

Thought for the week: "Would you persuade, speak of interest, not of reason."

-- Benjamin Franklin

## Articles & Achievements

**Jeff Lefebvre** has been invited to participate in the First Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on the Arab-Israeli Conflict to be held at that university in June. Only 15 American scholars will participate, all by invitation only.

On **March 17, 2006**, **Howard Reiter** will deliver a presentation, "Contours of American Major Party Factionalism: Causal Explanations and Periodicity" at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. The lecture will be broadcast online from 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM. The broadcast will be available at [www.millercenter.org](http://www.millercenter.org). There will also be a question and answer session and viewers may submit questions electronically during the broadcast by emailing them to

[apd-colloquia@virginia.edu](mailto:apd-colloquia@virginia.edu).

Howard's research suggests that factionalism within major American political parties has experienced three historically distinct periods. Before the Civil War, this intra-party factionalism was persistent and sectionally based; between Reconstruction and the New Deal, intra-party factionalism lacked continuity and consistency; and after the New Deal, intra-party factionalism was persistent and based on ideology. Professor Reiter's paper considers six different potential explanations for this pattern: realignment theory, organization theory, political culture, rational choice, institutionalism, and political regime. Of these six, this paper argues that only the political regime can explain the observed

patterns in intra-party factionalism.

The department wishes to extend the warmest congratulations to **Jeff Dudas** and his wife Mary after receiving news of the birth of their second child. Andrew was born February 20, 2006, and was 21 inches long and weighed nearly eight pounds. He joins an older brother Connor.



Andrew Dudas, second son of Jeff and Mary Dudas, was born February 20, 2006.

## Amy Fried to Lecture on Polling in the 20th Century

This week the department will host Amy Fried for a colloquium talk, "Questioning the Pollsters: Institutional and Democratic Critiques of Polls in the Mid-Twentieth Century" on **March 16 at 12:15 PM** in Monteith 119.

Fried is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Maine and received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. Her research has appeared in numerous journals. In addition, she is the author of *Muffled Echoes: Oliver North*

and *the Politics of Public Opinion* (Columbia University Press, 1997) and co-author of *Tolerance for Diversity of Beliefs: A Secondary Curriculum Unit* (Boulder, Colorado: Social Science Education Consortium, 1993). Fried's paper, "The Strange Disappearance of Alexis de Tocqueville in the Social Capital Debate," received the 2000 John Donovan Award for the best paper presented at the New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Meeting. Fried's research interests primarily focus on

the American public and how media and political elites communicate to and characterize the public. She has also written about political values (such as heroism, patriotism, and tolerance); the construction of collective memory, social movement organizations concerned with the environment and sexual violence; abortion politics; and social capital scholars' use of the ideas of Alexis de Tocqueville. Currently she is conducting research on debates about public opinion polls in the early decades of survey research.

# Mandelbaum to Speak at Gerson Lecture

The department is pleased to announce that noted scholar Michael Mandelbaum will deliver the annual Gerson Lecture on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 pm** in the North Reading Room in Wilbur Cross. A reception will follow the lecture.

Mandelbaum is the Christian A. Herter Professor of American Foreign Policy at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. He has also held teaching posts at Harvard and Columbia Universities, and at the United States Naval Academy.

A regular foreign affairs columnist for *Newsday*, Professor Mandelbaum is the associate director of the Aspen Institute's Congressional Project on American Relations with the Former Communist World. He serves on the board of advisors of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a Washington-based organization sponsoring research and public discussion on American policy toward the Middle East.

A graduate of Yale College, Mandelbaum earned his Master's degree at King's College, Cambridge University and his Ph.D. at Harvard University.

Professor Mandelbaum is the author or co-author of numerous articles and ten books: *The Nuclear Question: The United States and Nuclear Weapons, 1946-1976* (1979); *The Nuclear Revolution: International Politics Before and After Hiroshima* (1981); *The Nuclear Future* (1983); *Reagan*



Professor Mandelbaum

*and Gorbachev* (co-author, 1987); *The Global Rivals*, (co-author, 1988); *The Fate of Nations: The Search for National Security in the 19th and 20th Centuries* (1988); *The Dawn of Peace in Europe* (1996); *The Ideas That Conquered The World: Peace, Democracy and Free Markets in the Twenty-First Century* (2002); *The Meaning of Sports: Why Americans Watch Baseball, Football and Basketball and What They See When They Do* (2004) and *The Case For Goliath: How America Acts As The World's Government in the Twenty-first Century* (2006). He is also the editor of twelve books.

