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*A newsletter for students, alumni, and friends of the Department of
Political Science at Georgia State University*



Message from the Chair, Dr. Carrie Manning:

I am pleased to introduce our Fall 2011 departmental newsletter. Last May, I took over as department chair after our incumbent chair, Bill Downs, was appointed Associate Dean for Behavioral and Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. We are excited about the work that is going on in the department and look forward to keeping you up to date with our progress on research, instruction, service and outreach.

The Department of Political Science is a research-active department with nationally and internationally recognized faculty. Over the last twelve months, our faculty has published or had accepted ten books and 37 articles, and faculty research is supported by three NSF grants and several smaller external grants. Some of this work is highlighted in the pages that follow. In addition, the Zoukis Endowment for Research in Political Science continues to provide support for faculty and graduate student research on the politics surrounding mandatory minimum sentencing and its implications for public policy.

Our doctoral students have conducted field research with faculty members and on their own in every world region and publish regularly on their own and with faculty. Political Science faculty lead three interdisciplinary University centers and institutes that support faculty research and expand the horizons of students: the Center for Human Rights and Democracy; the Middle East Institute; and the Asian Institute.

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Message from the Chair

In addition, our faculty members plug students into professional worlds outside the university walls and give students firsthand experience of politics at home and abroad. Our Model UN and Model Arab League teams take top honors at national and regional conferences year after year. This year, the Model Arab League travels to Cairo and the Model UN team will go to either South Korea or China. (see p. 8) Political Science students can also spend a semester studying the European Union in Strasbourg, France, or study in exchange programs in England and South Korea.

We are growing in number as well as in productivity. We now have 35 permanent faculty members, and we are pleased to count the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. William Long, and the Dean of the new Honors College, Dr. Larry Berman, among our newest faculty members. We also extend a warm welcome to Dr. Mike Fix, an assistant professor specializing in Public Law, who joined our faculty this year. We are currently recruiting for two faculty positions (Chinese Politics and Public Law), and we were among the handful of departments included in successful Second Century Initiative proposals in the first year.

Finally, we want to invite our alumni and friends to stay in touch with the department. We invite you to join us for an informal reception honoring faculty book authors at Manuel's Tavern on December 7, from 7-10 pm. (Details on p. 6)

We plan to organize at least one event per semester specifically for alumni, and we'd love to hear from you about the kinds of events you want to attend. Through our partnership with Atlanta's World Affairs Council (<http://robinson.gsu.edu/wacatl/>), we are pleased to be able to bring high profile speakers to campus on a wide range of issues. (See p. 7) We are also contemplating networking/social events for recent alumni looking for ways to leverage their education and experience as they build their careers. So let us hear from you!



Dr. Carrie Manning
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Dr. McCoy's Book Signing and Discussion with an Appearance by Jimmy Carter

International Mediation in Venezuela

by Jennifer McCoy and Francisco Diez

Foreword by Jimmy Carter

Carter Presidential Library

September 14th, 2011

“For almost two years between 2002 to 2004, following an abortive coup that almost dislodged Hugo Chavez from the Venezuelan presidency, the Carter Center based in Atlanta worked with the Organization of American States and the UNDP to prevent deadly conflict and to promote political dialogue. This thorough and insightful account combines gripping firsthand testimony with the thoughtful analysis of the lessons to be learnt. The authors display a deep understanding of the complexities of this deeply divisive period in Venezuelan politics. At the same time they remain steadfast in their commitment to democratic reconciliation, and they are also realistic about the limits of external mediation in such disputes.”

—Laurence Whitehead, Nuffield College, Oxford University

For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.usip.org/publications/international-mediation-in-venezuela>





9/11 & The World Ten Years Later

September 15th, 2011
Troy Moore Library

Three Middle East Institute faculty members discussed the aftershocks of September 11th, 2001. They explored how this event has changed – and continues to change – America and the world.

