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Department Holiday Reception will be on Tuesday, December 12th, 12:30-2:30pm, in 1101 Morrill Hall. Mark your calendars.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

I want to begin by thanking Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, for hosting the Sadat Forum with Senator Chris Van Hollen on September 28th. This was a wonderful event for the department, the college, and the broader campus community.

While we look forward to the opportunity to search for new colleagues in international relations, those searches will entail a significant increase in the number of departmental events this fall. Please be as generous with your time as possible. Engaged audiences at candidate job talks are a key component of our recruitment efforts, and I’m sure the search committees will appreciate your efforts along these lines.

The most efficient way to keep up with developments in the Department of Government and Politics is to spend a few minutes each month reading GVPT NEWS. We cover all the workshops, seminar series, panel discussions, brown bags, and general meetings that occur in the Department. We discuss undergraduate and graduate student affairs. The latest developments in staff and administration are covered. We even bring you up to date information reported to us from our PhD Alumni!

Finally, if you have not submitted your teaching preferences for Fall 2018 to your respective field chairs, please do so as soon as possible. And field chairs, please get your requests to Scott and Karmin in an equally timely fashion.

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award committee invites nominations and self-nominations for the 2017 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award. The award goes to an outstanding woman graduate student in Government and Politics, with "preference given to a candidate with the potential to make a contribution to the areas of state and/or local government or American politics.” Nominees must be active graduate students either taking courses or working on their dissertations. Nominees should submit a brief letter outlining their interests and goals in political science, a resume, a short writing sample, and the names of at least two professors willing to serve as references. All materials should be submitted to Ann Marie. The deadline for nomination is October 16, 2016.

Graduate course registration for Spring 2018 will begin soon. Please be sure to register early. We will need to make scheduling decisions about low-enrollment courses well before the start of classes. Please don’t let a late decision lead to the cancellation of classes. Early registration is also important for TA assignments. I will expect you to set your schedule prior to the TA assignments so that we can avoid conflicts with the courses you are taking – stay tuned for more details.
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

Registration

Undergraduate student registration for Spring 2018 will begin on November 2nd. Instructors should check Testudo for errors in their course listing(s). The deadline to make changes to the Spring 2018 listings is Wednesday, October 4th.

Scott Kastner
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Karmin Cortes
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) held its initial meeting of the semester on September 13. SoRelle Wyckoff and Madeleine Edelstein were selected to represent the incoming students. Annie Gomez Vidal
decided to step down as GSG representative, and Kainan Gao has taken her place (pending GSG elections). The GSA representatives discussed professional development and building connections to graduate students in other BSOS departments as well as other DC-area universities. We also discussed our pending budget review for updates to our grad lab, which we are all looking forward to.

September 17th we held our first writing group meeting, thank you to Stella Rouse and Michale Coates for helping that get started. September 17th was also our first methods workshop, lead by Eric Dunford on an introduction to R. On September 20th we held an advice panel for 1st and 2nd year students, which had a great turnout and lots of questions were answered; thank you to Andrew Lugg, Patrick O’Brien, Annie Gomez Vidal, and Michael Coates for sitting on the panel. September 25th, Michael Coates led another methods workshop on the integration of LaTex and R.

In October, the GSA Methods representative JiunDa has organized two skill-building methods workshops. Caitlin McChulloch will discuss field work methods on Monday, October 9th at 1pm in Tydings 1111, and Sebastian Vallejo will explain Heckman selection models on Monday, October 23 at 1pm in Tydings 1111. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

If you would like to get in touch with the GSA Co-Chairs, Kristen Ramos and Nick Miras, you can contact them at kramos1@umd.edu and nmiras@terpmail.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

Vassoler, Ivani (GVPT, Ph.D. 2002), Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of International Studies State University of New York at Fredonia: *Reducing Latin America's Democratic Deficit from an*
Chapter and Article Publications


Other

Asal, Victor, Ph.D. 2003, is now full professor at the University at Albany, SUNY.

