Mark Your Calendars.

American Politics “Meet and Greet”, September 11, 11-12:30pm in 2113 Chincoteague
Comparative Politics “Meet and Greet,” September 23, 11-12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall
IR/CIDCM “Meet and Greet”, September 14 from 11-12:00pm in 1109 Chincoteague

Executive Committee Meetings, 9/2, 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 11/11, and 12/16

Faculty Meeting, September 9, 11-12:15pm in 1101 Morrill Hall.

GSA Meeting, September 14 10-11:15am in Tydings 1111.

State of the College Address, September 24, 3-4:30pm, 0126 Hoff Theatre Room, SSU.

Sadat Forum, October 6, 3:30-5pm – PG Room, SSU. Details listed below under CIDCM.

Tenured Faculty Meeting, October 28th from 11:00-12:30pm in 2113 Chincoteague.

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Welcome Back! As we gear up for another year, let me encourage you to participate in the full range of department activities throughout the semester. Your support, participation, and input are crucial to the vitality of our department and the achievement of our future goals. Thanks, in advance, for your continued commitment to our intellectual community.

Exciting News! Fred Alford’s Whistleblowers has been optioned by Momentum TV of Los Angeles to develop and produce a television (or other medium) series or motion picture. Great job, Fred!

GVPT Welcomes 2 new faculty members this semester:

Dr. Lilliana Mason

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.

Irwin L. Morris  
Professor and Chair

**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

I look forward to working with Ann Marie, the graduate students, the faculty, and staff during 2015-16 as we continue to strengthen our outstanding program. Please stop by to see me in 1115B/D Tydings Hall or contact me at mhanmer@umd.edu.

Students in their second and third year should meet soon with their mentorship committees to discuss their progress. This has already paid dividends by encouraging students at an earlier stage to make connections with faculty who can help advance their research. I look forward to reading the progress reports. If anyone has trouble identifying committee members or scheduling please let me know.

Students who have not yet submitted a paper for the GVPT paper requirement should be sure to meet with their mentors to discuss their progress and work on a plan to complete the paper.

Our outstanding group of incoming students just completed math camp and orientation. Please join me in welcoming our new first year Ph.D. cohort:

Haley Augustson (CP)  
Robert Campana (AP)  
Michael Coates (AP)  
Tegan George (IR)
Please join me in thanking Bill Reed and Katherine Sawyer for teaching and TAing, respectively, the BSOS Math Camp.

Have a great September.

Mike Hanmer
GVPT, Director of Graduate Studies

MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. 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

Welcome to the Fall 2015 semester! We hope that you enjoyed your summer break and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Below are several important announcements regarding undergraduate advising and courses.
Advising Office Hires a New Academic Advisor

Please extend a warm welcome to our new academic advisor, Jillian Santos. Jillian holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. As an undergraduate, she worked for the BSOS advising office as a peer advisor, was as a peer educator for the health center, and played ultimate frisbee. Although Jillian is originally from New Jersey, she feels a strong sense of Maryland pride and is excited to be a part of the staff here at the university. In her free time, Jillian enjoys shooting archery, taking trips to the beach, and spoiling her cat, Xena.

Advising Office Contact Information

The first two weeks of the semester is a busy period for both faculty and students. During schedule adjustment, students often have questions about their schedules and course work. Our advisors are here to help! Please direct students to our advisors, Ms. Jillian Santos and Ms. Kathryn Weiland.

Jillian can be contacted at jsantos5@umd.edu or via phone at 301.405.4142

Kathryn can be contacted at kweiland@umd.edu or via phone at 301.405.4124

GVPT Blog

Want to reach out to our undergraduate students? Do you have an academic or research opportunity you would like to announce? Post it on our GVPT undergraduate blog! Send announcements to gvptadvising@umd.edu.

