Mark Your Calendars.

1) GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series with Professor Beth Simmons
   February 10, 2015 - 3-4:30pm, Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall
2) Faculty Meeting, February 11 at 11am in 2113 CHIN
3) Dean's Faculty Meeting, February 18 at 11am in 1101 MORRILL HALL
4) GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series with Professor Jacob Hacker
   April 10, 11-12:30pm, Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall
5) April 25, MARYLAND DAY
6) May 22, GVPT Graduation, 12:30pm in the Armory

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Welcome back! We have already scheduled several department-wide events that I would like to bring to your attention. First, we will be hosting two Distinguished Guest Lecturers this semester, Professor Beth Simmons from Harvard University on February 10 and Professor Jacob Hacker from Yale University on April 10. Watch for emails from Cissy about these lectures. Hope to see you there. Also, on February 18, we will be holding a special Faculty Meeting with Dean Gregory Ball. Faculty, please make every effort to attend.

We have been fortunate to add two new staff members. Please join me in welcoming Brittany Kyser and Gillea Benitez to the Department.

Brittany Kyser was selected as the Program Coordinator and Executive Assistant for the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development after an extensive search. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Middle East Studies from the University of Mary Washington and studied abroad in Jordan. Brittany recently completed her Master of Arts degree in Iranian Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. She has studied Arabic for four years and Farsi for two years and has travelled extensively throughout the Middle East.

Gillea Benitez is the new Program Coordinator for the ICONS Project, which is part of CIDCM and GVPT. Prior to joining the UMD, Gillea was the Program and Administrative Coordinator for Global Education USA Services at the Institute of International Education. She brings experience from the U.S. Departments of Commerce and State. She earned her BA in International Studies and Political Science at Boston College.

Finally, it is that time of year again. The Lyterati (FAR-Faculty Activity Reports) System is ready for your updates, corrections, and other edits. Final submissions are due March 1, 2015 for the university, but the GVPT deadline has been set for Friday, February 20, 2015. Please remember to fill in and sign off on the Outside Professional Activities (OPA) form as well to complete this process.

Have a great semester!

Best,

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 the Summer Research Fellowships and other awards.

Mike Hanmer
GVPT, Director of Graduate Studies

MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

Dan Biggers accepted a tenure-track position at UC Riverside.

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.

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.

Kathleen Cunningham
Director of Placement

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

We hope you enjoyed your break and are looking forward to the spring semester! As always, if you have any questions concerning undergraduate studies, feel free to contact one of our advisors.

Christina Bussie, cbussie@umd.edu
Brian Markowitz, brianm@umd.edu

We are happy to help you solve student issues, aid students in distress, or provide information on a variety of undergraduate opportunities within the department.
Scholarships
We will be awarding several departmental scholarships this semester. The deadline for all departmental scholarships is early March. 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/

Maryland Student Researchers Program
Please don't forget about the Maryland Student Researchers program sponsored by the university. Students receive an official notation on their transcript for participation. Faculty should add their projects to the website to recruit students. More information can be found online here: http://www.ugresearch.umd.edu/programs/msr.html

Maryland Summer Scholars Program
The Maryland Summer Scholars program is a competitive grant awarded to student researchers over the summer. Students participate in research projects with faculty, as well as specialized seminars and other events throughout the summer. Summer Scholars earn money for participation and gain a competitive edge when applying for graduate education. The deadline to apply is February 8. Please encourage your best undergraduate students to apply. More information can be found here: http://www.ugresearch.umd.edu/summerscholars.php

Scott Kastner
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Apitchaya Pimpawathin
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Welcome back and happy New Year! The GVPT Graduate Student Association had a very productive fall semester. We hosted a variety of successful workshops on methodology and professional development, engaged in productive dialogue with the faculty and staff on issues important to graduate students, and volunteered at the Capital Area Food Bank. We are eager to keep up this positive momentum during the spring semester.

We have a variety of initiatives that we would like to pursue this semester. First, we hope to establish and institutionalize a series of informal student workshops where GVPT graduate students present their work and receive feedback from their peers. Second, we plan on implementing a survey where graduate students are able to express their views on course structure and selection. Third, we would like to offer more workshops on topics of specific interest to our community. Finally, this semester requires that we address the current budget issues affecting the University. It is our hope that we can address these hardships with a common voice and purpose. We would also like to thank Cissy, Anne Marie, Denise, AP, Mike and all the Student Workers for the great holiday party in December!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 4 at 11am in Tydings 1111.

