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Welcome back!

Maryland Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. Mark your calendars and come visit us from 10-4 pm. GVPT, CAPC, SADAT and CIDCM/MIDCM will be stationed in front of Tydings. If you would like to volunteer to work the tent that day, please send Cissy your t-shirt size and the hours you can participate by February 22nd. We would love to have you join us.

We have received new information on Activity Insight, the program we will be using to file our faculty activity reports (FAR’s). Activity Insight is being rolled out in phases to tenured/tenure-track faculty across campus throughout 2019. Two groups of faculty will be trained in the Spring term, and a third group will be trained early in the Fall term. Administrators who will use Activity Insight for reporting purposes, and the staff who support them, will be trained over the summer. The end goal is for all tenured/tenure-track faculty to use Activity Insight for the annual activity reporting cycle in the Spring of 2020. Our professional track faculty will use Activity Insight in the Spring of 2021.

BSOS is part of the second rollout group, and there will be a variety of informational and training opportunities for both the faculty and staff:

1. The initial focus in April will be an orientation to staff so they are aware of what faculty will be asked to do with Activity Insight.
2. Following that orientation, Faculty Affairs will be holding one or more faculty training sessions in campus locations close to Tydings in the April/May timeframe. When this training is offered, I HIGHLY recommend that you make every effort to attend.
3. In addition to in-person training, Faculty Affairs will also have drop-in office hours at their Toll Physics suite and an online portal with additional documentation and short how-to videos for self-service instruction.

You have been sent an email asking that you complete the Outside Professional Activities (OPA) Report and you can access the report at [http://ares.umd.edu](http://ares.umd.edu). Once on the ARES website, go to "Quick Links" and select "Outside Professional Activities (OPA) Report." The University of Maryland policy and procedures on Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment require that all full-time exempt staff complete this report. The form must be completed, even if there are no outside professional activities to report. The OPA report reporting period is from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The university deadline for completion is Friday, March 1, 2019, but you know the College will give us an earlier deadline (pending that email), so Cissy and I would appreciate it if you just go ahead and get this done and out of your way.

Have a great semester!

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The admissions committee has begun its work and will soon select the next cohort. Thank you in advance to all of the faculty, students, and staff who will help us recruit another group of outstanding political scientists. Join me in extending a special thank you to Ann Marie who has been invaluable – she has answered numerous emails, guided applicants and letter writers through the application system, and helped me in countless ways.

Stay tuned for information regarding GVPT awards.

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.

- Heather Hicks – was placed at Colorado State University
- Joan Timoneda – got a post doc at Duke

Kathleen Cunningham
Director of Placement

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Scholarships

We will be awarding several departmental scholarships this semester. Please encourage your very best students to apply for these awards and consider writing letters of recommendation for them. More information on our
scholarships is available at: http://www.gvpt.umd.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/

Advising Office Contact Information for questions concerning undergraduate studies:
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Kiersten Riffert k riffert@umd.edu or (301) 405-4124

David Cunningham
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Karmin Cortes
Associate Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Our next GSA meeting will be Wednesday, February 13 at 11:00 in Tydings 1111. Faculty, 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 to graduate students. Graduate students, hope to see you there!

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

Articles and Chapters in print


**Lectures, Presentations and Other**


Weil, Carola (Ph.D. 2003) is now the Dean of Continuing Studies at McGill University in Montreal.

**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.

**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.

Workshops are held from 11-12:15pm at the locations listed by date. Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

**Spring 2019 Workshop Schedule:**

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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](http://www.gvpt.umd.edu), click on the Research tab and then open the IR workshop schedule as they become available.

Workshops are held from 11-12:30pm in 1109 CHIN unless otherwise noted. While the workshop focuses on issues in International Relations, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

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 SarahCroco scroco@umd.edu.

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

On January 9, we had 11 students start interning with the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. We also have a large number of students interning elsewhere in the region, including on Capitol Hill and in the State Department.

In December we held our undergraduate research symposium where students presented findings from the projects they worked on all semester. Some of the topics included “Who Gets the Money? A Quantitative Review of Federal Disaster Aide Disbursement” and “The Trump Effect: Evaluating the Effect of Presidential Alignment on Republican Incumbents in the 2018 Midterm Elections.”

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

❖ Sadat Chair for Peace

In February, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, will be traveling to Chicago to participate in a panel on “Security: Israeli, Palestinian, and US Regional Strategies” for The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Also, on February 7th, Dr. Telhami will be participating in an event on Trump and the Middle East hosted by the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies.

