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Department Welcomes Swint As Chair

The Department welcomes **Kerwin Swint** as Chair. Dr. Swint replaces Dr. Robert Smith who has assumed the position as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Savannah State. Swint has been on tenure track faculty at KSU since 1996 and served as Interim Chair prior to being selected for the permanent position. Dr. Swint specializes in Campaigns and Elections, Mass Media, and Political History. He is the author of four books, including the recently released *The King Whisperers: Power Behind the Throne from Rasputin to Rove*. His work has appeared in a number of national and international media outlets. Swint is a former political campaign consultant and a current board member of Common Cause Georgia. He lives in west Cobb County with his wife and three sons.

Upon accepting the position, Dr. Swint noted, "It's been an exciting year, and I'm gratified by the support shown me by my colleagues, the administration, and the students. We have a truly great department, with first-rate faculty, a dynamic set of programs, and really impressive, high-achieving students. I'm excited by the opportunities and the challenges the position of Chair brings. Our recently passed department strategic plan focuses on improving student writing skills, increasing the number of student experiential opportunities, as well as faculty support and development. I look forward to helping build the new KSU."



2013-14 Student Honorees

Outstanding Political Science Student

Gillian Griffin

Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Barbara Neuby**

Outstanding International Affairs Student

Plamen Mavrov

Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Charity Butcher**

Outstanding MPA Graduate Student

Lydia Weathers

Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Ulf Zimmermann**

Outstanding MSCM Graduate Student

Jennifer Cardenas

Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Sherrill Hayes**

Outstanding MSIPM Graduate Student

Leanna Escobar

Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Chien-pin Li**

Student Groups: Another Banner Year

Mock Trial

KSU's Mock Trial, coached by **Dr. Elizabeth Gordon**, had another terrific year, including competing in several prestigious invitational and official tournaments and hosting KSU's largest ever Owl Classic Invitational Tournament. For details on the team's achievements, see page 5. Mock Trial team members include:

Emily Brown	Michael Campbell	Callie Christian	Kensley Fields
Misty Gann	Ashli Howell	Danielle Maloney	B.J. Moates
Zachary Moore	T'Keyah Nelms	Juan Ortiz	Michael Roberts
Brandi Sluss	Carlton Stewart		

Model African Union

The KSU Model African Union completed another successful year. The faculty advisor is **Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi**. Team members include:

Ali Abedi	Chioma Amako	Tenisha Carrington	Brent Cimermancic
Abdullah Dindar	Mahlet Ekoubegzi	Isra Ghanim	Cayce Hoover
Nancy Lattroh	Amarachi Onyewu	Shanina Payne	Henry Phillips
Rachelle Rabie	Muthoni Richards	Jihan Sherrod-Dawkins	
Ejike Uzoiye	Reginald Williams	Scout Wood	Alla Yoonis

Model NATO Team

The Model NATO Team handed in another terrific year. The faculty advisor is **Professor Stephen McKelvey**. Details on KSU's 2013-2014 Model NATO Team are found on page 6. Team members include:

Michael Bastian	Ruth Forsyth	Jeffrey Hardy	Morgan Knowles
Eddie Mienie	Antonia Popova	Natasha Quintana	Angela Reisner
Angela Vargas	Andrew Vencalek	Mark Yancey	

Model United Nations Delegates

The KSU Model UN Team, advised by **Dr. William Gillespie**, continued to build its reputation of excellence in 2013-2014. For details, please see page 12. Team members include:

Zainab Ali	Kristen Aprile	Anna Barnes	Emily Barnes
Karlia Brown	Daniela Carvajalino	Karen Carvajalino	Nicholas Corn
Zachary Drake	Gabriella Hall	Patrick Hughes	Kayla Jones
Plamen Mavrov	Mitchell Miller	Fakhria Mushfiq	Cristina Packham
Gabriel Pino	Angela Reisner	Zach Ritter	Justin Rivard
Shafaq Rizwan	Brigitte Snyder	Brandon Vines	Rachel Walton

Model League of Arab States

The Model League of Arab States delivered another impressive showing in 2013-2014. The team advisor is **Dr. Thomas Doleys**. Details are found on page 12. The team includes:

