
The Weekly Newsletter of the University of Connecticut Department of Political Science

Thought for the week: "Let me tell you, politics is much more difficult than war. In politics, there are so many more fronts."

-- Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party in Iraq

Articles & Achievements

Shareen Hertel, Alanson Minkler, and Richard Wilson will jointly edit a volume for Cambridge University Press titled *Economic Rights: Conceptual, Measurement, and Policy Issues*.

The book will draw on papers presented at an international conference of the same name, which Professors Minkler and Hertel organized in October 2005 at the University of Connecticut (www.humanrights.uconn.edu/conf_2005.htm). The chapters will address different aspects of economic rights, their conceptualization, measurement, and policy application in an effort to advance work on this

comparatively under-studied area in the human rights field.

James Bourbeau and **Richard Vengroff** presented a paper "The Impact of the Limited Vote: Evidence from Connecticut Cities and Towns," at the 2006 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta from January 5-7, 2006.

Their study expands the understanding of the impact of the limited vote in the United States. The limited vote/limited nomination system employed in Connecticut in partisan elections greatly strengthens the role of the local party caucus while weakening the role of the voter in the selection of

representatives. Despite the potential shortcomings in terms of equity, women are relatively well-represented in localities that use the limited vote. However, this is a function of the nominating process, district magnitude, and competitiveness rather than a direct effect of the electoral format. Finally, from a methodological perspective, previous studies have been off the mark in their theoretical approach to the threshold of exclusion in LV systems. These findings have important implications for the design of LV systems which have minority representation as one of their goals.

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 Wesley Renfro at wesley.renfro@uconn.edu. Any submissions made after Friday at noon should be sent via email. 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.

UConn Undergraduate Appointed Junior Fellow in Prestigious American Academy of Political and Social Science

John Hudak, a Political Science senior in the Honors Program, has been appointed a Junior Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. The organization is highly selective and this is a great honor for John. The Academy publishes *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Virginia Hettinger identified this outstanding scholar and prepared the application. John received a certificate, information about the



Professor Virginia Hettinger and John Hudak

Academy, and paper submission guidelines for the academy's Undergraduate Research Award.

Roper Center Seeks Graduate Assistants for Spring Term

The Roper Center is announcing two graduate assistantships open to graduate students of the University of Connecticut beginning in January.

Students in these positions will be directly involved in processing (checking, verifying and cataloging) public opinion survey datasets into the Roper Center archives and will gain experience in basic data handling and analysis methods.

Candidates should have some experience in quantitative social science data analysis and processing including experience with at least one of the major statistical software packages (preferably

SPSS). Training will be provided in the specific processes employed by the center and additional data handling procedures. Interest in survey research, current affairs, and politics is desirable.

Qualifications for the first position include familiarity with SPSS or some other major statistical package, basic knowledge of file transfer methods, willingness to perform detail oriented tasks, and the desire to work well as part of a team.

The second position will work with the Archive Manager to establish catalog entries for opinion survey datasets into a

web-accessible catalog, write descriptive summaries for survey documentation, check questionnaires, methodology and other relevant documentation for completeness, identify missing information and help resolve discrepancies. Training will be provided in the specific processes employed by the center and additional data handling procedures. Interest in survey research, current affairs, and politics is desirable.

Interested students should contact the Roper Center in the fourth floor of the Monteith Building.

Alumni Information

Michele Crumley (Ph.D 2006) has accepted a tenure-track position at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania starting in Fall 2006. She will be teaching comparative politics and IR courses in the Political Science Department, and a graduate course in the Intelligence Studies Department. Congratulations Michele!

If you have information about undergraduate or graduate alumni that you would like to see in *Monday Morning* please email Wes Renfro at wesley.renfro@uconn.edu.

Graduate Student News

■ W-2 forms, for the year 2005, will be distributed to departments next Thursday with checks dated 01/20/06. W-2 form will be coded to the primary department of employment. However, graduate students with earnings from more than one department will still only receive one W-2 reflecting total earnings.

■ Graduate students receiving federal financial aid are reminded that they must sign into PeopleSoft and complete a financial aid waiver to have their fee bills deducted from their financial aid package.

■ Graduate Assistants who are teaching their own 100 level

courses are asked to notify the Registrar's Office by February 29, 2006 of any students who are at risk of receiving a course grade of D or below. Instructors may use the class roster on PeopleSoft to notify the registrar of students in danger.

■ The department and APSA are offering one year complimentary memberships to the discipline's premier professional organization. The program is available only for one year per student and may include first or second year members of the graduate program. Please send Professor Clifford a short email if you are interested in this great opportunity.

2005-2006 Political Science Colloquia Calendar

Day/Date	Time	Location	Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]
TBA	TBA	TBA	Charles Epp (University of Kansas), TBA
TBA	TBA	TBA	Scott de Marchi (Duke University), TBA
TBA	TBA	TBA	Louis Masicotte, (University of Montreal), TBA