

Thought for the week: "Truth is what your contemporaries let you get away with."  
-- philosopher Richard Rorty

## Articles & Achievements

**Donna Lee Van Cott** participated in a workshop on "Transnational Linkages and Institutional Transfer" on October 12, in Toronto, Canada. The workshop was sponsored by the Successful Societies Program of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Dr. Van Cott joined scholars from around the world to identify mechanisms leading to the transfer of beneficial ideas,

practices, and norms from one society to another. Professor Van Cott's contribution was derived from research on the diffusion of participatory budgeting institutions from Brazil to the Andes.

**Howard Reiter** appeared on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* on Monday, October 8, 2007. He helped provide an analysis of Chris Dodd's first Congressional campaign in 1974.

### Spanish Government Sponsors Fellows

The Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC) is an organization linked to the Ministry of the president of the Spanish government. Its mission is to foster analysis of the legal, social and political scene from domestic and international perspectives, paying special attention to all questions related to Spanish law and to Latin-American institutions, as well as their relations with Europe. The CEPC will sponsor six postdoctoral fellows in the fields of public law or political science. Fellows must have earned a Ph.D. after November 15, 2002.

The fellows should integrate themselves into CEPC activities. They are expected to maintain a high level of engagement in international networks and research projects. They should also be able to provide input on the future strategic orientation of their respective research programs.

Fellows will be assigned to the following research programs on: territorial structure of the state, European Union, immigration, sustainable development, and democratic governance. The applications are due **November 15, 2007**.

The fellowships are intended to support post-doctoral research by academics in the early stages of their professional career. The fellowships are open to individuals of any nationality. Candidates should prove they have spent at least 12 months in a research institution other than the one that awarded their doctorate. Although knowledge of Spanish is not formally requested, fellows are expected to acquire a command of the Spanish language while at the CEPC. Academic activities are usually held in Spanish.

The fellowships will last for a period of three years. During the length of the fellowship, the

### UConn Offers Middle East Studies Minor

UConn is now offering a minor in Middle East Studies. The only required course is History 205 (History of the Modern Middle East), and it will be taught in spring 2008. Students must also take 15 additional credits from a list of courses across several departments. The list of courses and more information are available at [www.mideast.uconn.edu](http://www.mideast.uconn.edu).

In 2007-2008, students who need signatures for Middle East studies minor forms should contact Dr. Elizabeth Mahan ([elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu](mailto:elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu)) in the Office of International Affairs

### Alumni Information

If you have information about undergraduate or graduate alumni that you would like to see in the *Monday Morning*, please email Wes Renfro at [wesley.renfro@uconn.edu](mailto:wesley.renfro@uconn.edu).

recipients are required to reside in Madrid. The gross stipend is 52,000 euros per year (plus benefits).

For more information, including application details, visit [www.cepc.es/fellowships.asp](http://www.cepc.es/fellowships.asp). Questions and inquiries about the program or the application process should be emailed to [fellowship@cepc.es](mailto:fellowship@cepc.es).

## Smith Richardson Offers Multiple Dissertation Fellowships

The Smith Richardson Foundation has announced a new annual grant competition to support Ph.D. dissertation research on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, area studies, and diplomatic and military history.

The fellowship's objective is to support the research and writing of policy-relevant dissertations through funding of fieldwork, archival research, and language training. In evaluating applications, the foundation will accord preference to those projects that could directly inform U.S. policy debates and thinking, rather than dissertations that are principally focused on abstract theory or debates within a scholarly discipline. The foundation will award up to twenty grants of \$7,500 each.

All proposals submitted to the foundation should include the following five components. Applications that do not conform to the parameters specified below will not be considered.

1). A letter from an appropriate departmental representative certifying (a) the applicant is enrolled full-time in a Ph.D. program, (b) the applicant has completed his or her coursework and the comprehensive examination requirements of the Ph.D. program, and (c) that the academic institution will administer the funds and will not charge overhead expenses.

2). The proposal itself should be no more than 3 single-spaced pages in length, using a regular 12-point font, with one-inch margins, and follow the template posted on the website. Applicants are

expected to describe their dissertation, its potential contribution to U.S. policy making and debates, and how the fellowship will be used to advance their dissertation.

3). A single-page budget should be included as an appendix to the proposal. The budget should explain the following: transportation (including foreign and domestic travel for research, as appropriate); food and lodging; research costs; and other miscellaneous costs. No funds may be applied to institutional overhead.

4. The applicant's complete curriculum vitae should be attached.

5. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's research is required and must be included in the application.

For those who are awarded the fellowship, the foundation will expect a narrative report upon completion of budgeted activities. The purpose of the narrative report is to explain how the fellowship advanced the dissertation. The narrative report should not be viewed as exclusively descriptive of the fellowship-supported activities; rather, the Foundation welcomes and encourages fellows to elaborate on any insights, revisions or confirmation of hypotheses, or tentative conclusions that resulted from activities supported by the fellowship, as well as any published work produced by the fellowship-supported research activities.

The application, and all supporting materials, must be postmarked by **October 31, 2007**. The grant funds must be used during the 2008 calendar year and may not be deferred. Each grant will be paid

directly to, and will be administered by, the academic institution at which the candidate is enrolled. More information is available online at [www.srf.org/grants/world\\_politics.php](http://www.srf.org/grants/world_politics.php). Mail competed proposals to: World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship Program  
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Westport, CT 06880

### Fulbright-Hays Grants Available

The Fulbright-Hays-Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program provides grants to graduate students in doctoral programs in the fields of foreign languages and area studies. Projects that deepen research knowledge on and help the nation develop capability in areas of the world not generally included in U.S. curricula are highly encouraged. Projects focusing on Western Europe are not supported. Fulbright-Hays DDR grants will fund research abroad for periods of 6 to 12 months.

The deadline for submission is **November 5, 2007**. Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department of Education's e-Grants system. Information about F-HDDR grants will be found at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>.

If you intend to apply for a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Research grant, you must notify Elizabeth Mahan in the Office of International Affairs at [elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu](mailto:elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu).