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**GPIS/CRGS News**

**Notice: Academic Advising**

Academic holds are automatically placed on student records. These holds prevent registration for Spring semester and can be removed by your advisor.

**Academic Honesty Presentation**

On Wednesday November 5th, 2008 at 2:00 PM in BAL 2002 GPIS and the GSIS will sponsor a presentation by Mike DeBowes regarding academic honesty. Mr. DeBowes will focus on clarifying what, exactly, is considered academic (dis) honesty as well as how to avoid it. Plagiarism, in particular, will be examined. The GPIS faculty highly encourage students to attend this very useful presentation.

**Faculty Research Presentation**

On Wednesday November 12, 2008 at 12:30 PM in 7009 BAL, Dr. David Earnest will present recent research to students and faculty. This will be an update of last semester's "Economic Globalization and National Insecurity: Networks of Vulnerability". This very interesting topic will be of interest to all students, especially those interested in modeling.

**Summary of Events:**

Study Abroad Presentation by Steve Bell Monday November 3, 2008 at 1:00 PM in 2002 BAL.

Academic Honesty Presentation by Mike DeBowes Wednesday November 5, 2008 at 2:00 PM in 2002 BAL.

GSIS November Meeting, Thursday November 6, 2008 at 7:15 PM at SOBO in the University Village.

Testing and Assessment: Evaluating Student Learning, Friday November 7, 2008 at 12:00 in 9024 BAL.

GSIS Outing: Norfolk Admirals Hockey Game, Saturday November 8, 2008 at 7:15 PM. Contact Mike Marin.

CMC Global Etiquette Dinner, Monday November 10, 2008 at 4:30 PM, Webb Center.

**Upcoming Deadlines:**

- Nov. 3, 2008: Department of State Summer Internship Application
- Nov. 7, 2008: Registration for PhD Comp Exam
- Nov. 14, 2008: Orientation for PhD Comp Exam
- Nov. 14, 2008: Dept. of State Critical Language Scholarship Application
- Nov. 14, 2008: Pre-Doctoral Applications for Ford Foundation Fellowship
- Nov. 14, 2008: MA Comp Exams Held
- Nov. 15, 2008: Papers for Democracy and Democratization Conference

## GPIS/CRGS News, cont.

### Senior Scholar Lecture: Simon Serfaty on Nov. 18

The College of Arts and Letters Senior Scholar Lecture will be presented by Simon Serfaty, professor and eminent scholar, in Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday November 18, 2008. A reception will take place from 3:30 - 4:00 PM with lecture to follow from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.



### Comprehensive Exam and Graduation Reminders

#### *MA Comprehensive Exams*

Comp Exams - Nov. 14, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM

#### *PhD Comprehensive Exams*

Registration Deadline - Nov. 7, 2008

Exam Orientation - Nov. 14, 2008 at 4 PM in 7009 BAL

Comp Exams - Jan. 9 & 12, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM

To register for the PhD Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 15):

[www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/kgradform15.pdf](http://www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/kgradform15.pdf)

Please also remember that all GPIS students must fulfill their foreign language requirement before they can graduate. For more information on the foreign language requirement please refer to the October 17th issue of the bulletin.

## GSIS Updates

### "International Studies. Study Abroad!"

Steven Bell, Director of Study Abroad at ODU will be presenting the opportunities and benefits of the Study Abroad program specifically for GPIS students. This presentation will be on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 1:00 PM in 2002 BAL. Please join us, and come with questions for Mr. Bell!

### GSIS November Meeting

The Graduate Society for International Studies will have its open meeting on Thursday, November 6th at 7:15 PM. The meeting will be held at SOBO restaurant in the University Village (across from the Bookstore). Please join us for information, camaraderie, and inexpensive tasty treats. Please, also, come with any questions, concerns, compliments, or other feedback that you may have for the Society Officers and/or the GPIS program.

### Coffee with a Professor

The "Society" will start offering a series of informal opportunities for students and professors to connect outside the classroom setting, on a more personal level. The first "Coffee with a Professor" will feature Professor Simon Serfaty on Thursday November 13, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the Bookstore Starbucks.

### Outing to Norfolk Admirals Game

GSIS would like to invite all students, faculty, and their families to a Norfolk Admirals Game on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at 7:15 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mike Marin ([mmari011@odu.edu](mailto:mmari011@odu.edu)) by Monday, November 3rd so that we can try to get a break on ticket prices and be seated together.