Hamood Alali	Emily Bean	Karlia Brown	Brittnie Card
Anthony Hegler	Plamen Mavrov	Tyler McDaniel	Fakhria Mushfiq
Katelyn Pugh	Shafaq Rizwan	Begad Shaheen	Brigitte Snyder
Jessica Tallant	Valtteri Tamminen	Andrew Vencalek	Andrew West
Elise Williard			

Mock Mediation Team

The Mock Mediation Team completed another impressive year. The team's faculty advisor is **Dr. Heather Pincock**. For details, please see page 11. The team includes:

Arwa Abdulgader	Phenisha Bresnock	Michael Campbell	Ramona Devonish
Askari Dobbs	Kensley Fields	Sean Miller	Zachary Myers
Claudine Pierremoise	Chris Wolf		

Pi Sigma Alpha

The National Honor Society for Political Science inductees to Pi Sigma Alpha have shown excellence in the study of Political Science and a commitment to leadership. The faculty advisor is **Dr. Andrew Pieper**. Newly inducted members for the 2013-2014 academic year are:

Hamood Alali	Phenisha Bresnock	Caitlin Dean	Rebecca Farmer
Evan Madden	Karis McBrayer	Marina Morgan	Edward Mwangi
Amarachi Onyewu	Chanel Reid	Brandon Skolnick	Tyler Sonntag
Michael Swastek	Ashley Tracy		

High School Model United Nations

The High School Model United Nations, hosted at Kennesaw State University, was another smashing success under the newly revised, innovative format. The faculty adviser is **Dr. Chien-pin Li**. See page 12 for details. Chairs and Rapporteurs include the following:

Kristen Aprile	Anna Barnes	Emily Barnes	Michael Bastian
Tenisha Carrington	Michael Carter	Nicholas Corn	Zachary Drake
Ruth Forsyth	Isra Ghanim	Patrick Hughes	Kayla Jones
Pamela Kirkland	Morgan Knowles	Plamen Mavrov	Mitchell Miller
Shanina Payne	Cristina Packham	Gabriel Pino	Antonia Popova
Angela Reisner	Mo Richards	Justin Rivard	Shafaq Rizwan
Travis Sonner	Silvia Trejo	Brandon Vines	Rachel Walton
Shannon Walton	Alla Yoonis		



Student Update

Kryss Fick Roch, Cherokee County Assistant Solicitor General and KSU Mock Trial alumna, was recently selected by the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) as Prosecutor of the Year. Congratulations to Kryss!

Congratulations to former KSU Mock Trial Team Captain, **Samantha Bowen**. Samantha has just been accepted into the Master's Program in Paralegal Studies at George Washington University. She begins this fall.

Congratulations to KSU Mock Trial alumna, **Miranda Brown**, now a 2L at Faulkner University's Jones School of Law. She and her teammates recently won the Florida State Law National Civil Trial Competition, the third national title won this year by the Faulkner Law Board of Advocates.

Congratulations to former KSU Mock Trial Captain, **Collin Hatcher**, now a 2L at Cumberland School of Law (Samford University). Colin and his colleague beat out 64 competitors in winning the 2014 Parham Williams Freshman Trial Competition.

Journal Highlights Undergraduate Student Research



The second issue of *Comitium: The Kennesaw Journal of Politics*, the Department's student-run journal of undergraduate research, has been [published](#). The stated aim is “to attract more undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines to share their research and outstanding academic papers regarding topics connected to politics. With this outlet, we hope to contribute to the expansion and improvement of discussions regarding some of the most pressing issues present in the fields of political science and international affairs.”

Congratulations to the editor, **Plamen Mavrov** (photo), as well as editorial board members **Carley Cole**, **Ruth Forsyth**, **Angela Reisner**, **Gillian Griffin**, and faculty advisor **Dr. Barbara Neuby**.



