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### A Picnic for Foreign Scholars in GPIS

During a recent picnic, GPIS' Fulbright students came together to celebrate and share their diversity, their new educational ventures and plenty of good food! Increasingly more Fulbright students select ODU's Graduate Program in International Studies to complement their already comprehensive education.

In fact, the GPIS has the largest number of Fulbright students this year – 15 to be exact – compared to any other ODU department. The students come from a myriad of countries such as Ukraine, Brazil, Poland, Vietnam and Jamaica and bring a variety of diverse backgrounds with them. This year alone we are proud to invite nine new Fulbright scholars into our pro-

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### Important Dates

#### October

6: Study Abroad Fair

6 - 9: 32nd Annual Old Dominion University Literary Festival

7 - 10: NASGA Conference in Washington D.C.

8: GSIS social gathering in Ghent

10-13: Fall Break

14 - 16: Purple Lightning at the Joint Forces Staff College

15: Africa Day Webb Center

14 - 16: MODSIM World Conference at in Virginia Beach

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## The Many Faces of Fulbright

### *A Picnic for Foreign Scholars in GPIS*

gram. Please welcome: Tasawar Baig from Pakistan, Son Dang from Vietnam, Renata Giannini from Brazil, Elena Kireeva from Russia, Przemyslaw Ozierski from Poland, Tetyana Pas'ko from the Ukraine and Alessandro Shimabukuro from Brazil.

And we with the next issues of the bulletin we will put a face (and a story) to the names.

#### *What is the Fulbright scholarship program?*

First established in 1946, the Fulbright Program focuses on increasing mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through the exchange of people, knowledge and skills. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program in particular encourages people's from other countries to study in the U.S. for their Master's degree or Ph.Ds. More than 1,800 new Foreign Fulbright Fellows come to the U.S. to attend academic programs every year.

## Fulbright Profile

### *GPIS MA Student Przemyslaw Ozierski*

For Polish-born Przemyslaw Ozierski, starting his MA this fall with the Graduate Program in International Studies at Old Dominion University meant also visiting for the first time an English speaking country and setting for the first time foot on American soil.

With his interest focusing on nuclear energy, he has been already well-traveled, spending time in Moscow, in the Ukraine, and the Baltic States. And sometimes history and world politics got in the way. He, for example, was delayed nearly a month to work in Georgia when war in August of 2008 had thrust Georgia into the global limelight.

If you ask the 26-year-old Ozierski why he wants to focus his studies on foreign policies, surrounding the issue of nuclear energy, his eyes begin to glow with a sense of excitement and passion.

"It's just fascinating," he said.

But nuclear energy for Ozierski also means an inherent link to his homeland, Poland.

"It's of great interest for Poland to secure energy," he said. "Polish foreign policy is built around energy."

Ozierski, who is the youngest of three and son of a Polish dentist and a Pharmacist-turned homemaker, said Poland needs nuclear energy for further development.

"Coal is a problem," he said. "Nuclear energy is the future."

Ozierski, who studied political science at the University of Warsaw, wanted to learn more about energy problems not just from inside classrooms and from his professors, but was looking for opportunities to study these complex issues from within companies, the actors, movers and shakers that shape the field. He took on several internships in various companies.

"I wanted to diversify my background," he said.

All of his siblings like to travel and they all live abroad, his brother in Prague and sister in France. Ten years from now or

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## News and Notes

Please welcome the **new GSIS officers Hannah Ozment**, Vice President; **Chris Ray**, Secretary/Social Chair; **Sagar Rijal**, Development Officer. **All GPIS students** are welcome to attend and offer input at GSIS officer meetings. Contact any officer for meeting details.

The GSIS will host a social gathering on **7:15 pm Thursday, Oct. 8 at Azar's in Ghent**. ([www.azarfoods.com](http://www.azarfoods.com)) Non-alcoholic drinks and appetizers will be provided. Additionally, on **November 9th** there will be a **Coffeshop Discussion** on the 20th Anniversary of the **Fall of the Wall** (details to follow). Don't forget, every **Wednesday at 7PM**, GSIS competes in **Trivia Night** at Monarch Sports Grille.