Professor Mandelbaum's lecture will focus on his latest research on America's place in the world. Dr. Mandelbaum argues that the United States furnishes to other countries the services that governments provide within the countries they govern. His lecture will explain how this role came about despite the fact that neither the United States nor any other government sought to establish it. It will describe the contributions that American power makes to global security and prosperity, the shortcomings of

American foreign policy, and how other countries have come to accept, resent, and exert influence on America's global role. He will also address the prospects for the continuation of this role, which depends most importantly on whether the American public is willing to pay for it. In addition to his most recent book on the same topic, Professor Mandelbaum presents this research in an article, "David's Friend Goliath" in the January/February 2006 issue of *Foreign Policy*. Members of the UConn community may access an electronic copy of this article by visiting [www.lib.uconn.edu](http://www.lib.uconn.edu).

## Grad Student Opportunities

■ The Counseling Program for Intercollegiate Athletes (CPIA) is currently seeking graduate students to tutor UConn athletes for the following political science courses: Introduction to Political Science; Introduction to Comparative Politics; Introduction to International Relations, Quantitative Analysis in Political Science; and Political Issues 296W. Applications are online at <http://cpia.uconn.edu/Tutorial/tutorform.html>.

■ The Center for Survey and Research Analysis will be awarding four half-time research assistantships next year to graduate students in departments other than Public Policy. Graduate students in political science with an interest or background in survey research are invited to apply. See Professor Clifford for application forms and details.

# Alumni Updates and Achievements

**Javier Morales-Ortiz (Ph.D. 2005)** has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio. Located in Berea, Ohio, Baldwin-Wallace College is a private, liberal arts, Methodist-related college offering bachelor's and master's degrees, certificates and professional education programs. He will be working closely with other faculty members at B-W in redesigning the International Studies Program and in creating a minor studies program on Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Javier is currently serving as Visiting Assistant Professor of

Political Science at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He would like to thank **Mark Boyer, Betty Hanson, and Jennifer Sterling-Folker** for helping him during the job application process, in particular Mark Boyer for keeping him motivated and optimistic navigating the notorious "dark days and nights" of applying and interviewing.

**Nelson Wikstrom (Ph.D. 1969)** is Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University and has just published *American Intergovernmental Relations: A*

*Fragmented Federal Polity*. Co-authored with G. Ross Stephens of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, it is published by Oxford University Press. In the acknowledgements, Wikstrom expresses his appreciation to UConn mentors **Karl Bosworth, I. Ridgway Davis, G. Lowell Field, Fred Kort, and Everett Ladd**.

**Penny Foster**, currently an ABD, contacted the department and wanted to announce her January 14, 2006 marriage to Rick Portuguese in Palm Gardens, Florida.

## 2006 NEPSA Information Announced

The New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) conference is scheduled for **May 5-6, 2006**, in Portsmouth, NH. The registration fee for faculty is \$45 in advance, or \$65 at the door. For graduate students, it is \$25 in advance, or \$40 at the door. Lunches, available on both Friday and Saturday, will be \$18 for faculty, \$10 for students. Please choose the lunch option you prefer when

registering. The conference hotel is the Sheraton Harborside, online at [www.sheratonportsmouth.com](http://www.sheratonportsmouth.com). When reserving, tell the reservation desk that you are attending the NEPSA conference to receive the reduced NEPSA rate. To qualify for the conference rate, reservations must be complete by **April 4**. To complete your conference registration, use the NEPSA website, [www.nepsa.us](http://www.nepsa.us). For more

information, contact M.J. Peterson at [mjp@polisci.umass.edu](mailto:mjp@polisci.umass.edu).

### Alumni Info Sought

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](mailto:wesley.renfro@uconn.edu).

### 2005-2006 Political Science Colloquia Calendar

Day/Date	Time	Location	Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]
Thursday, March 16	12:15 PM	HRM 119	Amy Fried (University of Maine), "Questioning the Pollsters: Institutionalism and Democratic Critiques of Polls in the Mid-Twentieth Century"
Monday, March 20	2:00 PM	Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center	Sumit Ganguly (Indiana University), "India as a Great Power?" [Radha Devi Joshi Foundation Lecture, India Studies]
Tuesday, April 4	7:30 PM	North Reading Room, Wilbur Cross	Gerson Lecture: Michael Mandelbaum (Johns Hopkins's Nitze School), TBA [reception to follow]
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TBA	TBA	TBA	Louis Masicotte (University of Montreal), TBA