Dr. Michael Herb, Department of Political Science:
The Consequences of 9/11 in the Arab World

Dr. Rashid Naim, Department of Political Science:
The Impact of 9/11 on U.S. Alliances in South Asia

Dr. Abbas Barzegar, Department of Religious Studies:
Being and Belonging: American Islam Before and After 9/11



News & Events

World Affairs Council of Atlanta & Young Leaders Presents

Japan: After the Crisis September 15th, 2011

The program featured the Department's own Dr. Kim Reimann, as well as Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Consul General of Japan, Mr. David Kirk, President of Murata Electronics of North America, and Mr. Robert Marsh, Vice President of UPS. Dr. Reimann moderated the discussion and gave an overview of the current situation in Japan. The other participants examined the government's response to the earthquake/tsunami, the disaster's overall impact on the economy, and its impact on business. UPS has been heavily involved in the relief effort and hosted the event at its international headquarters.

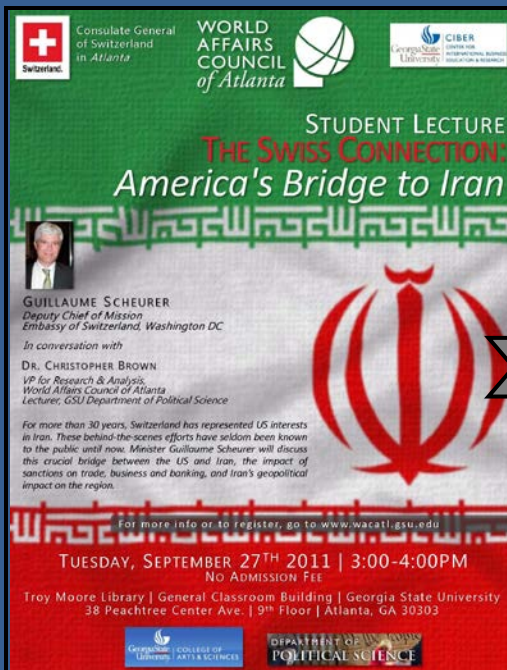


World Affairs Council of Atlanta's Student Lecture

The Swiss Connection: America's Bridge to Iran September 27th, 2011

"On September 27th, 2011, Mr. Guillaume Scheurer, the Deputy Chief of Mission from the Swiss Embassy in Washington, came to the Troy Moore Library to talk about the Swiss' role in representing US interests in Iran. For more than 30 years, these behind-the-scenes efforts have seldom been known to the public, until now. In a conversation with the Department's Dr. Chris Brown, Minister Scheurer discussed this crucial bridge between the US and Iran, why the Swiss have taken on this diplomatic role, Iran's geopolitical impact on the region, Iranian youth--from their vibrancy to the extensive problems with drug addiction, and the "Arab Spring" across the Middle East. The event drew a standing room only audience of over 100 students, as well as the Consul General of Switzerland and faculty from across the university."

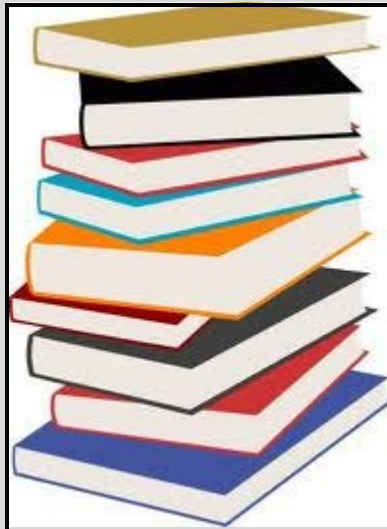
- Dr. Christopher Brown



Upcoming Event

Second Bi-Annual Book Signing Event

Please join us to celebrate the many books recently published by our faculty from 2011-2012. The list of faculty includes Steve Anthony, Chip Carey, John Duffield, Mario Feit, Robert Howard, Jennifer McCoy, Sean Richey, and Amy Steigerwalt.



Where?

Manuel's Tavern
602 N Highland Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

When?

Wednesday
December 7, 2011
7:00 – 10:00 pm

Upcoming Event

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Atlanta



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DENNIS P. LOCKHART
President & CEO
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Friday
NOVEMBER 11TH 2011

11:15AM Registration
12:00PM Program

COUNCIL MEMBERS - \$40
NON-MEMBERS - \$55

The Commerce Club
191 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303



To register or for more info go to www.wacatlanta.org

The Students

Model United Nations

The Model United Nations anticipates travelling to either South Korea or China next spring. Dr. Naim reports that this is the biggest class membership to date.



Model Arab League

Dr. Naim and the Model Arab League are set to go on a trip to Cairo, Egypt in November of this year.