## Around Campus

### Works in Progress

Join the Communication and Theatre Arts as scholars from across the Arts & Letters community come together to discuss research and creative works in progress.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

“Researching Women’s Perspectives and Perspectives of Women on National and International Fronts”

Fran Hassencahl, Associate Professor of Communication  
Jennifer Fish, Associate Professor and Chair of Women’s Studies

All sessions are scheduled from 12:20 – 1:20 p.m. in BAL 3062. No reservations required. These are brown-bag lunch get-togethers, with some refreshments provided.

### Global Etiquette Dinner from CMC

On Monday November 10, 2008, CMC will be hosting a Global Etiquette Dinner from 4:30 - 7:00 PM in the Hampton Newport News Room of Webb Center.

This is an exciting learning experience and an opportunity for your students learn how to make a great first impression. Students will also have time to network with participating employers who may be recruiting for their organization.

There is a nominal \$5 fee per participant that must be paid in advance at the front desk of the Main Career Center, 2202 Webb Center.

### Testing and Assessment: Evaluating Student Learning: A “Preparing Future Faculty” Event

How do you know your students are learning? Learn from a panel of faculty experts how to develop effective tests, grade essays & papers, and use innovative techniques for in-class assessment. This event will be held on Friday, November 7, from 12:00 – 2:00 PM in 9024 BAL. Presentations will include:

- “Objective Tests: Are they objective and what do they test?” Dr. Ed Neukrug,
- “2 + 2 Evaluations: Real time feedback from classes of all sizes”. Dr. Rich Whittecar
- “Assessing student writing”. Dr. Kevin Romberger-DePew
- “Assessing Class Participation”. Dr. Barbara Bartkus

### Looking for money to study abroad?

Learn about scholarships and fellowships for study abroad on Tuesday, November 18 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM in Dragas Hall 2134.

Boren Awards provide a unique funding opportunity for U.S. students to study world regions critical to U.S. interests. Boren Fellows (graduate students) are awarded up to \$30,000 for two academic years.

The Fulbright program, is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals.

To learn more about these and other International Education scholarship opportunities, see [www.odu.edu/ao/oip/studyabroad/resources/funding.shtml](http://www.odu.edu/ao/oip/studyabroad/resources/funding.shtml).



## Library News

### Library Book Sale Nov. 5-8

The annual used booksale begins next week on Wednesday, Nov. 5 and ends Saturday Nov. 8. If you have old books, magazines, and/or multimedia products that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Circulation Desk and let staff know that your donation is specifically for the booksale.

The sale will be held in Room 151 of the Perry Library from 9am to 7pm on Wednesday, Nov.5 - Friday, Nov. 7, and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, Nov. 8. Prices for the sale are \$2 for hardbacks, \$1 for paperbacks, and \$.25 for magazines. Various multimedia will also be available. The sale is open to the public. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Library Student Achievement Award Fund.

### PBS Videos Now Available

The Old Dominion University Libraries, in collaboration with the Office of Computing and Communication Services (OCCS), Academic Technology Services (ATS) and the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA), is pleased to announce the availability of a new online video collection. The collection contains 311 video titles from the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) which have been licensed by VIVA for use by registered faculty, staff and students of Virginia's higher education institutions.

These videos are available online via video streaming hosted at the University of Virginia. More information concerning the collection, as well as logon and usage procedures, can be found at [www.lib.odu.edu/special/pbsvideos/](http://www.lib.odu.edu/special/pbsvideos/)

### New Database: Biography Reference Bank

Biography Reference Bank (a WilsonWeb database) contains biographical information on approximately half a million people, from antiquity to the present, along with thousands of images. It contains the full text of the articles from more than 100 volumes of biographical reference books, including Current Biography, the World Author Series, Nobel Prize Winners, World Artists, World Film Directors, and American Reformers. It also contains all citations from the Biography Index Database after 1984.

## Announcements

### The Seventh Annual SLLC Graduate Student Forum Reflections on Optimism March 26-27, 2009

"Although the world is not perfect, it is yet the best that is possible." Centuries have passed since Leibniz made this much-debated statement, but the discourse on optimism and its role in our daily lives remains relevant. Academic fields from literature to psychology, from the visual arts to applied linguistics have examined the effects of optimism on the Self. Political scientists have analyzed the consequences of trust and optimism on foreign and domestic policy. Yet the value of a literary work with an optimistic outlook is often questioned, and a jaded worldview has become a trademark of intellectualism. The questions surrounding the function and character of optimism seem especially pressing during times of rapid change, upheaval, and crisis. What role does optimism play in the world today? How have various cultures perceived and represented optimism across the centuries? To what extent can optimism deceive, motivate, placate, desensitize? What is optimism?