In March, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and the Department of Art will be hosting the annual Sadat Art for Peace Competition on the theme of “Immigrants and Identity in America” on March 5, 2019. Also in March, 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.” This event will take place 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, please visit: go.umd.edu/refugee2019

❖ The Bahá’í Chair for World Peace

▪ Pursuing Racial Equity in Prince George’s County, Maryland

This event is part on an ongoing series on solutions to structural racism. The event will feature a presentation and panel discussion of a new report, entitled “Prince George’s County Rising: Strategies for Equitable Development and Prosperity,” from the Prince George’s County Social Innovation Fund. The panel will feature UMD faculty, graduate students, and community members who work collaboratively to connect the university to the county.

February 12, 2019 at 12:30PM in the Atrium, Stamp Student Union
Free Event - RSVP to: bcwp@umd.edu

▪ Black Girl Labor as Magic: Toward an understanding of Digital Black Feminism with Dr. Catherine Knight Steel, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, University of Maryland College Park

The phrase Black Girl Magic became a popular hashtag and rallying cry used to celebrate the everyday ways that Black women thrive in spite of the boundaries erected to keep them from doing such. But, are Black women really magic? Popular hashtags like #BlackGirlMagic do not do the work of explaining the centuries of wisdom, labor and ingenuity that have put black women in a position to do the longsuffering and thankless work that looks to outsiders like ‘magic’. The digital provides a site to explore the unique interlocking systems of oppression historically enacted upon Black women. I argue that Black women’s relationship with communication technology informs a circumstance of its use that inherently is the most generative.

March 12, 2019 at 3:00PM in the Special Events Room 6th Floor, McKeldin Library
Free Event - RSVP to: bcwp@umd.edu

▪ Infrastructure and Happiness

Our world is undergoing seismic changes. Continually expanding cross border migration, rising income and wealth disparities across nations and within national urban and rural populations, environment-related risks, as well as the rapid pace of technological change challenging definitions of community and identity are demanding that we rethink national development objectives historically driven by economic growth and establish objectives which are driven by what matters most – our happiness.
Over the last 40 years, economists, psychologists, sociologists, and other social scientists have refined ways to define and measure happiness. Now, governments around the world are aspiring to measure happiness within their own populations and develop in a way which leads to its improvement.

The path forward will require the integration of ideas from different disciplines – such as urban planning, sociology, psychology, economics, technology, finance, and politics – as well as collaboration between agents from different sectors – government, industry, academia, and civil society.

To create a rich dialogue layering, debating, and, at times uniting, these diverse perspectives, we will bring together decision-makers and thought leaders from these disciplines and sectors to synthesize strategies for achieving happier cities.

April 4-5, 12, 2019, 9AM-5PM in the Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union
Free Event - RSVP to: bcwp@umd.edu

- How Deep the Rabbit Hole Goes': The Alt-Right’s Infatuation With Stoic Philosophy with Dr. Donna Zuckerberg, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Eidolon

Stoicism and the Alt-Right may seem to be an unlikely pairing: the far-right internet is motivated by irrational hatred and rage, traits that are fundamentally incompatible with Stoic thought. In this lecture, Donna Zuckerberg will explore the Red Pill community's odd fascination with this ancient philosophy and the role classical antiquity plays in far-right online discourse.

April 23, 2019, at 7:30PM in the Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union
Free Event - RSVP to: bcwp@umd.edu

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books

Kosko, Stacy J. Agency and Democracy in Development Ethics, Edited by Lori Keleher and Stacy J. Kosko, Cambridge University Press, 2019, out in print Feb 2:  

Articles


Mason, Lilliana with Jared McDonald "'An Inherited Money Dude from Queens County': How Unseen Candidate Characteristics Affect Voter Perceptions." Political Behavior.

Lectures, Presentations and Other


Awards

Kosko, Stacy J. was named a Fellow of the Human Development and Capability Association, and was elected in the fall 2018 as an Officer of the same.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Articles

McDonald, Jared with Lilliana “'An Inherited Money Dude from Queens County': How Unseen Candidate Characteristics Affect Voter Perceptions." Political Behavior.

Awards

Breslawski, Jori won the Global Religion Research Initiative's Project Launch Grant with Brandon Ives.

Ives, Brandon won the Global Religion Research Initiative's Project Launch Grant with Jori Breslawski.

Other

Hicks, Heather was placed at Colorado State University

Timonedea, Joan got a post doc at Duke
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