Fall Semester 2011 Study Abroad Awards

- ⇒ **Two Federal Gilman Scholarships**
- ⇒ **Two GSU Global Experience Scholarships**
- ⇒ **Seven IEF Scholarships**

All together, more than \$33,700 in scholarship support for our Study Abroad Programs!

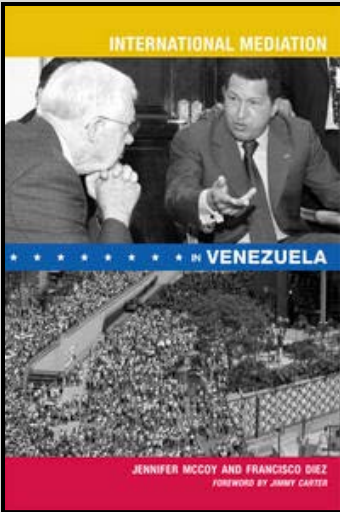


Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Jennifer McCoy's New Book:

International Mediation in Venezuela

September 2011 | Book by Jennifer McCoy and Francisco Diez
Foreword by Jimmy Carter



“In this lucidly documented and deeply reflective case study of the Carter Center’s work to help transform conflict and prevent possible civil war in the troubled country of Venezuela, Jennifer McCoy and Francisco Diez offer a valuable set of lessons for theorists and practitioners alike. Usually we have the account of a diplomat or a third-person account by an academic, but in this case the diplomats are academics and so we have the rare privilege of hearing theory and practice seamlessly interwoven. Highly recommended!”

—William Ury, Harvard University and co-author of *Getting to Yes* and author of *The Third Side*

“In April 2002, Venezuela appeared to be on the brink of civil war. The Venezuelan military removed President Hugo Chavez Frias from power, only to reinstall him after an outpouring of support from the Venezuelan people and after condemnations from the international community. Feeling vulnerable and shocked by the coup, President Chavez took an unusual step to defuse a social and political conflict. He invited Jimmy Carter and later the Organization of American States and the United Nations Development Program to facilitate a dialogue between the Venezuelan government and its opposition—a dialogue that lasted two years (2002–2004).”

Dr. Robert Howard's & Dr. Amy Steigerwalt's New Book:

Judging Law and Policy:

Courts and Policymaking in the American Political System

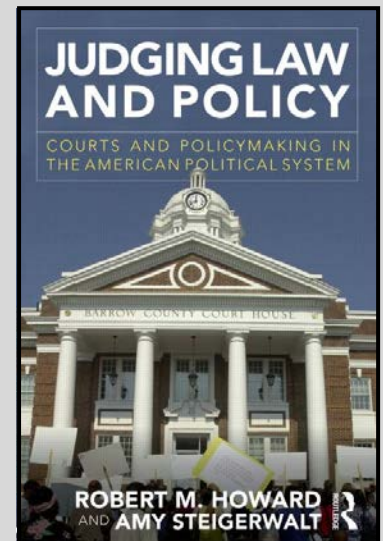
August 2011 | Book by Robert Howard and Amy Steigerwalt

“To what extent do courts make social and public policy and influence policy change? This innovative text analyzes this question generally and in seven distinct policy areas that play out in both federal and state courts—tax policy, environmental policy, reproductive rights, sex equality, affirmative action, school finance, and same-sex marriage. The authors address these issues through the twin lenses of how state and federal courts must and do interact with the other branches of government and whether judicial policy-making is a form of activist judging.

Each chapter uncovers the policymaking aspects of judicial process by investigating the current state of the law, the extent of court involvement in policy change, the responses of other governmental entities and outside actors, and the factors which influenced the degree of implementation and impact of the relevant court decisions. Throughout the book, Howard and Steigerwalt examine and analyze the literature on judicial policy-making as well as evaluate existing measures of judicial ideology, judicial activism, court and legal policy formation, policy change and policy impact. This unique text offers new insights and areas to research in this important field of American politics.”

“Howard and Steigerwalt probe the causes and effects of court-made policies with an impressive array of relevant evidence. They provide a systematic and highly readable account of the courts’ work across a range of fields, and in the process they offer a wealth of insights on the role of the judiciary in public policy-making. Both students and scholars will learn much from this book.”