Spring Semester GSA Meeting Dates:
Wednesday February 4 11am Tydings 1111
Wednesday March 4 11am Tydings 1111
Wednesday April 1 11am Tydings 1111  
Wednesday May 6 11am Tydings 1111

You’re GSA Co-Chairs,

Andrew Lugg and Caitlin McCulloch  
(alugg@umd.edu and cem72@umd.edu)

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/), 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

Guy Ziv, PhD, 2008, Why Hawks Become Doves: Shimon Peres and Foreign Policy Change in Israel, has just been published by SUNY Press.

Articles


**Other**

**Jonathan Olsen**, PhD 1997, took a new job as Chair of the History and Government Department at Texas Woman's University.

**Richard Longoria De Voltair**, PhD 2006, started a new job at the University of Texas, Brownsville this fall. UTB and UTPA are merging to form the new University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley in Fall 2015. Richard was hired as part of the reorganization/expansion.

**FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

**AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly 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/apworkshop](http://www.gvpt.umd.edu/apworkshop). While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

**Spring Workshop Schedule:**

**January 30** – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
**Genny Mayhew,** UMD GVPT "Politics at the Water-Cooler: A Field Experiment on Information Transmission in Workplace Social Networks" (co-authored with Christopher B. Mann and Arend Edward Sokhey).
**Discussants:** Antoine Banks will be the faculty discussant and Zack Scott will be the student discussant.

**February 6** – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
**Kira Sanbonmatsu,** Rutgers University

**February 20** – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
**Mike Parrott,** UMD GVPT

**February 27** – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
**Thomas F. Schaller,** UMBC
March 6 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
Patrick Wohlfarth, UMD GVPT

April 10 – GVPT Distinguished Lecturer Series
Jacob Hacker, Yale University

April 24 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
Alexander Theodoridis, UC Merced

May 8 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm
TBA

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). Watch for our lineup of guest speakers for the 14-15 academic year. Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend. Any students and/or faculty interested in presenting their work at the Comparative workshop in November should contact Kanisha Bond, kanisha@umd.edu.

Spring Workshop Schedule:

TBA

DC AREA WORKSHOPS

This spring the comparative politics subfield will be hosting the first annual DC-Area Comparative Workshop. The date for the workshop has been set for Thursday, April 30 here at the University of Maryland.

The event is scheduled to go all day with 3 papers presented in the morning, 2 in the afternoon, leaving plenty of time for socializing. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Each of the five universities attending (Georgetown, George Washington, George Mason, American and UMD) will present one paper and offer up both a graduate student and faculty member to serve as discussants.

Those who are interested in attending need to RSVP by March 2, so that we are able to plan accordingly. If interested, please send all RSVPs to edunford@umd.edu. In the meantime, if there any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Dr. Johanna Birnir or Eric Dunford.

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/irworkshop 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 Workshop Schedule:

TBA

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 jglass@umd.edu.

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY & FORMAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Friday, May 1, 2015 – 1101 Morrill Hall
David Nickerson from Notre Dame University

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)

Spring 2015 Maryland Internship Program

The Maryland Internship Programs (MIP) has enrolled 18 students for the Spring 2015 semester. MIP provides a unique blend of classroom learning, along with real world experience. In addition to their internship duties, students learn from each other in a weekly seminar. Students will intern with a number of state and local offices, including the Attorney General’s office, the Maryland General Assembly, and the Maryland State Department of Education.

MIP is now accepting applications for the 2015 summer sessions. More information and applications are available online at http://www.capc.umd.edu/MIP/index.html.

CAPC accepts new Undergraduate Research Assistants

CAPC recently announced ten new Research Assistants. These students’ projects will cover a variety of topics, including the Tea Party, Maryland campaign finance, Congressional bill introduction, and racial attitudes. We look forward to the research of the ten Research Assistants:

Arlynnell Dickson
Emily Stratmeyer
Leonardo Baliero
CAPC Graduate Student Announcements

Congratulations to CAPC graduate students Candace Turitto, Casey Burgat, and Charlie Hunt. Candace, a fourth year doctoral student, received the Department of Government and Politics’ Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award as the outstanding female graduate student. Casey, a first year doctoral student, will intern this spring with the Congressional Research Service, a public policy research arm of the United States Congress. In addition to working with CAPC, Charlie, a first year doctoral student, will intern with FairVote, a national advocacy group for election reform.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

