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Faculty News

Evelyn M. Simien was a guest journal editor for a mini-symposium on intersectionality research, featured in the latest issue of *Political Research Quarterly*, March 64(1): 185-243.

Stephen Dyson's article "Chronic Misperception and International Conflict: The US-Iraq Experience," has been accepted for publication at *International Security*. The paper is co-authored with Charles Duelfer, a UConn alum and former Deputy Head of the UN Weapons Inspection mission to Iraq, as well as Special Advisor to the Director of the CIA on Iraqi WMD. The paper takes up the question: why did the United States and Iraq find themselves in full-scale conflict with each other in 1990-91 and 2003, and in almost constant low-level hostilities during the years in-between? The authors suggest that the situation was neither inevitable nor one

which either side, in full possession of all the relevant information about the other, would have purposely engineered: in short, a classic instance of chronic misperception. Combining the psychological literature on perception and its pathologies with the almost unique firsthand access to the decision makers on both sides of Duelfer – the former deputy head of the United Nations WMD inspection mission in the 1990s, the author of the definitive postwar account of Iraqi WMD programs for which he and his team debriefed the top regime leadership, and a Washington insider in regular contact with all major foreign policy agencies of the US government – the authors isolate the perceptions the United States and Iraq held of each other, and the biases, mistakes, and intelligence failures of which these images were, at different points in time, both cause and effect.

Graduate Student News

Margaret McCarthy (advisor: Mark Boyer) will be giving the student Keynote address at the Honors Medals Ceremony, which will be held on April 30, 2011, at the Jorgensen Center. Outstanding graduating honors scholars and university scholars will be recognized in the ceremony.

Several graduate students delivered papers at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on March 16-19. **Malia Bajpai** delivered the paper “*Challenging Conventions: An Alternative Framework for Assessing Commitment to International Human Rights Norms.*”

Her paper attempts to provide an alternative framework for assessing human rights norms integration into domestic settings by focusing on the role of domestic courts in countries where human rights treaties have been ratified and where they have not. She argues that decisions made in courts, both at the local level and at the national level are key to assessing a country's commitment to certain human rights.

Kristy Belton presented “*The Last Bastion? Citizenship determination in a globalizing world.*” Her paper examines the contention that state

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sovereignty is on wane due to globalizing forces through an investigation of the state’s current role in citizenship determination. International law clearly recognizes the state as the sole authority to grant, deny and revoke citizenship and many claim that the international institution of sovereign states is predicated on the citizen-state relationship. If the state is no longer able to determine citizenship as status, then the postnationalists and globalists’ claims of a post-Westphalian world order may be warranted. If, on the other hand, the state continues to exercise its sovereign right to determine citizenship as status, then the demise of the state may not be as imminent as the calls of “crisis” insinuate. Through an examination of the supra- and subnational pressures on the state’s ability to determine its citizenry, the paper shows that states are still able to define the terms of citizenship, but

are not always able to determine citizenship in practice. The paper concludes with a “roadmap” of guiding questions for conducting future research on citizenship determination in the 21st century.

María Fernanda Enríquez delivered her paper, titled “*Bottom-up Governance of the Environment and the Global Environment Facility’s Small Grants Programme*,” which she wrote with Levente Szentkirályi (University of Colorado). Through an analysis of the Small Grants Programme (a corporate program of the Global Environment Facility), the paper investigates how environmental governance operates at the grassroots level, and how grassroots civil society actors may have the potential to help states to more effectively address global environmental problems.

Upcoming Events

Alan R. Bennett Lecture Series		
Tuesday, March 29. 4 p.m. Contact: Jeremy.pressman@uconn.edu	“ <i>Oh no! It’s Only 20 Months til Election Day!</i> ” Dr. Stuart Rothenberg, Editor and Publisher of The Rothenberg Political Report.	Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center
Thursday, April 14. 12:15 p.m. Contact: Jeremy.pressman@uconn.edu	“ <i>Inside the Radical Right: The Development of Anti-Immigrant Parties in Western Europe.</i> ” Prof. David Art, Tufts University.	Monteith 119
“First Wednesday”		
Wednesday, April 6 12:00	“ <i>Campesinos o Banqueros? Economic Perceptions and Government Support in Latin America.</i> ” Prof. Matt Singer	Monteith 119
“Politics and Pizza”		

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Friday, April 1 st . 3p.m.- 4p.m.	<i>Institutional Determinants of Healthcare Financing System Reform: Operationalizing the Dependent Variable and Expanding the Explanatory Model</i> Ivailo Kotzev	Monteith 119
Friday, April 8 th . 3p.m.- 4p.m.	<i>Court of Appeals</i> Prof. Virginia Hettinger	Monteith 119
Friday, April 15. 3p.m.- 4p.m.	<i>Topic TBA</i> Prof. Yu Zheng	Monteith 119
Friday, April 22. 3p.m.- 4p.m.	<i>“Social Movements and Framing Decisions: Ecuador’s Campaign for the Rights of Nature”</i> —Dissertation Prospectus. María Fernanda Enríquez L.	Monteith 119

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