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By Thomas Arndt

On December 1st, Professor Richard Langhorne—founding director of DGA—delivered his inaugural address to the DGA community in a warm-hearted bid farewell. Speaking to a packed audience in Bove Auditorium that included many familiar faces from DGA and affiliated departments, Professor Langhorne offered some highly anticipated remarks surrounding his intended departure. Entitled “Globalization: Some Parting Shots,” the speech addressed both his affinity for having been so intimately involved with our institution throughout its development, as well as the substantive side of globalization as the most critical question facing us in the present and in the future. Never one to displease intellectually, he provided some very unique insights into the latter.

To the extent that governance is moving to a global level of abstraction, Professor Langhorne outlined the growing perception of the problem of a democratic deficit, with authority being exercised seemingly further and further removed from the world populace. Whereas the conception of the nation-state had evolved from monarchical authoritarianism to incorporate greater consent of the governed through democratically-elected representatives serving in increasingly influential legislatures, this model for making political power more amenable to the masses may not scale up to the global level in the same way. Instead, the ordering of future society will likely come about through voluntary mechanisms of connecting like-minded individuals who become networked through communications technologies. This constitutes a transition to governance, authority, and above all—representation—that is more issue-based as opposed to territorially-based, and is more horizontal in shape, as opposed to being vertically-oriented.

Upon receiving a standing ovation, students, faculty, and friends gathered along with Professor Langhorne in the DGA conference room for some refreshments and good conversation, where many were glad to be reassured that he will still remain loosely affiliated with DGA and will continue to advise students on their PhD dissertations. And in sending well wishes to the institution, its faculty, and students, Professor Langhorne posited with great wisdom that “it is tough but rewarding to be at the academic and non-academic sharp end of world politics and I wish our students and alumni the best possible luck with it. They will need it; but then good luck is not entirely the pure chance that its name implies.”

Founding Director
Richard Langhorne
Photo Credit—Scott Y. Lin
A Schock to the Global System
By John Ottomanelli

Professor Kurt Schock (PhD, The Ohio State University) began teaching as a core faculty member of the Division of Global Affairs in 2003. In addition to serving the DGA community, Professor Schock is also an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Next semester, Professor Schock will be teaching two courses: “Social Movements & Globalization” and “Strategic Nonviolent Conflict,” respectively, these courses examine hegemonic and counter-hegemonic versions of globalization, and the role of nonviolent resistance to promote social and political change. In addition, Schock will be convening a Colloquium on Civil Resistance. “Social Movements & Globalization” satisfies the program’s Core requirements in the topic area of ‘Culture and Identity in a Global Context,’ and his Colloquium also meets graduation requirements. Quite popular among students, these courses quickly reach capacity every semester.

Professor Schock’s major work to date is Unarmed Insurrections: People and Movements in Nondemocracies; published in 2005 (and translated into Spanish in 2008), the work was awarded the title ‘Best Book of the Year’ by the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association. In this work, Schock studies various pro-democracy movements that have occurred in authoritarian regimes in the 1980s and 1990s; he tries to explain why some of these movements contributed to democratizations while others did not. Drawing upon two disparate literatures – the social movements literature and the nonviolent resistance literature, – he developed a theoretical framework, synthesizing elements from each.

Professor Schock is currently working on two major projects: a study of land reform movements in India and Brazil; and an investigation of the interrelation of violent and nonviolent social movements in promoting social change. The first project was enabled through a research grant awarded by the United States Institute of Peace, during which he conducted field research in both India and Brazil – making several visits to and spending more than six months in each country. Schock studies how small farmers and those alienated from the land in both countries seek to influence policy and politics to overcome the negative consequences of market globalization and to ensure access to livelihood resources. Working on the second project with Professor Chenoweth of Wesleyan University, Schock is conducting a quantitative cross-national study to observe the outcomes of 106 campaigns of nonviolent resistance between 1900 and 2006.

Professor Schock was elected by members of the International Peace Research Association as the Convener of the Nonviolence Commission; this position involves reviewing and accepting paper submissions, forming panels, and writing biennial commission reports. In addition, Schock serves as an advisor to the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict – a private foundation that convenes workshops, promotes study, and disseminates information about civil resistance within academia and to advocacy groups. He also delivers annual lectures at Belgrade University in Serbia and Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, Poland; both universities have developed graduate concentrations in the study of civil resistance, which is something Professor Schock is working to develop here at DGA.

Historian Sumit Guha Talks at DGA
By Tanu Kohli

Some speakers create a story-like narrative to keep their listeners engaged. These stories, however, are not made in thin air. They come with immense knowledge and years of experience. Historian Professor Sumit Guha was able to capture his audience with such a story during his talk.
on “Patterns of Social Power and the Persistence of ‘Archaic’ Forms of Dispute-Resolution in Contemporary South Asia.” His lecture was second in the speaker series on Emergent Opportunities and Threats: The Rutgers Dialogue on Global Issues.