Department News & Notes

Another Terrific Year for KSU's Mock Trial Program

by Elizabeth Gordon

KSU Mock Trial had another busy and productive year in 2013-2014, with two teams competing in a number of invitational and official tournaments. In October, KSU hosted the largest ever Owl Classic Invitational Tournament. Twenty teams from five southeastern states came to the Kennesaw campus for an early-season day of competition. Atlanta area attorneys and law students, including several KSU alumni, served as judges. In addition to the Owl, KSU Mock Trial teams also competed in invitational tournaments hosted by the University of Georgia, Middle Tennessee State University, UCLA, University of West Florida, and Vanderbilt University.

The Vanderbilt and UCLA tournaments were particularly exciting for us because 2014 was the first year we had the opportunity to attend these prestigious events. With UCLA in particular, we were able to play against teams from the West Coast that we rarely, if ever, encounter in our usual southeastern tournaments. In preparation for the Atlanta regional qualifier tournament in February, KSU Mock Trial traveled to Chattanooga to scrimmage against a team from MTSU and to Macon to scrimmage against a team from Mercer University. At the Atlanta Regional Tournament, one KSU team earned a bid to the Open Round of the Championship Tournament. KSU competed at that event in March at Furman University. Team captains for 2013-2014 were **Misty Gann** and **Michael Campbell**. **Dr. Elizabeth Gordon** served as educator-coach.



KSU's "A" team, or veteran team, at the regional tournament in February at the Fulton County Courthouse. Pictured left to right are: **B.J. Moates, Ashley Howell, Callie Christian, Zack Moore, Brandi Sluss, Juan Ortiz, Misty Gann** and **Dr. Elizabeth Gordon**.

Department News & Notes

Model NATO Program Excels

by Stephen McKelvey

A team of eleven Kennesaw State University students distinguished themselves by accurately, energetically, and effectively representing the Czech Republic and the Republic of Georgia at the International Model NATO Conference held in Washington, D.C. this past week. Having worked for many months researching the worldview and foreign policy of their assigned countries, the Kennesaw State students debated topics ranging from the war in Afghanistan, to humanitarian relief operations and Alliance efforts to prevent nuclear terrorism. The Czech and Georgia delegations received briefings at the Czech Embassy and at the Republic of Georgia Embassy, where they won praise for the quality of their pre-conference preparation and for the depth of their knowledge about their respective countries' roles in the Atlantic Alliance. Five students won individual awards and the Czech team won a Superior Delegation Award. In every committee, our students played a remarkably effective role in shaping debate and in forging coalitions. This is only the second year that Kennesaw State has participated in the International Model NATO Conference, so bringing back six awards is a significant achievement. The Director of the Conference, Michael Nwanze of Howard University made exactly this point in the moments following the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Ruth Forsyth served as NATO Team Captain and as Country Chair for the Republic of Georgia. She not only took primary responsibility for training our delegates in NATO style debate; she managed the travel logistics, hotel reservations, and embassy briefing logistics for the team. Beyond all of this, she led by example and won a Superior Delegate Award in the EAPC (Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council). **Angela Reisner** served as Associate Captain and as Country Chair for the Czech Republic and won a Distinguished Delegate Award in the North Atlantic Council. **Michael Bastian**, a delegate representing the Republic of Georgia won a Superior Delegate Award in the Defense Planning Committee. **Antonia Popova**, also representing the Republic of Georgia, won a Superior Delegate Award in the Emerging Security Challenges Committee. **Jeffrey Hardy**, representing the Czech Republic in the EAPC, won a Distinguished Delegate Award. In addition to the awards noted above, the Kennesaw State NATO Team is formally recognizing **Morgan Knowles** for her Outstanding Achievement in the North Atlantic Council.

In addition to the students named in the previous paragraph, the following students also earned the respect and admiration of other delegates and other faculty advisors for the key roles they played in their committees. These students are **Edward Mienie**, **Natasha Quintana**, and **Andrew Vencalek** who represented the Czech Republic, and **Angela Vargas** and **Mark Yancey** who represented the Republic of Georgia. All of the team members exhibited the highest standards of academic preparation and diplomatic poise.

