph.D. 2000) on behalf of the ECU Center for Survey Research's Life, Liberty, and Happiness Project, authored a report on the state of public opinion towards the legalization of sports gambling. The report generated press attention from several media outlets across the nation, including the Miami Herald, Kansas City Star, Charlotte Observer, and Sacramento Bee.

Gusmano, Michael K. (Ph.D. 1995) is now the Director of the Doctoral Program at the Rutgers University School of Public Health.

Sahin, Bican (Ph.D. 2003) was promoted to full professorship at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey.

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.gvpt.umd.edu. Click the research tab and then select the American Politics Workshop.

Workshops are held from 11-12:30pm at the locations listed by date. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

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Spring 2019 Workshop Schedule:
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.

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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.

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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 James Glass jglass1@umd.edu.

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY & FORMAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS
For information and details of the Political Methodology and Formal Theory Field, please contact Professor Sarah Croco scroco@umd.edu.

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

In mid-November, more results from our fall poll with The Washington Post were released. The poll found that 53% of registered voters are in favor of legal professional sports gambling, with 37% opposed, and 10% of voters having no opinion.

We will be holding our fall semester undergraduate research symposium on December 11 at 1 PM in Tydings 1111. Our six undergraduate research assistants in the program this semester will present their research findings in the form of a research poster and answer questions.

Applications for the spring undergraduate research assistant program are due January 21. We are hiring a student for a Latino Fellowship to research issues related to race and ethnicity in American politics during the spring semester. The application is due January 28. Applications for the spring internship program are due February 4.

Applications can be found on the CAPC website under the education tab. Please encourage any students who you think might be interested to apply.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM/IR workshops:

December 3: Debra Avant (University of Denver) @ 11 am

December 10: Paul Huth & David Backer @11am
Sadat Chair for Peace

In December, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, will be traveling to Encino, California to deliver the 8th Annual Professor Gerald B. Bubis Lecture on “The American Political Divide on Israel/Palestine: What does the midterm election tell us?” hosted by Americans for Peace Now and Valley Beth Shalom.

Looking ahead to 2019, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and the Office of International Affairs will be hosting a panel on “The Global Response to the Refugee Crisis” on Thursday, March 7, 2019 as part of the “Year of Immigration.” This panel will feature Nancy Lindborg, President of the United States Institute of Peace, Eric Schwartz, President of Refugees International, Her Excellency Ambassador Dina Kawar, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States, and will be moderated by Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development. To RSVP early, please visit: go.umd.edu/refugee2019

Bahá’í Chair for World Peace

No Updates This Month!

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books

Kastner, Scott and Margaret Pearson (with Chad Rector), published "China's Strategic Multilateralism: Investing in Global Governance" (Cambridge University Press).


Pearson, Margaret and Scott Kastner (with Chad Rector), published "China's Strategic Multilateralism: Investing in Global Governance" (Cambridge University Press).

Articles


**Lectures, Presentations and Other**


Rouse, Stella gave a talk at the Conference on Gender and International Affairs, Voices of Power. The Fletcher School, Tufts University in November 2018.

**Awards**


Rouse, Stella was selected as a PRRI Public Fellow for 2018-2019: *Leading University Faculty to Elevate Public Debates on Religion, Politics and Cultural Issues*. You can read more on this Fellowship by going to: https://www.prri.org/about/our-team/#tab-fellows

**GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

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Safarpour, Alauna won the 2018 Jean Spencer Award.
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