

Thought for the week: "A wise man hears one word and understands two."  
-- Jewish proverb

## Articles & Achievements

**Natalie Florea Hudson (Ph.D. 2006)** recently published a commissioned article, "A Development Fund Takes on Police Work," in the Summer 2007 issue of *Women in International Security*.

**Rob Venator** presented a paper, "Latinos and the Dominican Department of Department of Deportations," at the Immigration, Minorities & Multiculturalism Conference, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Rob also gave a



Professor Venator

talk, "Puerto Rico: Foreign for Constitutional Interests, Yet

Domestic for International Purposes," to Hartford Public School teachers.

**Richard Hiskes** delivered a talk, "Climate Change, Political Will, and the Human Rights of Future Generations," at the first annual conference on "Climate Change: Science, Policy, and Strategies for Life in a Changing World" sponsored by the Town of Mansfield, the University of Connecticut, and the State.

## Ambassador Robert Finn to Deliver Gerson Lecture

On **November 13, 2007**, the Department of Political Science, Human Rights Institute, and the Office of International Affairs are sponsoring "Afghanistan After the Taliban: Past, Current, and Future Developments" in the Wilbur Cross South Reading Room from **6:30 - 8:00 PM**. Omar Ghafoorzai, the Political Secretary of the Afghan Embassy in Washington, D.C., and Ambassador Robert Finn, the first U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan post-Taliban, will speak at the event. A reception will immediately follow the lectures. Ambassador Finn's lecture is the Department of Political Science's 15th Gerson Lecture, an ongoing sponsored annual lecture series named in honor of a former professor.

Ambassador Finn is currently Senior Research Associate at the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs and Lecturer in

the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. His diplomatic career has included postings in Turkey, Pakistan, and Croatia. He also opened the U.S. Embassy in Azerbaijan in 1992.

Finn is the author of *The Early Turkish Novel*, and has been published both in English and Turkish. His poems and translations have appeared in the United States, Turkey, France and Pakistan. Finn holds a B.A. in American Literature and European History from St. John's University, an M.A. in Near Eastern Studies from New York University, and a Ph.D in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Turkey and a Fulbright scholar at Istanbul University.

Omar Ghafoorzai is responsible for serving as a key liaison and



Ambassador Finn

fostering relationships between the Embassy and the executive Branch of the U.S. His general duties include analyzing Afghan and U.S. political and security issues, and coordinating with American and other foreign missions on various issues relevant to Afghanistan's recovery efforts.

Mr. Ghafoorzai received his Bachelors of Science in Political Science from Queens College University in New York.

## Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships Available for Spring Term

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education has made funding available to support a limited number of Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships for the Spring of 2008. The amount of the fellowship is \$2,000. Fellowships will be awarded competitively, which will involve the rank ordering of applicants by faculty in various program areas if the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available fellowships.

Eligibility requirements include: certification that the applicant's total personal income will not

exceed \$32,000 for the twelve months preceding the end date of the requested fellowship period; satisfactory completion of the General Examination (prior to 11/26/07 at 4:00 PM); and full approval of the Dissertation Proposal (prior to 11/26/07 at 4:00 PM) by the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council (including full and current IRB or IACUC approval for the use of any human and/or animal subjects involved in the research). In addition, a fellowship recipient may not defend his or her dissertation prior to 2/29/08. Doctoral students

based at the Health Center in Farmington are not eligible to apply for this fellowship. This fellowship can be awarded to an individual only once.

A printable version of the application form is available online at [www.grad.uconn.edu](http://www.grad.uconn.edu). Submit one original to Thomas B. Peters, Program Director, Graduate School, Unit 1006, Storrs, CT 06269-1006; Whetten Graduate Center. Completed applications must be received in the Graduate School Office by **4:00 PM** on **November 26**, 2007 to be eligible for consideration.

## UConn Hosts Lecture by African Leader

The UNESCO Chair and the Institute of Comparative Human Rights is sponsoring a public lecture by António Mascarenhas Monteiro, former President of the Republic of Cape Verde, on Tuesday, **November 13**, 2007 at **12:30 PM** in the Student Union Room 304.

Monteiro was the first president of Cape Verde elected in multi-party elections. He played a crucial role in making Cape Verde a viable democracy. He served as President from 1991-2001. Monteiro was also Chairman of the Third Conference on Regional System of Human Rights Protection in Africa and Europe and participated in the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Goodwill mission to Angola following the country's first free elections in 1992.

In 1993, he was Chairman of the Colloquium on Constitutional Transition in Africa, held at the Catholic University of Louvain, and

from 1994 to 1997 he served as President of the Inter-State Committee for Struggle Against Drought in Sahel. In his role as Deputy President of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee for Southern Africa, he attended the signing of the Lusaka Protocol on Peace in Angola in 1994. Monteiro was President of the Community Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries in 1998. He participated as Chairman of the Contact Group of OAU sent to Madagascar in March, 2002 to mediate the conflict that broke out following the Presidential elections of 2001. He participated in the January 2003 NEPAD and Security Forum organized by the Global Coalition for Africa held in Accra, Ghana.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the African American Cultural Center. For more information, visit [www.unescochair.uconn.edu](http://www.unescochair.uconn.edu).

### Alumnus Update

**Josh Litwin (B.A. with honors, 2006)** is serving as a corps member of the AmeriCorps Class XIV. He is training in Sacramento, CA. He will serve in the areas of public safety, the environment, and education.

### Submission Guide

Submissions for publication in *Monday Morning* should be placed in the submission box in Monteith Hall, Room 137, or can be submitted by email to Wes Renfro at [wesley.renfro@uconn.edu](mailto:wesley.renfro@uconn.edu). Please feel free to submit any suggestions or comments. If you would like to submit publications, presentations, invited talks, etc. for *Monday Morning*, please include an abstract of your work so it may be published.