

# Newsletter of the Department of International Studies

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The Department of International Studies had a very prolific fall semester. The department welcomed speakers with a variety of backgrounds and topics. Our faculty participated in several conferences and have more publications to add to their credit.

It is hard to believe that last fall we worried about Y2K and this fall we worried about who would be the next U.S. president. Neither problem seemed to have hindered the productivity of the department.

## Web-Page Information

The I.S. Department web page continues to evolve thanks to the efforts of Ms. Brenda Somes, Department Secretary, and Professors Steve Ceccoli and Frank Mora. We now have an extensive set of links to help you find course syllabi, faculty and staff information, student conferences, upcoming events, and information on speakers. Start to explore and find out just about anything you could ever want to know about the I.S. Department. If you don't find what you want, use one of the links and send us an email. Also, keep the alumni updates coming. We all take great joy and pride in hearing all of the interesting avenues you have all taken since your days with us.

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## Faculty and Staff News

**Professor Steve Ceccoli** attended the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in September. He also presented a paper, co-authored with Professor Kaltenthaler, at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in November. Professors Ceccoli and Kaltenthaler are now preparing the paper, "Explaining Individual-Level Support for Economic Liberalization in Developing Countries", for review.

**Professor John Copper** signed a contract in October with Perseus Books for an electronic or e-book of his book *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province?* (third edition). One of Dr. Copper's most successful books will soon be available on-line.

John also published a monograph on Taiwan's March election, which he assessed as a member of an election observer team. It is entitled *Taiwan's 2000 Presidential and Vice Presidential Election: Consolidation Democracy and Creating a New Era of Politics* and was published by the University of Maryland Law School.

During the summer Professor Copper worked on a book to be entitled "Playing with Fire: Prospects for a U.S. War with China over Taiwan." He finished the manuscript in October and sent it to a publisher.

In the fall John was interviewed by Radio Free Asia twice, Voice of America and Radio Liberty. He attended two conferences at the University of Illinois in October where he presented a paper on the impact of Taiwan's recent election and in November at St. John's University in New York where he gave a paper on Taiwan's elections and democratization

process. This fall he also attended the American Association of Chinese Studies annual meeting as a member of the Board of Directors.

In December Dr. Copper attended a conference in Taiwan on cross strait relations sponsored by Tamkang University. He gave an opening speech (in Chinese) and presented a paper.

**Professor Ronald Gelleny** has spent much of his time working on the completion of his dissertation. He has also contributed research papers to several journals, including *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *The Journal of European Integration*, and an edited book (*Coping With Globalization*). Additionally, he will be presenting papers at the upcoming Midwest Political Science Meeting and the American Political Science Association.

**Professor Krista Johnson** The past four months have been primarily consumed by her teaching of IS 245, Introduction to African Politics, and her dissertation writing. In November 2000 she participated in a Smart Breakfast lecture at Rhodes on the socio-economic impact of AIDS in Africa. In that same month, she wrote an op-ed piece for the *Commercial Appeal* on Nelson Mandela and his legacy in South Africa to coincide with Mandela's visit to Memphis. Also in November, she presented a paper at the African Studies Association meeting in Nashville entitled "South Africa's Dialogue on Democracy: Liberalism versus Nationalism". In December she completed a full draft of her dissertation. Professor Johnson also traveled to South Africa for two weeks where she gave a brown bag lunch presentation at the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA). While in South Africa she also collected additional research material for her dissertation and conducted some follow-up interviews. In January 2001 Professor Johnson will have an article appearing in the *African Studies Review* entitled "The Trade-offs of Distributive Equity and Democratic Process: The Case of Child Welfare Reform in South Africa".

**Professor Karl Kaltenthaler** Since June of 2000, Professor Kaltenthaler has seen his article "The Changing Political Economy of Inflation" appear in the *Journal of Public Policy*. He presented "German Interests in European Monetary Integration" at the American Political Science Association annual meetings in September. He also presented "Explaining Cross-national Support for Economic Liberalization" at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting in November. He was invited to present at the conference "The United States, Germany and Europe since 1945" at the Croft Institute for International Studies at the University of Mississippi in September.

