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Tufts Program In International Relations

30 Years of IR at Tufts: Marking a Milestone

By Malik Mufti, IR Program Director

The first International Relations majors graduated from Tufts in 1978 – two of them to be exact. This May, IR will graduate over 200 majors. This robust growth over the past three decades is testament in large part to the vision of the IR Program's founders. Fletcher's then Dean, Edmund Gullion, with support from faculty such as Alan Henrikson, had a leading role in conceptualizing a program that would train undergraduates for advanced studies in international affairs. Political Science Professor John S. Gibson and History Professor Pierre-Henri Laurent, in their capacity as the first two IR Directors, were central in framing the program's intellectual and operational features in Arts and Sciences. Their valuable work was further advanced by their excellent successors: Professors Richard Eichenberg, Pearl Robinson, and Christiane Zehl-Romero.



Pairing this vision and leadership with the deep commitment of numerous faculty, administrators, staff, and students has yielded successive advances for the program. Tufts IR has been nationally recognized for its general excellence, as well as for specific best practice initiatives such as its online International Research Network. Today, over 600 declared majors benefit from the contributions of 19 departments and 80 faculty members who affiliate with our multidisciplinary program.

Over the 2007-08 30th Anniversary year, the IR Program has sought to recognize this milestone and all those who were instrumental in reaching it. The year featured the introduction of a new curriculum – the first major curricular overhaul since the end of the Cold War, and an attempt to ensure that Tufts IR remains at the forefront of academic relevance and rigor. We also launched the Tufts Diplomat in Residence Program this year, in collaboration with the US State Department and the Fletcher School. And in recognition of

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Live Jumbo Aid!

By Angi Kang, LA'08

We don't want you to walk!
We don't want you to dance!
We just want you to sleep!

...Say the posters of Live Jumbo Aid – a human rights fair and sleep out on April 24, 2008. We do want students to sleep...out on the academic quad, that is. Why? In order to show solidarity and support for a wide range of human rights issues, to fundraise for a number of these issues, and, in so doing, to demonstrate a powerful unity and community drive towards grassroots

action and positive change. That's not all though. We also want students to come to the human rights fair held earlier that day -- wide awake and ready to engage in the interactive booths, speakers, informational activities, music, and food that will converge in Live Jumbo Aid 2008. Performances by BEATS and Essence, slide shows from Exposure, and other informative and entertaining events will ensure an atmosphere that's anything but sleepy throughout the afternoon and into the night.

In trying to think of an innovative way in which Tufts clubs, Boston-based non-profit organizations, and individual

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First Panel (from left): Monica Camacho, Rami Khouri, Toby Bonthron, Vicki Gilbert, Oleg Svet, and Malik Mufti

The United States and the Middle East: What Comes Next After Iraq? A Student Colloquium

By Samantha Goldman, LA'08

On Saturday, March 29, 2008 in Cabot Auditorium, students shared their research about issues relevant to the future of the Middle East. IR Director and political science professor Malik Mufti welcomed students, faculty and Fares Center Conference guests, before introducing the first panel.

In the first panel, "The International Dimension: Discussion of the current Middle Eastern balance of power, and the dynamics of US and other external intervention in the region" the

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IR Program Congratulations

2008 Inaugural Year for IR Faculty Awards

IR Program Award for Outstanding Service
Professor Richard Eichenberg
Department of Political Science

Sigma Iota Rho Distinguished Professor Award
Professor Jeffrey W. Taliaferro
Department of Political Science



SIGMA IOTA RHO

The Honor Society for International Studies

Congratulations to Sigma Iota Rho's (IR Honor Society) newest members, who were honored at an induction ceremony on April 23rd, 2008.

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| Alene Aftandilian | Michael Eddy | Jamie Kraut | Sami Shammass |
| Christine Aguillo | Anne Fricker | Alexander McCabe | John Sheehan |
| Jessica Anderson | Ben Gabin | Charles McClean | Jacki Silbermann |
| Samantha Barthelemy | Anastasia Ganina | Arya Meydani | Jahn Sood |
| Joshua Benjamin | Sophie Gao | Jamie Morgan | Michael Stephens |
| Rachel Bergenfield | Jeffrey Goldberg | Louise Place | Oleg Svet |
| Arezo Bonakdarian | Olga Gomonova | Rebecca Recant | Shrutih Tewarie |
| Megan Chang | Amanda Hahnel | Margarita Reznikova | Julia Torgovitskaya |
| Ara Cho | Leslie Hayward | Patrick Roath | Daniel Vajdic |
| Pete Colombo | Jia He | Chloe Rossen | Jessica Waters |
| Floor de Ruyter | Angela Kang | Constantine Sabet D'acre | Brian Weiss |
| Kiara Domingo | Lauren Kari | Nina Scheinman | Jason Yeager |
| Samuel duPont | Esther Kim | Peter Shaeffer | |

Congratulations to our 2007-2008 IR Senior Thesis Writers!

