

Department of Political Science Newsletter, September 29, 2008

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FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Matt Barreto received a grant of \$220,000 from Pew Charitable Trusts to study the new Online Voter Registration system in Washington State. Washington is only the second state in the U.S. to allow online voter registration, and this study will assess the implementation and effectiveness of online registration.

Matt Barreto and Luis Fraga published their article, "Should they dance with the one who brung 'em? Latinos and the 2008 Presidential election," in the October 2008 issue of PS: Political Science & Politics.

Ceren Belge successfully defended her dissertation, "Whose Law?: Clans, Honor Killings, and State Minority Relations in Turkey and Israel," on Tuesday, September 23. Congratulations, Ceren!

Loren Collingwood presented two posters at the 2008 APSA meetings in Boston: "Levels of Education and Support for Direct Democracy: A Survey Experiment" and "Response Effects in Multi-Candidate Primary Vote Questions."

Brian Greenhill, Layna Mosley and Aseem Prakash presented a paper, "Trade and Labor Rights: A Panel Study," at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston.

Stephen E. Hanson gave a public lecture on "The Future of Putinism under President Medvedev" at the University of Oklahoma on Monday, September 22.

Erica Johnson presented a paper, "Authoritarian Survival and Social Welfare Provision in Post-Soviet Central Asia," at the Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasia Studies Society, Georgetown University, September 19, 2008.

Will Jensen Murg presented his paper, "Autonomy in the Bingtuan: Central-Provincial Relations and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps," at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference at Georgetown University on September 21.

Aseem Prakash presented a seminar at the Copenhagen Business School in August 2008 on his work on voluntary regulations and corporate social responsibility.

Jack Turner, "Awakening to Race: Ralph Ellison and Democratic Individuality," POLITICAL THEORY 36.5 (October 2008): 655-682.

CLASS NEWS:

The Comparative Law and Society Studies (CLASS) and the Law, Societies, and Justice (LSJ) Centers are pleased to announce our first speaker of the year, David Johnson of the University of Hawai'i. Please mark your calendars for Dr. Johnson's visit October 23 - October 24. More details regarding Dr. Johnson's visit and the CLASS/LSJ Start-of-Year Reception to follow.

Incoming and returning faculty and graduate students who wish to join the CLASS mailing list are invited to email Seth Greenfest at classgr@u.washington.edu. The CLASS Center is committed to promoting

interdisciplinary research and teaching as well as community service regarding law, justice, and human rights. CLASS provides a number of resources and opportunities for faculty and graduate students including an active Speaker Series, Faculty Workshares, and Graduate Student Workshares. More information may be found at our website, depts.washington.edu/class.

TALKS/SEMINARS:

CSSS Seminar: **Matt Barreto** (UW-Political Science), "Do Campaigns Ads Really Work? The Effectiveness of Targeted Ads in the 2008 Presidential Election: A Controlled Experiment," **Wednesday, October 1, 12:30-1:20pm, Denny 401**. More information at www.csss.washington.edu/seminars/

CCCE and CAPP Election 2008 Brown Bag Lecture Series: **Lance Bennett** (UW-Political Science/Communication) and **Valerie Manusov** (UW-Communication), "Digital Media, Viral Video, and Coverage of the Personal Behavior of Candidates," **Wednesday, October 1, 12:00-1:30pm, Communications 126**.

Brown Bag Discussion on UW Public Policy Efforts: **Dan Sreebny** (Senior Advisor for Regional Media, US State Dept., London), **Thursday, October 2, 12-1pm, Communications 126**. As director for the US State Department's Regional Media Hubs Initiative, Mr. Sreebny will offer a unique, insider's view on the US government's attempts to "speak past" governments in the Middle East and Europe and influence foreign publics. He will answer questions and discuss the very real challenges of working with foreign media to give a fair hearing to US policy perspectives. Don't miss this opportunity! Questions? Contact Nancy Rivenburgh, Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication, nkriv@u.washington.edu

The Center for Communication and Civic Engagement and The Center for American Politics and Public Policy invite you to an upcoming talk. **Regina Lawrence** (Louisiana State University, and the holder of a 1997 Ph.D. from UW) and **Melody Rose** (Portland State University) will be with us on **Monday, October 6 from 3:30-5:00 in Communications 126**. Their talk is titled, "No One Knew How to Run a Woman as Leader of the Free World: Hillary Clinton's Gender Strategy in Campaign 2008."

The Ellison Center presents: **Ambassador James F. Collins** (Senior Associate and Director, Russian and Eurasia Program; Diplomat in Residence, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), "Russian-American Relations: Challenges for the New American Administration," **Tuesday, October 7, 7pm, Kane Hall 220**.

CSSS Seminar: **Raquel Prado** (Associate Professor, Dept of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of California Santa Cruz), "Detecting Cognitive Fatigue from Electroencephalographic Signals" **Wednesday, October 8, 12:30-1:20pm, Denny 401**. More information at www.csss.washington.edu/seminars/

Luce Lectures on Global Religion and Human Security presents: "What's Religion go to do with Presidential Politics? Series: **David Domke** (Communication), "Religious Politics in America: Why the 2008 Presidential Election May Change Everything For Everyone," **Thursday, October 9, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130**.

The Center for American Politics and Public Policy and Department of Political Science: **Frank Baumgartner** (Penn State University), "Lobbying and Policy Change in Washington, DC," **Friday, October 10, 1:30-3:00pm, Gowen 1A**.

WISER Distinguished Lecture: **Lawrie Balfour** (University of Virginia), "Democracy's Reconstruction: W.E.B. DuBois and the Politics of Memory," **Tuesday, October 14, 12pm, Petersen Room, Allen Library**.

CSSS Seminar: **Raffaella Piccarreta** (Tenured Researcher, DECIS - Department of Decision Sciences, Universita' L.Bocconi), "Exploring the interrelationships between life course domains: An approach based

upon sequence analysis," **Wednesday, October 15, 12:30-1:20pm, Denny 401**. More information at www.csss.washington.edu/seminars/

CCCE and CAPP Election 2008 Brown Bag Lecture Series: **John Gastil**, (UW-Communication), "The Debates and the Dynamics of Campaign 2008," **Thursday, October 16, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A (note room change)**.

CLASS and the Political Theory Colloquium: **Thomas Dumm** (Amherst College), "Who is an Executable Subject?: Human Animality and the Problem of Injustice," **Friday, October 17, 12pm, Gowen 1A**.

Luce Lectures on Global Religion and Human Security presents: "What's Religion go to do with Presidential Politics? Series: **Vali Nasr** (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University), "Shi'i Politics in the Middle East," **Monday, October 27, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130**.

CCCE and CAPP Election 2008 Brown Bag Lecture Series: **Ralina Joseph** (UW-Communication) and **Chris Parker** (UW-Political Science), "Barack Obama and the Electoral Politics of Race," **Tuesday, October 28, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A**.

Luce Lectures on Global Religion and Human Security presents: "What's Religion go to do with Presidential Politics? Series: **Hubert Locke** (Evans School of Public Affairs), "A Nation Within: Black Religion, the Black Church, and the National Election," **Tuesday, October 28, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130**.

Luce Lectures on Global Religion and Human Security presents: "What's Religion go to do with Presidential Politics? Series: **Juan Cole** (Richard Mitchell Distinguished Prof. of History, University of Michigan), "Iraq and the U.S. Presidential Election," **Friday, October 31, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130**.

CCCE and CAPP Election 2008 Brown Bag Lecture Series: **Matt Barreto** (UW-Political Science), "Election 2008: What Happened and Why," **Wednesday, November 5, 12:00-1:30pm, Communications 126**.