❖ Sadat Chair for Peace

In January, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, presented his latest poll results on American Public Attitudes Toward ISIS and Syria at the Brookings Institution. This presentation was broadcast on C-SPAN. Dr. Telhami also released an article in POLITICO discussing this topic titled, “Are Americans Ready to Go to War With ISIL?” (links to all below)

POLITICO, “Are Americans Ready to Go to War With ISIL?”  http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/01/are-americans-ready-to-go-to-war-with-isil-114082.html#VL_YPCvF98N

Dr. Telhami also appeared on several media outlets, including Al-Jazeera, Voice of America, and Huffington Post Live (links below):


Looking ahead to February, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, along with the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies and Middle East Studies, are co-sponsoring a book talk and lunch with Dr. Guy Ziv. Dr. Ziv is an assistant professor in the School of International Service’s U.S. Foreign Policy Program at American University. This event is titled, “Can Hawkish Leaders Make Peace? Israeli Prime Ministers and Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking.” It will be held on Monday, February 2 from 12:00PM-1:30PM in 1101 Morrill Hall.
Dr. Telhami will also be attending the World Affairs Council of the Desert meeting in Indian Wells, California in late February where he will be delivering a lecture entitled, “The World Through Arab Eyes.”

✈ **International Communication and Negotiation Simulations (ICONS)**

Please contact Gillea Benitez, ICONS Program Coordinator, at gbenitez@umd.edu, 301-405-4381. Follow us on Twitter: [http://www.twitter.com/iconsproject](http://www.twitter.com/iconsproject)

✈ **Minor in International Development and Conflict Management (MIDCM)**

*MIDCM Faculty Stacy Kosko selected to pilot courses for Global Classroom and Fearless Ideas*

Dr. Kosko’s Fearless Ideas course will be part of a pilot launched by the University of Maryland’s Academy for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Entitled “Innovation and Design for Entrepreneurship and Action (“IDEAs”) in Peace and Development,” In this course, offered in the Spring semester, students will learn practical, applicable knowledge and skills through an intensive, problem-based and design-oriented experience.

✈ **Baha’i Chair for World Peace**

**February 25, 2015 | 2PM - Solidarity Across Differences Series**

**Michael Kimmel**, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, Stony Brook University, NY  
"*Mars, Venues, or Planet Earth? Woman & Men on Campus in a New Millennium*"  
Location: Colony Ballroom, Adele H. Stamp Student Union  
RSVP: [http://www.bahaipeacechair.umd.edu/events/kimmel](http://www.bahaipeacechair.umd.edu/events/kimmel)

**March 25, 2015 | 3PM - Empowerment of Women and Peace Series**

**Farzaneh Milani**, Raymond J. Nelson Professor of Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, Studies in Women and Gender, University of Virginia  
"*Iranian Women Writers: A Moderating and Modernizing Force*"  
Location: Atrium, Adele H. Stamp Student Union  

**April 2015 - Frontiers of Globalization and Governance Series**

**Amitav Acharya**, Professor of International Relations, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance, School of International Services, American University  
**Virginia Haufler**, Associate Professor, Government and Politics, Director of Global Communities, University of Maryland  
Location: Forthcoming (visit bahaichair.umd.edu for updates)

✈ **The George and Lisa Zakhem Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace**

No Updates

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**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Telhami, Shibley** “Are Americans Ready to Go to War With ISIL?” in *Politico* on the poll results on American Public Attitudes Toward ISIS and Syria.

**Uslaner, Ric** “The Historical Roots of Corruption” (with Bo Rothstein), “The Historical Roots of Corruption,” to be presented at the Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico, Mexico City, February 19, 2015, forthcoming *Comparative Politics*.


**Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Telhami, Shibley** will also be attending the World Affairs Council of the Desert meeting in Indian Wells, California in late February where he will be delivering a lecture entitled, “The World Through Arab Eyes.”

**Uslaner, Ric** “Diversity, Segregation, and Trust,” to be presented as the keynote speech at the Workshop on “Understanding Social Trust: A Transatlantic Dialogue,” A workshop in honor of Eric M. Uslaner, University of Manchester (UK), February 27, 2015.

**Awards**

**Haufler, Virginia** was nominated by Dean Ball to serve on the university strategic planning committee for International Programs.

**Uslaner, Ric** will edit a *Handbook of Trust* for Oxford University Press’s Handbook series.

**GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

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