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| Jessica Anderson | Diler Erdengiz | Cynthia McMurry |
| Josh Benjamin | Anna Gollub | Jacki Silbermann |
| Megan Carter | Rachel Greenspan | Scott Weiner |
| Michael Eddy | Charles McClean | Caroline Wick |

Scholarship Winners

Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize

Ting Wai Benjamin Chan (class of 2010)

*The Role of Technology in Poverty Alleviation
(Vietnam)*

Daniel Enking (class of 2010)

*Challenges Facing the Scaling Up of
Rural Electrification in India
(Delhi, Bombay and Bangalore, India)*

Jason L. Hill (class of 2009)

*“Mid-Air Collision:” Examining the Affects
of Jet Aviation on Newly Independent
East Africa (1958-1977)
(Nairobi, Kenya)*

Elizabeth Gross (class of 2009)

*The Justice of Access:
Social Exclusion of Public Goods
(Dibrugarh and New Delhi, India)*

Kelsi Stine (class of 2010)

*Responsibility to Rebuild: The Role of
International Organizations in Conflict Transitions
(Helsinki, Finland)*

IR Research Scholars

Rachel Bergenfield (class of 2009)

*From Emergency Relief to Development: IGO/
NGO Transition and Local Government Capacity -
Building in Post Conflict Northern Uganda
(Gulu, Uganda)*

Carter Koppelman (class of 2009)

*Community Organizations and Social Problems in
the Slums of Santiago and Rio de Janeiro
(Santiago, Chile and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)*

Zach Witlin (class of 2010)

*The Philosophical Roots and Development of Realism
(Medford, MA)*

Congratulations to all the winners!

IR Program Spotlight

New Feature in IR News & Views: A spotlight on research publications by our very own IR Core Faculty and IR Majors. This 2007-2008 academic year, the following individuals had their research published in a variety of on-campus and off-campus publications.

IR Core Faculty Publications

Cristelle Baskins and **Lisa Rosenthal**, Eds. *Early Modern Visual Allegory: Embodying Meaning*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2007.

Ioannis D. Evrigenis. *Fear of Enemies and Collective Action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Ayesha Jalal. *Partisans of Allah: Jihad in South Asia*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press 2008.

Beatrice Forbes Manz. *Power, Politics and Religion in Timurid Iran*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

José Antonio Mazzotti and **José Luis Falconi**, Eds. *The Other Latinos: Central and South Americans in the United States*. Cambridge: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2007.

Isabelle Hoog Naginski. *George Sand: Mythographe*. Clermont-Ferrand: Presses Universitaires Blaise Pascal, 2007.

George Norman, **Lynne Pepall**, and **Dan Richards**, Eds. *Industrial Organization: Contemporary, Theory and Empirical Applications*, 4E. Malden: Blackwell Publishing, 2008.

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Christiane Zehl Romero. *Anna Seghers Briefe 1924-1925. Ich erwarte Eure Briefe wie den Besuch der besten Freunde*. Berlin: Aufbau-Verlag, 2008.

Tony Smith. *A Pact With The Devil: Washington's Bid For World Supremacy and the Betrayal of the American Promise*. New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2007.

IR Student Publications

Discourse 2008 1st Issue

Samuel James and **Padden Guy Murphy** ('09) "Water Get No Enemy: A Photo Essay from Lagos, Nigeria"

Padden Guy Murphy ('09) "A Forgotten People: A Photo Essay on the Blackfeet and the Chippewa Cree Native Americans in Montana"

Discourse 2008 2nd Issue

Jessica Anderson ('08) "Rethinking Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda: Insecurity, the Rule of Law and Local Agency"

Toby Bontrone ('09) and **Chas Morrison** "United States Policy for the Next Administration"

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IR Student Publications, cont from pg 4

Daniel Enking ('10) "Markets for a Greener Tomorrow"

Marcelo Norsworthy ('09) "The Question Two Ballot Initiative in Somerville"

Jahn Sood ('08) "Popular Fiction: Truth and Fiction in Latin American Politics"

Hemispheres Spring 2008

Daniel Becker ('08) "Land and Labor: A Comparative Study of Internal Migration and Japanese Immigration to Sao Paulo State"