Course Registration Policies

The following restrictions apply to Government & Politics courses:

• 400-level GVPT courses are restricted to GVPT majors only.
• The department does not oversubscribe students into courses that are full. The department follows the waitlist policy strictly.
• Non-GVPT majors may only take 1 GVPT course per semester (100-300 level). GVPT majors may only take 3 GVPT courses per semester.

Waitlist and Holdfiles

Seats on hold

You may notice that GVPT courses listed on Testudo have slightly smaller seat totals than usual. This is because the department has kept a few seats reserved in each course in case of advising emergencies. On the first day of classes, all seats will open up, so the first few students off the waitlist will likely get a seat in the course.

What is a waitlist or a holdfile?
The waitlist is the virtual "line" to get into the class. As a seat becomes available, the first student "in line" will earn that spot. The department follows the waitlist strictly - students can't cut in line by being oversubscribed. The holdfile is similar in that it is a line for the course; however, the holdfile is for students who do not meet the initial qualifications for the course. This could be that they are not GVPT majors, do not have enough credits, or do not meet some other restriction. After the first day of classes, the holdfile merges with the waitlist --- students who are on the holdfile are put at the end of the waitlist line.

If you have any questions about these policies, please contact Apitchaya at apimpawa@umd.edu.

Scott Kastner  
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Apichaya Pimpawathin  
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

**GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents graduate student interests, serves as a liaison with faculty and the administration, provides a forum for discussing ideas and organizing programs that benefit graduate students, deals with any issues that grad students may face, and helps build a sense of community in the department. We will be holding monthly meetings that will be announced via email to all students.

GSA participated in orientation on August 25th, welcoming incoming students to the program. We advertised our first meeting of the semester, to be held on September 14th at 10 am in TYD 1111, where we will further discuss some of the initiatives we hope to implement this year. At our first meeting, we will also take nominations of incoming students who are interested in serving as First Year Representative(s), as well as fill the open Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Committee and Graduate Student Government Program positions.

Some of the initiatives we will be working on throughout the year are implementing a writing/studying group, constituting the women’s studies group as part of GSA to promote and support those students interested in gender politics, and institutionalising GSA social events. We will also continue to develop the student-led workshops, and work with the faculty to improve the mentorship system and bring more clarity to the assistantships allocation system.

If you would like to get in touch with the GSA Co-Chairs, Analia Gomez Vidal and Patrick Tiney, you can contact them at agv@umd.edu and pttiney@umd.edu.

**2015-2016 GSA Officers**

GSA Co-Chairs: Analia Gomez Vidal and Patrick Tiney  
Social Chairs: Jori Breslawski and Trey Billing  
Professional Development Officer: Caitlin McCulloch and Peggy McWeeney  
International Student Liaison: Seungjun Kim  
Technology Liaison: Neil Lund  
Graduate Studies Committee: Jared McDonald, Heather Hicks, and Patrick Tiney  
Undergraduate Studies/Teaching/Awards Committee: Eric Dunford  
Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Committee: David Prina  
American Field Rep: Zack Scott
If you have any suggestions or questions about GSA, please contact us. We hope you have a great start of the academic year!

GSA Co-Chairs,

Annie (Analia) Gomez Vidal
agv@umd.edu

Patrick Tiney
ptiney@umd.edu

STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

MAKE-UP EXAMS (Proctoring)
The main office staff does not proctor or oversee make-up exams. Make-up exams will not be held in the GVPT main Office Conference Room.

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS
The main office staff does not collect or return student papers. If you want to provide a pick-up service, give the students a time when you will be in your office for them to pick the papers up. Leaving papers out for the students to flip through is a violation of student privacy. The best suggestion is to ask the students to provide a self addressed and stamped envelope and you will return the papers to them.

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 in press


Chapter and Article Publications


Gusmano, M.K. (PhD 1995) American Political Science Association Organized Section on Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations’ 

Shechter, Benli M. (2011 Ph.D.) was promoted to Assistant Professor, granted tenure and appointed chair of the Department of Art, Humanities, Social Science, and Foreign Language at Richard J. Daley College.

