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Announcements

Message from the Chair

GVPT, BSOS, CDCE, and the Philip Merrill College of Journalism are coordinating to hold a post-election forum on November 4th: "Election 2020: What Happened, What Now, and What's Next?"

This event will feature a panel of faculty experts in elections, constitutional law, Congress, and journalism to discuss the outcome of the US presidential election and what's to come. It will be moderated by GVPT alum and CBS News writer Mike Viqueira.

Details: November 4th, 2020, 11 AM - 12 PM
(Virtual)

To register, please visit <https://umd.alumniq.com/index.cfm/events/register/home/eventId/1124>. For questions, contact Jenny Kilberg, director of alumni and donor relations: jkilberg@umd.edu.



Remembering Professor Dennis Pirages

Professor Dennis Pirages passed away on October 1st after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He was a major scholar in international relations and had an early interest in environmental politics. He was a great mentor to generations of undergraduate and graduate students here at the University of Maryland and helped to shape the Department of Government and Politics program in the area of environmental



politics.

Dr. Pirages obtained his BA from the State University of Iowa in 1964, and received his PhD from Stanford University in 1969. In 1975, Dr. Pirages joined the Department of Government and Politics in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland as an Associate Professor under the chairmanship of Professor Davis B. Bobrow and advanced to Professorship in 1987 under the chairmanship of Professor Emeritus George Quester. Dr. Pirages gave the department, college, and university 32 years of service and retired in 2007.

In 1988, Dr. Pirages was elected as a lifetime fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science, and in 2001, became the first holder of the Horace and Wilma Harrison Endowed Professorship in International Environmental Politics in Government and Politics at UMD. After leaving UMD in 2007, Dr. Pirages joined his close friend and former GVPT colleague Dr. Ted Gurr in the Department of Political Science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas as Dean's Professor, where he taught until 2016.

Dr. Pirages is remembered by his friends and colleagues:

"The memory I retain of Dennis Pirages is of a scholar dedicated to serious research and teaching as well as of a colleague ever willing to share what he had learned and to discuss topics of mutual interest. Notwithstanding the differences in our academic pursuits, Dennis always tried to find common ground. This spirit of collegiality manifested itself most in his approach to the students whom we shared. For Dennis, the paramount goal was helping them learn and develop; and he was quite willing to ignore disciplinary boundaries if doing so would help them advance. May his soul rest in peace and his excellent example of scholarly collegiality be an inspiration to us all." -- **Charles E. Butterworth**, Professor Emeritus, Department Government and Politics

"Dennis Pirages was a pioneering scholar and teacher on the global politics of the environment. He began studying the environment long before it became a popular topic in IR, and played an important role in setting the scholarly research agenda. He was also a great mentor to a legion of doctoral and undergraduate students. Behind his sometimes cynical wit was someone who cared deeply about the future of the planet and its people."
-- **Ken Conca**, Professor of International Relations, American University and former GVPT faculty member

"Dennis Pirages was a forward-looking scholar and great colleague. I first "met" him in college through his book on Global Ecopolitics--one of the first textbooks to combine international relations with political economy and environmental issues. He consistently sought to push the field to be relevant for solving the problems of the future. As a colleague, he welcomed me to the department and generously included me in a number of projects. I am grateful I had the opportunity to work with and learn from him." -- **Virginia Haufler**, Department of Government and Politics

Achievements



Stella Rouse

Grants: Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant (co-PIs: Dana Fisher and Michael Heaney);

APSA Centennial Center Special Projects Fund Grant (Co-PIs: Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa Michelson, Kerri Milita, Layna Mosely, and Christina Wolbrecht)

Articles: "(Young) Generations as Social Identities: The Role of Latino*Millennial/Generation Z in Shaping Attitudes about Climate Change." (with Ashley D. Ross) In *Political Behavior*; "Gen Z, Gender and Covid-19." (with Melissa Deckman, Jared McDonald, and Mileah Kromer) in *Politics & Gender*; "Partisan Misalignment and the Counter-Partisan Response: How National Politics Conditions Majority-Party Policymaking in the American States." (with Nicholas Miras) in the *British Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).



Mike Hanmer

Articles: "Information about Coronavirus Exposure Affects Attitudes Towards Voting Methods." (with Alauna Safarpour) in *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; "College Student Registration and Voting in the Time of COVID-19." (with Richard G. Niemi and Thomas H. Jackson) in *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.