Professor Guha teaches in the History Department at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University and specializes in the history of South Asia stretching from present day India to Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka to Afghanistan. An alumnus of Jawahar Lal Nehru University, India and the University of Cambridge, UK, he is currently working towards publishing his book tentatively titled, Governing Caste: Identity and Power in South Asia c.1600-1900.

Professor Sumit Guha’s talk concentrated on the wedge between state-level judicial mechanisms and local-level dispute settlement mechanisms prevalent in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Northern India at present. He recognized that while South Asia has witnessed some form of change in governance, it has been unable to give up the ancient cultural mechanisms of deciding a dispute in a community. His premise is based upon the study of ancient Indian and Mogul literature that has, time and again, highlighted the greater importance that people impart to their societies rather than their national security systems, no matter how irrational the former might be. Taking examples from the ancient Indian texts such as the Arthashastra, he stressed that societies have often ignored national laws and sheltered under local dispute resolution mechanisms because of their perceived threats and a disbelief in the efficiency of the former.

He also observes that while in the current context, such forms dissolve as urbanization increases and government makes stricter taxation laws; the archaic forms of dispute resolution will persist until the judicial systems fail to effectively implement laws, separate the political intervention of powerful tribes (and often the perpetrators) from the process of dispute settlement and establish proper adjudication processes.

Professor Guha’s talk attains more relevance when we look at dispute resolution mechanisms in matters of foreign policymaking. It is then easy to understand that matters of terrorism, human rights and economic development need to be weaved around local-level mechanisms along with foreign policymaking.

Cultural, social or political conflicts cannot be studied unless the history of relationships among them is explored. Professor Guha’s talk was precisely aimed at clearing this historical gap. Its purpose was to broaden our horizons as enthusiasts of global affairs about conflicts and the present conditions of developing societies—a goal that was achieved very well.

Dr. Yannakogeorgos
Reaching New Heights

By Thomas Arndt

After several fruitful years at Rutgers, DGA’s Senior Program Coordinator, Dr. Panayotis Yannakogeorgos, has announced his intention to accept an offer for a position at another institution. Pano, as he is widely known, will be reaching new heights as a faculty researcher and military analyst for the Air Force Research Institute at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. He is set to make the transition and begin working in this new role on January 17th, making the fall 2010 semester his last at DGA in any official sense. However, as the founding publisher of the Journal of Global Change and Governance (JGCG), Pano will continue managing the journal as editor-in-chief; and as a proud member of the alumni association (LODAGA), he remains open to mentoring students in the future.
Dr. Yannakogeorgos, who earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and his PhD from DGA in Rutgers-Newark, has particular expertise in cyber-security and has taught courses on diplomacy and intelligence in global affairs. With this strong educational background and cutting-edge research interests, Pano is well-equipped to conduct research, analysis, and offer useful policy advice on issues that are currently confronting the USAF both internally and in various theatres around the globe. In this capacity, he will be able to serve his country working for the DOD as a civilian while also expanding his knowledge in the rapidly-evolving field of cyber-security studies, which is of critical importance in the unfolding geo-strategic landscape where virtual activities have increasingly real-world consequences.

The Women Behind DGA

By John Handal

Ann Martin—Our Newest Addition

Ann Martin was the newest addition to the administrative staff, joining us last October after spending 33 years at the New Brunswick campus. Her history at Rutgers goes as far back as August of 1976, when she was hired as an accountant in the Controller’s office on the New Brunswick campus, while working on her Bachelor’s Degree, which is also from Rutgers. Ms. Martin comes from a family of Rutgers graduates; her father was a graduate of Rutgers-Newark Law and her two brothers are alumni of Rutgers New Brunswick.

After 8 years of working in the Controllers’ office, she was transferred to the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) in New Brunswick, managing approximately 20 people and working directly with the faculty. She brought her budgetary experience to DGA as well as her facility and space knowledge. Not many may know, but Ann played a major role in architecting the move of DGA from a 5 office suite next to the Chancellors office to the first floor of Engelhard, where DGA is currently situated. She was also one of the proponents of having the student lounge.

