

GVPT NEWS

March, 2017

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- FACULTY MEETING: March 17, 2017 at 11:00-12:15 p.m. in 2113 Chincoteague - HOLD
- FACULTY MEETING: April 12, 2017 at 11:00-12:15 p.m. in 2113 Chincoteague
- **TENURED** FACULTY MEETING: April 12, 11:45 a.m. in 2113 Chincoteague
- Maryland Day: April 29 from 10am to 4pm
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

On March 9th, Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, will host the Sadat Forum with Thomas Friedman. Mr. Friedman is a *New York Times* Columnist, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, and Best-Selling Author of “Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist’s Guide to Thriving in the Age of Acceleration.” The Sadat Forum is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 from 4-5:30pm in the Colony Ballroom at the Stamp Student Union.

The deadline for submission of 2016 Annual Activity Reports is March 17. A reporting template was distributed for use this year in the wake of the demise of the Lyteratti System. Cissy will populate the course information (if necessary), but you must stick to this March 17 deadline to have that happen. Our Merit Pay Committee will begin reviewing the files immediately following Spring Break.

I want to congratulate Ph.D. Alumni John T. Bullock who was sworn into the Baltimore City Council in December and was named Chair of the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Just to keep this on the top of your list, Maryland Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. Mark your calendars and come visit us from 10-4pm. GVPT, CAPC, and CIDCM/MIDCM will be stationed in front of Tydings. If you would like to volunteer to work the tent that day, please let Cissy know the hours you can participate. We would love to have you join us. [And here’s hoping the weather cooperates.]

Enjoy your Spring Break and let’s hope this early spring weather is a sign that the snow is behind us now.

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.

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

Fall 2017 Registration

Fall 2017 registration begins on March 30th and continues through May 10th.

Spring 2017 Commencement

The GVPT Commencement ceremony will take place on Monday, May 22, 2017 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 Cortes, kcortes@umd.edu.

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: <https://gvpt.umd.edu/undergraduate/scholarships>.

Scott Kastner
Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

Karmin Cortes
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies



GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GSA started the spring semester with a social welcome event on January 27 and our first meeting on February 8, where we discussed cooperation with other grad students on campus.

Professional Development Representative Annie Gomez is putting together a set of professional development events for the spring. We appreciate the faculty's help with sharing their experience!

Thank you to Professor Ernesto Calvo for his helpful workshop on Bayesian Methods! GSA Methods Rep Trey Billing has arranged for Eric Dunford to present further on Bayesian Methods on March 14 and Ted Plettner to present on time series analysis on March 28. These typically take place in Tydings 1111 at 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Grad students look forward to welcoming prospective students in March. Several current students have volunteered to assist.

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.

Spring 2017 GSA Methods Workshop schedule:

February 14:

Bayes I (Theory) - Ernesto Calvo

February 28:

Introduction to Spatial Data and GIS - Trey Billing

March 14:

Bayes II (Applied) - Eric Dunford

March 28:

Time Series Analysis - Ted Plettner

April 4:

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April 18:

Innovations in Causal Inference - Luke Keele

All workshops will take place from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Room locations and short descriptions will be emailed prior to each meeting. Feel free to send over any questions and I look forward to your attendance!

GSA Co-Chairs,

Tegan George

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Sean Rao

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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

Chapter and Article Publications

Pitsch Santiago, Anne Ph.D. 2000, "Agenda Setting in Uganda: Influencing Attitudes on Land Through Policy and Persuasion" *Journal of Global Initiatives*, v20(2), 2016. Also, "Guaranteeing conflict free diamonds: From compliance to norm expansion under the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme," *South African Journal of International Affairs*, v21(3), 2014.

Awards

Fox, Jonathan Ph.D. 1997, received the 2017 Distinguished Scholar Award for the Religion and International Relations section of the International Studies Association at their annual conference in February.

Sahgal, Neha Ph.D. 2008, received an International Collaboration Grant from the Global Religion Research Initiative for a project titled "*Opportunities and Challenges in Studying Asian.*"

Other

Bullock, John T Ph.D. 2009, was sworn into Baltimore City Council back in December and was named Chair of the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. Here is the link to John's profile on the Baltimore City Government webpage. <http://www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/john-bullock>

Francia, Peter Ph.D. 2000, has a new position as the Director of the Center for Survey Research in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences at East Carolina University.

Pitsch Santiago, Anne Ph.D. 2000, was Granted Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, January 2017.

Sahgal, Neha Ph.D. 2008, is currently the associate director of research at Pew Research Center, specializing in international polling, particularly on topics related to interreligious relations and political Islam.



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.

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

3-Feb	Joseph Braun, Stephen Arves, and Neil Lund	2113 CHIN
17-Feb	Bryan Jones (University of Texas at Austin)	2113 CHIN
3-Mar	Michael Bailey (Georgetown University) cosponsored by the Methods & American fields	2113 CHIN
10-Mar	Melissa Michelson (Menlo College) and Brian Harrison (Northwestern University)	2113 CHIN
31-Mar	Christopher Ellis (Bucknell University)	2113 CHIN
28-Apr	Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz (University of Rhode Island) And John McTague (Towson 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. **Workshops are held from 11-12:30pm.**

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

1-Feb	Eric Dunford, University of Maryland “Providing to Compete: Why Regime Change Movements Provide Goods and Services.”	2113 CHIN
1-Mar	Joel Simmons, University of Maryland “Statistical Discrimination in the Corruption Labor Market” Discussants – Annie Gomez and Johanna Birnir	2113 CHIN

15-Mar	Jacob Lewis, University of Maryland	1101 Morrill Hall
29-Mar	Anne Meng, Assistant Professor -University of Virginia	2113 CHIN
26-April	Pauline Jones-Luong, Professor -University of Michigan	2113 CHIN

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.cidcm@umd.edu, click on the Research tab and then open the IR workshop schedule as they become available. **Workshops are held on Mondays 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.