Professor Stephen McKelvey, who serves as faculty advisor for the team notes that every Kennesaw State student on the team fulfilled his or her role in the conference with conscientious dedication and with resolute determination. Having advised more than twenty Kennesaw collegiate simulation teams, he notes that this is one of his all-time favorite teams, because every student went above and beyond in their efforts to represent the Czech Republic and the Republic of Georgia with skill and diplomacy. Each student put the interests of the team above their own interests and each was steadfastly diplomatic and pleasant during long days of rigorous debate.

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MSCM Students Prepare for Study Abroad Experience in Cambodia

by Susan Raines

Cohort XV is preparing for their November 2014 study abroad experience in which they will travel to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia. **Dr. Heather Pincock** will lead the trip. This region provides a deep wealth of experience related to conflict and conflict resolution. Students learn about Cambodia's history of genocide (aka "The Killing Fields"), efforts to change international policies regarding landmines, human trafficking intervention projects, as well as pairing with non-governmental organizations seeking to improve economic development and health services.



To help prepare us for this experience, the cohort met with members of the Cambodia-America Association on February 21. Bora Lam and colleagues from the Cambodia-America Association spoke about the country's history, economy, politics and culture. We look forward to getting to know them better and learning much more about Cambodia before we depart. To learn more about the Cambodia-America Association please visit their website: <http://www.cambodia-ga.org/> Cambodia is indescribably beautiful and its people have exhibited resilience in the face of tragedy. We have much to learn from this study abroad experience and look forward to both the preparation process and the in-country experience.

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POLS-IA Internships Provide Real World Learning

by Tara Stricko

Every year the POLS/IA Internship Program helps students earn course credit for real world learning experiences. In the recent past students have interned at the U.S. Capitol, the Georgia Legislature, the Carter Center, U.S. District Courts, Atlanta-area law firms, and national and international NGOs. Positions within the United States as well as abroad are options; to date, students have interned on six of the seven continents. Anyone wanting to make it seven of seven is encouraged to apply for Antarctic internships and dress warmly!

The program is always very popular with students and is a wonderful opportunity to make valuable contacts, gain important references, and possibly find a permanent position before or after college graduation. Interested students should contact both **Dr. Tara Stricko** (tstricko@kennesaw.edu) in the POLS/IA department and Ms. Jessica Edens (jedens@kennesaw.edu) in Career Services. After securing an internship position students must fill out application forms, as the registration process is different from signing up for a regular class. Once approved, students will be cleared to register for POLS 3398. Please note that the program has various requirements, including but not limited to, a 2.5 cumulative GPA and junior or senior status. The application process can take a while so students are encouraged to start the process early; an absolute minimum of three weeks before the start of the semester is suggested.

Congratulations to our KSU interns who gained valuable experience at the Georgia legislative session. Those pictured were selected for the official Georgia Legislative Internship Program. **Also pictured is**

KSU Director of External Affairs, Nathan Humphrey (right) and Chair of the Political Science Department, **Dr. Kerwin Swint** (left). Congratulations to our KSU interns who are winding down the Georgia legislative session. Those pictured were selected for the official GA Legislative Internship Program.



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POLS/IA Certificate Programs Provide Valuable Knowledge and Skills

Academic certificate programs allow students to document knowledge and skills in a specialized subfield. The Department of Political Science & International Affairs currently offers three certificates: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Political Communication, and Professional Politics. A fourth program in Legal Studies is coming soon. Students, consider which one fits best for you!

Did you know that **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** remains one of the fastest-growing innovations in legal and business practices? And, that recent labor forecasts place “mediator” among the top growing professions? Consider that many businesses have transformed their approaches to internal conflict toward preventive ADR initiatives, and have emphasized early negotiation or arbitration for disputes with partners or customers as cost-saving measures that often lead to greater satisfaction for all parties. In international affairs, the processes of mediation and arbitration are frequently employed to address political or economic disputes. Moreover, local, state, and regional governments increasingly employ collaborative, “upstream” methods of policy development and implementation.

