

# GVPT NEWS

March, 2016



## Mark Your Calendars.

**Tenured Faculty Meeting – March 9, 11-12:15 in 2113 CHIN**

**The Sadat Forum, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5pm in the Grand Ballroom, SSU**

**BSOS Spring Faculty/Staff Recognition and Award Ceremony, April 12, 2016**

**GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series w/Dr. Margaret Weir, April 27 at 11am in Special Events Rm**

**MARYLAND DAY, Saturday, April 30 from 10a.m. – 4p.m.**

**BSOS Scholarship Dinner, May 4 from 6-8pm in the Heise Ballroom, Riggs Alumni Center**

**GVPT End of Year Celebration – May 11, time TBA in 1101 Morrill Hall**

## Newsletter Contents

### Message from the Chair - Irwin Morris

### Columns

**Director of Graduate Studies – Michael Hanmer**  
**Placement Director – Kathleen Cunningham**  
**Director of Undergraduate Studies – Scott Kastner**  
**The GVPT Graduate Student Association**  
**Staff and Administration**  
**Accomplishments of our PhD Alums**

### Field Updates - Workshops and Seminars

**American Politics Field – Workshops and Seminars**  
**International Relations Field/CIDCM – Workshops and Seminars**  
**Comparative Politics Field – Workshops and Seminars**  
**Political Theory Field – Workshops and Seminars**  
**Methods Field – Workshops and Seminars**

### Center Updates

**Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)**  
**Center for Int. Development and Conflict Man. (CIDCM)**  
• **Sadat Chair for Peace**

### Announcements and Updates

**Faculty Achievements  
Graduate Student Achievements  
Calendar of Department Events**



**MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

We have been and continue to be very busy this semester. We have successfully completed and met the university deadline requirement for our Faculty Annual Reports. We are now moving forward with departmental and college award nominations. I wanted to thank everyone for their cooperation and participation in handling a larger than normal workload. I also want to send out a special thanks to the faculty who were willing to be included on the ballot for the Merit Committee. Way to step up.

We have a number of important events coming up:

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, will host the Sadat Forum. Shibley will be joined on the forum panel by General Michael Hayden, former Director of the National Security Agency, and Prof. Dana Priest, John S. and James L. Knight Chair of Public Affairs Journalism at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Margaret Weir, Professor of Political Science and Sociology and Advice Saint Chair in Public Policy at UC Berkeley, will give our next GVPT Distinguished Lecture on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will be in the Special Events Room of McKeldin Library at 11am.

And Maryland Day is on Saturday, April 30. Mark your calendars and come visit us from 10-4pm. GVPT will be in a tent in front of Tydings and Chincoteague. We draw crowds! CAPC gives you an opportunity to have your picture taken with a president. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for the day.

Enjoy your Spring Break and let's hope the snow is behind us.

Irwin L. Morris  
Professor and Chair



**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

The admissions committee made its first round of selections; we have an outstanding group of admitted students who have a variety of excellent choices. Ann Marie has been doing an amazing job scheduling visits with admitted students. Please join me in thanking her. Thank you also to the faculty and students who are making time to meet with students, talk with them on the phone, and discuss the program and area via email.

Thank you to Ernesto Calvo, Mike Mansfield, and Irwin Morris for the excellent work on building an infrastructure to help students compete for external funding and to our students for remarkable results. We again did well with respect to applications and a number of students won large awards. GVPT had 103 enrolled

Ph.D. students in 2015, with 50 (48.5%) at some point in their career submitting an application for external funding.

Keep up the great work!

Mike Hanmer  
GVPT, Director of Graduate Studies



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

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 places many 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**

#### **Fall 2016 Registration**

Fall 2016 registration begins on March 31 and continues through the first week of May.

#### **Spring 2016 Commencement**

The GVPT Commencement ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 9AM in the Armory. The department is currently looking for faculty volunteers to serve as members of the platform party. If you are available, please contact Karmin.

## Scholarships

The department has over \$20,000 to award undergraduate students in this year's scholarship funds. Current freshman, sophomores, and juniors who have distinguished themselves academically and have financial need are strongly encouraged to apply. More information on scholarships can be found on the website at:

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/undergraduate/scholarships/> .

Scott Kastner  
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Karmin Cortes  
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies



## **GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

This semester starts new topics in our GSA agenda. We are working with the DGS to bring more clarity to the assistantships allocation system and provide improved communication channels. Moreover, we will continue with the organization of multiple methods workshops. This semester, five of our graduate students will be offering workshops on different qualitative and quantitative skills they have learned as part of external training. We are also working on the organization of student-led workshops, and a potential MPSA mock panel. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send an email to the GSA Co-Chairs Analia Gomez Vidal ([agv@umd.edu](mailto:agv@umd.edu)) and Patrick Tiney ([ptiney@umd.edu](mailto:ptiney@umd.edu)).

