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PRAGMATIC APPROACHES TO PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010, 7 PM, BALLOU HALL, COOLIDGE RM
 PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & THE
 FRANK C. COLCORD LECTURE SERIES

On Thursday, November 18th the Department of Political Science will host Professor Jack L. Snyder who will present *Pragmatic Approaches to Promoting Human Rights*. Jack Snyder is the Robert and Renée Belfer Professor of International Relations for the Department of Political Science and Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University.

Professor Snyder's will discuss the legal and moral

universalism grounded in Western attitudes, both secular and Christian, and how they have played a leading role in the rise of the human rights movement in recent decades. Activists have rallied support through appealing to those values, which have provided a compelling focus for their campaigns. Even critics who share those values, however, point out that universalism, legalism, and Western-based moralism may often hamper efforts to per-

suade communities whose cultural traditions differ from those of the rights activists and whose political and cultural leaders have a vested interest in resisting an alien normative revolution.

Systematic empirical studies evaluating the effectiveness of methods like treaty-signing, naming and shaming, and moralistic rights campaigning often show little positive impact of such

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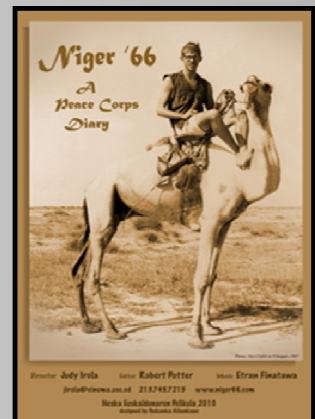
**SCREENING OF *NIGER '66: A PEACE CORPS DIARY*,
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010, 6:30 PM BARNUM HALL. RM 008
 PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

On Wednesday, November 3rd the Department of Political Science will host a screening of *Niger '66: A Peace Corps Diary*. Opening remarks will be delivered by Dr. Pearl T. Robinson, Associate Professor of Political Science and Erin Mone-Marquez, Peace Corps New England Regional Recruitment

Manager.

Directed by Judy Irola, this documentary examines the first group of 65 idealistic Peace Corps volunteers who headed for Africa and landed in the dry and heat-scorched dessert of Niger. The volunteers remained for two years working in agriculture, digging wells,

and starting health clinics for women and babies. In 2008 five of the volunteers returned to Niger to revisit the country, see their old friends and witness how their work has improved the lives of the people there. Director Judy Irola explores this first group of volunteers, what they endured ,
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***Niger '66, A Peace Corps Diary*,
 Wednesday, November 3rd,
 6:30 pm, Barnum Hall**

NIGER '66, A PEACE CORPS DIARY, THE DOCUMENTARY

DIRECTOR JUDY IROLA EXPLORES THIS FIRST GROUP OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, WHAT THEY ENDURED DURING THEIR TRAINING IN AFRICA, THE CULTURE SHOCK THAT OCCURRED WHEN THEY ENTERED THE U.S., AND HOW THE EXPERIENCE HAS INFLUENCED THEIR WORK.

Continued from page 1 during their training in Africa, the culture shock that occurred when they re-entered the U.S., and how the experience has influenced their work.

Ms. Irola interviewed some of the original volunteers including Pear T. Robinson, Associate Professor of African and African-American Politics for the Department of Political Science.

In addition to her unique experience with the Peace Corps, Professor Robinson has authored more than 40 articles and book chapters on African and African American politics. She is co-author of *Stabilizing Nigeria: Sanctions, Incentives, and Support for Civil Society* (The Century Foundation Press) and co-editor and co-author of *Transformative and Resiliency in Africa* (Howard University Press). A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and past President of the African Studies Association, she has served on the boards of Oxfam-

America and TransAfrica as a Curriculum consultant for the PBS/BBC series *The Africans: A Triple Heritage*; and as an advisor for *Hopes on the Horizon*, a 2-hour documentary about democratic movements in Africa during the 1990s. She is a former director of Tufts' International Relations Program and has taught at Makerere University in Uganda and the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. Her current projects include an intellectual biography of the 1950 Nobel Peace Laureate Ralph Bunche, and a documentary film about Islam and a female empowerment among the Tidjaniyya in Niger. Robinson spent two years as a peace Corps volunteer in Niger providing public health care education in a rural Hausa town.

