

Thought for the week: "Probably the central bias in the brain is the belief that we ourselves have no biases. Everybody else is biased."  
-- social psychologist Carol Tavris

## Articles & Achievements

**Shayla Nunnally's** article, "Racial Homogenization and Stereotypes: Black American College Students' Stereotypes about Racial Groups" will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Black Studies*.

**Jennifer Sterling-Folker** attended the Standing Group in International Relations' pan-European Conference in Turin, Italy in September. She presented a co-authored paper (with Brian Folker), "Violence and Liberal Universalism: The Work of Joseph Fawcett as a Harbinger of Hegelian Understandings of History" on



*Professor Sterling-Folker*

a panel on "Pragmatism in International Relations." She also served as a Chair and Discussant for a panel on Historical Sociology.

### Essay Contest Open to Grads and Undergrads

*Middle East Quarterly* is announcing the Albert J. Wood Student Writing Contest. It will award \$1,000 for the best university student writing in Middle East studies in a given year, plus the opportunity to be published in the journal. The contest is named after Albert J. Wood, the founding chairman of the Middle East Forum.

The journal covers a geographic area from Morocco to Afghanistan but concentrates on the area from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf. It seeks to bridge the academic and policymaking worlds. Articles should be both relevant to policymakers and break new ground intellectually. This implies a tension: articles need to be cutting edge (to interest the specialist) and

accessible (to attract the general reader). They should be scholarly, yet written clearly, and with a point of view. The thesis should be advanced through reasoned argument rather than bellicose prose.

Submissions should be original, unpublished work of 4,000-7,000 words with full scholarly references. Entrants must be full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional (law, medicine, etc.) school students, and must provide proof of full-time status.

Email submissions by midnight **May 31, 2008**, to the editors at [MEQ@MEForum.org](mailto:MEQ@MEForum.org). Please enter "Student Writing Contest" in the subject line. For more details, visit the journal online at [www.meforum.org/press/1759](http://www.meforum.org/press/1759).

### UConn Hosts Forum on Social Work and Iraq

The Center for International Social Work Studies, International Students & Company, and the Progressive Action Committee are sponsoring a forum on if and/or how the United States may ethically remove its troops from Iraq. The event is **Wednesday, October 24, 2007 from 12:15 - 2:00 PM** in the Zachs Community Room in the UConn School of Social Work.

The purpose of the event is to have a dialogue about the possible pull-out of troops from Iraq and its implications; to raise awareness among the school community about the role of social work in postwar Iraq; and to talk about the responsibilities of social workers in the face of an ongoing political crisis. Scott Harding, an assistant professor in the school of social work, and **Jeremy Pressman** will speak. Lunch is provided.

### Submission Guide

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 Wes Renfro at [wesley.renfro@uconn.edu](mailto: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.

## Millennium Conference Seeks Paper Proposals

The Eighth International Millennium conference is seeking papers centered on the theme of "Global Conflict, Cooperation and Integration." The meeting will be held from June 14-16, 2008 in Paris, France. The deadline for proposals is **December 1, 2007**.

The Millennium conference hopes to enhance our collective understanding and appreciation for both the realities and the promise of the 21st century. In addition, the conference seeks to explore the

various ways that mankind can cooperate to successfully create a safer, more prosperous, and more equitable world, while simultaneously celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of all peoples. Proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables are invited from scholars, policy makers, members of the military and business communities, and from non-governmental organizations.

The conference aims to examine and assess the responses by the

members of the international community. While many of these responses have been framed within the traditional Westphalian system, many cooperative and innovative initiatives appear to challenge and transcend the state system. Hence, the conference will address the future direction of the international system itself. More information is available online at <http://isanet.ccit.arizona.edu/CISS-Section/Conference2008/CallForPapers.htm>.

## Spanish Government Sponsors Post-Doctoral Fellowships

The Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC) is an organization linked to the Ministry of the president of the Spanish government. Its mission is to foster analysis of the legal, social and political scene from domestic and international perspectives, paying special attention to all questions related to Spanish law and to Latin-American institutions, as well as their relations with Europe. The CEPC will sponsor six postdoctoral fellows in the fields of public law or political science. Fellows must have earned a Ph.D. after November 15, 2002.

The fellows should integrate themselves into CEPC activities. They are expected to maintain a high level of engagement in international networks and research projects. They should also be able to provide input on the future strategic orientation of their respective research programs. Fellows will be assigned to the following research programs on : territorial structure of the state, European Union, immigration,

sustainable development, and democratic governance. The applications are due **November 15, 2007**.

The fellowships are intended to support post-doctoral research by academics in the early stages of their professional career. The fellowships are open to individuals of any nationality. Candidates should prove they have spent at least 12 months in a research institution other than the one that awarded their doctorate. Although knowledge of Spanish is not formally requested, fellows are expected to acquire a command of the Spanish language while at the CEPC. Academic activities are usually held in Spanish.

The fellowships will last for a period of three years. During the length of the fellowship, the recipients are required to reside in Madrid. The gross stipend is 52,000 euros per year (plus benefits).

For more information, including application details, visit [www.cepc.es/fellowships.asp](http://www.cepc.es/fellowships.asp). Questions and inquiries about the program or

the application process should be emailed to [fellowship@cepc.es](mailto:fellowship@cepc.es).

### UConn Offers Middle East Studies Minor

UConn is now offering a minor in Middle East Studies. The only required course is History 205 (History of the Modern Middle East), and it will be taught in spring 2008. Students must also take 15 additional credits from a list of courses across several departments. The list of courses and more information are available at [www.mideast.uconn.edu](http://www.mideast.uconn.edu).

In 2007-2008, students who need signatures for Middle East studies minor forms should contact Dr. Elizabeth Mahan ([elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu](mailto:elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu)) in the Office of International Affairs

### 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](mailto:wesley.renfro@uconn.edu).