Mark Your Calendars.

**Spencer Award Ceremony** will be on December 9th at 1:30pm, Chaney Library, Alumni Center.

**Department Holiday Reception** will be on Friday, December 11 at 12pm. Mark your calendars.

**BSOS Graduation** – Sunday, December 20, 2009 4:00PM, COMCAST CENTER

**UNIVERSITY CLOSING** – Dec 24 at 12:30pm & will reopen on January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series w/Dr. Susan Stokes, February 24 at 11am in MD Room.

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Please join me in congratulating this year’s Spencer Award Winner, Ms. Kelsey Hinchliffe. The Spencer Award Ceremony is scheduled for December 9th at 1:30pm at the Chaney Library at the Samuel Riggs Alumni Center.

I also want to congratulate Callie Jones and Patrick Wohlfarth. Callie won a 2016-2017 Semester RASA Award, and Patrick won a 2016 Summer RASA Award.

GVPT will be participating in the Cherry Blossom 10-Miler again this year. The race is on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 7:30AM. GVPT has had a team for the past three years, and we hope to get another group together for 2016. 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 has already begun, but you still have time to sign-up. Frances Lee is coordinating our team this year, so if you are selected from the lottery, please let Frances know.

It is that time of year again to being our Faculty Activities Reports (FAR) for the 2015 calendar year. Final submissions are not due until March 2016, but this might be a good time to go into the Lyteratti system and update your CV entries for 2015. And please be sure that these entries are added to your Activity Report. Cissy will notify all of us when the time comes to actually submit those Activity Reports.

On February 24th 2016, Dr. Susan Stokes, John S. Saden Professor of Political Science at Yale University, will present the next GVPT Distinguished Lecture. The event will be in the Maryland Room at 11am. The series will continue with Dr. Margaret Weir, Professor of Political Science and Sociology and Avice Saint Chair in Public Policy at UC Berkeley, on April 27 at 11am. Location for that talk is TBA.

Finally, please join us for the University Commencement on December 19, 2015 at 7:00pm and the BSOS Graduation on Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 1pm. 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 2016. 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 Wednesday, December 9th at 1:30 pm in the Chaney Library at the Samuel Riggs Alumni Center. Please join us in congratulating this year’s winner, Kelsey Hinchliffe.

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.

AUGUST PH.D.’s

Please join me in congratulating Jacob Aronson and Marty Kobren on graduating earlier this semester.

Jacob Aronson

Title of Dissertation: The Provision and Impact of External Support to Combatants In Civil Wars
Committee: Professor Paul Huth, Chair  
Professor William Reed  
Professor Mark Lichbach  
Professor David Cunningham  
Professor Laura Dugan, Dean’s Rep (CRIM)

Martin Kobren

Title of Dissertation: Taxing Ourselves: Understanding School Tax Elections
Committee: Professor Irwin L. Morris, Chair  
Professor Karol Soltan  
Professor Michael Hanmer  
Professor Frances Lee  
Professor Robert Sprinkle, Dean’s Rep (Public Policy)

AWARDS

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

Mike Mansfield recently circulated the call for proposals for the next round of GVPT Research Initiative Funding (due 1/1/16). If you have any questions please let me know.

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.

Good luck!

Kathleen Cunningham
Director of Placement

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Commencement

University Commencement will take place on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 7pm in the Xfinity Center.

BSOS Commencement will take place on Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 1pm in the Xfinity Center.

More information about commencement can be found at http://www.commencement.umd.edu/

For additional questions regarding the BSOS ceremony, please contact commencement coordinator, Juliana Bynoe via phone at 301.405.8746 or email at jbynoe@umd.edu.

Scott Kastner
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Apitchaya Pimpawathin
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
GSA held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 9th. In this meeting, we further discussed the role of students in the admissions committee, with the presence of our DGS, Michael Hanmer. We also discussed which extra charity to donate to for Movember.

During November, GVPT GSA has had a Professional Development workshop on submitting to academic journals, offered by Professor Huth on November 13th. We have also organized the Movember campaign for the second year in a row. This time, seven participants, including Michael Hanmer, have volunteered to grow their mustaches, and we have been collecting money to decide who the winner was. All donations will be sent to the Movember Foundation, and we will also potentially have a generous donor for both Movember Foundation, and another foundation of choice related to women’s health issues. The final results for Movember will be available on December 1st.

Moving forward, we will work on the topics previously mentioned, as well as other initiatives such as professional development workshops, student-led presentations, gender studies group, and social events. Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 7th at 11 am in room TYD1136.

For comments or suggestions about these or any other initiatives, please contact GSA Co-Chairs Analia Gomez Vidal (agv@umd.edu) and Patrick Tiney (ptiney@umd.edu)

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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 gvpdepartment@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/), 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**

**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Other**


**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](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.**

**Fall 2015 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.

Fall 2015 Workshop Schedule:

December 2 – TBA – 11-12:15pm – 1101 Morrill Hall

December 9 – TBA – 11-12:15pm – 2113 Chincoteague

Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

February 10 – TBA – 11-12:15pm

February 24 – TBA – 11-12:15pm

March 7 - 11-12:15pm with IR/CIDCM
Miles Kahler (AU), 1109 Chincoteague

March 9 – TBA – 11-12:15pm
March 23 – TBA – 11-12:15pm

April 6 – TBA – 11-12:15pm

April 20 – TBA – 11-12:15pm

May 4 – TBA – 11-12:15pm

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.gypt.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.

