

GVPT NEWS

December, 2016

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Department Holiday Reception will be on Tuesday, December 13th 12:30-2:30pm, in 1101 Morrill Hall. Mark your calendars.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Please join me in congratulating this year's Spencer Award Winner, Ms. Heather Hicks. The Spencer Award Ceremony is scheduled for December 8th at 1:30-3:00pm at the Chaney Library at the Samuel Riggs Alumni Center.

I also want to congratulate Hanna Birnir for winning the 2017-2018 Semester RASA Award and Kathleen Cunningham for receiving the Emerging Scholar Award.

GVPT will be participating in the Cherry Blossom 10-Miler again this year. The race is on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 7:30AM. GVPT has had a team for the past four years, and we hope to get another group together for 2017. It's a fun event on a beautiful course around the National Mall and monuments. Entry to the race is handled via a lottery (<http://www.cherryblossom.org/generalinfo/entryinfo.php>). Registration has already begun, but you still have time to sign-up. Frances Lee is coordinating our team this year, so if you are selected from the lottery, please let Frances know.

Finally, please join us for the University Commencement on December 20, 2016 at 7:00pm and the BSOS Graduation on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. Both events are in the Xfinity Center. I realize scheduling is difficult at this time of year, but your participation is important to our students and their friends and family, so I hope to see you there.

The next GVPT Newsletter will be February 2017. Continue to send in your updates to Cissy. And enjoy your winter break!

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

SPENCER CEREMONY

Please join me in congratulating Heather Hicks as the 2016 winner of the Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award. You are welcome to attend the award ceremony on Thursday, December 8 at 1:30pm in the Chaney Library at the Riggs Alumni Center.

DECEMBER GRADUATION

Congratulations to Deniz Cil who will earn her Ph.D. this December.

A number of other students have defended or will soon defend and will officially graduate this May. Keep up the great work.

SPRING REGISTRATION

If you haven't done so already, please register for classes. We will have to make decisions about low enrollment classes over the next few weeks.

AWARDS

Please stay tuned to your email for announcements about GVPT awards and Graduate School awards, including dissertation awards.

Have a great end to the semester!

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.

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.

Kathleen Cunningham
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Commencement

University Commencement will take place on Tuesday, December 20 at 6PM in the Xfinity Center. BSOS Commencement will take place on Wednesday, December 21 at 12 PM in the Xfinity Center.

Advising

Please contact our academic advisors with undergraduate advising questions:

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Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies



GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

In November, the GSA social representative Peggy McWeeney organized a networking event with students from the UMD public policy department, George Washington University, and Georgetown University. Peggy and José Cabezas led successful student methods workshops on duration analysis and causal mediation analysis, as well. Also, GSA gives a big thank you to Professors Kathleen Cunningham, Paul Huth, and Frances Lee for their publishing process workshop and to Professor Sarah Croco for her academic productivity workshop!

Professor Mike Hanmer and the GSA Grad Lab Committee discussed further ideas related to improving the IT resources. We continue to appreciate the department's past and future assistance in maintaining the Grad Lab.

The GSA methods representative Trey Billing has invited Professor Jennifer Hadden to discuss qualitative methods on December 6 at 2pm in Tydings 1136. Thanks in advance to Professor Hadden!

In December, GSA will be collecting nonperishable food items for the DC Area Food Bank. We will also hold a workshop for students presenting at the SPSA conference to discuss their papers during exams week.

Finally, as always, feel free to contact the GSA co-chairs, Sean Rao (seanrao@umd.edu) and Tegan George (tigeorge@umd.edu) with any questions or comments.

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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

Fox, Jonathan, Ph.D. 1997, The Unfree Exercise of Religion: A World Survey of Discrimination Against Religious Minorities (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

<http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/sociology/sociology-religion/unfree-exercise-religion-world-survey-discrimination-against-religious-minorities?format=HB>

James, Patrick, Ph.D. 1984, with Annette Freyberg-Inan, and Ewan Harrison, Evaluating Progress in International Relations: How Do You Know? New York, NY: Palgrave, 2016.

Chapter and Article Publications

Deets, Stephen, Ph.D. 2000, and Jennifer Skulte-Ouaiss Ph.D. 2005. "Jumping Out Of The "Hobbesian Fishbowl" And Into The Fire: Lebanon, Elections, And Chronic Crisis." *Demokratizatsiya* 24.4 (2016): 513-530.

Awards

James, Patrick, Ph.D. 1984, won the Peace Science Society and Ole R. Holsti Professorship from ISA.



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.

Fall 2016 Workshop Schedule:

Date	Presenter	Location
16-Sept	“Meet and Greet”	2113 CHIN
7-Oct	Vanessa Williamson (Brookings)	2113 CHIN
28-Oct	Ethan Kaplan (UMD Economics)	2113 CHIN
18-Nov	Marc Hetherington (Vanderbilt University)	2113 CHIN
2-Dec	Jared McDonald (UMD GVPT)	2113 CHIN

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

3-Feb	2113 CHIN
17-Feb	2113 CHIN
3-Mar	2113 CHIN
10-Mar	2113 CHIN
17-Mar	2113 CHIN
31-Mar	2113 CHIN
14-Apr	2113 CHIN
28-Apr	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. **Workshops are held from 11-12:30pm.**

Fall 2016 Workshop Schedule:

12-Sept	“Meet and Greet”	2113 Chincoteague
21-Sept		1109 Chincoteague
19-Oct		1101 Morrill Hall
16-Nov		1101 Morrill Hall

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

26-April	Pauline Jones-Luong, University of Michigan	Location TBD
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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, click on the Research tab and then open the IR workshop schedule as they become available. **Workshops are held from 11-12:15pm in 1109 Chincoteague.**

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:

7-Sept	“Meet and Greet” – 1109 Chincoteague, (10-11:00am)
19-Sept	Vera Mironova, UMD GVPT PhD candidate “Labor Market for Rebel Fighters in the Syrian Civil War”
3-Oct	John McCauley, Assistant Professor, GVPT
17-Oct	Paul Zachary, PhD. Candidate, Political Science Dept, UC San Diego
31-Oct	Helge Holtermann, Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Political Science, University of Oslo.
14-Nov	To be scheduled
28-Nov	Anca Paducel, PhD candidate, IR and Political Science Dept, Graduate Institute Geneva
12-Dec	Niklas Karlen, PhD candidate, Dept of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

Spring Schedule 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

The Political Methodology and Formal Theory field is offering a series of workshops for faculty and grad students this semester on using the statistical program R. Eric Dunford will teach the workshops which will be held on:

7-Oct in 2113 CHIN, 2-4pm

14-Oct in 1101 Morrill Hall, 2-4pm

4-Nov in 1101 Morrill Hall, 2-4pm

18-Nov in 1101 Morrill Hall, 2-4pm

These workshops are designed for adept Stata users who do not have experience in R. Attached is a preliminary breakdown of what will be covered in each workshop.

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops, please let me know. I will build an email list of those people that express interest for future communications about this.

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)

CAPC Poster Session

The end of semester CAPC Research Symposium will be on December 9th from 11:30 to 1:30 in Morrill Hall 1101.

Presentations will include the following:

- Erin Weinstock: *Primary Voting and Candidate Likability*
- Seif Al-Zain: *Income, Education, and Populism in the 2016 US Presidential Election*

- Zachary Arden: *Political Party Identification and the 2016 Elections*
- Katelin Reger: *Contemporary Perceptions of Political Refugees*
- Grant Whittington: *U.S. Regimes of Emergency Management*

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

❖ CIDCM/IR Workshops Schedule for Fall 2016

For this semester we have a number of talks by visiting researchers at CIDCM.

December 5: Helge Holtermann, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo.

December 12: Niklas Karlen, PhD candidate, Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

For more information, please visit: <https://cidcm.umd.edu/research/cidcmir-workshop>

❖ Sadat Chair for Peace

On December 2nd, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, will be delivering a presentation on American attitudes toward the Arab-Israeli Conflict at the Brookings Institution as part of their annual Saban Forum. In early December, Dr. Telhami will be traveling to Tucson, Arizona where he will be delivering a talk titled, "Shifting Public Attitudes on Coexistence and Peace" for a conference at The University of Arizona on "Balancing Unity and Diversity: Israel's Changing Society and Politics."

Critical Issues Poll

On November 1st, the University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll had its public launch on campus where the results of its first poll on American Politics, Race, and Foreign Policy were presented. For more information on the Critical Issues Poll, including the most recent poll results, please visit: criticalissues.umd.edu



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Books

Uslander, Eric The Historical Roots of Corruption, in production at Cambridge University Press.

Chapter and Article Publications

Telhami, Shibley and Stella Rouse, "Commentary: How 'the system is rigged' keeps Trump's prospects alive", Reuters, October 31, 2016.

Telhami, Shibley, "Americans dislike the Islamic State more than Putin or Assad. Here's how this shapes policy preferences," Washington Post Monkey Cage, November 1, 2016.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Morris, Irwin, on C-Span with Smithsonian Associates: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?418342-1/smithsonian-associates-hosts-discussion-2016-election>

Awards

Birnir, Hanna was selected to receive the 2017-2018 Semester RASA Award.

Cunningham, Kathleen Gallagher was selected as the 2017 Emerging Scholar Award recipient.
<http://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/ISSS-Emerging-Scholar>



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Lectures, Presentations, and Other

Gomez Vidal, Analia has an online piece that came out in Human Rights and Democracy for the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" campaign and the link is here: <http://www.humanrightsdemocracy.com/2016/11/we-are-human-beings.html>

McDonald, Jared wrote a report based on data from our recently launched Critical Issues Poll:
https://criticalissues.umd.edu/sites/criticalissues.umd.edu/files/party_discipline_and_the_2016_election.pdf

Schneider, Mary Kate participated in the panel "Between Europeaness and Nationalisms" at the "Children of Transition, Children of War" conference jointly organized by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education and the University of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.

Awards

Hicks, Heather is the winner of the Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award. Heather will be honored at the Spencer Award Ceremony on December 8th at 1:30 in the Chaney Library at the Alumni Center.

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				1	2 American Pol Wrkshop 11-12:30pm 2113 CHIN	3
4	5	6	7 Executive Committee Mtg 3140 Tydings 11-12:15pm	8	9 CAPC Research Symposium 1101 Morrill Hall 11:30-1:30pm	10
11	12 IR/CIDCM Workshop 11-12:30pm 1109 CHIN	13 Department Holiday Party 12:30-2:00 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 CAMPUS Commencement Xfinity Center 6pm	21 BSOS/GVPT Graduation Xfinity Center 12pm	22	23	24
25	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31