Ann has also been a driving force behind the addition of new faculty and courses, much to the advantage of the students. Most notably, DGA is working diligently to secure new core faculty. We welcome Teri Lindgren from the School of Nursing and Peter Finckenauer from the School of Criminal Justice. Additionally, Professors Frank Fischer and Gabriela Kütting have rejoined our faculty. Ann has also mentioned that the Division hopes to search for a new Director in the next academic year, pending the state budget. Ann will do all she can to continue to support the students and faculty as the Division grows. Her role as Associate Director of DGA enables her to see students on a regular basis, which she loves to do. Ann’s prior roles at Rutgers did not offer such an advantage. Many students, most notably the incoming class, have spoken to Ann about course registration, faculty recommendations, and requirements necessary for graduation. Her two most frequently asked questions this semester have been about special permission numbers for overcrowded classes and how to avoid the methodology requirements. In regards to the campus and DGA in general, Ann absolutely loves being here. Her door is always open for students to drop by, whether it be for a quick chat or a question about requirements.

The Woman Who Helped Build DGA—Desirée Gordon

Desirée Gordon has been with the Division of Global Affairs (DGA) since its inception as the Center for Global Change and Governance (CGCG) 13 years ago. Having worked and lived in New York City, Desirée decided to move to New Jersey and was hired as a temporary employee for a
support position to the newly-founded CGCG under Professor Langhorne at Rutgers University-Newark.

The CGCG was situated in the Dean of Nursing’s suite, where they were given a small office which Desirée had to sometimes share with others. Although they had minimal furniture and very limited supplies, she had the desire to do her best to help get the program started. Professor Langhorne soon realized Desirée’s potential and the program’s need for someone of her character and ability, and she was offered a full time position, making her one of the three employees at the CGCG. She was promised that one day the program would grow into the Division it is today.

The program started out with one student, and although the student body continued to grow throughout the years, Desirée has formed a relationship with just about every student that has walked through her office. When alumni come to visit DGA the first question they usually ask is, “Where is Desirée?” When asked about her time at DGA, she responded that the years have gone by quickly and she hopes the Division will continue to grow and that our students will follow the footsteps of our past alumni in becoming successful in almost every field possible. Desirée also commented on Professor Langhorne’s retirement by saying that, having known him for so many years, she considers him family and knows that he will always remain active in the DGA community. She wishes him the best in his retirement, as he was a pleasure to work alongside for so many years.

**Student Association of Global Affairs:**

**Representing DGA Students**

*By John Handal & Ashlie Perry*

The Student Association of Global Affairs, or SAGA as it is fondly called is the student organization for DGA. This column is exclusively dedicated to the work and achievements of SAGA.

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**“Road to Fondwa” Showing**

On November 17th SAGA, along with the Rutgers-Newark Haitian Association of Students at Rutgers, hosted a showing of the documentary “The Road to Fondwa.” The documentary was about a small town in Haiti, and displays the courage, dedication and passion Haitians have in changing their country’s dependency on foreign nations. The documentary was filmed shortly before the earthquake struck and shed light on the status of the country, before the devastating earthquake in January 2010. After the showing there was a discussion with Rutgers-Newark alum, Suze Gabaud, who is from Fondwa and is related, through marriage, to the filmmaker. She expressed how the earthquake turned back time, and undid all the progress the town—and the nation—had made. In attendance were several Rutgers and DGA students, as well Haitian-Americans both from the community, in addition to many undergraduate students.

**DGA’s Yetunde Odugbesan—Newark’s Chair for Humanitarian Affairs and Social Advocacy**

Yetunde, SAGA’s current president and DGA Masters student, has been appointed Chair for Humanitarian Affairs and Social Advocacy for the City of Newark’s African Commission. Her responsibilities will include shedding light on the social and political challenges facing the African community and the people of African descent living in Newark and throughout the US. Yetunde is an excellent appointee for the position, as she has traveled many times to the continent, is familiar with the issues, the African Diaspora and is involved in several organizations dedicated to
African—and most notably Nigerian—issues. Other responsibilities of the position include organizing immigration lawyers to tackle immigration cases on a pro-bono basis, advocating for human rights issues and the rights for women in the Diaspora and in Africa and organizing social and informational awareness meetings with the participation of local officials and appropriate institutions. Yetunde has always been an advocate for social, political and economic justice in regards to the African continent, a passion which will surely be put to good use as Chair.

DGA Spring 2011 Course Descriptions
By Tanu Kohli

The Division of Global Affairs has attempted to provide its students with a wide array of courses to select from in the upcoming spring semester. For many of our DGA colleagues who have still not made a decision regarding the classes they wish to register for, the DGA Informer is providing you with a quick overview of the classes available for the Spring Semester.

Global Political Economy; Instructor - Jun Xiang (DGA, Economics, Rutgers) - GPE is a core course that conducts a survey of classical and contemporary approaches in international political economy focusing on the politics of substantive international economic issues, such as trade, foreign direct investment, monetary policy, foreign debt and economic adjustment, foreign aid and development, globalization, and international institutions.