KSU's ADR Certificate Program fits nicely within many degree programs, and requires five courses, each of which contributes to students' understanding of conflict, culture, and decision-making. Practical skills in communication, negotiation, and mediation are emphasized. The capstone practicum course, POLS 4480, permits students to gain hands-on practice with ADR or other conflict-related programming. For more information, visit <http://psia.hss.kennesaw.edu/programs/cert-adr/>

The **Certificate in Political Communication** provides students with focused interdisciplinary training in a growing academic area - the intersection of politics and communication. Students will gain exposure to academic theory and hands-on learning experiences that focus on the relationship between political structures, systems, and processes, and various types and strategies of communication. It is designed for students seeking preparation for careers in political consulting, campaign management, legislative support, lobbying, public policy and media analysis, speech writing, political journalism, and public relations. For more information, please visit <http://psia.hss.kennesaw.edu/programs/cert-pc/>

An undergraduate Certificate in Professional Politics is also available for students interested in obtaining skills and certification in fields such as political campaigns, mass media, lobbying, political polling, and related fields. For more information, please visit <http://psia.hss.kennesaw.edu/programs/cert-pp/>

The specialized education of a certificate program, and the credentials it affords, will assist students in developing their skills, which may be applied to opportunities after graduation. The internship requirement will ensure students are provided with “real world” training while they gain course credit. This certificate will enable prospective employers to know that the KSU student they hire has specific academic knowledge and professional experience in political communication or professional politics.

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Department Hosts U.S. Senate Candidate Debate

by Kerwin Swint

On February 1 the Department hosted one of the first GOP primary debates in Georgia, featuring the eight candidates seeking the Republican Party nomination to replace retiring U.S. Senator, Saxby Chambliss. The candidates were invited by the KSU Chapter of the College Republicans. More than 600 people attended the event, which was held in the Bailey Center for the Performing Arts on the KSU campus. In the audience was a mix of Republican Party voters, party officials, candidate's staff, supporters and families, along with a significant number of KSU students and faculty. Local, state, and national media were also present, and KSU was mentioned prominently in their reporting.



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The debate was moderated by radio personality, Martha Zoller, and debate questioners included POLS Department Chair, **Dr. Kerwin Swint**, and Atlanta Journal-Constitution columnist, Kyle Wingfield. The candidates included businessman David Perdue; U.S. Congressmen Jack Kingston, Phil Gingrey, and Paul Broun; former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel; and first-time candidates Melvin Greyson, Art Gardener, and Eugene Yu. The candidates battled each other on issues ranging from taxes and economic growth to Obama Care and American foreign policy. The Georgia Republican Party is coordinating a series of U.S. Senate debates throughout the state. The KSU debate is the only one to take place in Metro Atlanta. The winner of the GOP nomination fight will go on to face the presumed Democratic candidate, Michelle Nunn, in the November general election.

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KSU Mock Mediation Owls

by Heather Pincock

The KSU Mock Mediation Owls had an excellent year! The team continued to meet, practice and build its membership. In the fall the undergraduate team performed well at a mini-tournament held in conjunction with Georgia State's Conflict Resolution Symposium. Special mention goes to **Phenisha Bresnock** who received a Top Peacemaker Award for her top three finish in the mediator role.

The team then turned its attention to planning and hosting its first Mock Mediation "Coopetition" which featured both undergraduate and graduate divisions. KSU hosted teams from Brenau, Georgia Southern, Brandeis, and Southern Methodist for two days of mediation simulations as part of the Center for Conflict Management's Conference on International Negotiation in April. The tournament also featured 18 judges: experienced mediators from the KSU and greater Atlanta community who generously volunteered their time to score and provide constructive feedback to the teams on how to improve their negotiation, mediation and mediation advocacy skills. All teams performed well with one of KSU's undergraduate teams receiving a second place overall finish. Special mention also goes to **Askari Dobbs**, who received the Distinguished Mediator Award for giving the top mediator performance of her division.

The team congratulates graduates **Caitlin Lowther, Phenisha Bresnock, Ramona Devonish** and wishes them well! The undergraduate team has a big fall coming up with tournaments at Georgia State University and Brenau University. The graduate team is looking forward to traveling to Vermont for a tournament in Spring 2015.

