

Thought for the week: Ichigo-ichie: Japanese for “the practice of treasuring each moment and trying to make it perfect”

Articles & Achievements

Marc O'Reilly (Ph.D. 2001) and **Wes Renfro** will publish an article, “Evolving Empire: America’s Emirates Strategy in the Persian Gulf,” in the May 2007 issue of *International Studies Perspectives*. Their article examines U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf and juxtaposes American efforts in Iraq with those in the Gulf Cooperation Council states. They contend that as the U.S.-led effort to pacify and democratize Iraq continues to founder and with civil war underway in parts of the

country, Washington pursues another imperial strategy in the Persian Gulf better suited to American security preferences and more likely to succeed, at least in the short term. Marc and Wes argue that in pursuing an “emirates” strategy, Washington seeks to indulge its historic preference for an informal empire in the Gulf that relies on cooperation with pro-American monarchs.

Marc and Wes also recently published an article, “Like Father, Like Son? A Comparison of the

Foreign Policies of George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush,” in *Historia Actual Online*, a peer-reviewed online journal published in English and Spanish.

Jeremy Pressman was a guest on “The Exchange,” a talk show on New Hampshire Public Radio. He expressed his skepticism about President Bush’s latest plan for righting the situation in Iraq. The full show is available at www.nhpr.org/node/12087.

Donna Lee Van Cott Fills Open Position in Dept

The department is pleased to announce that **Donna Lee Van Cott** will us in the fall. Van Cott earned her Ph.D. in the Department of Government at Georgetown University in 1998 and is currently at associate professor at Tulane University.

Professor Van Cott’s research interests include Latin American politics, indigenous movements, and Andean politics. Her work has appeared in many journals including the *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, and *Party Politics*. She is also the author of *The Friendly Liquidation of the Past: The Politics of Diversity in Latin America* published by the

University of Pittsburgh Press in 2000 and *From Movements to Parties in Latin America: The Evolution of Ethnic Politics* which is currently in press with Cambridge University Press. Van Cott has also contributed many book chapters to edited volumes and authored policy papers and reports for the academic and policy communities.

Commenting on her new position at UConn she said, “I am thrilled to be returning to New England, where I was born and grew up. I have known several of the fine faculty members in the Department of Political Science for years and am delighted to be able to join them. I also look forward to meeting other students and faculty working on Latin America and the



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Caribbean at the University of Connecticut and to contributing to the work of the Human Rights Institute. And I plan to be drinking a lot of hot cocoa, which will be more pleasant than it has been in New Orleans in the 90° heat seven months of the year.”

Pi Sigma Alpha Holds Annual Luncheon

On Wednesday, December 6, the Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, hosted its annual luncheon with the faculty in Monteith 119. Members had a chance to talk one-on-one with their political science professors, and the faculty would like to thank Pi Sigma Alpha for the luncheon and wonderful desserts. New applications to join Pi Sigma Alpha are being accepted until



Faculty mingle with Pi Sigma Alpha members.

February 1. Application forms and instructions may be found on the

bulletin board outside Monteith 137.



Grassroots Development Fellowships Available

The Institute of International Education (IIE) has partnered with the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) to administer its Grassroots Development Fellowship Program. The IAF was created in 1969 by the United States Congress to fund the self-help initiatives of the organized poor in Latin America and the Caribbean and the groups that directly support them.

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is reactivating its fellowship support for dissertation work by candidates for Ph.D. degrees from U.S. universities. The competition is open to U.S. citizens and citizens of independent Latin American and Caribbean countries (except Cuba); other eligibility restrictions apply. The IAF expects

to award up to 11 fellowships supporting research in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008.

The IAF is now accepting applications from students in the social sciences, physical sciences, technical fields and the professions as related to grassroots development issues. The awards provide international transportation to the field research site and a monthly stipend for a maximum period of 12 months. Fellows must have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy by the date they begin their IAF-sponsored research. IAF's fellowships are awarded based on both development and scholarly criteria. The application deadline

is **February 15, 2007**. For more information on the awards, eligibility criteria and application procedures, visit www.iie.org/iaf

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. 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.

2006-2007 Political Science Colloquia Calendar			
Day/Date	Time	Location	Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]
Wednesday, March 21	12:00 PM	Class of '47 Room, Babbidge Library	Joanne Bauer (former Director of Studies at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs), TBD [co-sponsored with Human Rights Institute]
Thursday, April 5	12:30 PM	TBD	Morris Fiorina (Stanford University), TBD

Schedule is tentative. All information subject to change. For more information, please contact Professor Morrell at michael.morrell@uconn.edu.