**Professor Andrew Michta** This semester Professor Andrew A. Michta has been a Public Policy Scholar in residence at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. While at the Wilson Center, he has been working on a book on Central European security after NATO enlargement and the Kosovo war. While at the Wilson Center he lectured on NATO peacekeeping in the Balkans and Central European security issues. He was also one of four panelists during a special public session at the Wilson Center on NATO's 2002 Membership Action Plan. This fall, Professor Michta published a chapter on Polish security in Brassey's *Eurasian and East European Security Handbook 2000*. He attended a conference in Lisbon sponsored by the Office of the Portuguese Prime Minister in Lisbon on the politics of military extrication. While at the conference, Professor Michta

presented a paper titled "Civil-Military Relations and Postcommunist Transition: Poland and East Germany."

**Professor Frank O. Mora's** chapter entitled "Paraguay and the Inter-American System: From Authoritarianism and Democracy to the Application of Resolution 1080," appeared in *The Inter-American System and Democracy Antecedents and Future Perspectives*, edited by Ruben Perina and Arlene Tickner. Dr. Mora's participation in a Defense Department project continued during the last six years. At a September meeting of the project in Washington, Professor Mora presented a paper entitled, "International Involvement in the Americas: Latin American and Caribbean Engagement with Extra-Hemispheric Actors." He also presented a paper at a conference sponsored by the Office of the Portuguese Prime Minister in Lisbon on the politics of military extrication. The title of his paper was "Raulismo and the Technocrat-Soldier: The Economic Role of the FAR and Its Implications for Transition in Cuba." Professor also gave a lecture on the Cuban military at US School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, GA in August. Finally, Dr. Mora continued to appear in several Radio Marti (Voice of America) programs to address issues related to Cuban politics and military.

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## Department Updates

### Model United Nations

The Model United Nations team, which is at its largest in a number of years, had a busy and productive fall semester. The team sent two delegations, totaling 27 delegates, to the University of Pennsylvania's conference in Philadelphia, where they earned an Honorable Mention citation for their excellent performance. In November, the club co-sponsored a campus-wide roundtable discussion with International House on the topic of economic integration in the European Union. The club also spent a great deal of the semester preparing for its annual Mid-South conference, a competition for high school Model United Nations teams that draws schools from as far away as Little Rock. This year's conference promises to be one of the largest yet, with over thirty delegations competing. The MidSouth conference will take place at Rhodes on February 2-4.

### Sigma Iota Rho

The officers of Sigma Iota Rho are the following:

President: **Amanda Flaim**

Vice-President: **Brent Robson**

Treasurer: **Tom Rivers**

Publications editor: **Lauren Davis**

The officers of Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society met twice at the beginning of the fall semester to discuss membership, initiation plans, and ideas for a philanthropy. The society inducted its new members on Tuesday, October 24 at a dinner which took place at On Teur restaurant.

Next semester, the officers will meet in mid-January to discuss a different philanthropy, the *Modus Vivendi* publication, and prospects for a reception for Rhodes professors who have published works contributing to the field of International Studies in the past year.

### **Mertie W. Buckman International Internship Program**

The Mertie W. Buckman International Interns gave an overview of their internship experiences on Friday, September 29. The Mertie W. Buckman International Internship program is a merit-based program that places outstanding International Studies major for two months during the summer with an international company. The interns for 2000 were:

**Meghan Bromert** - Seville, Spain working for "Papeleria Tecnica"

**Amanda Flaim** - Brussels working for Federal Express

**Amber Johnson** - Mexico City working for Federal Express

**Tom Rivers** - Hull, England working for Smith & Nephew

**Brent Robson** - Hong Kong working for Federal Express

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler, associate professor of international studies, and Sandi George Tracy, director of career services, oversee this internship program.

