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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Politics - The GINT Connection

We all know that the first major event of the 2004 presidential election campaign took place on Saturday, May 3, when all nine candidates for the Democratic Party's nomination for the Presidency squared off in Columbia for the first debate of the upcoming primary season. The program, "2004 First in the Nation: The Democratic Debate," was taped by the ABC Television Network, and replayed on PBS and CNN as well. What most people do not know, however, is that a GINT connection played the central role in having that debate hosted by the University of South Carolina. The Department and University must thank **Steve Benjamin** - former candidate for SC Attorney General, former Director of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, a GINT alumnus, and currently a member of the GINT Partnership Board - for contacting the Democratic Party on the behalf of GINT and the College of Liberal Arts, and offering USC as a "host" for the debate. While there would certainly have been a debate in Columbia that weekend, it is very doubtful that it would have happened on the USC campus without Steve Benjamin.

GINT Undergraduate Distinction - The Tradition Continues:

Once again, majors in the Department of Government and International Studies have won awards within the Department, the University and nationally.

- 1) Outstanding Senior, Int'l Relations
Sarah L. Schoener

- 2) Outstanding Senior, Pol. Science
Kristina L. Cooper
- 3) Outstanding Junior, Int'l Relations
Melanie L. Moore
- 4) Outstanding Junior, Pol. Science
Jenny L. Hamaker

GINT majors who received awards from other units within the University of South Carolina at the USC Awards Day ceremony:

- 1) College of Liberal Arts Summa Cum Laude Award - Nathan Quentin Cox
- 2) Dept. Off Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
 - a) French Essay Award - Sarah L. Schoener
 - b) Maria Reyes Scholarship Award - Alison E. DeCamp
 - c) Gerda Jordan Award for German Studies - Rachel A. Wilhite
- 3) National Fellowship & Scholarship Recipients
 - a) Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Scholar - Kristina L. Cooper
 - b) Fulbright Scholar - Sarah L. Schoener
 - c) National Security Education Program Scholars - Joshua Boyd, John Alex Nicholson
 - d) Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow - Ann M. Hardman
 - e) Morris K. Udall Scholars
Ruth Anne Marie Bergen
- 4) Golden Key Honor Society, 2003 Caroliniana Creed Student Award
Alison E. DeCamp
- 5) Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Freshman Scholar Award
Virginia E. Worthy

- 6) Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
 Laura I. Bauld, Kristina L. Cooper, Braden K. Core, Tracy L. Hamilton, James E. Monogan III, Tasha M. Reid, Sarah L. Schoener, Christina C. Stauffer, Jessica C. Steadman
- 7) USC Outstanding Senior Award
 Laura I. Bauld, Ankit Patel, Tasha M. Reid, Christina C. Stauffer

Congratulations to all these outstanding students on their achievements!

PUBLICATIONS

Tajuana Massie, Tom Hansford, and Don Songer's article "The Timing of Presidential Nominations to the Lower Federal Courts" has been accepted for publication in *Political Research Quarterly*.

Jim Douglas and Jos Raadschelders recently had their manuscript, "The Doctoral Graduate in Public Administration: Apprentice or Master?" accepted for publication in *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. Expected publication date is July 2003.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

George Krause and **Jim Douglas** presented "Political Insulation and the Quality of Bureaucratic Expertise: A Comparative Analysis of Administration, CBO, and Federal Reserve Forecasts" at the 2003 annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Nashville, TN March 20-23.

George Krause and **Jim Douglas** presented "Distinguishing Between Strategic versus Sincere Biases in Agency Fiscal Projections: Theory and Evidence." at the 2003 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago,

IL April 3-6.

George Krause presented "Efficient Markets Theory and the Quality of Political Representation in the United States" at the 2003 meeting of the Public Choice Society. Nashville, TN, March 20-23 as well as the 2003 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 3-6.

George Krause gave an invited presentation of "Efficient Markets Theory and the Quality of Political Representation in the United States" in the American Politics speaker series at Princeton University (sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs) on May 1.

MATTERS OF INTEREST

Laura R. Woliver has been elected to a three year term on the University Committee on Tenure and Promotion.

Laura R. Woliver has been elected to the Faculty Welfare Committee.

George Krause served as Chair and Discussant: "Voting - Empirical Investigations panel." 2003 Public Choice Society meetings. Nashville, TN, March 20-23

David Whiteman led a workshop on "Documentaries and Social Change" at the Columbia Museum of Art on April 27th, as part of the 3rd annual "Beg and Grovel" Film Festival.

NOTICE: As in the past, the departmental newsletter is not being distributed to all graduate students. Instead copies are posted for their review on the graduate bulletin board. Any graduate student wanting an individual copy can pick one up in the main office, room 349.

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