

Thought for the week: "An attitude of moral indifference has no connection with scientific 'objectivity.'"
-- German sociologist Max Weber

Articles & Achievements

Ernie Zirakzadeh is the new Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Ernie will continue to teach graduate courses, but will teach fewer undergraduate courses. Congratulations to Ernie on this well-deserved honor!

Paul Plavcan, the Political Science internship coordinator, has just been informed that the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars has selected UConn to receive their 2006 Public University of the Year Award in recognition of our "long-time dedication and support of The Washington Center. In particular, [Paul's] efforts to recruit, screen, monitor, and debrief students who participate in our internship program, demonstrate your wholehearted commitment to ensure access of qualified students to this significant life-changing opportunity." Paul has been invited to their annual Academic Affairs Awards Luncheon at the Cosmos Club in Washington to receive this award. Congratulations to Paul!

Mark A. Boyer attended the 47th International Studies Association (ISA) Conference held in San Diego from March 22-25, 2006. He presented a coauthored paper with **Natalie Florea Hudson**, **Anat Niv-Solomon**, and **Brian Urlacher** titled "Understanding Tomorrow's Security

Needs and Their Challenges." The paper was on a panel, "The Security Terrorist Nexus: Complexities of National and International Networks." Mark also was a roundtable discussant on a panel titled "Theory and Practice of Foreign Policy: Roundtable in Honor of Davis B. Bobrow."

Natalie Florea Hudson also delivered a second paper, "The United Nations and International Security: Organizational Shifts and the Human Security Agenda." This paper was on a panel titled "Evaluating UN Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding Operations."

Brian Urlacher presented a second paper, "Democratization and De-Escalation: Understanding Democratic Peace Through the India Pakistan Conflict" on the panel titled "New Ideas and Reflections on Democratic Peace."

Elizabeth C. Hanson was the chair and discussant of an ISA panel titled "Leaders and Foreign Policy: Theory and Measures."

Jennifer Sterling-Folker served as chair and discussant of an ISA panel, "Regional Differentiation in Threat Perception: Sociological Origins of Threat Perception in the U.S., China, and South-East Asia." Jennifer also chaired a panel titled "Constructing Ethics in IR Theory Along the Liberal/Postmodern Divide."

Rosemary Shinko delivered

a paper at the recent ISA meeting titled "Agonism, Performativity, and Affinity: Constructing a Postmodern Basis for Ethical Choice" at the panel, "Constructing Ethics in IR Theory Along the Liberal/Postmodern Divide."

Jeremy Pressman delivered a paper at the ISA meeting, "U.S.-Israel-Palestinian Relations 1991-2001" at a panel titled "Competing Explanations of the Breakdown of the Israel/Palestinian Peace Talks."

Wes Renfro and **Marc O'Reilly (Ph.D. 2001)** presented a paper at the ISA titled "Like Father, Like Son? A Comparison of the Foreign Policies of George H.W. and George W. Bush" at the panel, "U.S. Elites and Multilateralism." **Wes Renfro** also presented a paper, "My Enemy's Enemy, Israeli-Iranian Relations 1948-1991" at a poster session.

Save the Date for the Gerson Lecture

The department wants to remind undergrads, grads, and faculty that Michael Mandelbaum of Johns Hopkins University will deliver the annual Gerson Lecture on Tuesday **April 4, 2006** at **7:30 PM** in the North Reading Room of the Wilbur Cross Building. A reception will follow the lecture. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

Submission Guidelines

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. 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.

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.

Reminder to Submit ISA Participation Details

Faculty and graduate students that attended, chaired, or presented at International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting in San Diego from March 22 - 25, 2006 should email the details of their conference participation to Wes Renfro at wesley.renfro@uconn.edu. Please be sure to include all pertinent information including the name of the paper, panel title, co-author information and affiliation (if appropriate), and a brief summary of the research presented.

Doctoral Expense Funds Exhausted

Funding for the Doctoral Extraordinary Expense Award Program has been exhausted for the current fiscal year. Owing to a large number of applications this year the program was not able to make awards to all eligible applicants. Applications for this program are considered in the order they are submitted to the Graduate School on the basis of applicant eligibility.

Pending budgetary approval, additional funding for this program is expected to be available beginning again in July 2006. Watch your UConn e-mail in late June or early July for an announce-

ment in this regard. For those students who have pending applications for this program and have not been notified of awards, you can expect to hear from the program via surface mail. Those who will be eligible for this program as of July 1, 2006 can resubmit their applications in late June.

Please note that the Extraordinary Expense Award Program is separate from the Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (DDF) Award competition. Please watch your UConn e-mail for an announcement within the next two weeks concerning the next DDF competition.

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. 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. For more information, contact M.J. Peterson at mjp@polisci.umass.edu.

Undergrad Earns APSA Honor

Darrylynn J. Montague, an undergraduate Political Science major, has been accepted to the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute that is run by the American Political Science Association. This highly competitive program is designed for minority students who are considering graduate school in political science. Congratulations to Darrylynn and special thanks to **Shayla Nunnally**, who encouraged Darrylynn to apply!

2005-2006 Political Science Colloquia Calendar

Day/Date	Time	Location	Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]
Tuesday, April 4	7:30 PM	Wilbur Cross North Reading Room	Gerson Lecture: Michael Mandelbaum (Johns Hopkins's Nitze School), TBA [reception to follow]
Wednesday, April 5	12:00 PM	HRM 119	Jennifer Jerit (FSU), TBA