



## And the winner is.....

Two GPIS students received awards for papers they presented during last week's **annual conference of the International Studies Association-South Region in Nashville, TN.** Doctoral candidate **Jennifer Schiff** won the **best graduate student paper** for a chapter from her dissertation, a case study of the **water management regime along the Rhine River.** Doctoral candidate **Manda Shemirani** received honors as the **second runner-up** for her paper, also a chapter from her dissertation that examines **sovereign wealth funds.** Both dissertations are supervised by Dr. David Earnest. **Congratulations Jennifer, Manda, and Dr. Earnest!**

### Important Dates

#### October

27: President Obama to speak at ODU  
29: Prof. Shetreet to speak at World Affairs Council  
30: Anna Rulska Dissertation Defense, 2 p.m. BAL 7009 "The Tale of Two Narratives: NATO as an Alliance and a Collective Security Institution"

#### November

6: MA Comprehensive Exam  
2-6&9-13: Student Advising Period  
21: VPSA Conference in Norfolk

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# The many faces of Fulbright

Please meet..... first-year PhD student Alessandro Shimabukuro

**I**f you first talk to Brazilian-born **Alessandro Shimabukuro**, a humble 30-year-old who never hesitates to share his Brazilian candy with you, you wouldn't know that he carries the burden of history.

Kind of.

**T**he oldest of four, he traces his family roots, on his mother's side, back to one of the very first Japanese immigrant families from Okinawa that touched Brazilian soil a century ago. "Yep, it's really true," he said, smiling modestly as if his famous heritage and family history still continuous to surprise nobody more than him. At the turn of the 20th century, the Brazilian and Japanese governments signed a treaty after the end of feudalism brought grim poverty to Japan. The first Japanese immigrants including Alessandro's family came to Brazil in 1908. Alessandro's paternal grandparents, also from Okinawa, came to Brazil in the 1930's. Today, Brazil accounts for the largest Japanese population outside of Japan, with most Japanese immigrants living in Sao Paulo.

**A**lessandro is an unique cultural mélange, who also speaks an almost flawless American-English with just a hint of a South American accent and blends easily into U.S. culture No wonder because Alessandro, or also called "Alex" by his U.S. classmates, was a 4-year-old toddler when he first came to the U.S. with his family. They spent several years in Colorado for his dad to finish his PhD in Forestry and Engineering before returning to Brazil.



**A**nd what brought Alessandro to the field of International Studies, is "a long funny story," he said. To spare you the details, it involves archeology, history, falling out of love with a girl and in with a field in the intriguing new world of academia. "I fell in love with International Relations," said Alessandro, who originally wanted to study archeology. "I still like archeology and history, but I said to myself "if you have to do the for the rest of your life, I rather do this: study International Relations."

**A**fter the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, Alessandro shifted his focus to U.S. Foreign Policy and today narrowed his research field to U.S. Security Interests, more specifically "the U.S. Weaponization of Space and International Security." "This is what I would like to work with," says Alessandro. Fifteen years from now Alessandro said he could see himself teaching at a university or working for the Brazilian Defense Department, or a think tank back here in the U.S. His family is proud of Alessandro, especially his dad, who is a devoted soccer and Pelé fan. There might be just two slight "disappointments" for his dad, Alessandro admits, but with a smile. "That I didn't follow his footsteps and pursued a career in engineering," he said. "And that I am not as fanatic about Brazilian soccer as he is."

## News and Notes

**T**he 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. Shimon Shetreet is a former cabinet member of the Israeli government and law professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also served as the senior deputy mayor of Jerusalem under Mayor Ehud Olmert. **Please RSVP at [worldaffairs@hrwac.org](mailto:worldaffairs@hrwac.org) by Oct. 26.**



## News and Notes cont'd

**P**ace and Collaborative Development Network is a free professional and academic networking site (with over 9830 members from around the world) to foster dialogue and sharing of resources in international development, conflict resolution, gender mainstreaming, human rights, social entrepreneurship and related fields. The site is a terrific networking tool where members can find local and international partners and practitioners, share resources, read guides to careers, scholarships, internships, funding, and IT resources in the field, and exchange best practices. Discussion topics and personal blogs can be posted. The site also has a video section where members can access and view videos related to the field. For further information, please visit the Peace and Collaborative Development Network <http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/>

**I**nterested in learning Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Japanese or another critical language in Summer 2010 on Uncle Sam's dime? Please attend a presentation on the **Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program of the US Department of State on Tuesday, October 27 from 12:30-1:30 in BAL 2002.**

The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. **Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply.**

Critical Language Scholarships provide group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for seven to ten weeks. Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period, and later apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.

2010 CLS Online Application: On-line application will be available November 9, 2009.

**Deadline to Apply: The 2010 CLS Program deadline for all application materials will be December 18, 2009.** For more information, please go to: <https://cls-scholarship.org/end.php>.