**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.gypt.umd.edu](http://www.gypt.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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**Spring 2016 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:

September 23 – “Meet and Greet” - 1101 Morrill Hall – 11:00-12:15pm
October 7 – TBA – 11-12:15pm – Deans Conference Room
October 21 – TBA – 11-12:15pm – 1101 Morrill Hall
November 4 – TBA – 11-12:15pm – 1101 Morrill Hall
November 18 – TBA – 11-12:15pm – 1101 Morrill Hall
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 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.gvpt.umd.edu, click on the Research tab and then open the IR workshop schedule as they become available.
Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work or would like to act as a discussant should contact Todd Allee at tallee@umd.edu.

Fall 2015 Workshop Schedule:

September 21 – 1109 Chincoteague, 11-12:30pm

September 23 – “Meet and Greet” – 1109 Chincoteague – 11:00-12:30pm

More to come.

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 Patrick Wohlfarth at patrickw@umd.edu.

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

CAPC Brings a New Director on Board!

Dr. Stella M. Rouse was recently promoted to Director at the CAPC, taking over for Interim Director Dr. Irwin Morris. Dr. Rouse, who is also an associate professor in the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, previously served as a CAPC Research Fellow from 2010-2013, and Assistant Director of the CAPC from 2013-2015.

Dr. Rouse’s research and teaching interests focus on Latino politics, minority politics, legislative and political behavior, institutions, state politics, and network analysis. She has published articles on group dynamics and cosponsorship, religion and public opinion, Latino representation and education, and Latinos and immigration.

Rouse’s research has been funded by the Ford Foundation and by the National Science Foundation. In 2011 she was a visiting scholar at Duke University’s Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Sciences. Rouse is a native of Colombia who grew up in Florida. She fluently speaks, reads, and writes Spanish.

Thank you Dr. Morris for your dedication to CAPC over the years and congratulations to Dr. Rouse on your new position!

CAPC Busy Summer
CAPC had a very busy and active summer. CAPC had nine undergraduates work with professors on a variety or projects. We would like to thank Olivia Alves, Virginia Bezerra, Elliot Hazzard, Christopher Johns, Mihir Khetarpal, Bianca Onwukwe, Sanjana Sandhu, Daryan Ver Ploeg, and Emilie Virgilio for all of their hard work!

Dr. Irwin Morris mentored Eric Craig from Xavier University of Louisiana as part of the prestigious College of Behavioral and Social Science Summer Research Initiative. Eric helped conduct research on the role of the Tea Party within the US Senate.

Dr. Stella Rouse and Jim Glenn received a Dean’s Research Initiative renewal allowing the Center to conduct further research on Tea Party state legislators. The first phase of the Tea Party state legislator research was presented at the 2015 State Politics and Policy Conference in Sacramento, CA.

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**Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)**

**Book**

**Articles**


**Grants and Awards**
- Paul Huth and David Backer are PIs on a new contract that has been awarded by USAID’s Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, through Management Systems International, to support the Alert Lists program through 2018. For this contract, valued at $721,993, Huth and Backer will lead a team based at CIDCM that provides quantitative analyses of fragility in state-society relations, the risk of large-scale instability events, and US development aid in countries around the world. CIDCM has held previous contracts for the Alert Lists program dating back to 2007.

- David Backer is a co-PI on a new grant, valued at $249,984, from the Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation for the exploratory research project “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Effectiveness of Aid-Funded Programs: Spatial Analysis of Developmental Outcomes.” Backer is collaborating with faculty at the University of Michigan, the University of Texas at Austin, and Brigham Young University on this project, which will be conducted from August 2015 – August 2016.

- David Backer is a co-PI on a new grant, valued at $78,013, from the Political Science Program of the National Science Foundation for the project “The Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA): Transitioning to a Sustainable Public Good”. Backer is collaborating with faculty at the University of Michigan and American University on the project, which will be conducted from August 2015 – August 2016.

