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Newsletter of the Department of International Studies

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Welcome to the June 2001 Newsletter of the Department of International Studies. I am going to begin with a little department trivia that you can use to impress your friends and family. Did you know that the Department of International Studies began in 1956 with the help of a \$35,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation? A proposal was endorsed by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to develop not only the academic courses but also campus and community projects related to international affairs. In 1958 the then three-year-old department graduated its first full-fledged majors. Lewis Murray and Lila Wrape studied with Dr. Ross Pritchard who was the first chair of the department. You never know what you might learn spending an afternoon in the library archives.

Check the I.S. Department's home page for more details: <http://www.is.rhodes.edu>

Graduates of 2001

The I.S. Department graduated 20 seniors in May. Additionally we had 5 students that graduated from Rhodes with a minor in International Studies. Our faculty and staff members have enjoyed working with these bright young people and look forward to hearing from each of you in the future. As you find your niche in this big world, please remember to let us know how you are. Congratulations! **We are very proud of our class of 2001.**

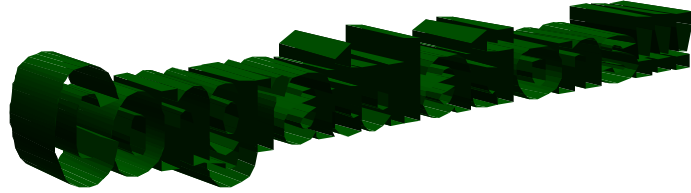
Majors

Matthew Gibson Alexander ~
Patrick Edward Betar
Michael Allison Dalton ~ *
Lauren Kathleen Davis ~ *
Amanda Leigh Flaim # *
James Luke Ginder
Amber Johnson ~
Marekh Khmaladze
Jason Willard Knobloch #
Monique Theresa Labat
Erin Louise Massey ~

Elisabeth Law Meyers
Tracy Lynn Pearson
Thomas Donald Rivers ~ *
Brent Spyker Robson ~
Elizabeth Nicole Royster
Charles Winston Sheehan
Ellen Jeanette Smead
Mellick Tweedy Sykes Jr
Meghann Teubner ~

Minors

Brian Leigh Yoakum
Charles Bernerd Quinn III
Olivia Nell DeLoach
April Michelle Rucker
Sheila Kathleen Jacobson



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cum laude ~
magna cum laude#
summa cum laude^

Here is a sampling of some of their plans:

Patrick Betar will attend Syracuse University School of Law next fall.

Lauren Davis will be living in Dallas and working in advertising at a company called The Richards Group.

Amanda Flaim will travel to China to teach English.

Luke Ginder will be attending law school at DePaul in Chicago this fall.

Amber Johnson will be heading to Puebla, Mexico in August to teach English. In the spring, she plans on attending the University of the Americas to earn an MBA in International Business.

Erin Massey plans on going to SMU in Dallas in the fall.

Tom Rivers will be working this summer on a ranch in Colorado. This fall he plans on applying to law school..

Brent Robson will be attending two intensive Chinese language programs in Middlebury VT and Beijing China. After that he hopes to secure a job before going on to graduate school in two to three years.

April Rucker is moving to Boston and will be attending Boston College in the fall.

Ellen Smead will be joining the peace corps in the fall.

Spring Semester Senior Seminar Topics

The department had eight students complete IS 475, Senior Seminar, during the fall semester. Professors Ceccoli and Mora directed the students from their initial paper topics to their finished thesis. Their topics were as follows:

Patrick Betar- "The Decline of the Welfare State in New Zealand"

Amanda Flaim- "To Ban or Not to Ban? The Question of the Mine Ban Treaty"

Marekh Khmaladze- "The Role of Political Entrepreneurs in the Outburst of Ethnic Conflict"

Monique Labat- "Say It Loud! I'M Black and I'm Proud!: The Afro Brazilian Movement as a Source of Political and Social Change in Brazil"

Tracy Pearson - "Dollarization in Latin America: the Cases of El Salvador and Ecuador"

Brent Robson- "Pursuing Security at the Cost of International Stability"

Liz Royster- "Welfare Policies in Britain and Sweden: Why the Divergence?"

