



# USFP NEWS

American University

## Welcome from Dr. Shoon Murray

This is an exciting time for the USFP field. I am very pleased to introduce three new faculty members (Robert Pastor, David Martin-McCormick, Jordan Tama). Also, USFP students have started a new United States Foreign Policy Association that will be co-sponsoring a table-talk series this semester.



## Spring 2009 Events

### Table Talk Series

#### FEBRUARY

**The Sources and Forms of Russian Power and Implications for U.S. Russia Relations**

**With Dr. Celeste Wallander**

Tuesday February 3 4:00-5:15  
SIS 205

**Insiders' Perspectives on Careers in the Intelligence Community**

**With Dr. David Martin McCormick**

Wednesday February 18 3:00-5:00  
Ward 2

**Life in the Foreign Service**

**With Ambassador Anthony Quainton**

Tuesday February 24 4:00-5:15  
MGC 200

#### MARCH

**The US and Cuba: Prospects for Change**

**With Dr. Philip Brenner**

Tuesday March 3 4:00-5:15  
SIS 205

**Hamas: The Future of Peace in the Middle East**

**With Dr. Robert Pastor**

Tuesday March 24 4:00-5:15  
SIS 205

### Other Events

#### APRIL

**Student/Faculty End of Year Social Event**

**Friday April 17**

**Watch the List Serv for Details**



### The United States & Pakistan Table Talk

On Thursday Jan 29th SIS students and faculty joined Dr. Zia Mian of Princeton University to discuss U.S.-Pakistan Relations. USFP student Hena Haidari moderated the event.

## Welcome to Our New Faculty!



**Robert Pastor**—a nationally known scholar and foreign policy practitioner-- is returning to full-time teaching after serving as the Vice President of International Affairs for the University. Dr. Pastor received his PhD from Harvard, where he won the Toppan prize for best dissertation. He has written 16 books--5 of which won awards--and dozens of articles and book chapters. He has had a remarkable career as a practitioner, serving as the National Security Adviser for Latin America and North-South issues during the Carter Administration, as a consultant for the departments of State and Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the United Nations. He was nominated to be Ambassador to Panama by President Clinton. He has worked with the Carter Center, Common

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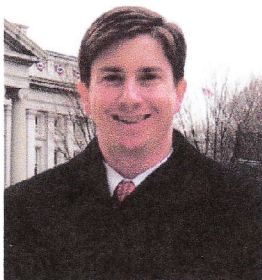
Cause, the Elders, and the Council on Foreign Relations as Vice Chair of the Task Force on North America. He has taught at Harvard, Emory, the University of Maryland, and El Colegio de Mexico as a Fulbright Professor. He has served on national commissions, advised presidential candidates, testified frequently before congress, and is interviewed often on radio and television. He is an expert on US foreign policy to the Americas, the Middle East, and China, as well as executive-legislative relations. He is teaching a class on "US Foreign Policy Toward Latin America" this semester, and will be giving a table talk about the situation in Gaza and prospects for peace between Israelis and Palestinians on March 24th.

**David Martin-McCormick** has joined our faculty as an adjunct professor this semester. Dr. Martin-McCormick recently retired as Chief of Knowledge Management at the Office of National Intelligence. He is teaching an upper-level undergraduate class on "Intelligence in Transition" this

semester. On the afternoon of February 18th, he will be hosting a discussion about what it is like to work within the intelligence community, bringing to campus half a dozen current employees of different intelligence agencies.

**Jordon Tama** will join our faculty as a tenure-track Assistant Professor beginning in Fall 2009. Tama is finishing his dissertation at Princeton University which looks at the factors that make national security commissions effective in reforming policy. Tama has worked as a special assistant to former Representative Lee Hamilton at the Woodrow Wilson Center and at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He co-authored a book with Lee Hamilton titled *Creative Tension: The Foreign Policy Roles of the President and the Congress*, and has written articles on a range of important foreign policy issues --from intelligence reform to the use of torture to fight terrorism to U.S. policy in the Middle East and US-European relations. He will be teaching an undergraduate and a graduate class on "U.S. National Security Strategy" in the fall.

## Alumni Spotlight



Dan Riley spends his days working on issues of environment and energy, but not where one would normally think. Dan works at the Department of the Treasury, in the newly created Office of Environment and Energy. While there he has helped launch a multilateral, multibillion dollar clean technology fund at the World Bank. His work doesn't stop there; he does

analysis and outreach on both domestic and international aspects of energy policy. One such aspect is helping to manage the United States' climate agenda for multinational meetings such as the G-20. Dan feels that AU taught him the skills necessary to tackle this complicated problem. He was attracted to AU's focus on learning how things actually get done. He says, "I liked American's focus on policy development. That set me up for this job as we're working on something that touches fundamentally everything".

Sarah Shaffer has her dream job at the State Department thanks to the Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) program. She says, "I always knew I wanted to work at State." The PMF program, which she applied for while at American University, has allowed her to discover what she wanted to do with her career. Sarah works in the Bureau of Consular Affairs on international adoptions and outreach related to the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption



and its implementing legislation, the Inter-country Adoption Act. In addition, she has done two rotations within the State Department to advance her skills. Her first was in Crisis Management; she says "I loved every crazy moment of it." She just began her second one in the Office of Economic Policy, where she handles issues related to food defense within the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. Sarah loved her time at AU. Now on the job, she says, "I've been able to bring a lot of the training and ideas in." AU gave her the tools she needed to succeed.

## Want to help promote events for USFP Students?

Come join the newly created United States Foreign Policy Association here at AU! This association has been formed to help attract events of special interest to students of American Foreign Policy. We'll be co-hosting the table talk series as well as other events designed to bring the USFP community closer together. We encourage all students interested to join and bring ideas for what they would like to see here at AU.

To get involved, contact Sara Norman at [usfpaa@gmail.com](mailto:usfpaa@gmail.com)