KSU Undergraduate and Graduate Mock Mediation Team, from left to right: **Amine Faizi, Barry Beers, Ramona Devish, Aurelia Dinakegbodo, Graham Gintz, Askari Dobbs, Deborah Meunier, Heather Pincock, Debi Fermin, Hannah Pilla, Claudine Pierremoise, Chris Wolf, Phenisha Bresnock, Kensley Fields**. Absent: **Maryse Gordon**



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Model League of Arab States

by Thomas Doleys

The KSU Model League of Arab States Team (Model Arab League) had a great year. We represented the Syrian National Coalition, a none-too-easy task for those familiar with the unrest that continues to engulf the country. The team competed at two conferences. In March, the team attended the Southeast Regional Model Arab League (SRMAL) held at Converse College in South Carolina. The team competed hard and several of the delegates were justly rewarded for their efforts. **Hamood Alali** won a Distinguished Delegate Award for his performance in the Heads of State Committee. **Andrew West** and **Begad Shaheen** earned Distinguished Delegate Awards for their performance in the Social Affairs Committee. **Ria Mushfiq** and **Jessica Tallant** earned Distinguished Delegate Awards for their performance in the Economic Affairs Committee. In April, the team made its way to Washington, D.C. to compete at the National University Model Arab League (NUMAL) Conference. Again, the delegates distinguished themselves. Two delegates earned awards: **Plamen Mavrov** earned an Outstanding Delegate Award for his performance on the Arab Court of Justice; **Brigitte Snyder** earned an Outstanding Delegate Award for her performance in the Joint Cabinet Crisis. KSU should be proud to be represented by such a motivated, hard working, thoughtful group of students.

High School Model United Nations

by Chien-pin Li

Due to the date change in the KSU spring break schedule, the student staff of the 2014 KSUHSMUN revised the format of the conference to deal with the challenges brought about by the this change. In the end, the 2014 conference had several firsts in its 29-year history. It was the first time the KSUHSMUN was restructured to one day, and the first time it was ever held on a Saturday. It was also the first time opening and closing ceremonies were conducted virtually and broadcast to respective committee rooms. Notwithstanding these logistical challenges, the conference went very well and was praised by conference attendees.

Model United Nations

by Bill Gillespie

Kennesaw State's Model United Nations Teams for 2013-2014 turned in another solid year. At the 2013 Southeastern Regional Model United Nations Competition in Fall 2013, several delegates received recognition and one team won a Distinguished Delegation Award. In 2014, the team traveled to Cardiff University in Wales, U.K. for a tournament. **Emily Barnes**, **Justin Rivard**, **Gabriel Pino**, **Plamen Mavrov**, and **Patrick Hughes**, all won Outstanding Delegate Awards. **Zach Drake** won an Honorable Mention as a delegate. Also, KSUMUN won the Best Large Delegation Award overall. Once again the KSUMUN Team, captained by **Patrick Hughes**, gave a distinguished performance.

Faculty News & Notes

Dr. Tavishi Bhasin is on leave in the 2014-2015 academic year, working as a visiting scholar at the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her new book project focuses on demands for autonomy including those for cultural autonomy, new subnational units within federal states and secession. These are some of the research questions covered in this project: Why do some ethnic groups never change the level of autonomy demanded while others vary their demands up or down over time? Which strategy is likely to bring groups greater success -- standing their ground and thus keeping to the same autonomy level demanded over decades (referred to as hardened rebels) or changing their demands to a higher or lower level of autonomy (referred to as pragmatic negotiators)? Dr. Bhasin's book project collects and analyzes new annual data on levels of autonomy demanded by and granted to nearly 60 groups within Asia from the Minorities at Risk dataset over time. Much of this data was collected with the help of excellent undergraduate and graduate research assistants (RAs) from the POLS and IA department with training in research methods. These include **Jason Gress**, a recent IA graduate and **Chantal Mpezo**, an MSIPM graduate.