With these and other questions in mind, the graduate students of the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of Maryland invite the submission of papers that offer new reflections on optimism. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Crisis and Optimism
- Utopia, Dystopia, Escapism, and Elsewhere
- Staging Hope, Staging Despair
- Free Will vs. Determinism
- The Language of Optimism
- Motivation in Education
- Rebirth, Reconstruction, Resilience, and Healing
- Globalism and Identity
- Gender and Sexuality
- Faith and Doubt

Please submit a 250 word abstract by **December 20, 2008** to SLLC Graduate Student Forum at [Sllc2009.umd@gmail.com](mailto:Sllc2009.umd@gmail.com)

## Announcements, cont.

### Diversity Institute at Old Dominion

The Diversity Institute at Old Dominion University is designed to enhance awareness, commitment, knowledge, and skills that our needed to develop leaders as change agents in a culturally diverse world. Students attend weekly cultural learning modules that focuses on "isms" (generationalism, creedism, classism, heterosexism, racism, sexism, etc.) via an examination of political, economic, familial, and regional causes and impacts. While participants gain an understanding of their own identity and how it impacts their interactions with others, they also learn cross cultural competencies that are required to navigate within a multicultural/global work environment.

The Institute is a great opportunity for any student but is especially helpful to have on a CV for those considering teaching. To apply for the Diversity Institute at ODU visit: [www.studentaffairs.odu.edu/divein](http://www.studentaffairs.odu.edu/divein)

### Cyprus, A Country and People Forcibly Divided: Why Reunification Matters

The Hon. Ambassador Andreas S. Kakouris, Ambassador to the U.S. from the Republic of Cyprus, will present a lecture titled "Cyprus, A Country and People Forcibly Divided: Why Reunification Matters." The event will take place on Monday November 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the College of William and Mary Law School Room 120  
Contact: [lawcom@wm.edu](mailto:lawcom@wm.edu)



### "Mother Tongues and Other Cultures" Symposium

The department of Foreign Language and Literatures at Old Dominion University will be hosting a Symposium September 18 - 20, 2009. This three-day symposium will provide a forum for readings of contemporary prose, poetry, plays, etc. which are written in languages different from their cultural environment. These readings will be complemented by research papers the topics of which will include but are not limited to issues such as:

- Creative writing in languages different from those spoken in their cultural environment
- Migration and integration of foreign cultures
- The next generation: the survival of inherited linguistic and cultural identities in new cultures
- From host country to home country
- Non-American Ways of Life in Main Street America
- Issues of translation and authenticity
- Cultural hybridity and hyphenization (German American, German-Jewish-American, Hispanic American, African American, Indian American, Asian American etc.)
- Transcribing the Other: vernacular fusion in music and the visual arts
- Forms of cultural appropriation and exploitation
- Globalization and Balkanization: the survival of ethnic minorities in majority mass cultures
- (De-) construction of national stereotypes
- Migration of meaning: neologisms, productive misunderstandings etc
- Back to Babylon: towards multi-lingualism, world languages, a global lingua franca?
- New Age Spirituality: interfaith understanding, the best of East and West, etc.?

Please send abstracts and proposals (300-500 words) to Frederick A. Lubich, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, BAL 4006, ([flubich@odu.edu](mailto:flubich@odu.edu))

Deadline: **May 1, 2009**



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### Call for Papers: Graduate Student Conference on "Democracy and Democratization" - Storrs, CT

The Political Science Department at the University of Connecticut invites you to participate in the Graduate Student Conference on Democracy and Democratization to be held on February 27-28, 2009. The conference aims at bringing together graduate students from all sub-fields in Political Science, and other related fields. Participants will have the chance to present their research projects, exchange ideas and create a network of emerging democracy scholars. A cash award will be attributed to the best paper. The program will include a keynote address by Sterling Professor and distinguished scholar Ian Shapiro. Presenters will also be welcomed to join a dinner with Prof. Shapiro, faculty and invited guests.

Possible paper topics include: democracy and human rights, gender, migration, global governance, political economy, environmental politics, international security, etc. The conference will also feature a workshop on Democracy and Human Rights led by University of Connecticut faculty.

Abstracts should be submitted, along with your contact information (name, institutional affiliation, department, e-mail address), to [uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com](mailto:uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com) by Saturday, **November 15, 2008**.