Dabelko, Geoff (Ph.D. 2003) is Associate Dean and Director of the Environmental Studies Program at Ohio University’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. He joined Ohio University as Professor in 2012 after serving for fifteen years as Director of the Environmental Change and Security Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. He remains a senior advisor at the Wilson Center.

FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-weekly research colloquium for faculty and graduate students. The workshop constitutes an ongoing research community where participants present and discuss papers in an informal, supportive environment. Papers are made available via the workshop website in advance of our meetings, and participants are expected to have read them. Discussion leaders are assigned on a rotating basis, matching papers with discussants who share complementary research interests. Many of the papers presented in recent years have gone on to publication in top tier political science journals.

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshop.

The AP Workshop website is: http://www.gvpt.umd.edu. 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.

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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.

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**Spring 2018 Workshop Schedule:**

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**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD/CIDCM – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. We invite faculty and graduate students to discuss their latest research; present papers in progress, with a formal discussant; present information for professional development; and invite guest speakers. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at [www.gvpt.umd.edu](http://www.gvpt.umd.edu), click on the Research tab and then open the IR workshop schedule as they become available.

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 2016 Workshop Schedule:**

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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 James Glass jglass1@umd.edu.

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY & FORMAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

For information and details of the Political Methodology and Formal Theory Field, please contact Professor David Cunningham dacunnin@umd.edu.

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

Maryland General Assembly Internship:

Each year during the Maryland General Assembly, University students are given an opportunity to serve as legislative interns. The session takes place January through Early April, usually Tuesday through Thursdays. Upon acceptance into the program, students are placed in legislative and clerical assignments, such as writing correspondence, preparing testimony, attending committee hearings, and more. Students must be at least 18 years of age and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Interns are required to commit themselves to a weekly work schedule for the full 90-day session, with no holidays or spring break. Most legislatures prefer interns who can work Tuesday through Thursday, full-time, but exceptions for part-time students are also available. Stipends are awarded to each intern to assist with the cost of transportation and participating in the program. To be eligible for the stipend, students must be able to work two full days each week of session. More information about the program and stipend opportunities can be found here.

Program Application:

Students will submit their materials to CAPC@umd.edu. The selected students' applications will be sent to the Maryland State Assembly for placement.

The following materials are required for the application (priority deadline October 27, 2017):
1. Cover letter with contact information, major, class standing, UID, and contact information of a professor who will serve as a reference.
2. Current unofficial transcript.
3. One page resume of your educational and employment background.
4. A writing sample, such as a short paper.
5. The Maryland State Assembly application.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)
No Updates this Month!

**Sadat Chair for Peace**

In October, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, will be participating in the Arab Center Washington DC's Second Annual Conference, “Trump and the Arab World: First Year Assessment and Policy Recommendations.” For this conference, he will be serving on a panel titled, “What Arabs Want: Arab Public Opinion and US Policy.” The Sadat Chair will also be hosting Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid, distinguished lecturer of Political Science at the American University in Cairo, for a lunch roundtable discussion, “A Conversation with Mona Makram Ebeid About the Current Situation in Egypt and Egyptian-American Relations” on Friday, October 20th.

**The Bahá’í Chair for World Peace**

No Updates this Month!

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**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Books**


**Awards**

Mason, Lilliana won the Emerging Scholar Award from the Organized Section on Political Organizations and Parties at the American Political Science Association. It was given out at the APSA annual conference.

**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Lectures, Presentations, Other**

Karol, David presented at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University: "Rivals for Power: Presidential Congressional Relations" - An Assessment of President Trump's Relationship with Congress

Uslaner, Ric; "National Identity and Political Polarization," to be presented at the Conference on National Values and Social Cohesion, Center for Advanced Migration Studies, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 4-6. Uslaner will be a participant, Global Corruption Barometer workshop, Berlin, October 17.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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