Also delivering opening remarks will be Peace Corps New England Recruitment Manager, Erin Mone-Marquez. Ms. Mone-Marquez has worked with children at risk in New England and in some of the most

troubled and dangerous regions in the world. Her service with the Peace Corps and international relief organizations has taken her to Africa, where she lived in a refugee camp treating former child combatants from Sierra Leone, as well as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic. Both she and Professor Robinson will be on hand to answer your questions immediately following the screening.

The Department would like to thank Professor Robinson and Judy Irola for providing the background information for this article.

This event is open to the public. The Running time is 75 minutes. RSVP is not required. **Refreshments will be served.**

For more information please contact Jeannine Lenehan, Communications Coordinator for the Department of Political Science at Jeannine.Lenehan@tufts.edu.

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MICHAEL SANDEL

THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS MICHAEL SANDEL

On Wednesday, November 3rd the Richard E. Snyder President's Lecture Series will host Professor Michael Sandel who will deliver a talk on *Moral reflection is not a solitary pursuit, but a public endeavor*.

Michael Sandel is the Anne

T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government at Harvard University. His recent book, *Justice: What's the right thing to do?*, a New York Times best seller, relates the big questions of political philosophy to the most vexing issues of our time.

The event will be held in the ASEAN Auditorium of the Cabot Intercultural Center, 160 Packard Avenue, 4:30 pm.

For tickets please contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at 617-627-4239.

JACK SNYDER, *PRAGMATIC APPROACHES TO PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS*

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methods. As a consequence, critics have begun to argue that a set of more pragmatic strategies may work better to accomplish the objectives that rights activists seek. These pragmatic approaches include persuasion by engaging with the community's own normative discourse, providing rewards and sanctions linked to human rights compliance, and efforts to change underlying circumstances such as poverty, illiteracy, war, repression, and state failure which are highly correlated with poor human rights outcomes.

Professor Snyder's books include *Electing to Fight: Why emerging Democracies Go to War*, *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict*; *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*; *The Ideology of the Offensive: Military Decision Making and the Disasters of 1914*; and *Civil Wars, Insecurity, and Intervention*, co-editor with Barbara Walter.

Professor Snyder has contributed articles on democratization and war, imperial overstretch, war crimes tribunals versus amnesties, international relations theory after September 11, and anarchy and culture have appeared in *The American Political Science*

Review, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, International Organization, International Security, and World Politics.

Professor Snyder is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the editorial boards of the *American Political Science Review* and *International Security*. He edits the W.W. Norton book series on World Politics. He received a B.A. in government from Harvard University in 1973, the Certificate of Columbia's Russian Institute in 1978, and a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia in 1981.

There will be a Q&A and a reception immediately following.

The Frank C. Colcord Lecture is made possible by a generous endowment left to the Department of Political Science by beloved friend and professor Dr. Frank C. Colcord. Professor Colcord was instrumental in building a modern political science department at Tufts University.

If you have any questions regarding this talk, please contact

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We look forward to seeing you there!

COMING SPRING 2011

THE ISRAELI POLITICAL SYSTEM, A GUIDE TO THE PERPLEXED BEING ISRAELI AND THE ISRAELI BEING

Spring semester 2011 Dana Blander, Visiting Professor for the Department of Political Science will teach two courses: *The Israeli Political System, a Guide to the Perplexed* (TR 10:30-11:45, Block D+) and *Being Israeli and the Israeli Being* (R 1:30-4:00, Block 8).

The Israeli Political System will explore Israel as a prominent actor on the international stage, and how its political system is a labyrinth where many cannot find their way. This course will introduce

students to Israel's political system, its institutional and constitutional framework, and the electoral system and various patterns of participation. Professor Blander will examine the way the Israeli political system reflects the structure and dynamic of the Israeli society. By becoming familiar with the inner forces of domestic politics in Israel, students will be able to analyze the challenges which the Israeli political system faces and its unresolved major dilemmas: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the relations between the

"Jewishness" of the state and its democratic aspects.

