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1) May 13, “End of Year Reception,” 11-1:00pm in 1101 Morrill Hall
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

We will wrap things up with our GVPT “End of Year Reception” scheduled on study day, May 13 at 11am in Morrill Hall. We will announce all our scholarship awards that day, and you will have the opportunity to meet our Commencement Speaker winner as well. I hope to see you there.
The GVPT Commencement ceremony will take place on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 12:30PM in the Armory. Please join us for this important event in the lives of our students and our department.

A number of department members received college and university awards this spring. Recipients include:

- Patrick Wohlfarth (Excellence in Teaching Award—Tenure-Track Faculty)
- Hyo Joon Chang (Excellence in Teaching Award—Graduate Teaching Assistant)
- Christina Smith (Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor)
- Frances Lee (Excellence in Mentorship)

Congratulations!

Government and Politics Participated in Maryland Day 2015 on April 25th. Hundreds of attendees took our flag quiz or our “name the presidents” quiz for a chance to win an official GVPT mug. Those who dropped by the tent were also able to get their pictures taken with Presidents Lincoln, Obama, and Reagan (well, life-size cardboard cut-outs of the presidents). Thanks to all the students, staff, and faculty who made this fun event possible. Please come out and join us next year.

On April 11th, Team GVPT participated in the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run for the third straight year. Frances Lee, Kelsey Hinchcliffe, Mike Mansfield, former staff member Brian Markowitz, and I all participated. For the record, Kelsey was the speedster, and I brought up the rear.
Finally, next semester GVPT Welcomes 2 new faculty members:

Dr. Lilliana Mason received her Ph.D. in political science from Stony Brook University in 2013, with a dissertation grant from the National Science Foundation. She has a B.A. in Politics from Princeton University. Between 2013 and 2015, she was a Visiting Scholar at Rutgers University.

Her research interests include American political behavior, political psychology, partisan and social identity, and polarization. Specifically, her work focuses on the polarizing effect of partisan sorting, and the consequences of sorting for political behavior in general. Her research has appeared in journals such as American Political Science Review and American Journal of Political Science. She is currently finishing a book manuscript on partisan sorting and polarization in American politics.

Dr. Calvert W. Jones will be starting as an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park in the Department of Government & Politics in Fall 2015, having previously served as an Assistant Professor at the City College of New York (CUNY). She earned her Ph.D. from Yale University in 2013, focusing on comparative politics, the Middle East, and mixed methods. Her current research examines new approaches to citizen-building in the Middle East, with an emphasis on goals, mechanisms, and outcomes in state-led social engineering efforts. Her book manuscript, currently under review, is entitled *Bedouins into Bourgeois: Remaking Citizens for a Global Market Era*. Peer-reviewed articles have appeared in *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *International Security*. She also holds an MPhil in international relations from Cambridge University, a master's degree in information management and systems from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's
degree from Columbia University in philosophy and computer science.

We look forward to their arrival and addition to our GVPT faculty.

Best,

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

May Graduates

Please join me in congratulating our May Ph.D. Graduates!

Emma Cutrufello
Jonathan Hensley
Anthony Marcum
Bappaditya Mukerjee
Yousef Munnayer
Brannon Smith
Michael Spivey

Incoming Cohort

In the Fall we will welcome 12 new Ph.D. students. Thank you to Ann Marie for her outstanding work in all phases of the admissions process. Thanks also to the admissions committee and the many faculty and students who helped recruit the new cohort.

A number of GVPT graduate students won UMD and external awards/recognition. Please join me in congratulating the following individuals:

Hamad Althunayyan (APSA MENA Workshop Fellowship)

Joe Braun (Program for Society and the Environment (PSE) Seed Grant, with Felipe Westhelle)

Hyo Joon Chang (BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award)

Eric Dunford (Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program)

Anne Frugé (APSA Africa Workshop in Nairobi, 1 of 4 given to US graduate students; Honorable Mention Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship)

Agatha Hultquist (Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship)

Jared McDonald (Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship)
Chris Meserole (Brookings Institution Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Foreign Policy)

Felipe Westhelle (Program for Society and the Environment (PSE) Seed Grant, with Joe Braun)

Katherine Sawyer (Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award)

Keep up the outstanding work!