Fall 2015 Workshop Schedule:

Wednesday, December 9 - 11-12:15 in 1109 Chincoteague

Yon Lupu, George Washington University
Title: "The Relationship between the Forms of Repression and Violent Dissent"

Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

March 7 - 11-12:15pm with Comparative Field in 1109 Chincoteague

Miles Kahler (AU) will be speaking at the IR/CIDCM workshop.

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

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 new CAPC Website will be operational by the end of the semester so be on the lookout for an announcement.
- CAPC had its first board meeting of the 2015-2016 year on November 18th. They are excited for what will sure to be a busy and impactful Spring semester.
- The Money in Politics event was a great success! We thank our co-sponsors: the Issue One Foundation and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Look out for another big event in the Spring.
- CAPC is co-sponsoring a Mock Democratic Debate this Thursday, December 3rd in Tydings 0130 at 7:30PM. We hope to see some GVPT folks there.

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

2016 Winter Program
Multi-Track Diplomacy: Transforming Violent Conflict
January 4 - 24, 2016

- Professional Development: Peacemaking Skills From Local to International
- Weekend Workshop Simulation on Current Conflict in the Middle East
- 2x40-Hour Evenings and Weekend Courses, for Certification and/or Academic Credit

The breakthroughs and failures of the Arab Spring demonstrate both the promise of multi-track diplomacy in promoting peaceful democratic transition, and the corrosive, often devastating impact of oppression, instability and violence on quality of life and development. Join us for an intensive program of experiential learning and new perspectives on ways to resolve conflict and build a lasting peace.

Multi-track diplomacy has become an important tool not only for government and IO agencies and CSO staff working for conflict management, development, human rights, democratic reform, relief or humanitarian aid, but also for all citizens or stakeholders concerned about oppression, polarization, violence or instability. The goal of this program is to develop the knowledge and skills needed to facilitate transformation of complex societal conflicts, using techniques of multi-track diplomacy. These techniques, applicable to interpersonal and organizational as well as to community and societal conflicts, provide an essential complement to official (“first track”) diplomacy and police work.

This year we will focus our search for common ground in the current conflict in Israel-Palestine, where CIDCM faculty are engaged, and more specifically on tensions in Jerusalem and the debate between competing ‘non-violent’ strategies for peace such as the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement. A simulation will be co-facilitated by experienced
Israeli- and Muslim-American professionals. In an effort to bridge the negotiation gap created by cycles of violence and oppression, unofficial channels will be explored while developing skills in trust building, nonviolent communication, prejudice reduction, integrative problem solving, consensus building and peace building; with new insights informing ongoing multi-track work in the region.

**Certification, Credit and Scholarships**

Successful completion qualifies participants for certification of advanced training and/or 3 or 6 academic credits for degree seeking students (GVPT 808J/808K or GVPT 409J/409K). Students should check with their advisors if permission is needed to take 6 credits. For more information (including partial scholarships for non-degree-seeking professionals, or permission to take just 3 credits) contact Prof. Davies as below. For application information see [http://oes.umd.edu/winter-term/special-programs](http://oes.umd.edu/winter-term/special-programs).

**Instructors**

Prof. Edy Kaufman and Prof. John Davies are Senior Associates with CIDCM, which has pioneered the development and application of multi-track diplomacy for resolving protracted ethnic, nationalist and other complex societal conflicts since the early 1980’s. As co-directors of CIDCM’s *Partners in Conflict & Peacebuilding Program* they have led many conflict transformation, prevention, peace building and peacekeeping initiatives in the Middle East, Latin America, Former Soviet Union, South Asia and Africa.

*Visiting speaker: Ambassador John McDonald*, Institute of Multi-Track Diplomacy.

**For More Information**

For more information, please contact Prof. John Davies at jdavies@umd.edu or 240-441-8712.

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**Sadat Chair for Peace**

On Friday, December 4th, Dr. Telhami will be presenting the key findings of his recent poll on Evangelicals and the Middle East, which is part of his new book project, at the Brookings Institution at 10am. These findings will be posted on the Brookings Institution’s website and on the Sadat Chair’s website (sadat.umd.edu).

On Thursday, December 3rd, Dr. Telhami will be moderating a roundtable discussion with Member of Knnesset Ayman Odeh at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC from 1:00-2:30pm. Ayman Odeh is the Leader of the Hadash party and a Member of the Knesset.

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**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Books**


Chapter and Article Publications


Lectures, Presentations and Other


**Mason, Lilliana** “Socio-Partisan Sorting and Polarized Identity Politics,” Center on American Politics at Indiana University, Bloomington on November 6, and “A Broader Approach to Identity Politics: Socio-Partisan Sorting and the Deepening Partisan Divide,” Center for Political Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor on November 18.

**Tismaneanu, Vladimir** "*Two Sisters in Dark Times,*" paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Association for Eurasian and East European Studies, Philadelphia, November 22, 2015.

Awards

**Jones, Callie** was awarded the 2016-2017 RASA Semester Award.

**Wohlfarth, Patrick** was awarded the 2016 Summer RASA Award.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

**Hinchliffe, Kelsey** won the 2015 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award.
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