

# Department of Global, International & Area Studies

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## MESSAGE FROM DR. CHERNOTSKY

As the Department of Global, International & Area Studies approaches the end of its second year, we have a lot to show for our efforts. I am appreciate of our faculty – both full and part time – for all the work they have done in offering an interesting and innovative set of classes for students enrolled in all of our programs. Our student numbers are increasing and we continue to do all that we can to insure that you are appropriately advised and have the opportunity to complete your courses of study in a timely fashion. As you know, we remain understaffed and are hoping to be able to continue to expand our faculty to meet our growing needs. We have been reviewing the curricula of our programs over the past months and will be making some changes before long that will enhance the structure and quality of our offerings. I wanted to offer a special thank you to Vicky Harris, who has done a fabulous job in supervising and maintaining our office. Thank you, as well, to Bianca Jones who has been serving ably as our work-study office assistant. On behalf of the GIAS faculty and staff, I wish all of our graduates the best of luck as they move forward. To all of our students, good luck with your exams and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

## SUMMER AND FALL CLASSES

We want to remind you that registration for summer and fall classes is still underway. If you haven't already done so, you should sign up for your classes before they are filled. Even as there are still seats in some of our core courses, these seats begin to fill up quickly once the summer SOAR sessions begin. A list of courses for each of our programs is available in our Macy 103 office and on the departmental website. <http://gias.uncc.edu>.

## PROGRAMS

The department has sponsored and co-sponsored a number of programs over the last two months.

Former US Ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad visited campus on March 24 as part of the UNC Charlotte International Speakers program. Ambassador Khalilzad provided an update on US policy and offered some interesting insights regarding the state of affairs across the region. His appearance was co-sponsored by GIAS, the Office of International Programs, the World Affairs Council of Charlotte and Atkins Library.

The Department co-sponsored the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Alice B. Tate Judaic Studies lecture by Dr. Rebecca Alpert, Associate Professor of Religion and Women's Studies at Temple University. Dr. Alpert's presentation was titled "Out of Left Field: Jews and Black Baseball."

Dr. Charles Kurzman, Professor of Sociology at UNC Chapel Hill and Co-Director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Islamic Civilization, visited campus on April 7 as a guest of GIAS. He discussed his upcoming book *The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists*. Dr. Kurzman also consulted with GIAS faculty on curriculum development and appeared on WFAE's *Charlotte Talks*.

GIAS joined with the Office of International Programs and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte on April 12 to host the *Young Professionals International Career Panel*. This program featured four early career professionals who shared their job seeking and employment experiences with the student audience. The panelists included Angela Wright, a UNC Charlotte graduate in International Studies, who is currently working in the Education Abroad office on campus.

Our own Dr. Gabriela Tarazona-Sevillano lectured on "Trying Terrorists in Civilian Courts: Lessons from Peru's Shining Path" on April 14. Her presentation was sponsored by GIAS, UNC Charlotte Amnesty International, the Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies and Latin American Studies.

*Celebrate Seniors Day* was held on April 21 for students graduating from all GIAS programs in May. Pizza and other delights were served to our pending graduates in recognition of their achievements.

We hope that you had the chance to attend these events and we look forward to providing more programming during the coming year.

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## FACEBOOK PAGE

We would like to remind you once again that the GIAS FACEBOOK page is up and running. Dr. Houck is hoping to use the site to enable students (present and past) to stay connected and to foster discussion of timely issues. If you have not joined, please consider doing so by accessing the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php/gid=101217669379>

## FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce the selection of the Fowler Scholars for 2011-12. The Robert G. Fowler, Jr. International Scholarship is awarded to students majoring in either International Studies or Political Science. It is named to honor the memory of Rob Fowler, a UNC Charlotte graduate, who was instrumental in the early development of the university's Model United Nations program. Congratulations to political science major, ANDREW MORIMOTO and international studies major, DIANA ROJAS for being named as recipients of this prestigious award.



## FACULTY MATTERS

Iain Bolton attended the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Montreal, March 16-19. He participated in a panel sponsored by the Foreign Policy Analysis Section covering *China's Foreign Relations in Global Context and US Reactions* by delivering a paper "To Defend All Under Heaven: The Military Space Programs of China and the United States."

Harry Chernotsky also attended the International Studies Association meeting. He organized and served as chair of a panel sponsored by the International Education Section focusing on the *Development and Administration of Multidisciplinary International Studies Curricula: Toward the Creation of a Common Core*.

Joyce Dalsheim will be participating in a Faculty Seminar sponsored by the Council for International Educational Exchange this summer in Northern Ireland.

Charles Houck was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Learning sponsored by BEST (Building Educational Strengths and Talents Program) on April 19, 2011.

As indicated in our last newsletter, John Cox will be joining the GIAS faculty this fall and will be teaching courses on the Holocaust and comparative genocide. We look forward to welcoming him to campus.

## GRADUATES

We would like to congratulate the following students who have applied for graduation in May.

### International Studies Majors

Artemis T. Benezes	Jaye S. Kim	Richard F. Purcell
Beata Z. Berdan	Melissa A. Krausse	Pierrette A. Puryear
Stephanie D. Costabel	Tennisha N. Lawrence	Amanda M. Studebaker
Christopher R. Doyle	Brenda J. Lieuw A Paw	Laura A. Thompson
Shelby A. Dugan	Hollie L. Lightsey	Matthew R. Tyndall
Katherine L. Hadley	Danisha N. Lowe	Jason L. Van Cantfort
Katrina L. Harris	Victoria L. Majeika	Margaret B. Vanover
Addison R. Hodge	Ahadi Mugisho	Tasmin L. Washington
Phear Khath	Jessica L. Mulcahy	Christopher R. Wooten

### HGHR Minors

Addison R. Hodge	Samantha R. Miller
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### International Studies Minors

Kibrom T. Amene	Tiffany K. Donaldson	Michael A. Morgan
Sean W. Barrett	Jeffrey C. Henry	Briana J. Thompson
Glory Brooks	Rachida S. Kankpe-Kombath	Sarah E. Wallace
Lauren Brown	Christina P. Lampone	Josiah A. Winzenried
Christa D. Byrd	Amanda J. Lemmond	

### Islamic Studies Minors

Shelby A. Dugan	Maryam Naushad
Dustin H. Murphy	Dante R. Strayhorn

### Judaic Studies Minors

Steven L. Montgomery	Meredith A. Workman
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