Joshua Benjamin ('08) "Patterns in Roma Migration"

Benjamin Roseth ('08) "Violence and Migration: The Relationship Between Colombia's Domestic Security Situation, Economy and the Development of Transnational Communities"

NIMEP Insights Vol 3. Fall 2007

Scott Weiner ('08) "This Land is Mine: Two Views on Israel's Housing Demolition Policy in the Negev Desert"

NIMEP Insights Vol 4. Spring 2008

Hana Agha ('10) "The Arab Economy in Israel: An Examination of Structural Inequality"

Khaled al-Sharikh ('11) and James Kennedy "Moving Beyond the Golan Heights: The True Impediments to Syrian-Israeli Peace"

Elien Becque ('08) "Employing Tact & Fostering Respect: Multi-Level Diplomacy Between the US and Syria"

Daniel Enking ('10) "A Word of Shifting Sands: Will Oil States Lead the Clean Energy Revolution?"

Victoria Gilbert ('10) "The Case for Economic Reform in Syria"

David Mou ('10) "It's Not Rocket Science: America's Future and the Necessity for Interagency Cooperation: Based on an interview with Gregg Nakano"

Ryan Pallathra ('09) "The Suez War of 1956 and its Implications for the Arab-Israeli Conflict"

Outside Publications

Jessica Anderson ('08) "HIV Treatment for Rape Survivors in South Africa: The Role of Gendered Structural Violence in Accessing PEP", Journal for Undergraduate International Studies, Fall 2007

Sam duPont ('08) "Kashmir Between the Milestones", Commonweal Magazine

Ryan Pallathra ('09) "Analysis of the Participation by Developing Nations in the World Trade Organization's Dispute Settlement System", Washington Undergraduate Law Review Volume 2, Issue 2, Winter 2008

Ryan Pallathra ('09) "Nuclear Weapons: A Source of Peace in World Politics or an Unjustified Risk to International Security?", University of Florida International Review, Spring 2008

We hope you enjoyed this new feature that will be included in the last edition of IR News & Views each and every year!

Please let us know if you would like your publication(s) to be included next year. Send your submission(s) to internationalrelations@tufts.edu.

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Fares Conference, continued from pg 1

discussant was Rami Khouri, Director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut.

Senior IR major, and head of the Director's Leadership Council (DLC), Oleg Svet discussed America's Image Abroad and urged that future American leaders pay attention to public diplomacy, citing a current failure on the executive leadership and state department levels. Sophomore IR major Vicki Gilbert also gave an impressive presentation about the balance-of-power in the Middle East since the war in Iraq, explaining that in order to reduce perception of threat, the United States needs to become less involved in the region in the future.

Junior Economics major Toby Bonthron discussed how the United States' military evolved as a tool of American foreign policy while warning that the current situation in Iraq and Afghanistan, leading to an overextended United States military, will make further military action in the region difficult. The last panelist, Junior Monica Camacho, talked about humanitarian aid to Iraq and how the insurgents' policy of deliberately targeting aid workers and the military's subsequent protection of NGOs makes the delivery of aid complicated.

Following the presentations, discussant Rami Khouri urged the panelists to dig deeper, asking Oleg how perceptions can be altered without the use of money, asking Vicki about the role of the Arab states in their own security architecture, asking Toby to further think about the role of the military in certain conflicts, commenting that it is important to delineate what the military can and cannot do, and pushing Monica to further examine the role of aid on long term development.

Khouri closed his comments by adding that American policy is slowly learning, as the military is now

trying to talk to insurgents in Iraq, while more generally reinforced that the broader U.S. interaction with the world needs to be reassessed.

After a brief intermission of coffee and snacks, the colloquium continued. In the second panel, "Domestic Dynamics: Discussion of domestic issues including political development, democratization, and Islam in politics," the discussant was Fawaz Gerges, Christian A. Johnson Chairholder



Second Panel (from left): Fawaz Gerges, Alex Gladstein, Mohammed Al-Ghanim, Jacki Silbermann, and Malik Mufti

in International Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Political Science at Sarah Lawrence College. The first presenter, Senior IR major Alex Gladstein, gave his reflections on Muslim democracy, citing how the region's history of secular authoritarianism gave secularism a bad name in the Muslim world.

Senior IR Major Jacki Silbermann, discussed the political evolution and moderation of Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, and focused on the strategy of the organizations, and not on their ideology. Senior Political Science Major Mohammed Al-Ghanim surveyed the role of Islam in the public sphere of Kuwait, explained the blurred line between the public and private sphere, and the role of Islamic law in Kuwait's history of governance.

