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Attention Rhodes Alumni: We know that you are out there being happy and productive. Thank you for reading our newsletter and sending us updates about your whereabouts. If you have something you would like to have included in our next newsletter, please email somes@rhodes.edu.

Web-Page Update

Please continue to visit our web page at <http://www.is.rhodes.edu>. 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.

The college is in the process of hiring a resident webmaster. This will open up a whole world of possibilities. If you have any suggestions for our webpage, please email me at somes@rhodes.edu. We would be glad to hear from you.

Faculty and Staff News

Professor Dexter Boniface - On August 26, 2002 **Professor Boniface** successfully defended his dissertation, entitled "Sub-national Developmentalism: Brazil in Comparative Perspective." In addition, he presented a paper at the American Political Science Association meeting in Boston, August 28th. Then in September he presented another paper based on his dissertation research, entitled "In Search of the High Road to Globalization: Sub national Development Coalitions and Industrial Strategies in Brazil."

Professor Steve Ceccoli presented a paper in September, entitled "Media Coverage of Drug Approvals" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. He also presented a paper with Karl Kaltenthaler entitled

“Explaining Individual-Level Attitudes for the Justification of Political Violence in the United States and India” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. An essay of Professor Ceccoli’s “Open Purse to Boost Organ Donations” appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal

Professor John Copper spent most of the summer in Asia. He was in Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei. It was his first visit to Brunei, the small Islamic kingdom on the island of Borneo, sometimes listed as the country with the highest per capita income in the world (depending on the price of oil), and the only country in Southeast Asia he had never visited.

Dr. Copper published two policy papers (*Democracy in Question: Taiwan’s 2001 Legislative Election* and *Chen Shui-bian’s Referendum Statement: Crisis or Portent of Things to Come*). Also he published (entitled *Taiwan’s 2001 Legislative, Magistrates and Mayors Election: Further Consolidating Democracy?*) His article entitled “The ‘Glue’ that Holds China Together,” appeared in the July issue of *The World and I*. In addition, Dr. Copper wrote some op-eds and on-line articles.

Professor Copper also finished the fourth edition of *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province?*--which will be out in January. This was the first book on Taiwan ever published in a second edition. It is now in its fourth. The IS Department plans a book signing in March.

In September, Dr. Copper gave the keynote address at the annual southern regional meeting of the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association and received a medal of recognition from the Association. (Henry Kissinger was one of the previous recipients.) The address was entitled “The Economic Future of the West and Continued Economic Boom in China,” and was published in the October 1, 2002 issue of *Vital Speeches of the Day*.

In November, John attended the annual meeting of the American Association for Chinese Studies held in Los Angeles. He is a member of the board of directors of AACCS and was elected to another three-year term.

Professor Copper appeared in the media a number of times during the last half of 2002, including Voice America, Radio Singapore, and Radio Free Asia. He was interviewed a number of times by newspaper reporters.



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For more information, go to Professor Copper's home page:

[http://www.is.rhodes.edu/faculty/Copper Personal.html](http://www.is.rhodes.edu/faculty/Copper%20Personal.html)

Professor Lawrence Hamlet worked on completing his dissertation during the fall semester. Professor Hamlet also served as a peer reviewer for *International Studies Review*, and wrote a draft of a conference paper for presentation in February 2003.

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler became chair of the International Studies Department in August. Since June, Karl has participated in two conferences. He was chair and discussant on a panel on international financial cooperation at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in August. He gave a paper in November at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting with Steve Ceccoli titled "Explaining Individual-level Attitudes for the Justification of Political Violence in the United States and India." He also had a paper accepted by *European Union Politics* titled "Managing the Euro."

