Dear Alumni,

As spring comes to a close, we celebrate the end of another successful academic year here at CAGS and welcome a new class of alumni. This year 200 graduated from one of our existing 5 master’s and 3 certificate degrees! One of our alumni, Jeff Selingo (MA in Gov, ’01), delivered the AAP commencement address in Baltimore on May 23rd. Jeff reminded graduates in humility and humor of some important life lessons he has had since graduating, such as how important it can be to follow up on unexpected opportunities that come to you rather than risk missing them and also to know that from failure can come new paths you could not have foreseen otherwise. On May 17th, Ben Ginsberg was the master of ceremonies for the Center’s Graduation and Rewards Ceremony held in Washington, D.C. (see story below).

In this issue, in addition to Center and program updates, we note the exciting range of activities and other news many of you have sent to us -- keep it coming! With the election season coming into full swing, we note and congratulate Amy McGrath (GSS, ’14) who won her primary race in Kentucky and whose congressional campaign continues to draw national attention. In Maryland, we have two MA in Government alumni who are widely recognized as among the most effective state legislators, State Delegate Marc Korman and State Senator Brian Feldman. We are proud of all of our graduates and inspired by the myriad ways in which you serve and otherwise utilize your Hopkins degrees.

We hope you will all find ways to get connected or deepen your connections to each other and Hopkins. Please join our LinkedIn group if you haven’t already. Consider hosting a meet-up in your city for other CAGS alumni (contact Kathy Hill for possible support for this or another alumni event; kathyhill@jhu.edu). Keep us informed of your whereabouts and achievements (send updates to Sarah O’Byrne; obyrnes@jhu.edu), or consider taking a class at some point as an alumnus (50% discount if taken non-credit; http://advanced.jhu.edu/alumni/alumni-benefits/).

Most important, please keep in touch! Ben and Kathy

Benjamin Ginsberg
Chair, Center for Advanced Governmental Studies

Kathy Hill
Director, Center for Advanced Governmental Studies
GOVERNMENT

First, congratulations to our 48 students who have joined the ranks of alumni this past year. We had a good turnout of students at our DC Reception on May 17 and also at the AAP wide graduation ceremony on May 23. A special congratulations to our thesis award winners: Robert Aery, The William F. Clinger Award, Hannah Brankin, Best Thesis in the Area of American Political Development Award, and Michael Chapman, Best Masters Thesis in the Area of Political Communications Award.

We have some exciting new course offerings this semester. In Washington, DC, Matt Laslo is offering a new version of the Communications and Congress course. I understand there will be some trips to some Capitol Hill press conferences involved. There are two new online course offerings as well. First, Ryan Emenaker, a graduate of the MA in Government Program and a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Brown University, is offering a new course, “Political Debates and the US Constitution.” This course will wrestle with the counter-majoritarian role the court plays in the separation of powers. Dr. Rosenthal is also offering a new class: “Western Political Thought” which will give students an appreciation of the ideas behind the development of a lot of the political concepts we take for granted today.

Lastly, a very important milestone is taking place this year: our 25th Anniversary! It’s hard to believe! Please mark your calendars for October 25. We will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary with a reception at the Capitol’s Visitor’s Center. More information to soon follow.

Dorothea Wolfson
Director
Government Program

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The Public Management program will be 7 years old at the end of this year and continues to experience tremendous growth while supporting strong academic excellence. The MPM program was once again ranked a top program by U.S. News and World Report and our online program was ranked #4 by BestColleges.com. We have added several new faculty members and online course offerings and are hoping to launch several new courses next year. Our faculty have been active on the scholarship front with several writing new books and papers.

We love to hear about the accomplishments of our alumni. Please feel free to contact me with any news you would like to share with your fellow alums (pweinst3@jhu.edu)

Paul Weinstein
Director
Public Management Program
SECURITY STUDIES and INTELLIGENCE

The last several months have been very exciting ones here in the MA in Global Security Studies (GSS); the Certificate in Intelligence; and the Certificate in Science, Technology, and International Security (STIS). The developments have focused on three areas: international opportunities, expanding the breadth of the programs, and modernizing the programs.