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

- 6-February** Discussion on pressing human rights issues and more.
Paper presented by Dr. Stacy Kosko, Assistant Director of the Center for International Development and Conflict Management Minor.
- 20-February** Discussion on leading issues in international relations and conflict management, hosted by the CIDCM/IR specialists. Featured speaker for this event is Belgin San Akra, from Koc University in Turkey. For more on this speaker, visit: <http://home.ku.edu.tr/~bakca/>.
- 27-February** Rebecca Cordell, PhD Student at the University of Essex.
- 27-March** Professor Jakana L. Thomas, from Michigan State.
- 13-April** Professor Barcu Savun, from the University of Pittsburgh.
- 24-April** Professor Dan Reiter of Emory University.

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

Spring 2017 Workshop Schedule:

3-Mar **Michael Bailey (Georgetown University)**
 cosponsored by the Methods & American fields

2113 CHIN

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Bayes I (Theory) - Ernesto Calvo

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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)

The Spring 2017 CAPC Internship Reception will take place on March 14, 2017 from 5:00-7:00PM (please note the time change) in House Office Building #170. Invited guests include Speaker of the House Michael Busch and President of the Senate Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. The keynote speaker will be Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk. Refreshments will be served and there will be a shuttle bus to College Park at the close of the event.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

CIDCM/IR Workshops:

Monday Feb 6, 2017 11:00-2:15pm

- o Join us for an exciting workshop discussing pressing human rights issues and more. Paper presented by Dr. Stacy Kosko, Assistant Director of the Center for International Development and Conflict Management Minor.

Monday Feb 20, 2017 11:00- 12:15pm

- o Join us for a discussion on leading issues in international relations and conflict management, hosted by the CIDCM/IR specialists. Featured speaker for this event is Belgin San Akra, from Koc University in Turkey. For more on this speaker, visit: <http://home.ku.edu.tr/~bakca/>.

Monday, Feb 27, 2017 11:00-12:15 pm

- o Join us for a CIDCM/IR Workshop featuring Rebecca Cordell, PhD Student at the University of Essex.

Monday, March 27, 2017 11:00- 12:15pm

- o Join us for a CIDCM/IR Workshop featuring Professor Jakana L. Thomas, from Michigan State.

Monday, April 3, 2017 11:00 am- 12:15 pm

- o Join us for a CIDCM/IR Workshop featuring Professor Barcu Savun, from the University of Pittsburgh.

Monday, April 24, 2017 11:00 am- 12:15

- o Join us for a CIDCM/IR Workshop featuring Professor Dan Reiter of Emory University.

❖ Sadat Chair for Peace

The Sadat Forum

with

Thomas Friedman

New York Times Columnist; Three-Time Pulitzer Prize Winner
and Best-Selling Author most recently of

Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations

On Thursday, March 9th the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences will be hosting The Sadat Forum with Thomas Friedman. Thomas Friedman, who is a New York Times columnist and best-selling author, will be engaging in a conversation with Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, about his new book. There will be a reception following the conversation along with copies of Friedman's new book for sale, which he will be signing. The Sadat Forum will be held on Thursday, March 9th from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. For more information and to RSVP for the Sadat Forum, please use this link: go.umd.edu/sadatforum2017.

In early March, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development and the Department of Art will be co-hosting the annual Sadat Art for Peace Competition on the theme, "The Trump Presidency and the World." This

competition is open to undergraduate and graduate Studio Art majors as well as to students currently enrolled in a Department of Art course.

Later in the month, Dr. Telhami will be delivering a talk to the Women's National Democratic Club on "The U.S. Role in a Changing World." This talk will be taking place on March 14th in Washington, DC. In addition, Dr. Telhami will also be speaking to the University of Maryland College Republicans on March 15th where he will be discussing the impact of Trump's policies on the global landscape, especially the Middle East. Dr. Telhami will also be participating in a conference at Harvard University entitled, "The Transformation of Intractable Conflicts III: Perspectives and Challenges for Interactive Problem Solving" where he will be serving on a panel titled, "Interactive Problem-Solving: Connecting Conflict Resolution, Negotiation of Identity and Reconciliation," on March 17th.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapter and Article Publications

Uslaner, Ric "Political Trust, Corruption, and Inequality" In Sonja Zmerli and Tom W.G. van der Meer, eds., *Handbook on Political Trust*. Cheltenham, MA: Edward Elgar, 2017, 302-315.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Karol, David served on a panel for "The 2016 US presidential election: Explanations and implications of the Trump presidency" at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin on February 9, 2017.

Mason, Lilliana gave a talk at William and Mary in February, titled "The Identity Election: The Power of Social Identities and Polarization in 2016." College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. February 10, 2017.

Uslaner, Ric "The Historical Roots of Corruption": at the University of the United Arab Emirates, Al-Ain UAE March 6; public lecture Al-Ain, UAE, March 7. And "Academica Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, National Chung Kung University, Tainan City, Taiwan, and National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan (March 23, 24, 25).

Awards

Birnir, Johanna received a book leave fellowship from the Global Religion Research Initiative for her project titled "*Alternatives in Outbidding: Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict*."

Cunningham, Kathleen Gallagher received a Project Launch Grant from the Global Religion Research Initiative for her project titled "*Religion and the Study of Political Contention*."



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

No Updates This Month

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Comparative Pol Wrkshop 11-12:30pm 2113 CHIN	2	3 American Pol Wrkshop 11-12:30pm 2113 CHIN	4
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