Ellen Smead- "The EU Gaining Confidence: The Case of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)"

Mellick Sykes- "Battle for the Holy Lands: A Study of Israeli Counter-Terrorist Measures"

Web-Page Information

Our webpage continues to evolve. Professors Ceccoli and Mora and I have been working with the staff from Ringger.com. The college hopes that with the help of Ringger.com the various departments will use a more uniform design. I invite you to explore our webpage often to keep informed on what is happening in the I.S. department. Check it out at <http://www.is.rhodes.edu>

Faculty and Staff News

Professor Steve Ceccoli presented a paper co-authored with Prof. Karl Kaltenthaler at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago, IL in March. The paper, "Citizen Support for Economic Liberalization in OECD Countries" is now under review. The paper is one of a series of collaborative efforts between Profs. Ceccoli and Kaltenthaler.

Prof. Ceccoli's article "Divergent Paths to Drug Regulation in the U.S. and U.K." was accepted for publication in the Journal of Policy History. The article will appear in the January 2001 edition. Prof. Ceccoli also received a contract for a book manuscript he has been working on.

Finally, along with Profs. John Kaltner and Michael LaRosa, Prof. Ceccoli became a faculty advisor to the Rhodes Sigma Alpha Epsilon mens fraternity.

Prof. Ceccoli has also been working as chairperson of the Rhodes faculty Information and Technology Committee. Among other issues, the Committee has been involved in the planning and preparation for the new Paul Barret, Jr. library scheduled to open in Fall 2004.

Professor John Copper's book *China Diplomacy: The Washington-Taipei-Beijing Triangle* (Westview Press, 1992) appeared in ebook form this spring. It is available at Questia.com

Dr. Copper's article "Taiwan's Military Modernization" was published in the winter issue of *National Security Studies Quarterly*, a journal published by Georgetown University.

John answered numerous media requests as a result of a U.S. reconnaissance plane colliding with a Chinese jet fighter plane and subsequently landing on China's Hainan Island on April 1. He was interviewed twice by BBC. He spoke on radio in Los Angeles and in Singapore. He appeared on television in Memphis. He was quoted in Bloomberg Press.

In April Professor Copper spoke at a conference held at the University of Missouri, St. Louis on the subject of Taiwan's perception of U.S. China policy. He was quoted in the *St. Louis Dispatch* that Sunday. His address was published in *Vital Speeches of the Day* in June.

John's wife and his son, Royce (age 3), both performed at the Chinese New Years festivities at Rhodes. Both sang in Chinese. The audience was dazzled, especially by Royce.

Professor Ron Gelleny has contributed research papers to *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly* and *The Journal of European Integration*. He has also presented papers at the Midwest Political Science and the annual American Political Science Association meetings.

Professor Karl Kaltenthaler presented two papers with Steve Ceccoli at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago in April. The papers were "Explaining Individual-level Support for Economic Liberalization in Transition Economies" and "Citizen Support for Domestic Economic Liberalization in Industrialized Democracies." Karl also traveled to Europe in May to research his book on central banking across countries.

Professor Andrew Michta In January Professor Andrew Michta completed his Public Policy Fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., where he was working on a manuscript on NATO enlargement and Central European security issues. He gave several public lectures while in residence at the Wilson Center. In February Prof. Michta presented a paper on Polish-German relations after the Cold War at the Annual National Convention of the International Studies Association in Chicago. In April he organized and chaired the 2001 annual Hoffman Memorial Seminar in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the George Washington University (the topic of this year's Hoffman US and NATO strategy in the Balkans). In May Prof. Michta conducted field research in Poland, interviewing Ministry of Defense officials and General Staff officers, visiting the Land Forces Command, and attending training exercises of the 1st armored brigade outside Warsaw.

Professor Michta is currently on sabbatical completing a book manuscript on regional security in Central Europe.