Please mark your calendars: The upcoming **MA Comprehensive Exam** is scheduled for **9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 6** (students whose first language is not English will have the option of taking one additional hour). Registration for the exam is mandatory, and will take place **12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 5. at BAL 7031. You must meet with Dr. Huizar to complete the application process.**

The World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads invites to the **Distinguished Speaker Series, 6 PM to 9 PM Oct. 29** at the **Norfolk Waterside Marriott**, and presents **Professor Shimon Shetreet** to talk about **"The Challenge of Inter Cultural issues: An International Analysis of Problems and Solutions Around the Globe."** The introduction will be given by **Dr. Chandra R. de Silva**, ODU's Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. **Reception takes place 6:15 PM** and dinner follows at 7 p.m. Members will pay \$35, non-members \$45 and **students \$15**. Shimon Shetreet is a former cabinet member of the Israeli government and law professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Between 1988 and 1996, Shetreet served as a member of the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament. He held several cabinet member positions in the governments of Prime Ministers Itzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, including minister of economy and planning, minister of science and technology, and minister of religious affairs. He also served as the senior deputy mayor of Jerusalem under Mayor Ehud Olmert. **Please RSVP by Oct. 26**

## *New Cultural Studies PhD and MA Track*

The International Cultural Studies concentration is an interdisciplinary approach to the study of culture and society that responds to and builds upon, critical analyses of traditional disciplines and epistemologies as well as upon developments specific to studies that have emerged over the last thirty years. Key to the International Cultural Studies approach is the perception that language, gender, race, sexuality, nationality, and class organize identities, complex social relations and cultural objects. Also key is the assumption that the study of culture in all of its complexity requires cross-disciplinary work. The goal of the International Cultural Studies track is to offer challenging graduate study by preparing students to interpret cultural products and practices in diverse environments, media and fields. Students will be asked to research into the creation, dissemination, and reception of these products and practices in their own area or region of interest. The result: students will be able to better understand and work with culturally diverse populations, both domestically and internationally. For more information, please visit

<http://al.odu.edu/gpis/IntCultStudies.shtml>

## Fulbright Profile

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so, after the Fulbright and with his MA in tow, Ozierski envisions helping his home country, becoming an adviser for international institutions such as NATO or the United Nations.

When it comes to nuclear energy, Ozierski hopes to be able to provide answers to some of the most pressing questions for his country: Where do you get the equipment to produce nuclear energy? Where do you get the fuel? What do you do with the waste?

“Ah, it’s a complex problem,” Ozierski is quick to admit, shrugging his shoulders, then sporting a charming smile.

But maybe an intriguing enough problem for Ozierski to help fix one day.



At Left: Ozierski in the Republic of Georgia .

“The photo was made when I was making reportage about European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (November 2008),” he said. “In the photo: Me, and Polish and French EUMM’s observers from France and Poland. Behind us – a Polish ‘Dzik’ (the green vehicle) and a French ‘PVP’ (blue).”

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

**F**or all students: The Foreign Language information letter has been updated AND please note effective Fall 2009 all new students (both MA and PhD) will need to submit a written plan (by the end of their first semester at ODU) of how they will fulfill their language requirement.

**T**he GPIS Program would like to see students to satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement (FLR) early in their graduate career. Master candidates may complete their language requirement either before or after their Comprehensive Exams, but must pass before their graduate tenure expires (MA: 6; PhD: 8). Extension of graduate tenure will only be considered for exceptional circumstances; documentation will be required. It is highly recommended that the FLR be satisfied before taking the Comprehensive Exams.

**P**h.D. candidates must fulfill the FLR before scheduling the Comprehensive Examination. International students with a mother tongue other than English may receive a waiver from the Foreign Languages Department Chair provided they submit documentation (high school diploma, for example) that demonstrates aptitude in reading, writing, speaking and listening. In order to meet the language requirement, all Master and Doctoral candidates should demonstrate language proficiency at the third-year college level, equivalent to the ACTFL guidelines to “Intermediate High” reading level.

## Waldo Lecture Series

### *National Security Adviser Visits ODU*

Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser under President Jimmy Carter, visited ODU to speak on “Key Challenges to U.S. Foreign Policy” Thursday, Oct. 1 as part of the university’s Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Relations. Many GPIS students attended the event Thursday.

Currently a counselor and trustee at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., Brzezinski is also the Robert E. Osgood Professor of American Foreign Policy in the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He served as national security adviser from 1977-81 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 “for his role in the normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations and for his contributions to the human rights and national security policies of the United States.”

The Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Relations, ODU’s first endowed lecture series, was established in 1985 to honor the memory of Loren Pierce Waldo Jr., William Joseph Waldo, Robert Hendren Waldo, Susan Waldo O’Hara, Julia Ann Waldo Campbell, and Harry Creekmur Waldo.

## JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

### *Nuclear Scholars Initiative*

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Project on Nuclear Issues runs a yearly Nuclear Scholars Initiative for graduate students and young professions. This year the program will run January to June 2010. Those accepted into the program are hosted once per month at CSIS in Washington, DC where they participate in daylong workshops with senior government officials and policy experts. Over the course of a six-month program, scholars prepare a research paper, which they will be given the opportunity to present to a panel of experts and later publish in a journal produced by CSIS. Upon successful completion and publication of their articles, the scholars receive an honorarium of \$500. Travel costs for participants living outside D.C. are covered by the program.

Application requirements: Candidates must have or be pursuing a graduate degree and have an interest in nuclear issues. Applicants must submit the following:

1. Cover letter, detailing interests in nuclear issues, relevant professional and academic experience, and career goals
2. Resume or CV listing complete educational and professional data and relevant extra curricular and research activities
3. Two-page proposal outlining the nuclear issues to be investigated in their research paper if selected for the program.

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Send applications to: PONI Nuclear Scholars Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1800 K Street, NW, Ste. 400, Washington, DC 20006 email:poni@csis.org. For more information, please visit [www.csis.org/isp/poni](http://www.csis.org/isp/poni)

### *Faculty Positions in Turkey*

Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey, invites applications for full-time positions in History, Philosophy, Sociology and Anthropology, Psychology, Economics, Communication and Media Studies, Political Science and International Relations. Positions are available for candidates at all ranks beginning in August 2010 or earlier. Successful candidates, once hired, are expected to fulfill their respective Department's requirements with regard to teaching, research, record of publications, and service to the institution. Junior candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment. All candidates should have an excellent command of English and a strong commitment to teaching and research.

Istanbul Şehir University (ŞEHİR) is a newly founded, private institution owned by the Foundation for Sciences and Arts based in Istanbul, Turkey, which has been dedicated to research and teaching in social sciences and humanities for the last 25 years. The medium of instruction is English. ŞEHİR is an equal opportunity employer, and socially and financially supports its faculty members' housing, medical insurance and other needs. Salary is very competitive and commensurate to rank, experience and qualifications. Several fringe benefits (housing and travel allowance, private health insurance, sabbatical leave etc.) will apply.

Review of applications will begin on November 2nd, 2009, and continue until the positions are filled. Please submit an application file that includes information about your research and teaching interests, your curriculum vitae, two samples of written work and names of three references (for senior candidates) or three letters of recommendation (for junior candidates) via e-mail to: Nurullah Ardiç ([nurullahardic-at-sehir.edu.tr](mailto:nurullahardic-at-sehir.edu.tr)). Short-listed candidates will be individually informed of their selection for formal interviews and job talks/lectures. Please visit their website for more information at [www.sehir.edu.tr](http://www.sehir.edu.tr).

## Boren Fellowship

### *Continue an ODU Tradition*

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to add an important international and language component to their educations. Most recently, GPIS PhD student Melodee Baines was the recipient of the Boren dissertation fellowship. The Washington-D.C.-based Boren Fellowships focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad.

The 2010-11 application deadline for graduate students will be January 28, 2010 at 11:59 PM EST. **All applications must be submitted online.** Boren Fellowship applicants design their own programs and may combine domestic language study with overseas study or research. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country or region must be an integral part of each application proposal. All online components must be submitted, and all original supplementary material must arrive at the below address, by the application deadline.

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For more information or to apply, please visit [www.borenawards.org](http://www.borenawards.org) or call 1-800-618-6737.

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## RESEARCH CONFERENCES

*ASMEA'S Annual Conference October 22-24, 2009 Washington, D.C.*

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is holding second annual conference, The Middle East and Africa: Historic Connections and Strategic Bridges, will be held October 22-24, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The conference will feature presentations that demonstrate the inter-relationships between the two regions over time with special emphasis on the historical, political, economic, religious, security and cultural links between them. Panels includes themes such as The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Counter-terror, Conflict Resolution and Political Division; Iran's Strategic Importance from WWII to the Present; North Africa: Conquest, Empires and Modernization.

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### *MODSIM World Conference*

Oct. 14 – 16 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach. MODSIM World is a unique multi-disciplinary International Conference & Exposition for the exchange of modeling & simulation knowledge, research, and technology across industry, government, and academia. This year, the conference focus is on 21st Century Decision-Making: The Art of Modeling & Simulation. Speakers, educational tracks, presentations, and product demonstrations will center on using modeling and simulation tools and practices in emerging & innovative operating environments. Attendees will learn about new applications and practices and have an opportunity to network with other industry professionals. For more information, please visit [www.modsimworld2009.com](http://www.modsimworld2009.com)

### *INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND*

The 10th International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, communities and Nations will be held July 19 to 21, 2010 in Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The Diversity Conference has a history of bringing together scholarly, government and practice-based participants with an interest in the issues of diversity and community.