Mike Hanmer
GVPT, Director of Graduate Studies

MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

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

Book Orders

Book orders for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 are due. If you have not already done so, please submit your book orders ASAP.

Commencement Information

The departmental commencement ceremony will take place on Friday, May 22 at 12:30PM in Reckord Armory. Thank you to those who volunteered to participate in the ceremony!

Undergraduate Scholarship Winners

The department awarded over $15,000 in scholarships this spring. Winners will be announced at the GVPT End of the Year Reception. Congratulations to the award winners!
Scott Kastner  
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Apitchaya Pimpawathin  
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

GVPT HONORS PROGRAM

Vishnupriya Kareddy won the Winston Family 2015 Best Honors Research Paper Award and Ian Ward won the 2015 Faculty Mentor Award.

David Cunningham  
Director for GVPT Honors Program

GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

We hope that everyone has had a productive semester and is looking forward to the summer.

April was a busy month for many of us. There have been a variety of engaging workshops on campus and, as always, we would like to thank those who make these possible. Also, we would like to thank Professor Kathleen Cunningham for her informative workshop on the academic publication process.

We held our first graduate student workshop in April and look forward to building on these in the future. These informal workshops are intended to help graduate students present their ideas and research at early stages and should encourage more students to present at conferences and the sub-field workshops. The guidelines are flexible and we encourage submission that range from early stage research to more polished working papers. Please contact GSA if you are interested in presenting.

In our inaugural workshop Jacob Lewis presented his paper “Ethnic Transition and Perceptions of Corruption”. Trey Billing served as discussion leader.

On Friday May 8th Anne Frugé is presenting her paper “Violence(s) of Belonging: A New Approach to the Study of Citizenship-Related Violence”. Chris Meserole will serve as discussion leader. The workshop will be held in Tydings 1111 at 3pm.

Finally, we would like to congratulate and introduce our new GSA officers for 2015-2016!

GSA Co-Chairs: Analia Gomez Vidal and Patrick Tiney
Social Chairs: Trey Billings and Jori Breslawski
Professional Development Officer: Election too close to call (recount in process)
International Student Liaison: Seungjun Kim
Technology Liaison: Neil Lund
Graduate Studies Committee: Heather Hicks, Jared McDonald, and Patrick Tiney.
Undergraduate Student/Awards Officer: Eric Dunford
Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee: Christine Herlihy (and David Prina)
Graduate Student Government Program Rep: Christine Herlihy
American Field Rep: Zack Scott
IR Field Rep: Caitlin McCulloch
Comparative Field Rep: Joan Timoneda
Theory Field Rep: Joe Braun
Methods Field Rep: Eric Dunford
Student-Led Workshop Coordinator: Katti McNally

Upcoming GSA Meeting Dates:
Wednesday, 4/15, from 11am to noon in Tydings 1136.

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

**Articles**


**Other**

Boyer, Mark (Ph.D. 1988) On July 1st will become Executive Director of the International Studies Association (www.isanet.org). This means that ISA’s headquarters will be moving from the University of Arizona to the University of Connecticut. ISA is the largest and most respected professional association for scholars, students, practitioners and others in the field, who have a professional interest in expanding, disseminating and applying knowledge of international studies.

Loyle, Cyanne (Ph.D. 2011) will be starting a tenure-track position in August in the Political Science Department at Indiana University. This is an IR/Comparative position with a focus on Human Rights.