Professor Frank Mora presented a paper at the annual convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) in Chicago on Paraguayan foreign policy. The paper will be published later this year in a volume on small state foreign policies. He also published an article in the *South Eastern Latin Americanist* (SELA) titled, "Paraguayan Democratization from Abroad: External Determinants of Regime Survival and Democratic Deepening." In May Dr. Mora participated in a seminar organized by the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (Radio Marti) where he presented a paper titled, "The Soldier-Technocrat in the Cuban Transition." Professor Mora has served in several programs for Radio Marti during the last six months dealing with issues related to the Cuban military and global affairs. Finally, Professor Mora completed his assignment with the Department of Defense in June when he presented the final draft of his paper titled, "International Involvement in the Americas: Latin American and Caribbean Engagement with Extra-Hemispheric Affairs," at the Institute for National Security Studies of the National Defense University. The full report will be published early 2002.

New Faculty

Professor Lawrence Hamlet

Lawrence (Larry) Hamlet - joins the Department of International Studies as Faculty Fellow. He is completing his Ph.D. degree in Political Science at Harvard University. His dissertation, entitled "Choosing to Cooperate: States, Secretariats and the Politics of Institutional Design," constructs and tests a theory to explain how countries design the secretariats of international organizations. His research interests include international organizations, international relations theory, the European Union and international political economy.

Professor Quintan Wiktorowicz

Professor Quintan Wiktorowicz published *The Management of Islamic Activism: Salafis, the Muslim Brotherhood and State Power in Jordan* (Albany: State University Press, 2001) and "Centrifugal Pressures in the Algerian Civil War," *Arab Studies Quarterly* 23, 3 (Summer 2001). He is currently writing a book on political responses to economic crisis in the Middle East, conducting research on Islamist political violence, and editing a book entitled *Islamic Activism: A Social Movement Theory Approach*. Before coming to Rhodes, Professor Wiktorowicz was a post-doctoral fellow and visiting assistant professor of government at Dartmouth College and taught at Shippensburg University. He received his B.A. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in political science from American University. His areas of expertise are comparative politics and the politics of the Middle East and North Africa. Research interests include Islamic movements, collective action and protest, democratization, and political violence.

Department Updates

Model NATO

Twelve international studies majors traveled to Washington, D.C. in February to attend the spring Model NATO conference attended by 16 colleges and universities. This conference enables students to participate in sessions that simulate an actual NATO meeting in Brussels. They break the students into six-member delegations representing a total of 19 countries, with Rhodes' delegations representing Poland and Italy. Our delegation that represented Italy was awarded the Excellent Delegation Award, the second highest honor accorded at the meeting. While in Washington, the Rhodes students visited and received briefings at the U.S. State Department and the Polish and Italian embassies.

Professor Steve Ceccoli, assistant professor of international studies, accompanied the Rhodes Model United Nations team. "Even beyond the award, the trip was highly beneficial to our students," said Professor Ceccoli.

Students representing Italy were **Cisco Bertorini, Sheila Jacobson, Natalia Nagree, Chad Purple, Josh Tucker, and Scott Williamson.**

Students representing Poland were **Tracy Colley, Brian Corrigan, Jackie Ehrentraut, Adam Nunnallee, Jessica Paz, and Jill Reifsteck.**

Model United Nations

The past semester has been a busy one for the Model United Nations club. Almost right after getting back to school after the Christmas break, we held a Model UN conference at Rhodes called Mid-South Model United Nations. This is a conference for high school students held yearly at the college. This year was a successful year with nearly 200 students attending the conference from local schools as far away as Little Rock. This year was the first year we offered a dance on the Saturday night after committee sessions for the delegates in the Ballroom of the BCLC. This dance was attended by many of the delegates and we plan to continue this event in the years to come.

In addition to this conference, we also attended the Midwest Model United Nations Conference held in St. Louis. We have attended this conference for several years and normally are rather successful in this setting. This year was no different as we won an award for Outstanding Delegation overall and several individual awards for different committees. To end the year we had our elections for the new officers for next year and are making plans to attend more conferences next year and making Mid-South an even larger conference. Aaron Tucker will be the Secretary General for Mid-South for 2002 and Ricky Sadowski will be the Under-Secretary General. Megan Gaylord is the new President and Beth Purves is the Vice President. Maryam Tanhaee and Natalia Nagree are the Secretary and Treasurer respectively for next year.