—Lawrence Baum, Ohio State University



Dr. Carey's New Books:

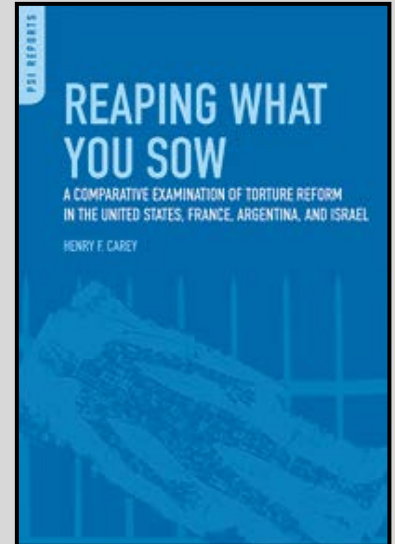
Reaping What You Sow: A Comparative Examination of Torture in France, Argentina, Israel, and the United States
November 2011 | By Henry F. Carey

“This book evaluates the experience of official torture of France in Algeria, as well as recently, the United States since 9/11, Israel against Palestinians, and Argentina during its “Dirty War” from 1972 to 1983. While evaluating what information was gained from torture, the book also shows the costs of undertaking this approach to interrogating suspected terrorists.

While the use of torture is variously presented either as an aberrant American weapon unleashed in the aftermath of the terror attacks of September 11 or as a necessary tool in the War on Terror, torture has a long history across cultures. Yet, the debate over the morality—and the legality—of the brutal practice flourishes.

Reaping What You Sow: A Comparative Examination of Torture in France, Argentina, Israel, and the United States presents a new angle in the study of this controversial practice by studying how these countries attempt to account for these secret practices and reform future interrogations against this universal crime. It also analyzes the costs of torture, whether in terms of intelligence gaffes or alienating potential supporters and enemies alike, creating strategic dilemmas in the war on terrorism.

Adopting a comparative approach, the book studies questions like: What is the harm (or benefit) to the state once the torture becomes known? What are the political and strategic ramifications? Does torture help win wars? Can the use of torture bring about any lasting or beneficial reforms? These are daring questions seldom pondered. In asking them, this book will help to foster a discussion that is long overdue. ”



*Privatizing the Democratic Peace:
Policy Dilemmas of NGO Peacebuilding*
December 2011 | By Henry F. Carey

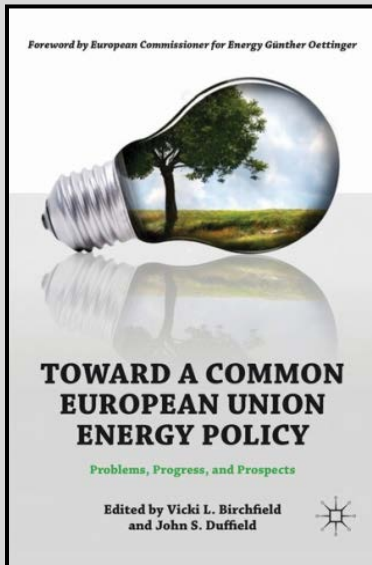
“NGOs have become one of the main instruments in building peace, especially as UN sanctioned peacekeeping missions begin to streamline or withdraw from countries and bilateral peacekeeping sponsored by powerful states. During the last three decades, the UN has relied more and more on NGOs and sub-contractors in peacebuilding. The greater the number of multidimensional challenges and dilemmas that emerge for these NGOs, the more are the sponsoring governments and intergovernmental organizations and host states directly affected by these transitional efforts. Henry F. Carey analyzes the difficult choices, consequences and lessons learned from the UN and foreign governments commissioning NGOs and other subcontractors working on six peacebuilding policy goals: reconciliation, security, human rights, the rule of law, foreign aid, and election monitoring. The study examines the effects of the UN and powerful states increasingly relying on NGO peacebuilding in diverse cases like Bosnia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Haiti, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sudan, the Philippines, Chechnya, Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.”