**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. 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 - cosponsored and supported by the Women's Graduate Student Group

Kira Sanbonmatsu will discuss her book (coauthored with Susan J. Carroll), titled More Women Can Run: Gender and Pathways to the State Legislatures (Oxford University Press, 2013). Analyzing nationwide surveys of state legislators conducted by the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), the book advances a new approach for understanding women’s election to office, challenging assumptions of a single model of candidate emergence and the necessity for women to assimilate to men's pathways to office. Carroll and Sanbonmatsu argue that a relationally embedded model of candidate emergence better captures women’s decision-making than an ambition framework in which candidacy is self-initiated. They argue that more women can run if more efforts are made to recruit women of varying backgrounds. Their research also examines party differences and the reasons that Democratic women are outpacing Republican women.

**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**
Mark Graber, UMD Law School

**March 27 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm**
Patrick Wohlfarth, UMD GVPT

**April 10 – GVPT Distinguished Lecturer Series – Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall**
Jacob Hacker, Yale University

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

**May 8 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:30pm**
Raymond Williams, UMD GVPT

**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:**

**February 13 – 1109 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

A joint CIDCM/IR & Comparative Workshop with Dr. Patricia Justino, from the Institute of Development Studies in the UK, will be giving a talk regarding her current research entitled, "Conflict, Violence and Development: A Micro-Level Perspective and New Research Directions."

**February 25 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

Jacob Lewis, University of Maryland. "Contentious Performances in Rentier Africa: Resources, Corruption, and Collective Action"

**April 1 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

Graduate Student Meeting with Sidney Tarrow, Cornell University. 10am-10:50am Workshop. Sidney Tarrow, Cornell University. TBA.

**April 8 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

Anne Fruge, University of Maryland. TBA

**April 20 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

Joint Comparative and CIDCM/IR Workshop. Jim Vreeland, Georgetown University. "Data Dissemination and Regime Stability".

**April 30 – Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall – 9am-4pm**

**The first annual DC - Area Comparative Workshop**

Those who are interested in attending need to RSVP by March 2. Please send all RSVPs to edunford@umd.edu.

9 am - 4:00 pm -- Maryland Room. University of Maryland.

**May 6 – 2113 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

**Joe Braun and Steve Arves**, University of Maryland. 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:**

**February 10, Maryland Room Marie Mount Hall – 3-4:30pm**

**Beth Simmons, Harvard (Distinguished Lecture) "Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?"**

Whether and how violence can be controlled to spare innocent lives is a central issue in international relations. The most ambitious effort to date has been the International Criminal Court (ICC), designed to enhance security and safety by preventing and deterring war crimes. A key question facing the young ICC is whether or not it can deter perpetrators and reduce intentional violence against civilians in civil wars. We offer the first systematic assessment of the deterrent effects of the ICC for both state and non-state actors. We argue that the ICC can potentially deter through both prosecution and social deterrence. While no institution can deter all actors, we argue that the ICC can deter some governments and those rebel groups that seek legitimacy. We find support for this conditional impact of the ICC cross-nationally. Our work has implications for the study of international institutions and international relations, and supports the violence-reducing role of pursuing justice in international affairs.

**February 13 – 1109 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**


**February 23 – 1109 Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**

**Livia Schubiger** (ETH-Zurich), “One for All? State Violence and Insurgent Cohesion.” Kathleen Cunningham and Dan Siegel will serve as discussants.

**March 2 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm**
Sabine Otto, Konstanz "The Grass Is Always Greener. Why Armed Groups Switch Sides in Civil Conflict"

March 23 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm

Dan Siegel, UMD "State Hosting of Foreign Rebel Groups"

March 30 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm

Elisabeth Gilmore, UMD Public Policy “projected Future Armed Intrastate Conflict Along the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways”

April 20 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm

Jim Vreeland, Georgetown "Data Dissemination and Regime Stability"

May 1 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 2-3:00pm

Rachel Stein, George Washington "War and Revenge: Explaining Conflict Initiation by Democracies"

May 7 – 2141K Chincoteague Building – 11-12:15pm

Page Fortna, Columbia (in conjunction with Women Graduate Student Group) Title 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 – 11-12:30
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)

Need work experience? Apply for an internship?
The Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC) is still accepting Maryland Internship Program applications for Summer and Fall 2015!

