

Thought for the week: "The chief wonder of education is that it does not ruin everybody concerned in it, teachers and taught."

-- author Henry Adams

## Articles & Achievements

**Brian Urlacher** and Joe Young will publish an article, "Cantankerous Cooperation: Democracies, Authoritarian Regimes, and the Prisoner's Dilemma," in the January 2007 issue of *International Interaction*. Brian and Joe's research asserts that one of the most important debates in the field of international relations is over the effect of regime type on militarized conflict. This debate, however, has rarely extended to how regime type influences other aspects of foreign policy. Using a computer-simulated inter-group prisoner's dilemma, they investigate whether democratic decision-making groups are more cooperative than authoritarian decision-making groups. Brian and Joe argue that differences between cooperation tendencies of groups can be explained by the structure of the decision process. Repeated simulations show that democracies tend to be more stable in their decisions while authoritarian groups are less consistent.

**Derick Becker** organized a

panel, "How the Leviathan got its Sight: How Governments 'See' Policy and How We Understand It," at the Northeast Political Science Association and International Studies Association Conference held November 9-11, 2006 in Boston. He presented a paper, "Why Montreal, Why Not (Yet) Kyoto?: State-Society Relations and the Discursive Construction of US Environmental Foreign Policy." Derick also recently presented a paper, "A CAMRA in the Pub: A Study of Identity, Consciousness, and Hegemony," at the Social Science History Association's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.



*Professor Mark Boyer*

**Mark Boyer, Anat Niv-Solomon, and Laura Janik** presented a paper, "Understanding Interaction Effects in the Negotiation Process: An Experimental Study at ISA-NE," at the recent Northeast Political Science Association and International Studies Association Conference.

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).

### Comparative Job Talk 12/4/06

The department will host the final job talk of the term on **Monday, December 4**. Royce Carroll will present a talk, "The Electoral Origins of Legislative Organization: A Cross-National Study," at **12:15 PM** in HRM 119. Lunch with graduate students will follow the talk.

### Dept Holds Holiday Party

The department will sponsor a holiday gathering for current and retired faculty, graduate students, staff and guests on **Wednesday, December 13, 2006** in the North Reading Room in Wilbur Cross from **1:00 - 3:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend so we may enjoy the spirit of the holidays. Please R.S.V.P. by **Friday, December 8** to Jennifer Fontanella at 860-486-2533 or [jennifer.fontanella@uconn.edu](mailto:jennifer.fontanella@uconn.edu).

### Women's Studies Hosts Job Talk

The Women's Studies Program is recruiting a new director, and one of the candidates is Professor Zehra Arat from the SUNY Purchase Department of Political Science. She will deliver a job talk on **Monday, December 11**, from **3:00 to 5:00 PM**, in HRM 119. If she is hired, Dr. Arat would not become a member of the department, but may teach a course in the department on occasion.

## Students Attend Foreign Affairs Conference

Each year the department selects two student representatives to attend the Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA) held at the US Military Academy at West Point in November. SCUSA brings together outstanding students from over 140 universities and 30 countries to discuss major issues and formulate proposals for American foreign policy. The selection of students is based on records of outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated interest in and commitment to international relations.

This year the department sponsored **Stephen Barry** and **Meghann LaFountain**. Stephen is a double major in political science and Spanish, and is President of Pi Sigma Alpha. Meghann is a political science major, with minors in American

studies and international studies, and she served as the Conference Director for the 2006 Model UN at UConn.

SCUSA's theme this year was, "Challenges to Security: Extremism, Resources, and Globalization." Students at the conference discussed the need for a comprehensive American foreign policy that addressed the challenges of globalization in technology, trade, and terrorism. Stephen served on the "Challenges of Terrorism" roundtable, which wrestled for four days with the "difficulties involved in declaring 'war' as a means rather than an end, and in attempting to fight against an enemy with no home address." Megahnn served on the "Sub-Saharan Africa" roundtable, and its "main goal was to develop foreign policy goals and proposals



Stephen Barry (left) and Meghann LaFountain (right)

to improve US policy towards sub-Saharan Africa in the future." To prepare for their roundtables, they read topic papers and recommended supplementary texts posted on the SCUSA website.

Stephen and Meghann plan to attend law school after graduation. Stephen intends to specialize in international law, and someday hopes to work at the U.S. Dept. of State or with a human rights organization, while Meghann is interested in criminal law, government, and politics.

## Stephen Dyson Joins Department Filling Open IR Position

The department is pleased to announce that **Stephen Dyson** will join the department filling the open international relations position created by Betty Hanson's impending retirement. Stephen earned his Ph.D. in 2004 from Washington State University and is currently the Byron K. Trippet Assistant Professor of Political Science at Wabash College in Indiana.



Stephen Dyson

Stephen's research interests include international relations theory, foreign policy, political psychology, and political leaders.

His research has appeared in *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Political Psychology*, *French Politics*, and *Policy Science*. He is also the

recipient of the Margaret G. Hermann Award for the best paper on leadership studies delivered at the 2005 International Studies Association Midwest Meeting.

Recalling his visit to UConn, Stephen said, "I had a great time visiting and thanks to everyone who made my stay so comfortable. It was a real pleasure to talk with grad students and faculty about their research, and I'm excited to be joining such a dynamic department."

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](mailto:michael.morrell@uconn.edu).