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## Upcoming Events

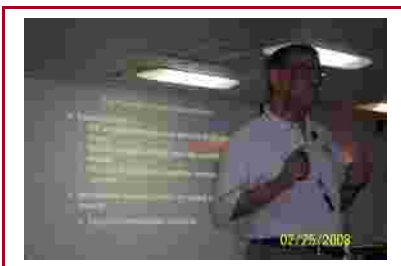
- Ø Be sure to tune in to Commonwealth Politics on Channel 68 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.
- Ø Center for Legislative Studies' Distinguished Speaker Series in April:
  - John W. Sears: The Presidential Nomination Process  
 Former Massachusetts State Legislator and Candidate for Governor  
 Wednesday, April 30, 2:00PM
- Ø Save the Date: The annual MPA Recognition Dinner will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Rondileau Campus Center.

## Political Science Faculty News

Dr. Shaheen Mozaffar spent the last two weeks in February crossing the Atlantic with a US Navy Expeditionary Strike Force on its deployment to the eastern Mediterranean and the Horn of Africa. Dr. Mozaffar and three professors from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) were based on the USS Nassau, the flagship of the six-ship Strike Force. They delivered lectures and conducted briefings on US strategic interests in Africa and the Middle East on USS Nassau and were flown by helicopter to the other ships in the Task Force for the lectures and the briefings. Dr. Mozaffar lectured on "US Strategic Interests in Africa," "US Strategic Interests in West Africa," "Islam and Democracy in Africa," and "Introduction to Islam." He conducted country briefings on South Africa, Kenya, Somalia and Iraq.



Dr. Mozaffar and two NPS colleagues (Dr. Scott Field on the left and Dr. Ahmad Ghoreishi in the middle) aboard a helicopter



Dr. Mozaffar conducting country briefing on Somalia

Dr. Mozaffar was invited by the NPS to conduct the lectures and the briefing as part of its Regional Security Education Program (RSEP). The RSEP was created by NPS in the wake of the bombing of USS Cole in Yemen in 2000 to provide background information to American Navy personnel on the politics and culture of the regions and the countries visited by US Navy ships as part of their deployment.

## Department News

### MPA Public Service Recognition Awards Dinner

Please join us the evening of Wednesday, May 7, 2008 for the Annual MPA Public Service Recognition Awards dinner. This year, we will devote the annual event to the life and contributions of Dr. Guy Clifford, a valued colleague, friend, and mentor who recently passed away. We're pleased to announce that Fred Clark, a former student of Dr. Clifford's who now serves as the Chairman of the state Board of Higher Education, will offer the keynote speech. We also expect a healthy crop of new graduates and alums, as well the lucky recipient of the annual Guy Clifford Scholarship Award. Come enjoy a great evening with friends and colleagues, old and new.

This year the dinner will be held in the Council Chambers of the Rondileau Campus Center at 5:30PM. If you are interested in attending please contact Sharon Hines at [shines@bridgew.edu](mailto:shines@bridgew.edu)

### The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

Interested in interning in our nation's capitol? Then the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars may be for you. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an educational nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the U.S. and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit. The largest such program, The Washington Center has over 35,000 alumni, many of whom are leaders in numerous professions and nations around the world. The Washington Center provides diverse, highly motivated interns to thousands of organizations in government, business and the non-profit sector. They contribute significantly to their placements and often prove to be of longer-term interest as prospective employees. For more information please stop by the Political Science Department, contact Dr. George Serra, or visit:

[www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu)

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is the deadline for the Fall '08 semester.

### Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients

The Political Science Department is excited to announce this years recipients of Scholarships and Awards in Political Science. Michael J. Taylor received the Peter J. Shea '02 Memorial Scholarship. The Shea Scholarship is awarded to a deserving political science major with at least a 3.0 GPA. Leon Nowicki received the Elizabeth Luster Class of 1980 Award. This award is presented to a graduating student majoring in political science who intends to continue his or her studies in the school of law. Finally, Elizabeth Connor received the Dr. Robert N. Larson Memorial Political Science Award. This Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of high academic standing majoring in political science, who intends to utilize his or her political science major in a professional field related to the discipline. Congratulations to all the recipients!

## Department News Cont'd

### Women as Global Leaders

In early March students, faculty, and alumni from BSC attended two different conferences in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Dr. Deniz Leuenberger (Political Science), Professor Jodie Kluver (Political Science), and Dr. Nancy Van Leuven (Communications) participated in and present at Women as Global Leaders conferences hosted by Zayed University. Also participating in the conference were BSC political science and MPA alumni Amanda Chisholm, Rose Sauvageau, and Sakti Calabria. These BSC representatives also presented at Dubai Women's College with whom BSC has collaborated with on distance learning and other projects since 2006. In late March Political Science undergraduates Tracey Livingston and Ashley Reidy attended Dubai Women College's Insight Dubai conference. This conference introduces student participants to the law, culture, and social systems of the United Arab Emirates.



Participants at the Women as Global Leaders Conference in Dubai

### Fall Senior Seminar - Sustainability and Civil Society in the Middle East and North Africa

This Fall Dr. Deniz Leuenberger will be teaching Senior Seminar entitled Sustainability and Civil Society in the Middle East and North Africa. This course will focus on sustainability, civil society, and non-governmental organizations (NGO) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The role of national governments as sponsors, supporters, regulators, and adversaries of civil society projects within their own countries will be discussed. Also included will be the impact of the international community and international governmental organizations (INGOs) on citizen rights, environmental health, and human welfare. Students will learn about the work of organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank, and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Society in the region. Students will also study the consequences of the 9/11 acts of terrorism on NGO and INGO funding, strategic planning, and regulation. The role of organizations such as the Muslim Brotherhood, HAMAS, and Hezbollah on the political, social, religious, and economic life of the region will also be explored.

Senior Seminar is scheduled for Mondays in the Fall from 1:50-4:30PM. If you require Senior Seminar to graduate, we recommend that you get approval of the instructor as soon as possible as class space is limited.

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### Adrian Tinsley Program Scholarship Recipients

The Political Science Department would like to recognize four students who were recently awarded ATP Scholarships for the summer. The Provides opportunities to BSC undergraduates who wish to pursue independent research, scholarship or creative activities under the guidance of a full-time BSC faculty or librarian mentor. Through ATP, students design and develop research projects, learn new research skills, gain a more sophisticated understanding of the nature of academic research, and have opportunities to present their research and creative work at regional and national conferences. The expected outcome of this program is to graduate students with the self-confidence, motivation and ability to conduct independent scholarship and research. The four students who will be working with Political Science faculty are:

Laurie Delaney: Moral Lessons for Muggles: Aristotelian Virtue and Friendship in J.K Rowling's Harry Potter Series.

Christopher Hallenbrook: Exploring the Nature of Anti-Federalist Thought: Republicanism and Liberalism in the Political Thought of Cato.

Bruce Hunt: What Happened to God?: An Empirical Assessment of the Continuity Thesis in American Political Thought.

Ashley Reidy: Modernization and the Effects on Cultural Identity.

If you would like to learn more about the ATP, please visit: <http://www.bridgew.edu/ATP/>