The Maryland Internship Program (MIP), coordinated by CAPC, offers a comprehensive internship experience. Our program integrates classroom instruction with hands-on experience in Maryland state and local government.

Space is still available for the upcoming Summer and Fall 2015 session of MIP. The program is open to UMCP students of all majors.

For more information and application instructions, visit http://www.capc.umd.edu/mip. Please direct questions to: mip@umd.edu.

Interested in learning about research? Apply to be a CAPC Undergraduate Research Assistant!

In addition to internships, CAPC performs research, education, and outreach on critical issues related to the nation’s political institutions, processes, and policies. Our research focuses on virtually all areas of American politics, including campaign finance, elections, Congress, parties and institutions, and judicial politics. Research assistants work with faculty and graduate assistants to collect, code, and analyze data, proofread and copyedit manuscripts, and draft reports and other publications. CAPC is looking for outstanding undergraduates to work with our faculty members. This experience is ideal for students who are considering attending graduate school in the future. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to capc@umd.edu.

CAPC has a successful Maryland Day:
Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with the CAPC booth at Maryland Day. Our “Pictures with the Presidents” display was very popular. Hundreds of people visited the CAPC booth, allowing them to learn about our faculty, students, and research.

Here is a tweet from the BSOS Twitter feed:

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM FACULTY Books out or in press


**CIDCM FACULTY Articles or Chapters in Print**


(Forthcoming) Bond, Kanisha. “Women’s Participation in Violent Political Organizations” in *American Political Science Review*, (with Jakana Thomas)


**CIDCM GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**CIDCM receives $2+ million 3-year Minerva grant**

Paul Huth and David Backer are leading a team that has been awarded a $2+ million three-year grant for the project "Aiding Conflict? The Impact of Foreign Assistance on the Dynamics of Intrastate Armed Conflict" through the Minerva Initiative of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The aim of this project is to evaluate the association between development aid and the likelihood, escalation, severity, spread, duration, and recurrence of violence, spanning the phases before, during, and after conflict.

The research design combines cross-national, subnational, and micro-level empirical analysis. A distinctive advance is to employ a sizeable array of cutting-edge disaggregated data for most of Africa as well as select Asian and Latin American countries. These geocoded data, which are due to be expanded significantly through this project, permit extensive quantitative assessment that is finer-grained spatially and temporally, plus considers notable parameters of both aid disbursements and conflict events.

Empirical data and analytical results will used to seed computational models, for purposes of generating simulations to further probe aid-conflict dynamics and "what-if" counterfactuals. The simulation framework will be incorporated into an online, interactive visualization tool that facilitates gauging the implications for conflict trajectories of varying aid parameters under disparate conditions, adjustable by users.

Partners in conducting the project include the Center for International Security Studies at Maryland, the College of William & Mary, the Institute of Development Studies (UK), the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland), and Development Gateway.

**CIDCM Faculty involved in new NSF-funded project with START**

David Backer and David Cunningham are part of the UMD team that received a $2.6 million NSF grant to develop its project.
The UMD team, based at START, will develop its project, "Computational Modeling of Grievances and Political Instability through Global Media", focused on whether grievances aired on social media can predict political instability and conflict.

CIDCM FACULTY AWARDS

Professor Kanisha Bond was awarded an Interdisciplinary and Engaged Research Seed Grant by the UMD ADVANCE Program for “Multilevel Networks and the Takifir Movement in Lebanon, 1990-2014” (with Faten Ghosn and Lorien Jasny)

Professor Kathleen Cunningham’s book, “Inside the Politics of Self-determination” (Oxford University Press, 2014), was awarded Book of the Year by the British Conflict Research Society.

Professor Jennifer Hadden was awarded the Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship 2015-2016.