For more information, write to [uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com](mailto:uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com) or visit: [www.polisci.uconn.edu/people/graduate.html](http://www.polisci.uconn.edu/people/graduate.html)

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## Jobs and Internships

### CNS Research Associate

The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) invites applications for a full-time, research associate dealing with nuclear nonproliferation issues. This position will entail research, analysis, writing, and lecturing on nuclear nonproliferation and related security issues involving both state and non-state actors. In addition to an appointment at the Monterey Institute's James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, there may be opportunities to teach at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

#### *Essential Duties and Responsibilities:*

- Conduct research projects in the area of nuclear proliferation and other topics relevant to nonproliferation issues.
- Assist with ongoing Center-wide projects on nonproliferation.
- Give lectures on nonproliferation topics.
- Prepare grant proposals and reports as needed.
- Publish articles and op-eds on nonproliferation issues.
- Present research results at conferences and workshops.

#### *Requirements:*

The search is open in regard to topic and region, although currently CNS has special interests in attracting nonproliferation and security policy experts on the Middle East, Russia and East Asia, as well as candidates with advanced degrees in science. Priority will be given to individuals with a PhD or equivalent work experience and in-country research in one or more geographic regions outside of the United States. Multi-lingual skills are an asset.

#### *Additional Information:*

Review of applications will begin on **December 1, 2008**. For more information please contact the Center for Nonproliferation Studies: [cns@miis.edu](mailto:cns@miis.edu)

To apply, please upload a C.V., cover letter, three letters of recommendations, writing samples, and other supporting documents. <http://miis.interviewexchange.com>

## Jobs and Internships, cont.

### Research Associate: Nuclear Weapons Policy and Nonproliferation

The Arms Control Association invites applications for a full-time, research associate dealing with nuclear weapons policy and nonproliferation issues.

This position will entail research, analysis, writing, speaking, and policy advocacy on key aspects of the Association's agenda. He/she is responsible for assisting with the design and implementation of the Association's program. He/she reports to the executive director and/or other senior staff as assigned.

Applicants should be able to process complex information into easy to understand language; show commitment to goals of the Association; and be self motivated.

The Research Associate must have the ability to perform tasks in a timely manner; write clearly and concisely; pay attention to detail; organize issue files and information; and be resourceful in finding information necessary to get the job done. Applicants with an advanced degree and/or three or more years of relevant experience in the field are strongly preferred.

For a more detailed position description, visit: [www.armscontrol.org/employment](http://www.armscontrol.org/employment)

To Apply:

Review of applications will begin on **November 15, 2008**. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, 3 references, writing samples, and other supporting documents (including letters of recommendation) to:

"Research Associate Position" ACA

1313 L Street NW, Ste. 130,

Washington, DC, 20005

Or Email: [aca@armscontrol.org](mailto:aca@armscontrol.org)

### Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Program for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching. Full eligibility information and on-line applications are available at:

<http://nationalacademies.org/fellowships>

#### *Eligibility Requirements:*

U.S. citizen or national

Planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level in a research-based field of science, social sciences, or humanities

#### *Stipends and Allowances:*

- Predoctoral--\$20,000 to the fellow, institutional allowance of \$2,000 for three years
- Dissertation--\$21,000 for one year
- Postdoctoral--\$40,000 for one year, \$1,500 employing institution allowance, to be matched by employing institution
- Awardees have expenses paid to attend one Conference of Ford Fellows. Approximately 60 predoctoral, 35 dissertation, and 20 postdoctoral fellowships sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by the National Research Council of the National Academies

#### *Application Deadline Dates:*

- Predoctoral: **November 14, 2008**
- Dissertation: **November 28, 2008**
- Postdoctoral: **November 28, 2008**

#### *For further information, contact:*

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**Ongoing Announcements**

Bulletin Archives

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Important Graduation Dates for Fall 2008

Students planning to finish a dissertation or thesis this semester should be aware of the following deadlines in order to graduate in December:

Friday, December 5, 2008 - Final copies of dissertations and theses are due in the Registrar's Office

Conference Reimbursement

Students attending conferences are eligible to be reimbursed for expenses incurred. Currently, students can be reimbursed up to \$200 per conference attended. Students must receive approval for travel expenses in advance before attending the conference and submit receipts on return.

Use this form for reimbursement: <http://al.odu.edu/al/resources/studentconferenceparticipationsupport.doc>

Job and Internship Opportunities: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Learn about a variety of new internship and full-time job opportunities with U.S. Department of Homeland Security at the DHS Careers website: [www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers](http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers) Through DHS Careers website, visitors can sign-up for periodic updates by email to keep track of job openings and internship opportunities.