## Stanford University Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowships

**C**urrently accepting applications. Applications must be received by February 1, 2010.

CISAC offers pre and postdoctoral and professional fellowships for concentrated study in a multidisciplinary environment. Fellows spend the academic year at **Stanford University**, where they participate in seminars, and interact with each other as well as faculty and researchers. They are expected to produce a research product (e.g., dissertation chapters, draft articles, a book manuscript). The Center considers applicants working within a broad range of topics related to peace and international security. Eligibility: Fellowships are available to PhD candidates who have made substantial progress toward the completion of their dissertation and to scholars with PhD or equivalent degrees from the United States and abroad. Predoctoral fellows receive stipends comparable to those awarded by the Stanford Graduate Fellowships program and postdoctoral fellows receive stipends determined on a case-by-case basis. Professional stipends are commensurate with experience. **For more information see [http://cisac.stanford.edu/fellowships/predoctoral\\_and\\_postdoctoral\\_fellowships\\_in\\_international\\_security/](http://cisac.stanford.edu/fellowships/predoctoral_and_postdoctoral_fellowships_in_international_security/)**

## 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>

## JOBS, FELLOWSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

The **Institute for Women's Policy Research** in Washington, DC is looking for a **Program Assistant** to provide administrative assistance for its program activities. The position is available immediately and will remain open until filled. The Program Assistant will serve as administrative assistant to the Executive Director, including maintaining calendar, scheduling travel, filing, copying, preparing for meetings and presentations, and contributing to literature reviews. The Assistant will also perform a variety of administrative support tasks for the Institute as a whole, including providing basic computer support and troubleshooting computer needs for the 15-person Institute staff, and maintaining information resources.

**Available  
immediately**

**Skills and Qualifications:** Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree, an interest in women's issues, previous office work experience and excellent computer skills. Candidates should also demonstrate keen attention to detail, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, and the ability to multi-task and juggle diverse projects and deadlines. **To Apply:** Please mail or email a cover letter, resume, three to five page writing sample, and contact information for three references to: iwpr@iwpr.org or Program Assistant Search, Institute for Women's Policy Research, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C. 20036. No phone calls please. **For more information, please visit: <http://www.iwpr.org/About/employment.htm#staff>**

Position in International Politics  
at Georgia State University

The **Department of Political Science at Georgia State University** invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in International Politics, **beginning Fall 2010**. The Department seeks a scholar broadly trained in the field and will review applications from all research specializations. Successful candidates should demonstrate theoretical and methodological sophistication in their research, and they should be prepared to teach at the undergraduate, MA and PhD levels. In addition to teaching courses in International Politics, the successful candidate should have the ability to contribute to the Department's instruction in research methods. **Candidates must have a PhD. in hand by August 2010**. Georgia State University is a unit of the University System of Georgia, is an equal opportunity institution, and an EEO/AA employer. Review of applications will begin November 15 and will continue until the position is filled. An offer of employment will be conditional on background verification. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, at least three letters of recommendation, examples of scholarly work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, statement of research agenda, and graduate transcript(s) to: **International Politics Faculty Search, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303**.

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### *Language Fellowships*

**The Language Flagship**, under the auspices of the National Security Education Program (NSEP), is addressing the need for American students to advance to professional levels of language skills critical to national security. Language Flagship Programs at the graduate level have been developed at several U.S. institutions of higher education for advanced language training in Arabic, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, and Persian. The Language Flagship, NSEP is offering a very limited number of Fellowships, administered through the Institute of International Education (IIE), to qualified American students interested in receiving financial support to participate in one of the graduate Language Flagship Programs. Flagship Fellowships requirements include completion of a Bachelor's degree by Summer 2010, U.S. citizenship (not permanent residence), a minimum current knowledge of a Flagship language.



**For additional information, guidelines, and the online application, please visit: [www.flagshipfellowships.org](http://www.flagshipfellowships.org).**

**The deadline is  
January 14, 2010.**

## Calls for Papers

**New Horizons in International Security:** An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference in Security Studies at the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign April 9-10, 2010**. This conference seeks to bring together graduate students from a variety of disciplines who specialize in topics related to war, peace, and all aspects of international security. International security is interpreted broadly here to include its physical and natural science dimensions such as engineering, computer science, and biology. Submissions from graduate students with backgrounds in the technological aspects of international security, as well as from students in the social sciences and humanities are strongly encouraged. The **conference is an initiative of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security (ACDIS) at the University of Illinois**. Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to:

- Nuclear proliferation and arms control
- Nuclear test verification issues
- Missile defense systems
- Biological threat reduction
- Food security issues
- Energy security and climate change

Please submit a paper abstract of no more than 250 words as an email attachment to **acdis.conference@gmail.com** no later than **January 15th, 2010**, as well as a brief (up to 150 words) biographical statement, outlining your discipline, departmental/university affiliation, stage in degree program, and any noteworthy accomplishments such as fellowships or publications. **Acceptance notifications will be emailed by February 15th, 2010.** Thanks to support from the University of Illinois Graduate College Focal Point program, travel subsidies will be awarded to all non-University of Illinois presenters.

