DWA FACULTY UPDATES

Faculty research informs our work with students in the classroom. Below is a summary of the research our faculty have been conducting over the past year.

CHASE


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“Voices for Peace: Inter-Religious Dialogue and the Non-Violent Resurgence of Religion” (presented at ISA conference and currently on submission). This connects to Chu’s seminar “Religion and Politics” (DWA 310).

HEBERT

Researching for a book on gender and human rights and preparing a paper entitled “Interpreting Human Rights Norms in Post-Conflict Societies: An Analysis of Rwanda’s “Landmark Gender Violence Legislation” to be presented at the ISA-West conference. This connects to Hebert’s class “Gender and Human Rights” (DWA 233).

DWA Expands with New Faculty

This has been a remarkable year for DWA. Most exciting are DWA’s two new hires, Assistant Professor Huss Banai and Young Chair Sanjeev Khagram, as well as the new Director of our U.N. Program, Doug Gardner. Perhaps less exciting in the short term, but promising great things for the future, is this year’s renovation of Johnson Hall. Johnson will reopen in 2013 with a dramatic new layout that is meant to mark Occidental’s commitment to global studies. That commitment is given its most tangible expression in how DWA students study and research around the world, and how as alumni many of you have gone on (and will go on!) to work on global issues. Lastly, DWA faculty have been engaged in their own research in ways that impact on what we study together in the classroom.

More details on all of this below.

The DWA faculty enjoy a day at the beach as part of their retreat.

New Faculty

Huss Banai comes to DWA from Brown University, where he was awarded the prize for best dissertation in the Social Sciences. You can read more about Banai’s work and what he’ll be bringing to our faculty here: Hussein Banai studies democracy in context. Banai is also a co-author of a path breaking book that was just published on U.S.-Iran relations – links to that book and other of his publications are here.

Sanjeev Khagram joins DWA from the University of Washington, where he had a joint appointment at the Evans School for Public Policy and the Jackson School of International Studies. Khagram previously held faculty positions at Stanford University’s Institute for International Studies, and Harvard University’s JFK School of Government. From 2003-05 he was acting dean of the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre, and from 1998-00 he was a senior policy advisor with the World Commission on Dams. Khagram’s publications have had a tremendous impact on the fields of international relations and international political economy. In addition to many articles, these include his books Restructuring World Politics (University of Minnesota Press) and Dams and Development (Cornell University Press and Oxford University Press, India). He has also worked extensively with global action networks, multilateral agencies, governments, corporations, civil society organizations, professional associations, and universities all over the world with extended periods in Brazil, India, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

Doug Gardner joins DWA’s Oxy-at-the-U.N. Program after thirty years of service around the globe in the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Gardner served as the UN Resident Coordinator (Ambassador level appointment by the UN Secretary General) and the UNDP Resident Representative in three countries: Cambodia; Ukraine; and Mongolia. In that capacity he led programs in democratic governance, environment and energy, gender equality, and poverty reduction. He catalyzed public debate, managed research, and implemented practical programs in such specific areas as combating corruption, stigmas surrounding HIV/AIDS, energy efficiency and the socio-economic impact of oil and gas revenues. Just prior to joining Oxy, Gardner led the UNDP design team to establish the new UNDP program in Myanmar that supports the nascent national reform efforts at an exciting moment in that country’s political and economic transformation.

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