Professor Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, received the University of Maryland’s 2014 Outstanding Honors Faculty Award at the Honors College Citation Ceremony.

CIDCM Lectures and Presentations held in AY14-15

Professor Kanisha Bond was invited as a panelist for 2nd Annual Congressman Parren Mitchell Symposium (April 2015), sponsored by the Critical Race Initiative under the auspices of the UMD Dept. of Sociology. The symposium’s theme is “Intellectual Activism, Social Justice, & Criminalization.”

Dr. Stacy Kosko, Assistant Director of the International Development and Conflict Management Minor (MIDCM) at the University of Maryland presented at the “Female Perspectives on the Nile” on April 27, 2015 hosted by the School of Public Policy and The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

September 2014, The George and Lisa Zakhem Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace ‘ Hopeful ’ by Omid Djalili. Professor Bushruii has been featured in the recently published autobiography of distinguished comedian and leading figure in English theatre today, Mr. Omid Djalili. The book has already received many favorable reviews: it was named as a Sunday Times bestseller, and excerpts from the chapter in which Mr. Djalili writes about Professor Bushruii as his mentor were read on BBC Radio 4’s broadcast “Book of the Week.”

October 2014, MIDCM Faculty Stacy Kosko gave a presentation in USAID. Dr. Stacy Kosko gave a presentation at USAID’s Bureau of Global Health on October 28th on the topic of Development Ethics and its Relevance for USAID. She was joined by Dr. David A. Crocker, Director of UMD School of Public Policy’s International Development concentration.

November 2014, Sadat Chair of Peace and Development: Professor Telhami featured in EIN News article. Dr. Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution’s Center for Middle East Policy, discusses Middle Eastern opinions on the U.S. decision to invade Iraq over ten years ago in a thought-provoking piece published by EIN News. Follow link to see the full article: http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/about/announcements/To%20Figure%20Out%20Middle%20East,%20Professor%20Polls%20the%20People.pdf

1st Spring 2015 Lecture
February 25, 2015

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

2nd Spring 2015 Lecture
March 25, 2015

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
On May 19, 2014, CIDCM signed a renewal agreement with the Republic of Korea Defense Security Command (DSC) continuing our partnership and fellows program for another five years. The original Agreement of Cooperation between CIDCM and DSC was signed in July 2010 and established a fellows program in which DSC sends high level military professionals to CIDCM as visiting scholars to pursue their research goals. CIDCM guides the fellows in their research activities and provides support in acquiring related professional knowledge and skills. The program has been so successful that DSC requested that they be able to send up to four fellows per year, doubling the original two that came previously. The renewal of the agreement was commemorated with a signing ceremony hosted by CIDCM and attended by Dean John Townsend of BSOS, Joe Scholten of International Affairs, Prof. Paul Huth of CIDCM, and LTC Young Ki Ahn of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

CLEA releases latest legislative elections dataset

On August 12, 2014, CIDCM Assistant Director David Backer and his fellow co-directors (Ken Kollman and Allen Hicken at the University of Michigan, Daniele Caramani at the University of Zurich, David Lublin at American University) of the Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA) announced the latest release of detailed results from legislative elections around the world. The new version of the dataset adds 245 elections from 60 countries, increasing CLEA's coverage to a total of 1494 elections in 129 countries. Among the additions are several Central and South American countries (e.g., Belize, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay), former Soviet republics (e.g., Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia), and microstates in Europe (e.g., Andorra, Liechtenstein), the Caribbean (Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), and Oceania (e.g., Marshall Islands, Samoa). This release was made possible in large part by the generosity of Co-Director David Lublin and the integration of his Election Passport project. Stata .dta and SPSS portable files are posted in separate files for ease of downloading and use. Also available at the CLEA Data Center is the beta version of the GeoReferenced Electoral Districts Datasets, which includes GIS maps of electoral constituencies for 34 countries. All files can be downloaded for free.