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## **Student Internships**

During the fall semester, seven students had a chance to gain first hand experience in various agencies in the Memphis area. Professor John Copper directed the internship program. The names of the interns and the agencies where they worked during the term are as follows:

**Matt Alexander**-U.S. Department of Commerce

**Greg Frost**-Federal Express Customer Profile Center

**Luke Ginder**-Rice, Smith Law Firm

**Harry LaBair**-Rice, Smith Law Firm

**Erin Massey**-Memphis Export Assistance Center, Department of Commerce

**Trey Thacher**-The Frager Law Firm

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## **Scholarship and Summer Internship Awards**

**Tracy Colley ('02)** and **Matt LeFevor ('98)** are recipients of the Rotary Foundation Scholarships to study abroad. The scholarship provides funding for roundtrip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, educational supplies and language training up to a maximum award of \$25,000 for an academic year. Tracy will spend her senior year studying in India, Ecuador or Chile. Matt LeFevor, who majored in international studies, will study for a master of business administration in international business at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico.

**Meghan Bromert ('02)** and **Tracy Colley ('02)** have been offered a State Department Internship for summer 2001. They will be working with the Andean Affairs Bureau dealing with political issues.

## **Fall Semester Senior Seminar Topics**

The department had eleven students complete IS 475, Senior Seminar, during the fall semester. Professors Kaltenthaler and Mora directed the students from their initial paper

topics to their finished thesis. Their topics were as follows:

**Matthew G. Alexander**- "What Factors Caused the Russian Military to be Ineffective in Restoring Peace to Chechnya?"

**Allison Dalton**- "Understanding the Electoral Success of the Extreme Right in Great Britain and France."

**Lauren Davis**- "Why did the Foreign Aid Budget Decrease in the 1990's?"

**Luke Ginder**- "Independence in the Former Soviet Bloc? A Survey of Dependence Upon Russia and Its Consequences for the Former Soviet Republics."

**Amber L. Johnson**- "The Growth of the U.S. Militia Movement."

**Jason Knobloch**- "A Diamond War Lasts Forever: A Comparative Case Study of UNITA and RENAMO."

**Erin Massey**- "The Push for a United Europe: What was the Motivating Factor Behind US Support for European Integration in the Immediate Postwar Years?"

**Elisabeth Meyers**- "Why has the IRA moved closer to achieving peace in Northern Ireland while the ETA has increased attacks and is not close to Forming a Peace Agreement in Spain?"

**Tom Rivers**- "South Korea and Sunshine Policy: A Case Study in International Relations."

**Charles Winston Sheehan**- "Why did the Germans Treat the Russians so Poorly as Compared to the Czechoslovakians during World War II?"

**Meghann Teubner**- "The Big EMU Decision: Comparing Germany and Denmark."

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## **Robert H. Buckman Speakers Series**

On October 20, **Susan Wood**, '70, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs and Coordinator for Canada, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., spoke to interested students about opportunities for worldwide employment and internships through the Department of State.

**David L. Richards**, assistant professor of political science at Missouri Southern State College, discussed "Which Human Rights Do Governments Respect, and Why?" on Thursday, November 9. Professor Richard said that his research is guided by four inter-related general questions: Which human rights do governments violate, and why? How can we objectively assess levels of government respect for various types of human rights? How does globalization affect government respect for human rights? And, how do democratic mechanisms affect government respect for human rights? His work in these areas has appeared in *International Studies Quarterly*, *The Journal of Peace Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and several edited volumes. He recently completed a National Science Foundation funded project examining the role of political parties and national elections in the protection of human rights and is currently working on a resulting book manuscript.

**Howard Wiarda**, Professor of Political Science and the Leonard J. Horwitz Professor of Iberian and Latin American Studies at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, spoke on "Latin American Politics and U.S. Policy" on November 15. Professor Wiarda is a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and in 1988 served on Vice President Bush's foreign

policy advisory team. His work is known nationally and internationally and his writings have stimulated some fundamental reexaminations of American foreign policy, the way we examine comparative politics, and how we interpret Latin American politics and development.