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. John Duffield's New Book:

*Toward a Common European Union Energy Policy:
Problems, Progress, and Prospects*

June 2011 | Edited by Vicki L. Birchfield and John S. Duffield



“This book provides a timely and comprehensive overview of the most recent developments in European Union energy and climate policy. With up-to date empirical analysis by more than a dozen leading experts and scholars from both Europe and the United States, this volume offers the most definitive assessment of this significant area of European integration and policymaking. Separate chapters address key issue areas, the policies of the leading EU member states, and themes that cut across policy and institutional boundaries.”

“This volume is a major achievement in advancing our understanding of a complex, controversial and extremely important policy problem, and not just for the EU but for the world at large. The editors have assembled a very impressive team of researchers with scholarly and practical experience in the energy sector, and their contributions cover a full range of policy issues related to the pursuit of a common EU energy policy. The volume is especially impressive in terms of linking market factors with political dynamics, and in terms of synthesizing domestic concerns with international trends at the European level and beyond. It should stand as a major reference work on the topic for scholars, policymakers, policy advocates, energy firms, and others with an interest in this increasingly critical issue in world politics in the 21st century.” --Michael E. Smith, Professor, Department of Politics & International Relations, University of Aberdeen

Dr. Sean Richey's New Book:

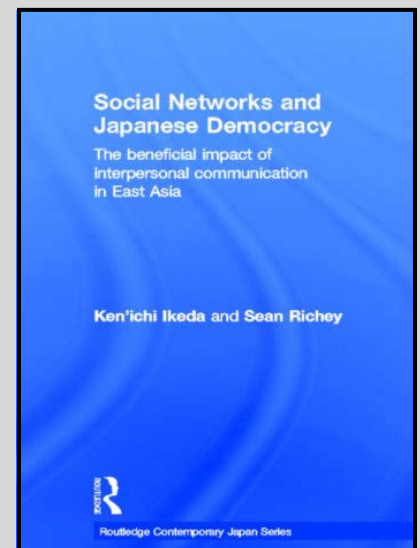
*Social Networks and Japanese Democracy:
The Beneficial Impact of Interpersonal Communication*

July 2011 | By Ken'ichi Ikeda and Sean Richey

“Many who critique democracy as practiced in East Asia suggest that the Confucian political culture of these nations prevents democracy from being the robust participatory type, and limits it to a spectacle designed to create obedience from the public. Certainly some East Asian nations have had elections for decades, but for democracy to be meaningful, a country needs an active public sphere, political tolerance, egalitarian beliefs, and vigorous political participation. The Asian-values debate focuses on whether the creation of this optimal version of democracy in East Asian nations will be hindered by their shared Confucian cultural heritage and at the centre of this debate is whether there is an active political culture in East Asia that allows citizens to freely discuss, debate, and disagree about politics.

With Japan as its focus, this book examines the role of social networks and political discussion in Japanese political culture and asks whether discursive participatory democracy is indeed possible in East Asia. In order to answer this question the authors undertook the largest academic political survey ever conducted in Japan to give the book exceptional empirical credence. This data reveals how the Japanese people interact politically, concluding that through the powerful influence of social networks on Japanese political behaviour, Japan has a more globalized and less hierarchical society where Confucian culture is not dominant and where creation of a vibrant civil society is possible.

This book will be invaluable for students and scholars of Japanese politics, democracy, civil society, and globalization.”



Faculty Accomplishments

An Outstanding Record of Publications for 2011:

➔ 10 books, 37 articles, and 11 book chapters ➔

A Sample of Publications in Top Journals for 2010 – 2011:

- ⇒ *AJPS* (1)
- ⇒ *PRQ* (3)
- ⇒ *Political Behavior* (1)
- ⇒ *Political Communication* (1)
- ⇒ *Comparative Political Studies* (1)
- ⇒ *Comparative Politics* (1)
- ⇒ *Party Politics* (1)
- ⇒ *International Studies Quarterly* (5)
- ⇒ *Electoral Studies* (2)

Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Carlin

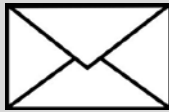


Ryan Carlin and some of his colleagues have won a grant from the Mellon Foundation and the Latin American Studies Association. The grant funds \$20,000 for a seminar to discuss the theoretical and methodological challenges associated with adapting behavioral experiments to the field of Latin American Studies. Seminar participants include top scholars in political science, economics, psychology, anthropology, and Latin American studies. Professor James Cox and AYS's Experimental Economics Center have offered to host the seminar on April 20, 2012.



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