Dr. Charity Butcher published an article titled "[Can Oil-Reliant Countries Democratize? An Assessment of the Role of Civil Society in Algeria](#)," in *Democratization*, and presented several papers, including "Ethnicity and Diversionary Uses of Force" and "The International Context and the Survivability of Authoritarianism" at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, and "Diversionary Tactics and Ethiopian-Eritrean War (1998-2000)," with INCM graduate student **Makda Maru**, at the ISA – South Conference. Dr. Butcher also secured the CETL Incentive Funding Award for Research & Creative Activity (2013-2014), for a book project: *The Handbook of Cross-Border Ethnic Affinity*.

Dr. Stephen Collins published an article in *Politics and Policy* titled "State-Sponsored Terrorism: In Decline, Yet Still a Potent Threat." He finds that state sponsorship has played a significant facilitating role in terrorist violence. The scope and impact of state support has not, however, remained fixed, nor has its threat potential. This article identifies and depicts three distinct phases of state sponsorship: peak (1970s-80s), intermediate (1990-2001), and low (2001-present) phases. Paradoxically, at a time when the number of state sponsors is at its nadir, the threat potential of terrorism is at its apex, as the proliferation of nuclear technology to terrorist sponsors has elevated the potential consequences of state sponsorship.

Dr. Jeff DeWitt and **Dr. Kerwin Swint**, along with Dr. Carolyn Carlson of the Department of Communication, co-authored an article published in the *Georgia Journal of Public Policy* titled "A Comparative Case Study of Georgia Delegations At The 2012 National Party Conventions." This study is based on original research conducted by undergraduate students and supervising faculty at the party conventions which explored "the delegate experience" and focused primarily on the delegates' backgrounds, motivations for and perspectives on serving, issue and value priorities, and perceptions of the parties and presidential candidates.

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Dr. Thomas Doleys published a chapter in *Globalization and EU Competition Policy* (Routledge) titled “Managing State Aid in a Time of Crisis: Commission Crisis Communications and the Financial Sector Bailout” and also presented a paper titled “The Principal-Agent Research Program in EU Studies: A Lakatosian Appraisal.” He co-authored a paper titled “Making it Real: Implementing and Assessing Global Learning in the General Education Curriculum.” Doleys also provided an invited talk to Atlanta Women in International Trade on “Prospects for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)” and served as President of the Executive Committee of the International Studies Association-South Region.

Dr. Maia Hallward published a book, *Transnational Activism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Palgrave Macmillan) and presented a paper with PhD candidate **Amanda Guidero** at the Negotiation in Times of Uncertainty Conference, on the decision of Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate at this point despite the negative climate. Dr. Hallward also presented two different papers at ISA, one on a panel highlighting different aspects of a forthcoming textbook on nonviolence, and one on a panel for a Peace Paradigms book project.

Judge Bruce Flower published a featured article in *Justicia*, titled “[Law In The Schools: Attitudes, Goals And Methods](#),” which focused on law-related education in the schools. It was a timely article for the legal profession since many bar jurisdictions highlight law week activities.

Dr. Timothy Hedeem conducted a nationwide study of mediators from across the country which found that almost half of those who participate in mediation do so unprepared. This significantly affects their ability to reach meaningful and durable resolutions. (see page 15 for details)

Dr. Linda Johnston published a book, titled *Sports, Peacebuilding, and Ethics*, which discusses how sports can be an important approach used in peacebuilding efforts, especially when it is in conjunction with conflict-resolution programs. This volume of *Peace and Policy* addresses the role of sports in trauma relief programs in Rwanda, the role of universities in sports, the role of sports in the demilitarization of child soldiers, various aspects of culture and how they help shape sports programs, and the role of coaching in creating a culture of peace. Several KSU current and former faculty and students were involved in this project, as well as other international experts in Sports and Peacebuilding. Among these were “Doc” Holliday, Kimberly Fletcher, Claudia Stura, Peter St. Pierre, Kirk Smith, Michael Shapiro, and Linda Johnston.

Dr. Barbara Neuby published two articles in the *Encyclopedia of American Political Culture*, one about the U.S. debt and deficit and the other about budget politics. She also published two book chapters in the *Handbook of Crisis and Emergency Management*, titled “Security for Sale: The Pros and Cons of Equipment Contracts,” and “Budgetary Assistance for Nonprofits in Disasters”, and provided an interview for [The Wallet Hub](#). Dr. Neuby also served as faculty advisor for the student journal, *Comitium*, and track chair for health policy for SECOPA 2014. Finally, she was selected Honored Professor by the Outstanding Political Science Student, **Gillian Griffin**.