CIDCM/IR Workshops 2014-2015

Sep 15: Vera Mironova "Fight or Flight in Civil War? Evidence from Rebel-Controlled Syria"

Sep 29: Nathan Jensen, George Washington University "Foreign Firms and Local Elections: A Field Experiment on Investment Incentives in 3,000 US Cities"

Oct 20: Steve Arves and Joe Braun, University of Maryland "See No Evil, Read No Evil: Measuring the Effects of Imagery and Narrative on Human Rights Attitudes"

Oct 27: Paul Huth, University of Maryland "Sanctuary in Insurgency: Shelters as Offensive Base Areas and Defensive Safe Havens;" co-authored with Mark Lichbach, Jacob Aronson, and Kiyoung Chang.

Dec 8: Peter White, University of Maryland "Professionals and Praetorians: International Threats and Military Political Power in non-Democracies"

Feb 10: Beth Simmons, Harvard University (Distinguished Lecture) "Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?"


Feb 23: Livia Schubiger, ETH-Zurich "One for All? State Violence and Insurgent Cohesion"

Mar 2: Sabine Otto, University of Konstanz "The Grass Is Always Greener. Why Armed Groups Switch Sides in Civil Conflict"
This groundbreaking, interactive course provides an in-depth understanding of this conflict using simulations that explore competing historical narratives and the search for common ground. Topics include: Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, water rights, border disputes, and security concerns.

Edy Kaufman is a Senior Fellow and Former Director of the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM), and is the former Director of the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Manuel Hassassian has been the Executive Vice-President of Bethlehem University, and is currently the Ambassador of the
Sadat Chair for Peace

2014. Dr. Shibley Telhami made several media appearances throughout the month of November with programs such as CBS News, Al Jazeera’s “Min Washington,” PBS NewsHour, and NPR’s KQED Forum.

The Washington Diplomat featured Dr. Telhami in an article on October 1, 2014 entitled, “To Figure Out Middle East, Professor Polls the People”.

Dr. Telhami presented lectures at several events including the History Institute for Teachers on “The History of the Peace Process”, the Mid-Coast Forum on Foreign Relations where he discussed “The Middle East and (What’s Left of) Syria,” and at the University of Maine where he delivered a talk entitled, “What Happened to the Arab Spring? Understanding the Tumult of the Middle East.”

November 17, 2014, Dr. Telhami participated on a panel for Foreign Policy’s Transformational Trends Conference entitled, “The Disruptors: Emerging Threats and Effective Responses.” And on November 20, 2014, Dr. Telhami participated on a panel for the Arab American Institute’s Fall Leadership Summit entitled, “Policy Forum: Foreign Policy Priorities.”

In December, Dr. Telhami will be releasing an American public opinion poll on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and ISIS at the Brookings Institution. He will also be co-hosting a panel with filmmaker Joshua Oppenheimer following the viewing of Mr. Oppenheimer’s film, “The Act of Killing” to be held in the Colony Ballroom at the Stamp Student Union on December 2nd at 6:30pm. In addition, Dr. Telhami will be providing a lecture on “The Ethics of Peace” for the Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Pikesville, MD. Dr. Telhami also be participated at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research Conference in Abu Dhabi in mid-December.

2014 Links:  
PBS NewsHour: [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/is-incitement-to-blame-for-growing-middle-east-violence/](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/is-incitement-to-blame-for-growing-middle-east-violence/)

NPR’s KQED Forum: [http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201411190930](http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201411190930)

“To Figure Out Middle East, Professor Polls the People,” The Washington Diplomat, October 1, 2014:  

Foreign Policy Research Institute’s History Institute for Teachers:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npXprWod64g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npXprWod64g)

2015. In January, Dr. Shibley Telhami 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?”; appeared on several media outlets, including Al-Jazeera, Voice of America, and Huffington Post Live; and also spoke at the Texas Christian University.
In February Dr. Telhami participated in the World Affairs Council of the Desert in California. The Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, along with the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies and Middle East Studies, co-sponsored a book talk 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” on February 2. Dr. Telhami also be attended the World Affairs Council of the Desert meeting in Indian Wells, California a lecture entitled, “The World Through Arab Eyes;” he delivered a lecture in Arabic at the Al-Hewar Center in Vienna, Virginia, entitled, “Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in American Public Opinion.”