## **GSA Methods Workshop Schedule - Spring 2016**

**Workshops will take place on Fridays at 3pm** (unless otherwise noted) in **Tydings 1111**.

- **February 19 - Experimental Design** (Jacob Lewis)
  - This workshop will offer a brief survey of the experimental method in qualitative research. It will review the benefits of using experiments as empirical tests for theory and ways of structuring an experimental design.
- **March 4 - Process Tracing** (Patrick Tiney)
  - Process tracing focuses on causal mechanisms and thereby encourages the researcher to think more carefully about how an independent variable is associated with a dependent variable. For our purposes, this may be seen as a useful tool for elucidating cases of interest by focusing on the evidence required to demonstrate the linkages within a causal mechanism and encouraging the use of fine-grained (often within-case) data. The workshop will give a brief overview of the method to place it in a wider context, in particular, to point out the differences with other similar techniques (such as congruence and comparative case studies) and to highlight how it could be profitably used in a multi-method setting. As the focus is on causal mechanisms, participants are encouraged to come with a core mechanism of interest in mind which we can then apply the methodology to.
- **March 25 - Applied Latex/Knitr** (Trey Billings)
  - This workshop will cover the basics of Latex and Knitr. The course will go through the ABCs of setting up a preamble, making publishable quality tables and figures, and will spend some time reviewing the benefits of Knitr both with regard to PDF and HTML rendering.

- **April 15 - Introduction to Text Analysis** (Neil Lund)
  - Workshop will cover the basics of string manipulation, cleaning, and sentiment analysis in the R programming environment. In addition, it will review commonly used visualization techniques in textual analytic work. There will be a brief introduction to string manipulation in Python if time permits.
- **April 29 - ABCs of Webscraping** (Eric Dunford)
  - This workshop will offer a general overview of web scraping techniques using the R programming environment. It will cover basics of HTML, data extraction, web crawling, and timeout procedures central to legally extracting online data.

I strongly encourage everyone who can to attend the workshops, even if the topic is a bit removed from your research interests. A strong turnout can help open the door to a more involved series of faculty and student-led workshops in the semesters to come. Moreover, there is a large amount of talent among the graduate students in the department. Many of you are picking up unique skills as you move forward with your research and it is my belief that the GSA Methods Workshops offers us a valuable opportunity to learn from one another.

Please come both to learn and to show support to your peers and colleagues. Thank you to all those who were willing to present. I hope everyone finds the workshops useful! In the meantime, have a productive semester and see you all soon. [Eric Dunford, GSA Methods Rep](#)

GSA Co-Chairs,

Annie (Analia) Gomez Vidal  
[agv@umd.edu](mailto:agv@umd.edu)

Patrick Tiney  
[ptiney@umd.edu](mailto:ptiney@umd.edu)



## **STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION**

**SOCIAL NETWORKS**  and 

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](mailto: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**

### **Chapter and Article Publications**

**Payne, Rodger A.**, PhD, 1989, "Laughing off a Zombie Apocalypse: The Value of Comedic and Satirical Narratives." *International Studies Perspectives* (2016): ekv026.



## **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 and events are held from 11-12:30pm** at the locations listed by date. While the workshops and events focus on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

### **Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
11-Mar	Adam Sheingate (Johns Hopkins University)	2113 CHIN
25-Mar	Efren Perez (Vanderbilt University)	2113 CHIN
22-Apr	Christopher Wlezien (University of Texas at Austin)	2113 CHIN
27-Apr	<b>GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series with Dr. Margaret Weir (Brown University)</b>	6137 McKeldin Special Events Rm
6-May	Marc Hetherington (Vanderbilt University)	2113 CHIN

## 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.

### Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

**March 2 – Pauline Jones-Luong - 11-12:15pm, 1101 Morrill Hall**

**March 23 – TBA – 11-12:15pm, 1101 Morrill Hall**

**April 6 – TBA – 11-12:15pm, 1101 Morrill Hall**

**April 20 – TBA – 11-12:15pm, 1101 Morrill Hall**

**April 27 – GVPT Distinguished Lecture Series w/Dr. Margaret Weir – 11-12:30pm, 6137 McKeldin Special Events Rm.**

**May 11 – TBA – 11-12:15pm, 2113 Chincoteague Hall**

## 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](mailto:tallee@umd.edu).

### Spring 2016 Workshop Schedule:

**Monday, March 7 – first floor Chincoteague or TBD**

Miles Kahler, American University  
Title TBA

**Monday, April 4 – first floor Chincoteague**

Manuel Vogt, Princeton University  
“Ethnic Stratification and the Equilibrium of Inequality: Ethnic Conflict in Postcolonial States.”

**Monday, April 11 – 2113 Chincoteague**

Bahar Leventoglu, Duke University  
Title TBA

(co-sponsored with Methods)

**Monday, April 25 – first floor Chincoteague**

Caitlin McCulloch, University of Maryland

“Natural Disasters and Conflict: Disaster Diplomacy or Just Disaster?”

**Wednesday, April 27 – Margaret Weir, GVPT Distinguished Lecture**

6137 McKeldin Library, Special Events Room, 11-12:30pm

**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](mailto:calford@umd.edu).

**METHODS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

**April 11 – METHODS/IR/CIDCM Workshop – 11-12:15pm, 2113 Chincoteague Hall**

For information and details of the Methods Field Workshops, please contact Professor David Cunningham at [dacunnin@umd.edu](mailto:dacunnin@umd.edu).



**CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)**

- This semester, in partnership with the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Former Members of Congress Association, the Center for American Politics and Citizenship is planning an event commemorating the Voting Rights Act. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD
- In coordination with Maryland Discourse, CAPC will be hosting Former Member of Congress Tom Davis for an evening reception to talk about his book *The Partisan Divide, Congress in Crisis* on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.
- CAPC will be taking part in Maryland Day 2016 this year, bringing back our popular event *Photos with Presidents*. For any questions, please contact Christian.

Christian Hosam  
Coordinator, Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)  
University of Maryland, College Park  
1127 Tydings Hall  
Email: [chosam@umd.edu](mailto:chosam@umd.edu)  
Phone: (301)314-2736



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

**NO UPDATES THIS MONTH**

### ❖ Minor in International Development and Conflict Management

**NO UPDATES THIS MONTH**

### ❖ Sadat Chair for Peace

#### **Sadat Forum:**

In March, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and the John S. and James L. Knight Chair in Public Affairs Journalism will be co-sponsoring the Sadat Forum, "The Consequences of Cyber Spying for U.S. Foreign Policy: From Berlin to Tehran." The Sadat Forum will feature prominent guests General Michael Hayden (Former Director of the NSA and Former Director of the CIA), Professor Dana Priest (John S. and James L. Knight Chair in Public Affairs Journalism at the University of Maryland; Washington Post Investigative Reporter and two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner), and Shibley Telhami (Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution). The Sadat Forum will be held on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union.



## **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Books**

**Jones, Calvert W.** *Bedouins into Bourgeois: Remaking Citizens for Globalization*. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).

**Wohlfarth, Patrick C.** 2016. *U.S. Supreme Court Opinions and Their Audiences*. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Justin Wedeking).

### **Chapter and Article Publications**

**Allee, Todd** and Manfred Eslig. "Why Do Some International Institutions Contain Strong Dispute Settlement Provisions? Evidence from Preferential Trade Agreements." *Review of International Organizations*, 11, 1 (2016): 89-120.

**Croco, Sarah** has a co-authored paper with Jessica Weeks entitled "War Outcomes and Leader Tenure" that has been accepted for publication at World Politics.

**Kastner, Scott L.**, "Is the Taiwan Strait Still a Flash Point? Rethinking the Prospects for Armed Conflict between China and Taiwan," *International Security*, Vol. 40, no. 3 (Winter 2015/2016), pp. 54-92. And Scott L. Kastner with Margaret M. Pearson and Chad Rector, "Invest, Hold Up, or Accept? China in Multilateral Governance," *Security Studies*, Vol. 25, no. 1 (2016), pp. 142-179.

**Lee, Frances E.**, and Binder, Sarah A. 2016. "Making Deals in Congress." In *Political Negotiation*, Jane Mansbridge and Cathie Jo Martin, eds. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 91-120.

### **Lectures, Presentations and Other**

**Karol, David** 2016. Keynote Speaker at the Annual Mini-conference of the Center for American Political Responsiveness at Penn State University. "Parties, Activists and Presidential Nominations." February, 27.

**Lee, Frances E.** 2016. "Insecure Majorities: Congress and the Perpetual Campaign." Lectures on Political Polarization, Weidenbaum Center, Washington University in St. Louis, February 10.

**Mason, Lilliana.** 2016. Participated in a symposium hosted by the Washington Secretary of State and the Foley Institute on February 19, titled "Governing Washington in Polarized Times."

<https://foley.wsu.edu/olympia-symposium/>

### **GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Awards**

**Arves, Stephen** was selected as the 2015-16 winner of the James F. Hoobler Fellowship Award.

**Arves, Stephen** and **Braun, Joseph** won the 2015-16 Donald C. Piper award for their paper: "*On Solid Ground: Evaluating the Effects of Foundational Arguments on Human Rights Attitudes.*"

**Nunez, Gilbert** was selected as the 2015-16 winner of the Conley Dillon Award for his many contributions in research, teaching, and mentoring.

# March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2  Executive Committee Mtg 3140 Tydings 11-12:15pm  Comparative Pol Workshop 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall	3	4  GSA Methods Workshop 3:00pm TYD 1111	5
6	7  IR/CIDCM Workshop 11-12:30pm 1109 CHIN	8	9  TENURED FACULTY MEETING 11-12:15 2113 CHIN	10	11  American Pol Workshop 11-12:30pm 2113 CHIN	12
13 	14 	15 	16 	17 	18 	19 
20 	21	22	23  Comparative Pol Workshop 11-12:15 1101 Morrill Hall	24  SADAT FORUM 3:30-5PM Grand Ballrm SSU	25  American Pol Workshop 11-12:30pm 2113 CHIN  GSA Methods Workshop 3:00pm TYD 1111	26
27	28	29	30  Executive Committee Mtg 3140 Tydings 11-12:15pm	31		