Sigma Iota Rho

The spring semester has been busy for members in Sigma Iota Rho with a successfully large number of submissions to the student-run journal, *Modus Vivendi*.

Sigma Iota Rho members chose four papers out of 15 to be published in this year's edition of *Modus Vivendi*, and have been working diligently with the authors to edit and prepare the works for publication.

Sigma Iota Rho is currently conducting a book-drive philanthropy for South African schools. Members are collecting books and encouraging other Rhodes students to donate books to the cause.

Rhodes' chapter fo Sigma Iota Rho is very pleased to announce the election of its officers for the 2001-2002 academic year. Christopher Higgins will serve as President, Andrew Corey as Vice President, Kathy Hall as Secretary/Treasurer, and Kenneth Lukas will serve as the Publications Chairman. This year's executive committee of Sigma Iota Rho is excited and pleased to pass the torch to such a talented group of scholar-leaders.

Student Internships

During the spring semester, five 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:

Patrick Betar - U.S. Department of Commerce

Jennifer Durovchic - Refugee Services, Catholic Charities

Dennis Grzeskowiak - Federal Express Global Trade

Amber Johnson - Federal Express

Elisabeth Meyers - U.S. Department of Commerce

Thomas Rivers - US District Attorney's Office

Speakers

Professor John Bing, Department of Political Science at Heidelberg College spoke on "Democracy: Fraud or Hope?" on February 12, 2001.

The Department of International Studies and the Department of Foreign Languages cosponsored a lecture by **Cindy Ruder** who spoke on "The Belomor Canal Built in Russia Under Stalin" on February 16, 2001.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter W. Reynolds and **Commander Werner Schmitt**, senior briefing officers with NATO spoke at a lunch session on Friday, March 16, 2001.

Professor Jim Sperling of University of Akron, Political Science Department lectured on "Neither Hegemony Nor Dominance: Reconsidering German Power in Contemporary Europe" on Thursday, March 29, 2001.

Ian H. Stewart, Professor Political Science, Acadia University, Nova Scotia Canada, lectured on "Reading the Maple Leaves: The Federal Election and the Future of

Canadian Politics" on April 23, 2001. This event was cosponsored by the Departments of International Studies and Political Science

Modus Vivendi

Under the leadership of Editor-in Chief Lauren Davis and Associate Editors Allison Dalton, Chris Higgins, Meghann Teubner, and Scott Williamson, the 2001 issue includes the following articles by international studies students:

"The Electoral Success of the Extreme Right in Great Britain and France" by **Allison Dalton**

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

"Taiwan and South Korea: A Comparative Study of Economic Development, 1950-1980" by **Chris Higgins**

"A Diamond War Lasts Forever" by **Jason Knobloch**

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Student Awards

The following students were honored at the One Hundred Fifty Second Awards Convocation on April 24, 2001:

Chris Higgins-The Bobby Doughtie Memorial Award
Lauren Davis-Anne Rorie Memorial Award

Mertie Buckman International Internship Program

Six international studies students were selected for summer 2001 internships. Students will complete eight-week internships in countries outside the United States. They will be responsible for a research paper regarding social or political issues in the countries in which they intern. The interns are as follows: **Lauren Blalock '03, Christine Grimm '03, Holly Hickham '02, Chris Higgins '02, David LeFevor '03, and Scott Williamson '02.**

Student's Recognition's

Amanda Flaim '01, international studies major, was elected to the Rhodes Hall of Fame, 2001.

Christine Grimm '03, international studies major, won an honorable mention award for her essay, "The Futility of Sanctions to Fight Terrorism in Iran," presented at the 41st annual U.S. Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in Annapolis, Md.

Alumni News

Steve Snow ('71) has been named as a senior policy analyst on the professional staff of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. The Commission, based in Washington, D.C., is an independent Federal Government agency created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Congress on how best to promote religious freedom internationally and to bring public attention to the plight of those who are persecuted due to their religious beliefs or affiliations. Steve Snow retired from the U.S. Foreign Service and the Department of State last fall following a 27-year career.