Discussant Fawaz Gerges immediately praised the "excellent, nuanced, and historically complex presentations" and acknowledged the students' attention to politics and not ideology, which commonly dominates United States' discourse on the region. Gerges then posed questions to the panelists and opened the floor to questions from the audience.

Over the course of the discussion, Jacki suggested that governments have a wrong analysis of how these movements work and further commented that political inclusion is part of the moderation process for such movements. While Mohammed warned of the dangers of "isms" and United States involvement in the region overall, Alex, when discussing the moderation of Islamic parties, further reinforced that the political spectrum in each country is different.

"IR was very grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with the Fares Center in designing an adjunct event to their distinguished annual conference -- and to provide a forum for Tufts undergraduates who are clearly engaged with these issues at a quite sophisticated level," commented International Relations Assistant Director Kirk Lange. "The quality of the presentations was extremely impressive. In fact, one of our discussants remarked that they seemed much more like graduate student presentations. I'm confident IR will be able to build on the success of this event and provide similar opportunities in the years to come, so other young scholars can share their research with the university community."

The event was a follow up to the Fares Center Conference on March 27-28th and in addition to being sponsored by the IR department, was sponsored by the Fares Center for Mediterranean Studies, and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education.

IR Program Tips from the IR Office

Planning on studying abroad this summer or next year?

Find out all you need to know about the **transfer credit process** (for both Tufts and the IR Program) by visiting the following link: <http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/abroad.htm>

Important: The transfer credit process should be completed before you leave to study abroad. Follow the steps at the above-mentioned web link to secure pre-approval for the courses taken on any foreign study program (Tufts and Non-Tufts programs). Please note that courses taken on Tufts AND Non-Tufts Programs must be approved by the IR Program in order to be used to fulfill IR requirements!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT regarding Thematic Concentration Six: Identity and Ideology in the new curriculum!

TC 6 is currently being reviewed by the IR faculty and is in a state of flux. Students considering this concentration should contact the IR Director, Malik Mufti (malik.mufti@tufts.edu), for more information.

30 Years of IR, continued from pg 1

the 30th Anniversary year, a number of program events took place, thanks in great measure to the Director's Leadership Council and Sigma Iota Rho. These included the student colloquium on the US and the Middle East, the Issue as Muse event, the debate on the place of active citizenship

in the university, Live Jumbo Aid, and the academic forum on Latin American political trends.

To those of you who have contributed so much in this our milestone year, and also to those of you who have made such valuable contributions over

the past decades, we offer our sincere thanks and congratulations. We look forward to working with you as we carry our shared vision forward towards milestones yet to come.

Live Jumbo Aid!, continued from pg 1

students could work together to raise awareness about human rights issues around the world, a group of students came together to create an event different from the panel discussions or lectures we see so often on campus. Our goal was to engage the broader Tufts community in making human rights issues more visible on campus and beyond. Over 15 student groups (including Pangea and the IR Director's Leadership Council), several Tufts departments, and local non-profits are involved in organizing this human rights fair and sleep out. We have three main goals: to raise awareness, to encourage students to think about and take action on a diverse set of human rights issues, and to raise funds for charitable human rights causes.

The booths at the fair will provide information and avenues for action from a wide range of human rights issues—from women's health in Kolkata slums to the continuing abuses in Sudan. Funds raised will be donated to the top three student-selected human rights organizations, as chosen by the students that come to Live Jumbo Aid. Last year, Pangea held a similar event—the Symbolic Refugee Camp—where almost 100 students slept out, raising over \$6,000.

This year, we've added an entirely new component with the human rights fair. We've also teamed up with April Open House to create what we hope will be an even larger and more successful philanthropic event. We challenge the Tufts Community to take ownership of

the event, sleeping out on the quad in support of their cause. Want to have all the fundraised money donated to your chosen cause? Grab all your friends, your sleeping bag, and your sponsorship money and spare change and come join us in voting for the organization to receive the collected funds.

Meet us out on the academic quad this Thursday, April 24th at 5:00pm. The event will run all evening and into the night so come drop by anytime! (Sleeping to begin at 11:00pm.) We look forward to seeing you there! Email livejumboaid@gmail.com to find out how to start a team to sleep out or for more information.

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events and people in the
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*Congratulations to the IR Class of 2008
and a special thank you and good-bye
to our graduating student assistants,*

Samantha Goldman

Halley Lisuk

Jacki Silbermann

Best wishes for a bright future!