

Thought for the week: "There are no facts in themselves. For a fact to exist we must first introduce meaning."

-- Friedrich Nietzsche

Articles & Achievements

Howard Reiter will publish an article, "The Study of Political Parties, 1906–2005: The View from the Journals," in the forthcoming November, 2006 issue of the *American Political Science Review*. Howard's contribution to this centennial issue of *APSR* notes that a review of party-related articles in major political science journals over the past century reveals an increase in the incidence of such articles during the behavioral revolution and a decline in the proportion of studies that view parties holistically or in their organizational aspects and an increase in research on mass and legislative behavior. Reiter's essay calls for scholars of American parties to merge empirical findings with the generalist and normative concerns of an earlier age, to assess the recent advent of parties as ideologically focused instruments of policymaking.

Jennifer Sterling-Folker published an article, "Lamarckian with a Vengeance: Human Nature and American International



Professor Reiter

Relations Theory," as the lead article in the September, 2006 issue of the *Journal of International Relations and Development*. Her contribution is part of a four article symposium titled "The Return of Human Nature in IR Theory?" Professor Sterling-Folker argues that American social scientists subscribe to a Lamarckian perspective on human nature that affects not only how realism is theorized within U.S. academia but also how American scholars see and do IR theory. Jennifer also presented a paper, "A Neoclassical Realist Guide to Economic Interdependence and Cooperation," on a panel, "Neoclassical Realism: The Third

Image Reversed," at the American Political Science Association conference.

Jeremy Pressman was a guest on the Dan Lavallo radio show (WDRG-1360) on September 11. He talked about terrorism, U.S. policy, and new al-Qaeda threats.

Iain Ross Ballantyne Bolton participated in a two-day seminar, "Interoperability and Space Exploration," in Washington, D.C., on September 6-7 hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, George Mason University's Center for Aerospace Policy and Research, and the American Astronautical Society. Iain joined officials from national space programs and representatives from aerospace industries in discussing the political implications of interoperable technologies and the prospects for future international cooperation in the development of commercial and military space technologies. Also, Iain and his wife Ming Qi recently moved into their new home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Young Alumnus Successful In State Government

Kenneth Saccente (B.A. 1998) works for the Speaker of the CT House of Representatives. He runs the meetings from the dais when the House is in session, advises the speaker and deputies on parliamentary procedure and rulings, helps staff the screening committee for the CT House

Democrats, and oversees all of the speaker's appointments to boards, commissions and task forces around the state. Kenneth is also the Deputy Political Director of the House Democrats Campaign Committee. As Ken quipped about his positions, "I spent all those years in school in international relations

and Russian studies classes and of course the next logical step was to go work in the state legislature." Ken is married to Mara Davis, who also graduated from the UConn Political Science Department and works for Congresswoman DeLauro. They have a one-year-old daughter.

Department Hosts Colloquim This Week

The department is pleased to host Thomas Craemer for our first brown bag colloquim of the academic year on Thursday, **September 21** at **12:30 PM** in Monteith 119. Dr. Craemer received his Ph.D. from SUNY - Stony Brook and is in his second year in the Department of Public Policy at UConn. His talk, "Non-Conscious Closeness to African Americans and Support for Affirmative Action," argues that research on race-related politics has communicated two important but seemingly contradictory findings. First, affirmative action and other pro-Black policies have gained popular support since the 1960s, and secondly, anti-Black attitudes stubbornly persist. Professor Craemer's work investigates how pro-Black policies can gain political support in the presence of ingrained anti-Black predisposi-



Assistant Professor Craemer

tions. The possibility is investigated that feelings of closeness towards African Americans may originate on the non-conscious level and lead to pro-Black policy support among Americans of any racial or ethnic background. Results based on a sample of 555 college students suggest that this may occur even in the light of lingering anti-Black attitudes. Dr. Craemer's findings suggest that non-conscious pro-Black feelings of closeness may have the power to overwrite anti-Black predispositions left over from the era of segregation.

UConn Celebrates Constitution Day

Monday, September 18, will be the annual celebration of Constitution Day. This year there will be a panel on Privacy Rights, especially as they affect students, at Konover Auditorium at the Dodd Center from **3:30 to 5:00 PM**. **Kristin Kelly** and other authoritative panelists will speak, and **Howard Reiter** will moderate. Please consider attending and encourage your students and colleagues to do so as well.

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.

2006-2007 Political Science Colloquia Calendar

Day/Date	Time	Location	Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]
Monday, September 18	3:30 PM	Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center	Constitution Day Panel: Kristin Kelly and others, "The Fourth Amendment: Privacy and Electronic Technology." (Howard Reiter moderator)
Thursday, September 21	12:30 PM	TBD	Thomas Craemer (Department of Public Policy), TBD
Thursday, October 5	TBD	TBD	Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar: Margaret Levi (University of Washington), TBD
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.