Faculty News

Oksan Bayulgen and Shaylla Nunnally successfully completed the tenure process and were recently promoted to Associate Professors.

Heather M. Turcotte’s article, titled “Petro-Sexual Violence and U.S. Imperialism,” was accepted for publication by Alternatives: Global, Local, Political.

Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh participated in the Qualitative Methods Café at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Stephen Dyson has contributed an essay on "Crisis Decision Making" to the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology (Oxford University Press, 2012). The essay, which is co-authored with Paul ’t Hart, aims to move forward the study of crisis. The authors first offer a schema for understanding types of crisis that is broader than the usual focus upon acute international crises, and suggest that common tasks of reality-testing, sense-making, narrative-framing, and lesson-learning confront decision makers. Second, they incorporate new work in psychology on ‘dual-process models’, linking automatic-affective and deliberative-cognitive systems.

Graduate Student News

Dina Badie and Jennifer Sterling-Folker co-authored a chapter in the forthcoming Routledge Handbook of American Foreign Policy, titled "Constructivism and American Foreign Policy." The chapter surveys the constructivist literature on American foreign policy with a focus on its conceptual and methodological diversity. It suggests that, while early attempts to conduct empirical constructivist research resulted in scholarship focused on structure, a newer wave of constructivist foreign policy literature makes use of language as a methodological tool with a renewed focus on agentic theorizing. In utilizing “bracketing” strategies, constructivist foreign policy has become a vibrant subfield within FPA that has made headway in bridging the divide between international relations theory and the study of foreign policy.

Kristy Belton published "The Neglected Non-Citizen: Statelessness and Liberal Political Theory" in the April issue (7.1) of the Journal of Global Ethics. She argues that liberal political theory either ignores the stateless - a particular category of non-citizen - or subsumes them under the subjects of immigration or refugeehood. Her article challenges this theoretical exclusion through an analysis of the works of Walzer, Benhabib and Barbieri. The article concludes that statelessness demands a distinct theoretical framework than is currently provided for within liberal political theory.
Tuesday Afternoon

“I'm just beginning to see, now I'm on my way.”

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María Fernanda Enríquez received a grant from the UConn Human Rights Institute for summer field research for her dissertation.

Sarah Hampson’s chapter, titled "The Playground Revolution: Working and Stay-at-Home Parents Fight on the Same Side," will be published in the volume entitled The 21st Century Motherhood Movement: Mothers Speak Out on Why We Need to Change the World and How to Do It, edited by Andrea O'Reilly of Demeter Press, which will be available May 12, 2011.