Being Israel and the Israeli Being will acquaint you with Israeli history, society, and identity. Students will follow the history of the state of Israel as well as the Israeli state of mind through an examination of Israeli cinema and literature. In each case students will trace a different thread of the conflicting fabric of the Israeli identity; being an immigrant, a soldier, a Palestinian, a religious Jew, a holocaust survivor, a woman, a

Kibbutz member, and more. Students will explore the relationship between private and public in the Israeli context. Students will also see the national history and how it reflects on the individual's life story; collective and private identity merge; autobiography and history are interwoven. This investigation of the fusion between the personal and the collective will allow us an insightful view of the milestones of Israeli narratives.

For more on these courses visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/default.htm>.

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ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR
STORIES AND THEIR IDEAS.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to **Professor Jeffrey Berry** on his book, *Lobbying and Political Change: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Why* (University of Chicago Press, 2009). Professor Jeffrey Berry and his co-authors have received the prestigious **Leon Epstein Prize** for the best book in the APSA section on Political Organizations and Parties.

Congratulations to **Associate Professor Ioannis Evrigenis** who was one of 12 distinguished professors named as a **2010-2011 Tisch Faculty Fellow**. "Evrigenis' main focus will be a study of the natural conditions of mankind in political theory. As the antithesis of civil society, the state of nature is central to social contract theories of obligation. The two most notable areas within this focus are international relations theory, where the state of nature describes the condition outside of sovereign states, and theories of distributive justice, which uses the state of nature as a basis for rights and a justification for the state. Evrigenis' work is multidisciplinary in nature, requiring research in political science, philosophy, history, rhetoric, and the history of science, among the areas and in centered on rhetorical strategies aimed at broader and more effective persuasion. Current projects include a study of the concept of the state of nature in political thought, a book on Plato's Socrates, and a research network on Anti-Machiavellian Machiavellism." For more on this, please visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/polsci/news/>.

IN THE NEWS

On July 14, 2010 **Kelly Greenhill, Assistant Professor of International Relations and Security Studies** received **stunning reviews for her work with, fellow author, Peter Andreas on their book *Sex, Drugs, and Body Counts*** by Slate's on-line Magazine critic Jack Shafer. "If you're a journalist, a gluttonous consumer of news, or are easily swayed by the slapdash, stop what you're doing and go buy a copy of *Sex, Drugs, and Body Counts: The Politics of Numbers in Global Crime and Conflict*," said Shafer. "Set aside a couple of hours tonight and read three or four of the essays that academics Peter Andreas and Kelly M. Greenhill collected in it. Then, sit down in front of your computer and send me an e-mail to thank me for helping to end your enslavement to the dodgy numbers that taint journalism and public policy. It's not just a good book; it's a great book. And, it belongs forever on your bookshelf."

On August 31st **James Glaser was appointed as the new Academic Dean for the School of Arts & Sciences**. Dean Glaser is an award-winning teacher, scholar, author, and professor for the Department of Political Science. "Jim's expertise and experience made him the perfect choice for academic dean, and I am delighted he agreed to accept this position," said Dean Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences in the September 3rd edition of the Tufts Journal. Dean Glaser succeeds **Vickie Sullivan, Professor of Political Science**, who has returned to full-time teaching after serving "brilliantly" in the post, according to Berger-Sweeney.

Jeffrey Berry quoted in the **October 28th issue of the Boston Globe** in an article by **Todd Wallack and Casey Ross, *The Corporate Money is on...Records show lion's share of contributions come from the business community***. Wallack and Ross write about the three major candidates running for governor, the money they have raised, and how millions in contributions have come from "people in business who have an obvious stake in the (political) outcome." "This is a process that no one likes," Berry said, "The problem is that taxpayers don't want to pay for campaigns themselves, so they leave it to individuals to contribute. And, the people who have the most incentive to contribute are the people who have business before the state."

Attention Political Science Seniors: Deadline for all degree sheets is November 10, 2010. Please drop off complete Degree Sheets to: Paula Driscoll, Dept Administrator, Packard Hall, 110 Door Box.