On the international front, we have reached a very exciting agreement with the Cambridge Security Initiative, a spinoff of Cambridge University in England. Under this agreement, for the next three years we will send five students (actually six this year) to the International Security and Intelligence Institute at Cambridge for a month long intensive program there with leading British scholars and national security practitioners. This will count as an elective for the GSS and STIS programs and will count toward one of the requirements for the Intelligence program. We select the students through a competitive application process and the first group, which will leave in early July is very strong. Johns Hopkins will be putting its best foot forward!

We also arranged two overseas courses this summer led by AAP faculty. Dale Madearis and Kathy Wagner Hill led an overseas course called “Sustainable Cities in Germany.” Donald Jensen (of SAIS’s Center for Transatlantic Relations) and I will lead a course that will also go to Europe in July. This course is called “European Security: Russian Challenge, European Response.” It will go to Brussels, Belgium; Kiev, Ukraine; and Tallinn, Estonia. Looking farther down the road nothing is set for certain yet, but we are strongly considering courses going to Cuba and to Israel.

Also on the international front, we will be joined this fall by a visiting scholar from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. This will be Dr. Rory Cormac, a specialist in British intelligence who has written books on the British prime ministers and British intelligence and on British covert action. He will be here doing research on applying public management techniques to assessing the covert actions. He will be working closely with us and the MA in Public Management. Dr. Cormac will not be teaching but he will do a number of events with and for students and will be available to provide academic advice to students.

Regarding expanding the programs, we continue to deepen our partnerships with the MS in Energy Policy and Climate (EPC) and the MS in Environmental Sciences and Policy (ESP). In fact, we now have several students in a Combined MS in Energy Policy and Climate/Certificate in Science, Technology, and International Security program. We’ve also added a number of new courses. These include: “Modern Conflict in the Middle East,” “Managing Dangerous Futures: Global Political Risk Analysis,” and “Transnational Organized Crime: Gangsters of the Global Underworld.” We have also been working with Dr. Jennifer Bachner who directs the MS in Government Analytics to try to offer more courses that will appeal to GSS and STIS students with a quantitative background. Already we have “Computational Modeling for Policy and Security Analysis” in the rotation we expect more such courses to come online in the next academic year.
In addition, the Center for Advanced Governmental Studies has welcomed a new Master’s program this summer: the MS in Geospatial Intelligence headed by Jack O’Connor, a retired senior executive from the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Of course, this program is launching a series of new courses and some of those will be open to students in the Intelligence, STIS and GSS programs.

Last but not least, we are working hard to keep the content of our programs up to date. We are presently developing a revamped “Military Strategy and National Policy.” We are also in the middle of a process to consider how cyber issues should be reflected in our programs and perhaps also in new program offerings. We hope to have more news on this for the next newsletter.

Please allow me to close on a personal note. I’ve been thrilled this year to welcome to the world my latest publications, a two-volume edited set from Georgetown University Press entitled Spy Chiefs. Producing a book is a long process but it’s very rewarding to see it come out. Last but not least, I continue to be really pleased with the quality and dedication of the students we attract. I am not exaggerating when I say that our student body gives me hope for the future. As you know, our best advertisement is word of mouth, so I’m relying on you to be our ambassadors and to keep that flow of top-notch students coming.

Mark Stout
Director
Global Security Studies; Intelligence; and Science, Technology and International Security

GOVERNMENT ANALYTICS

The Government Analytics program, and its amazing students, continue to thrive. This year we are celebrating 37 graduates from the MS in Government Analytics program and 4 from the Certificate in Government Analytics program. We are also thrilled to honor Amy Feldman with the Best Capstone in Government Analytics award for her capstone, "Water Conflict Revisited: Fresh Water Scarcity as a Key Predictor of Contemporary Armed Conflict.” In addition, we are recognizing Dr. Eric Lindgren with the Excellence in Teaching Award for his tremendous contributions to the program. Dr. Lindgren teaches Statistics and Political Analysis, Urban Data Analytics and Survey Methodology, and has consistently been described by students as being incredibly knowledgeable, engaging and generous with his time. We are deeply appreciative to have him as part of the GA faculty. Many congratulations to all of our graduates, and Dr. Lindgren, on these accomplishments.