Professor Andrew Michta conducted field interviews at SHAPE at Mons and NATO Headquarters in Brussels in June, 2002. He published a book chapter on NATO norm setting and democratization in a volume on postcommunist transition edited by Ron

Linden, as well as an article on military reform published by the British journal *Defence Studies*. Professor Michta served as member of the core group of American scholars and policy analysts that wrote a study of NATO and EU enlargement, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center and the Stanley Foundation. The report was prepared in anticipation of the NATO enlargement ratification debate in the US. The group met in several working sessions with European scholars and analysts in September 2002 in Budapest, Hungary. Two follow-up sessions took place in November and December at the Wilson Center in DC, where Professor Michta presented two papers summarizing the finding on Baltic membership in NATO. In addition to the published interim report, the final project report includes Professor Michta's assessment of the Baltic States' contribution to NATO and the long-term consequences of European northeastern integration. In November, Professor Michta presented two papers on NATO, Russian domestic politics and regional security issues at the annual AAASS National Convention in Pittsburgh.

Professor Frank O. Mora is on sabbatical at the University of Miami.

Professor Quintan Wiktorowicz published *Global Jihad: Understanding September 11*, an audio book that explores the development of radical Islamic groups and the events leading up to the September 11 attacks. He has lectured widely about Islamic groups and the war on terrorism and testified in front of a Senate subcommittee on Islamic charities and terrorism. He has been conducting research in London on Islamic movements and presented a related paper at the Middle East Studies Association Meeting in November. He is also writing a book on political responses to economic crisis in the Middle East.

Department Updates

Model United Nations delegates attended the 2002 conference at the University of Pennsylvania. Delegates included: **Sunita Arora, Marcus Braxton, Kate Burgess, Jeta Donovan, Jean Kohanvoski, Philippe Kohanovski, Vanessa Koseoski, Brian London, Leslie Longtin, Tiffany Moore, Brandon Nugent, C. J. O'Neal, Beth Purves, Aaron Tucker.**

Sigma Iota Rho

The officers of Sigma Iota Rho are the following:

President: **Gelsey Bennett**
Vice-President: **Lisa Doody**
Treasurer: **Lindsey Greer**
Secretary: **Chris Jones**

Publications editor: **Whitney Bryant**

During the fall 2001 semester Sigma Iota Rho held an initiation dinner and ceremony for new honor society members. SIR began to accept submissions for the undergraduate international studies journal, Modus Vivendi and plans to publish the eighth volume of the journal in the Spring of 2003

Mertie W. Buckman International Internship Program

The Mertie W. Buckman International Interns gave an overview of their internship experiences on Friday, October 11th. The Mertie W. Buckman International Internship program is a merit-based program that places outstanding International Studies majors with an international company for two months during the summer. The interns for 2002 were:

Whitney Bryant – Quebec, Canada, Federal Express

Lisa Doody – Mexico City, Federal Express

Christopher Jones – Tuttingen, Germany, Smith & Nephew Orthopedics

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler, associate professor of International Studies, and Sandi George Tracy, Director of Career Services, oversee this internship program.

Student Internships

During the fall semester, four students had a chance to gain first hand experience in various institutions 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:

Whitney Bryant--Federal Express Corporation, Global Trade Services, Memphis

Tracy Colley—Federal Express

Lisa Doody—Frager Law Firm

Michelle Eacret—Federal Express, World Headquarters

Kevin Gennusa—U.S. Attorneys Office in Memphis

Chad Purple---U.S. Department of Commerce, Memphis Export Assistance Center

Martha Thomas—Lamar Alexander's Senatorial Campaign

What to do with an IS Major Seminar

What to do with an IS Major has become an annual seminar offered to students who have declared IS as their major or minor, as well as, those who think they might want to pursue IS as a major or minor. This is a joint endeavor with the Office of Career Services. They learned about opportunities in the private sector. Professor Karl Kaltenthaler briefed students about graduate school, while Professor Lawrence Hamlet spoke about internship opportunities and careers in NGOs and think tanks, respectively. We feel that this seminar gives students an overall idea of what opportunities they may pursue after graduation.