- [Sadat Chair for Peace](#)
Over the summer, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, traveled to Qatar and Morocco. In June, Dr. Telhami co-convened the U.S.-Islamic World Forum, hosted by the Brookings Institution, in Doha, Qatar. Dr. Telhami participated in two plenary sessions for this event, “Pluralism in the Arab World” and “Ending Civil Wars.” In August, Dr. Telhami traveled to Morocco to participate in the Assilah Forum Foundation’s symposium titled, “The Arabs: to be or not to be?”

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, the Sadat Chair will be hosting the Sadat Forum, “America and the Middle East: How Did We Get Here and Where Do We Go From Here?” on October 6, 2015 from 3:30PM to 5:00PM in the Prince George’s Room of STAMP Student Union. The Sadat Forum will feature honored guest, Former Deputy Secretary of State and President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Ambassador William Burns. More details on this event to follow.

**Gibran Research and Studies**


Professor Bushrui’s forthcoming anthology of Arabic literature (co-editor: Professor James M. Malarkey) has been featured by well-reputed and internationally recognized Nudge Books on their website, and was selected as their Book of the Month. In advance of its publication in October, Saqi Books is also running a special competition with Nudge Books with this anthology as the prize for three winners: (http://www.nudge-book.com/blog/booklife/2015/07/17/desert-songs-of-the-night-1500-years-of-arabic-literature-edited-by-suheil-bushrui-and-james-m-malarkey/)

Additional reviews were published in: *The Daily Telegraph* (http://www.telegraph.co.uk/books/what-to-read/desert-songs-of-the-night-review/) and the "Herald Scotland": (http://www.heraldscotland.com/arts_ents/13499831.REVIEW__Paperbacks/)

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

A new edition of Jon Wilkenfeld's *International Negotiation in a Complex World* was released this summer.

Jon Wilkenfeld is also publishing a new book, *Myth and Reality in International Politics: Meeting Global Challenges Through Collective Action*, due to be released shortly.

In late May, Devin Ellis presented at the International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM), in Kristiansand, Norway. Devin delivered a paper and presentation on the work ICONS did with START to develop a training program for public information officers at first response and crisis management agencies (called TRACC, or Training in Risk and Crisis Communication). You may review the full paper in the conference proceedings: http://iscram2015.uia.no/?p=1864.

In June, Jayne Nucete presented at the world conference for the International Association for Business Communicators. She facilitated a corporate crisis communication simulation workshop with colleagues from CS&A Risk Communication. The conference was held in San Francisco, California. You may review the session description here: http://wc.iabc.com/steering-your-way-through-a-crisis-an-interactive-live-scenario-session/
A reminder for GVPT faculty about online role play simulations for their classrooms:

**ICONS Online Role-Play Simulations**

There’s still time to include simulations in your Fall courses!

If you haven’t tried an ICONS simulation before, browse our online listing of **20 Political Science Role-Play Simulations**

to discover a simulation that fits your course content.

We are happy to meet with you to answer questions, discuss options, and provide guidance as you prepare for a simulation. Please contact Audrey Tetteh, ICONS Education Program Director, at atetteh@umd.edu or 301-405-4381.

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Books**


**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Karol, David** "US Presidential Election 2016" in the September 2015 issue of *Political Insight,* a publication of the British Political Studies Association.


**Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Alford, Fred.** His book Whistleblowers, has been optioned by Momentum TV of Los Angeles as the basis of a TV series.


**Uslaner, Ric** Public lecture on “Diversity, Segregation, and Trust” at the University of Copenhagen, Centre for Advanced Migration Studies; November 6, 2015.
Awards


Haufler, Virginia was selected as the Provost's Faculty Academic Advisor of the Year for 2014-2015.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapter and Article Publications

Althunayyan, Hamad "Not the Iran Deal, it is Iran's Policies" in the DC-based Arab Gulf Institute on the impact of the Iran nuclear deal on Kuwait.

Lectures, Presentations, Other


Awards

Stern, Moran received the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University - PhD Scholarship for the 2015-16 academic year.
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