The GA program is currently focused on developing courses in emerging areas of analytics to give our students a competitive edge in the job market. This summer we'll be offering Cloud Computing in the Public Sector, Computational Modeling for Political and Policy Analysis, and Urban Data Analytics for the first time. In future semesters, we'll be offering additional new courses that likewise focusing on using big data and artificial intelligence to address meaningful challenges in government.
We’re also continuing to host our popular Government Analytics Breakfast Forum and strongly encourage students and alumni to participate either in-person or through the livestream. These meetings are great professional networking opportunities. This spring we hosted two forums. The first featured Austin Gerig (Assistant Director, Division of Economic and Risk Analysis) and Jennifer Diamantis (Chief, Office of Market Intelligence) from the Securities and Exchange Commission who discussed how the agency is using machine learning for risk-based enforcement. The second featured Sarah Ellis Peed (Deputy Director for the NPPD Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, DHS) who described how the agency is working to make analytics accessible to key policy makers and decision makers. The third featured Tom Brandt, Chief Risk Officer at the IRS, who described the opportunities and challenges associated with applying analytics to the agency’s risk management system.

We invite you to join us at our upcoming GAB Forums:

- October 4, 2018: Analytic Approaches at the Social Security Administration (8:30 - 10 am, Room LL7 and livestreamed).

- February 12, 2019: Panel on How Government Agencies Can Use Analytics to Combat the Opioid Crisis (8:30 - 10 am, Room LL7 and livestreamed).

As always, please be in touch with the Director of the Government Analytics Program, Dr. Jennifer Bachner (jbachner@jhu.edu), with any news.

Jennifer Bachner
Director
Government Analytics

Research Administration

Research Administration has added a new online concentration and certificate in International Research Administration Management. Six courses have been added to the Master of Science Degree in Research Administration: 1) The Role and Importance of Culture and Communication in International Research Collaborations 2) International Research Infrastructure and Management for Higher Education 3) International Funding and Grantsmanship: Proposal Development, Submission and Management 4) Building, Executing and Managing International Research and Collaboration Agreements 5) International Research Regulatory, Ethical and Compliance Issues in Research Management, and 6) Building International Innovation, Intellectual Property, and Technology Transfer Centers. The new concentration will be available beginning fall semester 2018.

Marianne Woods
Director
Research Administration
NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT

This past academic year has been an exciting year for the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and its students. The certificate now offers nine electives for students to choose from in order to best meet students’ nonprofit interests. New courses, such as 470.682 Mission Meets Profit: An Exploration and Building of a Social Enterprise and 470.789 INGO/NGOs and Civil Society in Conflict Zones, were both developed and offered in response to high student demand. New adjunct faculty and experts in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Leana Bowman and Ms. Lucy Jodlowska, joined the Certificate to develop and teach new nonprofit electives. Joining the certificate’s dual degree offerings will be a Masters in Cultural Heritage, this upcoming academic year.

In September 2017, students in the nonprofit program joined Program Coordinator, Karin Orr at the 2018 Global Engagement Summit at the United Nations Headquarters to participate in all day workshop on youth and advocacy. In June, 2018, JHU Alumni, Swanzeta Dubuisson, joined the course, 470.728 Fundamentals of Nonprofits and Nonprofit Management as a guest lecture to share her experience founding her own 501 c 3 - Global Water Promise - a U.S. based organization that raises awareness on, and provides, clean water resources to developing nations. Global Water Promise has provided water filtration to remote villages in Haiti and will be building a mechanized water well in north Ghana.