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Dr. Christopher Pallas co-authored an article, titled "Mission and Interests: The Strategic Formation and Function of North-South NGO Campaigns," which was published in *Global Governance*, and published a book, [*Transnational Civil Society and the World Bank: Investigating Civil Society's Potential to Democratize Global Governance*](#) (Palgrave Press). Dr. Pallas also completed an article "Do the Right Thing: The Impact of INGO Legitimacy Standards on Stakeholder Input in INGO Activities," written with two KSU students, INCM PhD student, **David Gethings** and PSIA graduate, **Max Harris**. MSIPM student **Lauren Thrash** also assisted in data collection and coding. The article was submitted to *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* in Fall 2013 and accepted with minor revisions.

Dr. Heather Pincock published an article titled "Does mediation make us better? Exploring the capacity building potential of community mediation." in *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* and co-authored an article entitled "Examining Mediators on Ethics: Why, When, and How" with **Dr. Timothy Hedeem** that appeared in *ACResolution*.

Dr. Susan S. Raines received the 2014 Foundation Prize for Publication from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and as a Finalist for the University-wide award for Scholarship and Creative Activity.

Dr. Kenneth Michael White published "How to Apply to Law Schools and Write (Think) Like a Law Student" for aspiring law students interested in learning about the law school admissions process. It also offers tips on succeeding in law school by using the "FIRAAC" legal writing formula, which is useful for mastering the "race-horse" style of law school final exams.

Dr. Ulf Zimmermann published several book reviews, including: *Fair Play on Both Sides: Mediating Disputes between Citizens and Public Authorities*; *The Transatlantic Collapse of Urban Renewal: Postwar Urbanism from New York to Berlin*; *Disrupting the School-to Prison Pipeline, In Times of Fading Light*; and *Integrated Peacebuilding: Innovative Approaches to Transforming Conflict*. He was also named as Outstanding Mentor for the MPA Program.

Faculty News & Notes (continued)

National Survey Finds Many Missed Opportunities in Mediation

by Timothy Hedeem

Almost half of those who participate in mediation do so unprepared. This significantly affects their ability to reach meaningful and durable resolutions. This is the finding of a new national study just released by researchers at Kennesaw State University (KSU). The study is based on surveys of almost 400 mediators from across the country.

Conducted by KSU professor, **Timothy Hedeem**, and KSU alumna **JoAnne Donner**, the survey found that mediators in many areas reported that more than half of their clients were insufficiently prepared. In family law, for instance, where the vast majority of divorcing couples are court ordered to attend mandatory mediation, 54.6 percent of mediating parties show up at the mediation table unprepared. Issues negotiated and decisions made during these family mediations can affect disputants and their families for decades and include the critical child-related matters of custody, child support, and parenting time.

In all mediation sectors surveyed—including workplace, public policy, and general civil matters, mediators state that disputants appeared under-prepared in 26 areas relevant to mediation success. For example, mediators state that many mediating parties are unprepared in the following areas:

- 55.9 percent lack knowledge regarding the legal issues pertinent to their case
- 54.1 percent lack understanding regarding the paperwork and documents relevant to their case.
- 51.7 percent lack knowledge about their own role in mediation
- 51.2 percent lack knowledge of alternatives to a mediated agreement
- 49.4 percent lack knowledge about the role of the mediator

Across the board, surveyed mediators state that one of the most significant gaps in disputant preparedness relates to a basic principle of negotiation: awareness and understanding of the opposing party. The percentage of mediating parties who are unprepared in this key area hits significantly above the 50 percent mark:

- 68.4 percent lack knowledge regarding the interests of the other party
- 66.4 percent lack knowledge of the goals of the other party
- 65.13 percent lack knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the other party's case

Remarks by surveyed mediators assert that these shortfalls in mediation preparation lead to longer, more expensive mediations that are less productive and less likely to result in satisfactory outcomes.

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