Greg Hughes ('81) has been in the retail consumer electronics industry since he graduated in 1981. He joined 800.com nearly two years ago, as their general manager and director of merchandising. His career has him dealing primarily with companies based in Japan, China, and Korea.

Valerie Hunt ('83) received a dissertation research fellowship from the Social Science Research Council.

Buddy Cater ('92) is currently working with Crump Mortgage and Funding, Inc. as a Senior Mortgage Banker. On March 4, 2001, Buddy and Lisa Cater welcomed daughter Anne DeLamar Cater into the world. Congratulations to the Cater family.

Jorge Enrique de Castro ('95) served as Assistant Vice President of International Consulting for 3 years at National Commerce Bank Services. He was awarded a fellowship from the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison's MBA program. He will graduate in May with an MBA with a focus in Finance and Corporate Strategy. In September, he will join the Corporate Strategy Practice as a Consultant at Price Waterhouse Coopers in Chicago.

Jenny Phillips Schroeder ('96) and husband Steven announced the birth of their daughter, Audrey Gayle Schroeder. She arrived on May 12, 2001.

Anthea Perkerson ('97) is an Application Specialist with Cerner Corporation. She has worked on assignments in Chicago, Manhattan, Long Island, St. Simon's and Houston. She is hoping to be able to work in Saudi Arabia starting in August, 2001. She is living in Big Canoe, GA and her email address is anthea_p@hotmail.com.

Elizabeth Markovits ('97) is at UNC-Chapel Hill working on her Ph.D. in Political Science with a focus on comparative politics and political theory. She also announced her marriage to fellow Rhodes' graduate, **Bennett Hazlip**. Congratulations to Liz and Bennett.

David Harrison ('97) is at Arizona State working on his MBA.

Emily Bacque ('98) is working with Senator Breaux of Louisiana on foreign policy issues.

Steve Cowan ('98) is a sales engineer with Relera, a Denver based Internet Company location provider.

Stephanie Shackelford ('98) is currently pursuing a Masters degree at the Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University in Washing, DC. She is also a full-time employee as the Assistant to the Chief of Staff for US Senator Bill Frist.

Judith Smelser ('98) is working for an international broadcast news agency called Feature Story News. Through Feature Story News she has worked with public radio program "The World", Minnesota Public Radio, New Hampshire Public Radio, South Africa's state radio and television network, Radio Deutsche Welle in Germany, Asian News International (TV network in India), IRN in London, Radio New Zealand, Vatican Radio, and others.

Kimberly Chelberg ('00) will begin classes in August at the University of Arizona in the Latin American Studies Master's Program.

Jim Flowers ('00) will begin his assignment with the Foreign Service in Riyadh, Saudia Arabia in July, 2001.

Barry Fullerton ('00) is working with the Justice Department.

Emily Parkinson ('00) works with the National Democratic Institute (NDI), which is involved with election monitoring.

Brent Robson ('01) completed an intensive summer language program in Chinese at Middlebury College. He will be heading over to Harbin for another semester of intensive Chinese.

Upcoming Events

The Mertie W. Buckman International Interns will give an overview of their internship experiences on Friday, September 29, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Blount Auditorium. There will be a reception immediately following in the Buckman Lobby.

"What to do with an I.S. Major" program will be on Thursday, October 5, 5:30 p.m. in 110 Buckman Hall. There will be speakers talking about internships, graduate schools and other areas of opportunities in the field of International Studies.

PLEASE NOTE!

We are posting the newsletter on our webpage. Please access our webpage at <http://www.is.rhodes.edu> for the latest newsletter. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy or an electronic copy please, please contact Brenda Somes in the I. S. office. As always, we welcome hearing from our alums. So if you have any information that you would like to be included in our next newsletter, please contact our office.



Professors Michta and Mora in Lisbon, Portugal while participating in a conference on Civil-Military Relations in Cuba (2000).

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