Fall Semester Senior Seminar Topics

The department had sixteen students complete IS 475, Senior Seminar, during the fall semester. Professors Copper and Wiktorowicz directed the students from their initial paper topics to their finished theses. Their topics are as follows:

Gelsey Bennett – The Path not Taken: Reformist and Reactionary Militarism in Latin America."

Lauren Blalock – A Crisis without Borders: The Search for an Interagency Solution to the AIDS Epidemic in South Africa."

Whitney Bryant – "Border Control: Why states implement a restrictive border control policy; The United States, Japan, Australia."

Alexander Campbell – "Regime Change."

Ben Chastain – "An Investigation Into Multilateral International Agreements and Their Causal Factors."

Tracy Colley – "Foreign Labor and Singapore's Successful Economy."

Lisa Doody – "Varying Levels of Governmental Corruption in Africa: A Comprehensive Analysis."

Michelle Eacret – "China's Motivations for joining the U.S. in the War on terrorism."

Josh Eddie – "U.S. Aid to Colombia."

Will Evans – "The Failure of Plan Colombia."

Meri Farrell – "Political Apathy and Cynacism in Hungary: Why the 2002 Election was Different."

Jonathan Harder – "Rescheduling in the United Kingdom: Why Home Secretary David Blunkett Decided to Reclassify Cannabis."

Phil Hastigan – “Arms Exports in the U.S., France, and Britain.”

Aileen Hsu – “Japanese Militarization.”

Chris Jones – “The Politics of Sovereignty: Domestic Sources of European Monetary Union.”

Jacob Meyers – “How National Missile Defense will Defend America.”

Justin Myers – “Nuclear Wasteland - Terrorist Interest in Nuclear Weapons and Russia.”

Chad Purple – “The Multilateralism Meltdown and its Realist Results.”

Weston Rainey – “Predicting the Morale of U.S. Soldiers Involved in International Hostilities.”

Lagan Sebert – “Why History has Not Absolved Fidel Castro: Democratization of Cuba.”

Jay Wilson – “The Paradox of IMF Aid.”

Robert H. Buckman Speakers Series

Julian Brazier, Member of Parliament for Canterbury spoke at Rhodes on September 24 as he was touring America. He spoke on the subject “Clash of Civilization or new Great Game? Our challenge in Central Asia and the Middle-East.” He addressed the interlocking regions at play, forces which gave birth to the horrible events of September 11th. The heightening of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict the break-up of the former Soviet Union in Asia, the rise of Islam and of Arab nationalism, the spread of nuclear weapons and running sores of, the Balkans, Chechnya and Kashmir all interact in complex and challenging ways.

Professor Bill Lowry, of Washington University was a guest speaker in our department on September 26th. He teaches courses in American politics, public policy, and environmental policy. In addition to his faculty position in political science, he is a faculty member of the Environmental Studies program. He spoke on applying to graduate schools and provided some insight as to what graduate departments are looking for when admitting students.

Colonel Hackworth was the guest of the Department of International Studies on November 21st. He lectured on his latest book, *Steel My Soldiers Hearts*. Colonel Hackworth describes himself as a soldier, author and a columnist and in this book he takes readers alongside sniper missions, into ambush actions, above fields of fire with hard-hitting helicopter strikes, and inside the quagmire of command politics. He is one of America’s most decorated soldiers. His writings draw upon his tour of duty in Vietnam.

Alumni News

Meghan Bromert ('02) is teaching English in China this year. She has recently been awarded a Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship for next year. She will be studying at a university in South America.

Eric Gropper ('02) is working at Mellan Bank in Boston in the Private Wealth Management Department

Kenneth Lukas ('02) is in Germany this year studying on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Scott Williamson ('02) has accepted a job with Dieste, Harmel & Partners in Dallas. Dieste is the 3rd largest US-Hispanic Advertisement/Marketing Agency in the nation.

Kevin Willoughby ('99) has recently joined the Men's Color Forecast Committee of the Color Association of the United States in New York City.

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