In March the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences are hosting the Sadat Forum- The Iran Nuclear Issue: Current State of Play. This forum will feature guests UMD President Wallace Loh and BSOS Dean Gregory Ball as well as panelists Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Dr. Jessica Mathews, Dr. Suzanne Maloney, and Dr. Shibley Telhami, who will serve as moderator. This event was held on March 3, 2015. Also on March 3rd at the Sadat Forum, the Sadat Chair, together with the Program for Public Consultation released a new American public opinion survey of attitudes toward Iran’s nuclear program and American policy choices on this issue. Also, on March 2nd Dr. Telhami spoke on a panel entitled, “Public Opinion: Perspectives on Peace and the Two-State Solution” at the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC and on March 10, Dr. Telhami was the keynote speaker at the Baker Institute Conference at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

In early April, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, traveled to Medford, Massachusetts where he delivered the Fletcher Seminar on International Conflict Lecture at Tufts University entitled, “Changing American Public Attitudes Toward the Middle East.” He also participated in the Army War College Strategy Conference “First Principles for the 21st Century Defense and served on a panel entitled, “Forever War: MENA/South Asia Disorder and Its Worldwide Military Implications” in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In mid-April, Dr. Telhami traveled to Lowell, Massachusetts where he had the honor of delivering the “Day Without Violence” Lecture on “America in Arab Eyes and Arabs in American Eyes” at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

In late April, Dr. Telhami traveled to Waltham, Massachusetts where he participated in Brandeis University’s “The Teaching of Israel in the Academy” Conference. At this conference, Dr. Telhami served on the plenary panel, “Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict” where he discussed “Teaching the Complexity of the American Role in the Arab-Israeli Conflict.” Dr. Telhami also concluded the conference by delivering the keynote speech, “Changing American Public Attitudes Toward Israel.” Dr. Telhami also participated in the Middle East Institute’s panel discussion, “After Israel’s Election, Who Makes the Case for Peace?” in Washington, DC. At the end of April, Dr. Telhami will be traveling to the University of Iowa and delivering the Joel Barkan Memorial Lecture at the Provost’s Global Forum 2014: “The Arab Spring in a Global Context.”

In April, Dr. Telhami also published an article for Reuters titled, “Arab nations just created a joint military force. Why now?” The link to this article can be found here: http://blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2015/04/01/why-arab-states-have-chosen-now-to-build-a-joint-military/

2015 Links:
Poll results:
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

Looking ahead to May, Dr. Telhami will be delivering a presentation to AIPAC on the split between Democrats and Republicans on Israel. Dr. Telhami will also be speaking to Syracuse University’s Maxwell School Leaders for Democracy Fellows Program on “Changing American Views on the Middle East.”

International Communication and Negotiation Simulations (ICONS)
This year, the ICONS Project debuted a new simulation focused on international business, and our catalog offers 20 simulations suitable to a wide range of social science courses. We are working closely with the START center on crisis response and communication simulations for the University and professional training contexts. This spring, we will begin work on a cross-cultural conflict reduction simulation with Search for Common Ground-Morocco. Our Policy and Research division is tackling thorny issues in international relations in the Middle East and Far East, and expanding to include research on the ethics of software development.

Please contact Gillea Benitez, ICONS Program Coordinator, at gbenitez@umd.edu, 301-405-4381. Follow us on Twitter: 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**

*Spring 2015 Symposium | April 2, 2015*

*Frontiers of Globalization and Governance Series*

**International Institutions in a Multiplex World:** Amitav Acharya, Ph.D., UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance, Professor of International Relations, School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C.

