

Thought for the week: "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful."

-- Samuel Johnson

The Department Wishes Everyone a Happy and Safe Spring Break

Roper Center Announces Summer Fellowship

UConn graduate students in every department and college are eligible to apply for one of the Warren Jay Mitofsky Graduate Fellowships to be awarded for the summer of 2008. The fellowships pay a stipend of \$1200.

Students should submit a brief proposal (two pages is strongly recommended) describing an original research project that they will carry out utilizing or/and expanding upon the data files in the Roper Center. Data in the Roper archives must be central to the proposed research.

As part of the application, a University of Connecticut faculty

advisor must also submit a cover letter (two paragraphs are strongly recommended) noting the theoretical and/or methodological contribution the proposed study is expected to make. It does not matter if the proposed research is related to a student's course work, thesis or dissertation.

Applications are due **March 14, 2008**. Applications received by that date are assured of full consideration.

Send the student proposal and faculty cover letter to: Mark Abrahamson, Unit 1164. For more information, contact the Roper Center: 486-4440.

Teachers for a New Era Seeks GAs

The UConn Teachers for a New Era Project (TNE) has openings for part-time graduate assistants for summer 2008. The UConn TNE project is designed to establish effective collaborations between the Neag School of Education faculty and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty to provide the optimal educational experiences and training for our pre-service teachers, thereby affecting the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of Connecticut's children in the K-12 schools. Additionally, the project works with in-service teachers during their first two years teaching.

Graduate assistants are needed to work with collaborative teams of faculty from across campus to

provide support in the use of technology, assessment procedures, instructional design and curriculum reform initiatives. The project is looking to develop a team of people with one or more of the following skills: assessment procedures, statistical analysis, writing skills, and educational technology.

Applicants should submit a letter detailing your interests and skills, a copy of your current resume, and the names and contact information of two references to Donalyn Maneggia at d.maneggia@uconn.edu by **March 14**. Please indicate which position you are applying for. For more information, visit www.tne.uconn.edu.

UConn Hosts Human Rights Conference

The University of Connecticut has announced its first Graduate Student Human Rights Conference. The conference is a one day event that will take place at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center on April 19, 2008. The conference is open to all graduate students wanting to present their research papers, in any field or discipline. The deadline for abstract submission is **March 11, 2008**.

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words. Please e-mail abstracts to gradhrconference08@gmail.com. The conference encourages abstracts that cover a range of topics and will consider all abstracts. Topics considered may include, but are not limited to, theoretical and historical foundations of human rights thought, domestic and international human rights policy, critiques of human rights, newly emerging rights, or more broadly the role of rights in individual and groups' political, social, and economic lives.

Alumni Information

If you have information about undergraduate or graduate alumni that you would like to see in the *Monday Morning*, please email Wes Renfro at wesley.renfro@uconn.edu.

Gerald Ford Foundation Sponsors Grants

Each spring and fall, the Gerald R. Ford Foundation awards a number of grants of up to \$2,000 each in support of research in the holdings of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library. Grants defray North American travel, living, and photocopy expenses for a research trip to the Ford Library. The deadline for the next round of awards is **March 15, 2008**. A list of recent grant recipients and their topics is available on the Library's website at www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/grantlist.asp.

The Gerald R. Ford Foundation also awards the Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter. This is an annual award of \$5,000 given to a doctoral student to support dissertation research and writing on an aspect of the United States political process and public policy, broadly defined. The selection committee will consider research in any field related to the study of the United States political process and public policy, broadly defined, during the last half of the 20th century. The role of public opinion is of special interest to the selection committee.

Doctoral students in Political Science, History, Journalism, Communications, Public Policy, Foreign Relations, or American Studies are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. program (coursework and examinations) by the application deadline, except for the dissertation. The Gerald R. Ford Scholar will be required to conduct at least a portion of his or her research at the Gerald R. Ford Library, and, if appropriate, will be encouraged to make full use of the Robert M. Teeter Papers.

The scholar must agree to submit a brief report on the work done under the award to the Director of the Gerald R. Ford Library no later than six months after receipt of the award and present a copy of the resulting dissertation to the Gerald R. Ford Library when it is completed and accepted. The scholar may be invited to participate in a public forum or seminar at the Ford Library in conjunction with the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy or other

academic program. The scholar also must acknowledge the support awarded in the resulting publication(s).

The Gerald R. Ford Library will assist the Gerald R. Ford Scholar, by providing reference service from open collections prior, during, and following the scholar's visit. The Library will aid the scholar with pertinent contact information should he/she wish to conduct personal interviews with members of the Ford Administration or others at the University of Michigan to supplement the research.

Applications are due **May 1, 2008**. Completed applications should include a 150 word or less abstract of the dissertation; a 5 to 10 page proposal that describes the topic and outline of the dissertation; a bibliography, 3 letters of recommendation from individuals capable of attesting to the applicant's qualifications; graduate school transcripts; and a curriculum vitae. For complete details on the award, visit www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/fsa.asp.

Upcoming Events and Colloquia

Date and Time	Location	Presenter and Title
March 28, 2:00 PM	Monteith 119	Dawn Brancati (Harvard and Washington University), TBA
April 4, 12:00 PM	Monteith 119	Sharon Krause (Brown University), TBA
April 11, 12:00 PM	Monteith 119	Richard Snyder (Brown University), TBA
April 16, 12:00 PM	Monteith 119	Ronald Schurin, "Are We There Yet? Are We Happy? Sixty Years of Movement Toward Ideologically Coherent Political Parties"