On November 20, Professor **Krista Johnson**, The William Randolph Hearst Endowed Teaching Fellow in International Studies, moderated a panel discussion with two colleagues from southern Africa. The discussion titled "Opposition Politics and Democratic Processes in Southern Africa" coincided with the visit of Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa, to Memphis where he received the National Civil Rights Museum's 2000 Freedom Award on Tuesday, November 21. The panel participants were **Sean Jacobs** and **Tandeka Nkiwane**. Sean Jacobs is a senior policy researcher and political analyst with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa. Tandeka Nkiwane has lectured at both the University of Zimbabwe and the University of Cape Town. She is completing her Ph.D. at SAIS.

The Department of International Studies hosted **Dr. Joshua B. Spero** on December 1. The title of his lecture was "America's Foreign Policy After the November Election." Professor Spero teaches in the Government Department at Dartmouth College and in the Political Science Department at Merrimack College. He has worked as a Politico-Military Policy Analyst, Strategist, and Planner at the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the European and NATO Division. He has published extensively and his latest publication, "America Needs a Strong Europe" is forthcoming.

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## Alumni News

**Steve Snow ('71)** retired September 29 after 27 years as an officer in the United States Foreign Services. His career included overseas assignments in Turkey, Tunisia, Kuwait, Egypt, Bangladesh, New Zealand, and Barbados. For the past two years Steve has served as deputy director for Asian and African programs in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. At a recent ceremony, Steve was presented with the State Department's Superior Honor Award for his role as U.S. team leader in a joint United States-European Union mission to assess how best to assist the Government of Nigeria in combating drug abuse and narcotics trafficking.

**Valerie F. Hunt ('83)** is working on the last stages of her Ph.D. at the University of Washington. She received a one-year doctoral visiting research fellowship to the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UC-San Diego.

**Maria Carl ('90)** is currently director of 16 Air Force Public Affairs based at Aviano AB, Italy which governs the media activities for our warfighting wings in the Mediterranean to include Italy, France, Spain, Greece, Turkey and the Balkans. She works the media relations issues and assesses the media/public and political climate in areas where the U.S. is currently based and also in areas in which we may potentially set up air bases and sites.

**Matt Preston ('92)** and **Ashley Mickle ('92)** are the proud parents of twin daughters, Sarah and Emily, born on August 21. They will soon be moving to Washington, D.C. where Matt has been assigned to President George W. Bush's security detail.

**Judd Peak ('95)** is an attorney with Bateman, Gibson, and Childers, LLC. Judd and Julie Bhattacharya ('97) will be married on September 2, 2001 in Fisher Gardens.

**Bryan Holzwanger ('95)** is living in New Orleans and working with Peter A. Mayer Advertising on the Louisiana Office of Tourism (LOT) account. He is responsible for managing LOT's international marketing communications program, and he works closely with representatives throughout Europe and Latin America to help achieve LOT's objectives.

**Julie Bhattacharya ('97)** serve as the judicial law clerk to The Honorable William C. Koch, Jr. on the Tennessee Court of Appeals in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Chris Palazzolo ('97)** is at Emory working on his Ph.D. He is co-teaching/assistant for an introductory comparative politics course. He spent a month in England during the past summer at the University of Essex to study statistics. He presented a paper at the beginning of the semester at the 2000 APSA meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Cy Carter ('98)** after graduation moved to San Francisco to study theatre. He moved to Los Angeles and auditioned and won the part of Matthew Shepard in MTV's Anatomy of a Hate Crime. It aired on MTV on January 10, 2001.

**Toni R. Greer ('98)** has been accepted into the University of Wisconsin at Madison to earn a Master of Engineering for Technical Japanese for Chemistry and Physics. This masters degree is a very specialized degree in the engineering school.

**Kevin Willoughby ('99)**, is teaching part time at University College of Northampton in UK. He is also working on his MA thesis.

**Jim Flowers ('00)** is working for the Foreign Service of the U.S. State Department. He is currently in Washington D.C., but is training for a position in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

**John Marshall ('00)** is in Japan on the JET program.

**Blake Rollins ('00)** is teaching high school Spanish and Portuguese while preparing for the LSAT.