**Persian Women and Other Lies: Story-Telling as Historical Retrieval:** Author Bahiyyih Nakhjavani. Bahiyyih Nakhjavani grew up in Uganda, was educated in the United Kingdom and the United States, and now lives in France. She is the author of The Saddlebag and Paper as well as nonfiction works about fundamentalism and education. Her novels have been published into French, Italian, Spanish, German, Dutch, Greek, Turkish, Hebrew, Russian, and Korean.

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

“Arabian Candles”

*November 2014*

Professor Bushrui was featured on “Arabian Candles,” a radio program which is broadcast on CINA FM102.3 out of Dearborn, Michigan. During the 30-minute interview, Professor Bushrui spoke about Kahlil Gibran and his legacy, as well as the George and Lisa Zakhem Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace and its mission to promote conflict resolution between the East and the West. He also emphasized the necessity for creating peace amongst the religions, the importance of inter-religious dialogue, the promotion of the concept of cooperation in a globalized world, and above all, the revival of the humanistic tradition in the cultures and literature of the Middle East.

The Chair has already received excellent feedback on this program which was broadcast to communities in Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario as well as online at http://www.cinafm.com.

The entire program can be heard here: http://sabeelmedia.org/English/culture_files/20141118_1.mp3
**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Books**


**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Lectures and Presentations**

**Alcaniz, Isabella** has been invited to give a seminar on the Political Economy of Latin America at the Graduate School of Economics and International Relations of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy. May 2015.


**Tismaneanu, Vladimir** "Fighting for the Public Sphere: Liberalism and Anti-Liberalism in the Aftermath of Communism," paper co-authored with Romanian political scientist Marius Stan presented at the conference "Freedom of Speech in Russia," University of Maryland, April 24, 2015 (event co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities, the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and the Department of Government and Politics); "Intellectuals under Post-Communism", discussant for presentation by professor Andras Bozoki (Central European University), German Marshall Fund, of the US, Washington, DC, April 30, 2015; and "Freedom of Speech in Russia," University of Maryland, April 24, 2015 (event co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities, the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and the Department of Government and Politics).

**Uslaner, Ric** Keynote address, “The Historical Roots of Corruption” at the Conference Social and Cultural Changes in Cross-National Perspective," Perspectives," Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, HIgher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, April 6-11, 2015.
Awards

Calvo, Ernesto was awarded Full Professor to begin in August 2015.

Cunningham, Kathleen’s book Inside the Politics of Self-determination, Oxford University Press, 2014 was awarded Book of the Year by the British Conflict Research Society.

Hadden, Jennifer received the Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship for academic year 2015-2016.

Kosko, Stacy was named Faculty Mentor for Annika McGinnis who is a rising senior in the Philip Merrill School of Journalism and was chosen as the 2015-16 Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar.

Lee, Frances won the BSOS Excellence in Teaching and Mentorship Award.

Ward, Ian won the Winston Family 2015 Faculty Mentor Award.

Wohlfarth, Patrick won the BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

Abdo, Carla received a $1,000 research grant from the Women's GVPT Group for her dissertation "Personal Space, Bodily Integrity, and the Demobilization of Women in the United States and Lebanon."

Althunayyan, Hamad was awarded the 2015 APSA MENA Workshop Fellowship.

Chang, Hyo Joon won the BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award-Graduate Teaching Assistant.

Herlihy, Christine participated in UMD's Graduate Research Interaction Day and was the first-prize winner on her panel, "Interconnections in a Global World."

Schneider, Mary Kate won first place in the Global Challenges section of UMD's Graduate Research Interaction Day (GRID).

Other

Hensley, Jonathan has accepted a job for next year as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Towson University.
CORRECTION: In the April 2015 Newsletter, it was announced that Jonathan Hensley accepted a job at Middle Tennessee State University. That information was incorrect. Jonathan accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor position at Towson University.
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