David Cunningham and Kathleen Cunningham

NSF Grant

Received a two-year, \$480,000 NSF grant to conduct a systemic study of the effect of conflict prevention actions in a wide range of intrastate disputes.

Alauna Safarpour

Journal Article

Alauna C. Safarpour and Michael J. Hanmer. 2020. "Information about Coronavirus Exposure Affects Attitudes Towards Voting Methods." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2020.38>

Jennifer Hadden

NSF Grant

Received a two-year, \$163,000 NSF grant to examine the social reception of proposed energy projects in developing countries.

Nicholas Miras

Journal Article

Nicholas S. Miras and Stella M. Rouse. 2020. "Partisan Misalignment and the Counter-Partisan Response: How National Politics Conditions Majority-Party Policymaking in the American States."

British Journal of Political Science
(forthcoming).

Isabella Alcaniz

2020 Teaching Innovation Grant on Global Classrooms with the Office of International Affairs (Course: "Water Insecurity in the COVID-19 Era");

2021 Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement Fellow (Project: "It Takes a Village: Immigrants and Social Networks During the COVID-19 Crisis).

Autum Perkey

Delivering a guest lecture on "Drones and Asymmetric Warfare at the University of Connecticut

Departmental Updates

Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development

In November, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, will be participating in the 5th EU-Arab World Summit where he will be a panelist for the panel on "What Role for the EU and EU-Arab Cooperation on the Palestine Issue?" This panel will be taking place on Monday, November 9th. On November 9th, Dr. Telhami will also be participating in a School of Public Policy event on "U.S. Foreign Policy in 2021 and Beyond: A Post-Election Assessment." For more information on this event, please visit:

<https://spp.umd.edu/events/us-foreign-policy-2021-and-beyond-post-election-assessment>

The Sadat Chair is also hosting a Sadat Book Chat on Wednesday, November 18th at 4 PM with Professor Eric Adler (Associate Professor, Department of Classics) who will be discussing his new book, *The Battle of the Classics: How a Nineteenth-Century Debate Can Save the Humanities Today*. To RSVP for this book chat, please visit:

go.umd.edu/sadatbookchats.

In case you missed it, you can view the Sadat Forum- "A Conversation with Dr. Fiona Hill: Russian Interference in U.S. Elections, the Trump White House, and Looking Ahead Past November," which was held on Tuesday, October 20th at:

go.umd.edu/watch2020sadatforum.

GVPT Master of Arts in International Relations

This Fall 2020 semester GVPT and CIDCM launched the Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR). MAIR is a 4+1 Combined Program that is designed to provide advanced

coursework and applied quantitative methods training for students seeking international careers as analysts in the public and private sectors as well as researchers in academia and think tanks. The MAIR curriculum of 30 credits includes coursework in international political economy, international security, international law, and statistical methods of data analysis for international relations research questions.

Our inaugural cohort includes 19 GVPT students. Students who will have junior standing in the 2021-2022 academic year are encouraged to apply for the program next semester.

More information about MAIR can be found here:

<https://gvpt.umd.edu/landingtopic/five-year-bama-international-relations>

GVPT Undergraduate Updates

Two GVPT students have been invited to present their research at the University of Michigan's Emerging Scholars Program in November, 2020. **Joseph Yinusa** ('20) will present "*Human Rights for Sale? A Study on the Uyghur Issue and Chinese Concessional Aid.*" **Rachel Yu** ('21) will present a segment of her ongoing GVPT Honors thesis, "*Analyzing China's Foreign Messaging Response to COVID-19.*" Not only will Joseph and Rachel be able to receive feedback on their original research, but they also will have the chance to receive advice on applying to PhD programs and to talk with current students about life in graduate school. They will be accompanied to this virtual conference by their advisors, Professor Scott Kastner (Yinusa) and Professor Margaret Pearson (Yu).

Upcoming Events

Election 2020: What Happened, What Now, and What's Next?

November 4th | 11am | Virtual

IR Workshop: David Leblang (UVA)

November 9th | 11am | Virtual

Comparative Politics Workshop: Tiffany Barnes (Kentucky)

November 11th | 11am | Virtual

American Politics Workshop: Sarah Croco

November 20th | 11am | Virtual

IR Workshop: David Cunningham, Jori Breslawski, Madie Fleishman

November 29th | 11am | Virtual



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