

Thought for the week: "Chance does nothing that has not been prepared beforehand."

-- Alexis de Tocqueville

Articles & Achievements

Jennifer Sterling-Folker and co-author Brian Folker have a chapter, "Conflict and the Nation-State: Magical Mirrors of Muggles and Refracted Images," which appears in the edited volume, *Harry Potter and International Relations*. The volume is edited by Daniel Nexon and Iver Neumann, published by Rowan and Littlefield, and will be published in May 2006.

Tara M. Lavallee (Ph.D. 2005) and **Mark A. Boyer** published an article, "Globalization and Local Governance: Implications from Wal-Mart's Expansion." The paper will appear in the August 2006 issue of *International Studies Perspectives*.

Daniel Stockemer presented a paper, "Why are There Differences

in Women's Representation in 25 Countries of the European Union?" Daniel presented the paper at the Women and Political Leadership Research Conference in Washington, D.C. on April 9, 2006. The paper examines institutional, structural, and cultural reasons in respect to women's representation in the European Union countries.

Shelley Buchbinder '06, an undergraduate political science major, presented her honors thesis, "Facing HIV/AIDS in the New Millennium: Citizen Participation as Prevention," at the annual Frontiers in Undergraduate Research poster sessions. Congratulations to Shelley, and thanks to her thesis adviser, **Shareen Hertel** and to our

Professor Jennifer Sterling-Folker



Professor Mark A. Boyer

departmental honors adviser, **Virginia Hettinger**.

Aaron Smith '06, an undergraduate political science major and football player, was honored at the National Student-Athlete Day dinner. Congratulations to Aaron!

Alumni Update

Denise Horn (M.A. 1995) is currently the Visiting Assistant Professor in the International Affairs Program of Northeastern University in Boston, MA. After completing graduate work at UConn, Denise earned her Ph.D. at Rutgers. She served as the Associate Director of the Center for Global Security and Democracy at Rutgers University, where she was involved in the development of the Civic Engagement Program (CEPO) at the State University of Moldova in Chisinau, Moldova. Her research examines the effects

of US foreign funding in the development of civil society in transitional states, particularly in the areas of women's issues and women's NGOs. Currently she is working on the impact of this funding on the politics of the new accession states and their relationship with the European Union. Professor Horn is also interested in constructivist foreign policy, and at the ISA conference she chaired a panel on constructivist approaches to foreign policy as well as presented a paper on constructing agency.

Save the Date for Vengroff's Farewell

On Wednesday, **May 10**, at **4 PM** at the Alumni House, the department will hold a party to celebrate Rich Vengroff's 16 years of service to the University, and to wish him and Cindy well in the next stage of their careers. **Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Grad Student Opportunity

The Instructional Design and Development Unit (IDD) of the Institute for Teaching & Learning (ITL) is seeking a graduate student to provide technological support to the unit. This half-time graduate assistant position requires knowledge of computer programming. The assistant must be skilled in HTML, web scripting languages, and database analysis and design. Knowledge of instructional design principles, Dreamweaver, flash, and Robo Demo are helpful but not required. Applications must be emailed to itlweb@uconn.edu by **April 26, 2006**.

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.

ISA Seeks Best Grad Student Papers

■ The Carl Beck Award committee invites submissions to the ISA's annual Carl Beck Graduate Student Paper Award competition. Since 1980, the Beck Award has recognized the best graduate student paper given at the annual ISA meetings. Submissions must be single-authored and must have been presented at the 2006 ISA meetings in San Diego. Each paper must be accompanied by a letter of nomination by an ISA member. Papers that have been published or submitted for publication are ineligible. Electronic copies should be emailed to Jeffrey Pickering at jjp@ksu.edu.

■ The International Security Studies Section (ISSS) invites submissions for the Graduate Student Paper Award. This award is made to the best paper presented on any aspect of international security, or on a panel sponsored by the ISSS, at the 2006 annual convention of the

International Studies Association. Self-nominated is accepted. Papers that have been published are not eligible. The paper must be submitted in PDF format with a covering email to the Chair of the ISSS Graduate Paper Award Committee, Dr. Theo Farrell at theo.farrell@kcl.ac.uk. Papers must be received by **May 31, 2006**.

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.

Summer Dissertation Fellowships Available

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 Summer and Fall of 2006. 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 \$31,100 for the twelve months preceding the end date of the fellowship period specified below; documented satisfactory completion of the General Examination (prior to 5/24/06); and full approval of the Dissertation Proposal (prior to 5/24/06) 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 8/31/06. This fellowship can be awarded to an individual only once. Click on the Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship link on the Graduate School Web site at www.grad.uconn.edu to access a printable version of the two-page application form. Submit one original to Thomas B. Peters, Program Director, Graduate School, Unit 1006, Storrs, CT 06269-1006; Whetten Graduate Center. Fully-completed applications must be received in the Graduate School Office by 4:00 PM on **May 24, 2006** to be eligible for consideration.