### Fellowship for Women Scholars from Developing Nations

The **School for Advanced Research (SAR)** is pleased to announce the **new Campbell Fellowship for Women Scholar-Practitioners from Developing Nations**, made possible with a generous three-year grant from new SAR board member Vera R. Campbell's family foundation. The Campbell Fellowship will support a female social scientist from a developing nation, either pre- or post-doctoral, whose work addresses women's economic and social empowerment in that nation. The goal of the fellowship is twofold: to advance the scholarly careers of women social scientists from the developing world, and to support research that identifies causes of gender inequity in the developing world and that proposes practical solutions for promoting women's economic and social empowerment. In addition to a stipend, and housing and office space on the SAR campus, the Campbell Fellow receives travel, shipping, and library resource funds; health insurance; and the support of a mentoring committee of established scholar-practitioners. The fellowship term will start on **September 1, 2010 and run through February 28, 2011**. **The application deadline is November 1, 2009**. Application instructions are available in the website's Resident Scholar Fellowship section. [http://sarweb.org/index.php?news\\_campbell\\_fellowship](http://sarweb.org/index.php?news_campbell_fellowship).

The **Capstone Conference Committee** at the **Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC)** of **Old Dominion University** is well underway in preparing for the 2010 Modeling, Simulation, and Gaming Student Capstone Conference. The Conference will be held on **Thursday, April 8, 2010**.



The 2010 Conference will consist of six tracks in which students may submit their research papers in modeling, simulation, gaming, and related application areas. **The tracks are: Transportation, Medical M&S, Homeland Security / Military M&S, Applied Principles of M&S, M&S in Engineering, General Science.**

The deadline for submissions is **Feb. 25, 2010**. Please submit / upload your proposals to the VMASC website **www.vmasc.odu.edu/conferences/capstone/capstone2010.shtml**. Participants will be notified by **March 12, 2010**. All related info can be found at **www.vmasc.odu.edu/conferences/capstone/capstone2010.shtml**

## Program News

### *Not Lost in Translation*

**For 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.** The 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 Ex-



ams. Ph.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

**SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON. YOU SHOULD BE MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR ADVISOR TO 1) SUBMIT YOUR UPDATED ADVISING FORM (FOUND ON GPIS WEBSITE) AND, 2) TO REMOVE YOUR REGISTRATION BLOCK.**

*The GPIS 2010 spring course schedule is now available!*

*Please see next page!*

### *"New France in the New Europe"*

*New Lecture Series*

If want to know more about the "New France in the New Europe", attend some of the following lectures: (open to all):

- **Oct. 26**, Prof Alain Gabon of Virginia Wesleyan College will give a lecture on "**France and the Issue of Headscarves and Burquas**"
- **Nov. 2**, Honorary French Consul for Hampton Rds will speak about "**France's Role in NATO; France's Role in Europe**"

Both will be from 7:10-8:30 in BAL 4020. For more info contact Dr. Peter Schulman, pschulma@odu.edu.

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# GPIS Course Schedule SPRING 2010

## Monday

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 702/802  
CRN 24281/24283  
Collective Security  
(Req Conflict Track)  
Dr. Regina Karp  
SPONG 102

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 713/813  
CRN 23206/23207  
Global Political  
Economy  
(Req IPE Track)  
Dr. David Earnest  
BAL 2061

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
IS 722/822  
CRN 28356/28360  
Democracy & IR  
Dr. Kurt Gaubatz  
BAL 2066

## Tuesday

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 795/895  
CRN 28379/28370  
Cultural Geography  
cross-listed  
GEOG 695  
Dr. Jonathan Lieb  
BAL 7009

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 620 CRN 22387  
Advanced Research  
Methods  
(Required PhD Core)  
Dr. Kurt Gaubatz  
BAL 2060

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
IS 720/820  
CRN 22657/22658  
Research Seminar:  
Global Security  
Dr. Regina Karp  
BAL 2064

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
IS 795 CRN 29153  
Topics in International  
Studies  
cross-listed HIST 795  
Dr. Robert Holden  
BAL 1003

## Wednesday

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 716/816 CRN  
23551/23553  
Comparative Studies  
cross-listed  
(Req Comparative  
Studies)  
Dr. Jie Chen  
BAL 7009

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 760/860 CRN  
28361/28363  
International Cultural  
Studies  
(Req Cultural Studies)  
Dr. Angelica Huizar  
CONST 2099

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
IS 705/805 CRN  
22422/22426  
The Euro-Atlantic  
Community  
Dr. Simon Serfaty  
BAL 2069

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
IS 795/895 CRN  
24748/24751  
International Health  
cross-listed HLSC  
795/895  
Dr. Burden Lundgren  
HLTH 3014

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
ECON 650  
CRN 21441  
International Economics  
Dr. David Selover  
CONST 1055

## Thursday

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 895  
CRN 28384  
Advanced Seminar  
International  
Studies  
(PhD Students  
Only)  
Dr. Simon Serfaty  
BAL 7009

**4:20-7:00 pm**  
IS 795/895 CRN  
24746/24747  
Gender & Globalization  
cross-listed  
WMST 795  
Dr. Jennifer Fish  
ED 206

**7:10-9:50 pm**  
IS 795/895 CRN  
29154/29165  
Game Theory  
Dr. Jesse Richman  
BAL 1003

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