Global Governance; Instructor - Sylvia Maier (DGA, NYU) - This core course is designed to acquaint students with a broad understanding of the primary actors, institutions and issues in the field of Global Governance - and how each relate to ongoing dynamics and deliberations in national, international and global policy debates.

Global Environmental Issues; Instructor - Gabriela Kütting (DGA, Political Science, Rutgers) - This is a core course focused on the global environmental "problematique" and the ways in which it is being played out in a variety of political and policy arenas. Apart from introducing the student to the concepts and literature in global environmental politics, the course is intended to provide students with insights into the political structure and context of transnational environmental issues and; the intergovernmental and transnational mechanisms established for addressing environmental problems.

Fundamentals of Global Economy; Instructor - Carlos Seiglie (DGA, Economics, Rutgers) - The objective of this core course is to provide students who have not taken a microeconomics or macroeconomics course with the basic skills for them to be able to be conversant with economic issues. The student should be able to leave the course understanding the effects of various economic policies on both nations and the international system.

Social Movements and Globalization; Instructor - Kurt Schock (DGA, Sociology, Rutgers) - Social Movements is a core course that examines of social movements in the context of globalization. It witnesses how globalization and global civil society are changing the nature of political activism and contention; it covers local, national, and transnational social movements that have developed in response to various injustices and alternative visions of politics and society that are emerging from the global justice/alternative globalization movement.

Econometrics I; Instructor - Peter Loeb (Economics, Rutgers) - Econometrics, one of the DGA methodology electives, literally “economic measurement,” as a branch of economics attempts to quantify theoretical relationships. This course will have both a theoretical and an applied component and there will be a focus on using econometrics software in estimating econometrics models learned during the semester.

Quantitative Methods I; Instructor - Gregg Van Ryzin (DGA, SPAA, Rutgers) - This doctoral course can be taken only if the student has some Statistics/Analytical Method background. It is another methodology elective that covers the design, production and analysis of quantitative data for research in public affairs and administration. The students will be able to review quantitative theory and models, measurement, sampling, and the logic of causal inference using multiple regressions as a tool for data analysis. Professor Van Ryzin will also be offering a course in Research Design.

Doctoral Seminar in Theory and Methods; Instructor - Simon Reich (DGA, Rutgers) - Specially designed to assist doctoral students in preparing their dissertation proposals, it is intended to acquaint students with the
major substantive, epistemological, methodological and paradigmatic choices they will have to make prior to defending their proposal.

International Economics II/ International Finance; Instructor - Mariana Spartareanu (DGA, Economics, Rutgers) - Designed for doctoral students, this course analyzes the causes and consequences of international trade. The course will cover economic models used for the analysis of international trade policy issues and the policies that governments adopt towards international trade.

Apart from the above crucial courses, students have been given the choice of specializing in their preferred field by registering for the following courses.

Political Science and Global Affairs enthusiasts could sign up for Power, Institutions and Norms in Global Affairs (Simon Reich), Strategic Approach to Global Politics (Jeffrey Ritter), Global Labor Governance (Kevin Kolben), Global Alliance (Jeffrey Ritter), Political Analysis for Global Issues (Frank Fischer), Theories War & Peace (Jack Levy, New Brunswick), International Politics – (Roy Licklider, New Brunswick), International & Non-Gov Org in World Politics – Amy Higer.

Students with an interest in Business and Economics have the choice to sign up for, National Innovation Policy & International Business (John Cantwell), Development Economics (Julia Schwenkenberg) and Colloquium on Global Economy (Carlos Seiglie).

Immigration interests can be sufficed by signing up for Immigration & Security in Europe & US: Internal Security Reconsidered in the Post 9/11 Era (Ariane Chebel d'Appollonia) and Nation Building in the US and Europe (Ariane Chebel d'Appollonia).

If International Law attracts students, a choice can be made between, Global Supply Chain Law (Kevin Kolben), International Human Rights Law (Karima Bennoune), National Security Law (Dean Farmer) and International Law & World Order (Karima Bennoune).

Sociology and Anthropology concentration can be achieved by registering for Genocide (Alex Hinton), Strategic Non-Violent Conflict (Kurt Schock) and Colloquium on Civil Resistance (Kurt Schock).

Announcements

December 16, 2010 5:00-8:00pm
DGA and SAGA will be hosting the annual holiday party. DGA Conference Room Engelhard Hall Room 101.

February 17, 2011 4:30pm
Ulla Berg presentation on “Media, Migration and the Moral Economy of Long-Distance Communication.” DGA Conference Room, Engelhard Hall Room 101.

*Reception to follow

Important Spring 2011 Semester Dates

January 18, 2011
Spring 2011 semester begins

January 21, 2011
Comprehensive Examination

January 25, 2011
Last day to drop a class without receiving a ‘W’ grade.

March 12-22, 2011
Spring Recess