The Conference examines the concept of diversity as a positive aspect of a global world and globalised society. As well as impressive line-up of international plenary speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. The conference's organizers would like to invite everyone to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in The International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication. The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is Oct. 8, 2009. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. The Conference will seek to explore the full range of what diversity means and explore modes of diversity in real-life situations of living together in community. The Conference supports a move away from simple affirmations that 'diversity is good' to a much more nuanced account of the effects and uses of diversity on differently situated communities in the context of our current epoch of globalization.

Whether you are a virtual or in-person presenter at this Conference, we also encourage you to present on the Conference YouTube Channel. Please select the Online Sessions link on the Conference website <http://www.Diversity-Conference.com> for further details including an online proposal submission form.

## **Va Political Science Association** *2009 Conference*

The 2009 annual meeting of Virginia Political Science Association will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 in Norfolk and this year's conference is co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and Geography and the Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS). The department is delighted to be hosting this year's event, following the impressive work last year by Maerek Payerhin at Lynchburg College. We are working to insure this year's event is the largest and most diverse in memory and Virginia-based political scientists and scholars of public policy, their colleagues elsewhere, are encouraged to join us. The VPSA conference is the Commonwealth's leading opportunity for professional networking and collaboration.

The conference particularly welcomes graduate student presentations. The conference emphasizes community-building for Virginia political scientists, analysts and graduate students. Panels will cover the full spectrum of subfields in political science. Panel and proposals—a title, abstract and contact information—are needed no later than Oct. 1. Register early. The \$40 registration fee will cover refreshments and the conference lunch. For further information, please contact GPIS Director Regina Karp at BAL 7045 at 683-5700 or [rkarp@odu.edu](mailto:rkarp@odu.edu)

# PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

## GLOBALIZATION TOPICS

*Global Change, Peace & Security* journal, a leading peer reviewed journal published by Routledge (UK) and based at La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia, invites entries for the annual Routledge–GCP&S Essay Prize competition. This competition is designed to encourage outstanding new contributions to research on practical and theoretical questions posed by a rapidly globalizing world. It seeks to attract new research into the international dimensions of political, economic and cultural life, and into the contradictions of an increasingly integrated yet fragmented world. Of specific interest are entries that look at events and developments that reverberate beyond the confines of a particular country, and those that are concerned with the sources and consequences of conflict, violence and insecurity, as well as the conditions and prospects for conflict transformation and peace-building. The winning essay will be refereed with a view to publication in *Global Change, Peace & Security*. The author will receive the Routledge–GCP&S Essay Prize winner's certificate, as well as **\$500 prize**. The competition is open to those enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or who have graduated within the previous four years. Previously published research articles, or those that are being considered for publication, will not be acceptable. Essays currently being assessed as part of a degree will also not be accepted.

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For more information, please contact Dr. Stephen James, Editor, *Global Change, Peace & Security*, [stephen.james@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:stephen.james@latrobe.edu.au) or visit <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14781158.asp>

## CALL FOR ESSAYS - SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE

SCOLA, a non-profit education organization that emphasizes the importance and effectiveness of modern information technology as a tool in overcoming barriers to global understanding, announced its Annual Student Essay Scholarship 2009. Submissions must be from students enrolled in a degree-granting program at a university or college, elementary or secondary school, or at language school which is a SCOLA affiliate in good standing at the time of the submission. The essay topic is "How has SCOLA positively impacted you in the learning of language and culture?"

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The winner will receive up to \$1,000 scholarship payable to your University if they are chosen. For more information, go to [www.scola.org](http://www.scola.org).

## CALL FOR ESSAYS – MA STUDENTS ONLY

The Daisy Alliance, a non-partisan grass-roots peace organization that seeks global security through nuclear nonproliferation, disarmament, and the elimination of all Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) - is announcing its \$1000 Prize Essay Contest/Student Scholarship. The essay's topic is "The Role of NATO in the 21st Century." How has the deterrent usefulness of the U.S. nuclear umbrella changed since the end of the Cold War? What effect has this had or is it likely to have on nonproliferation and disarmament? Is NATO still needed to provide a nuclear security guarantee to its non-nuclear members? Should NATO decrease or end its reliance on nuclear weapons? The essay should be at least 2,500 words and not more than 3,000 words, excluding footnotes and bibliography.

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For more information or any questions regarding the scholarship or the essay contest, please email [bruce@daisyalliance.org](mailto:bruce@daisyalliance.org).

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