

Department of Political Science Newsletter, October 12, 2009

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FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Loren Collingwood, Brian Greenhill and Francisco Pedraza ran the Portland marathon this past weekend (October 4). Loren's finish time qualifies him to enter into the Boston Marathon. Congratulations, Loren!

Brad Epperly got an article accepted to Comparative Political Studies, entitled "Institutions and Legacies: Electoral Volatility in the Postcommunist World."

Karen Litfin presented a paper, "A Whole New Way of Living: Systems Theory in the Global Ecovillage Movement," at the annual meeting of the Communal Studies Association in Aurora, OR on October 2.

Aseem Prakash (co-authored with Matthew Potoski). "Information Asymmetries as Trade Barriers: ISO 9000 Increases International Commerce." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2009, 28(2): 221-238.

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TALKS/SEMINARS:

WISER Brown Bag: Practice job talk by **Francisco Pedraza** (UW-PoliSci PhD candidate), "Contested Latino Political Integration: The Two-Way Street of Immigrant Incorporation," **Monday, October 12, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A.**

Jessie and John Danz Lecture Series: **Bruce Katz** (Vice President and founding Director of the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC), "The Great Recession: What Comes Next for our MetroNation," **Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm, Kane 130.** Free and open to the public. To guarantee your seat, please register by 5pm on October 12th at https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/nextcity_katz/details.tcl

2009 Severyns-Ravenholt Lecture: **Ban Ki-Moon** (Secretary-General of the United Nations), **Monday, October 26, 3:30pm, Meany Hall for the Performing Arts.** The University of Washington will hold a special convocation to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Event is free but tickets are required. Ticketing information is available at www.ceremony.washington.edu. Doors will open at 2:30pm. Audience must be seated by 3:20pm.

University of Washington International Security Colloquium (UWISC): **Steve Zech**, (Ph.D. Student, UW-PoliSci), "Grass-roots Jihadist Networks, Political Entrepreneurs, and Terrorist Violence: Dynamic Networks and the 11-M Madrid Train Bombings," **Friday, November 13, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A.** Discussant: TBA.

Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy, Philanthropy Northwest and Social Venture Partners: **David B. Smith** (Executive Director of the National Conference on Citizenship), "Sustaining Impact: Measuring our Civic Return on Investment," **Wednesday, October 28, 4:00-5:30pm, Parrington Hall Commons, 3rd floor.**

University of Washington International Security Colloquium (UWISC): **Terence Lee**, (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore), "Fractured Militaries: The Armed Forces and Transitions from Authoritarian Rule in Asia," **Friday, October 30, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A.** Discussant: TBA.

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University of Washington International Security Colloquium (UWISC): **Nina Tannenwald**, (Associate Professor of International Relations, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University), "Targeted Killings: The Decline of the Norm Against Assassination?" **Friday, December 4, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A**. Discussant: William d'Ambruoso, Ph.D. student, UW-PoliSci.