Nonprofit Management celebrated its fourth year of partnership with the Washington Regional Area Grantmakers (WRAG) Association in its offering of the executive education course, Institute for Corporate Social Responsibility. While in 2017/18, we also helped to develop and launch the Center’s newest online noncredit program, Sports Impact Leadership Certificate (SILC).

A proposal for a new Masters degree in Nongovernmental Organization (NGO) Management has been approved by Johns Hopkins Academic Council and anticipates review by the Maryland Higher Education Council (MHEC). Once we receive full approval, more information will be announced. Program Coordinator, Karin Orr, has since been promoted to Program Director to oversee all aspects of the upcoming MA in NGO Management.

Karin Orr
Program Director

Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management & MA in NGO Management

M.S. in GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

The MS in Geospatial intelligence program launched with its first running of the Introduction to Geospatial Intelligence this Summer. Development of a new course in Managing Collection for Commercial Satellites will commence in the Fall with the initial running in Spring 2019. (By then, at the current rate of launch, the number of imaging satellites in orbit will be nearing five hundred.)

Jack O’Connor
Program Director

M.S. in Geospatial Intelligence
Certificate in Non-Profit Management Students attend UNA-USA Global Engagement Summit
February 23rd 2018

In February, Karin Orr, director of the Certificate in Non-Profit Management Student attended the UNA-USA Global Engagement Summit along with 2 students from the certificate program. There were over 1500 people at the summit with the majority of them students from universities from all over the country.

One student flew in from LA to be there, the other is from DC. It was a full day of guest speakers and Q&A sessions on topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals, such as climate change, gender equality, immigration rights, etc. They even saw the great-granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt speak. Karin said that it was a very exciting event for both her and the students!

AAP Public Management Students Competed in NASPAA-Batten Student Policy Simulation Competition, February 24th 2018

By Lauren Vessey and Jim Ong

Imagine this year’s flu scaled into a pandemic like that of a hundred years ago. Governments would need to safeguard their citizens through enacting swift policies with split second decisions. As students in the AAP Public Management Program, we tested our quick analysis skills by participating in the 2018 NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition February 24th, where the topic was pandemic crisis management.

A total of 563 students in 117 teams competed globally at 16 sites. This daylong competition featured four computer-based simulation rounds, and two policy memo-writing rounds. The simulation rounds required teams to represent a different fictional country’s government, and then interact directly with the simulation itself and three other teams on site. Teams rapidly decided policies as new events arose and other teams implemented their own policies. Additionally, the memo rounds had teams compose policy recommendations based on previous simulation round.
Lauren Vessey’s team advanced to the semi-final round, after scoring well on all the simulation and memo rounds. The semi-final round required a short, taped policy presentation the team’s decision-making process and policy recommendations.

We both found this an enriching experience that complements our Johns Hopkins degree. “This valuable real-world simulation marries classroom theory with applied decision making, both of which are prized by employers,” Lauren Vessey commented. Jim Ong added, “The NASPAA competition is a state of the art policy simulation that exposes students to real-world situations. I highly recommend it.” Students interested in next year’s competition consult the following website in the fall at: https://studentcompetition.naspaa.org

Alumni Talk – Jon Powers (GSS, 12)
April 10th 2018

On April 10, as part of a joint event between the Center for Advanced Governmental Studies and the EPC-ESP Speaker Series, Jon Powers gave a talk, "Exploring the Intersection of Energy, Innovation and Finance." Jon is a 2012 graduate of the MA in Global Security Studies and wrote his thesis on energy security. While serving as an U.S. Army officer in Iraq, Jon saw firsthand the vulnerability energy dependency brought to our military operations. When he returned to the U.S., he worked as the Special Advisor on Energy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy & Environment. He later brought his energy security expertise to the White House as President Obama’s Federal Environment Executive. Today, after a time as a Managing Director of Public Sector Business Development at Bloom Energy, Jon is the Co-Founder and President of CleanCapital, a pathbreaking renewable energy investment firm. Jon gave a compelling overview of how innovation is driving renewables to not only be the cleanest and most economical energy sources available, but in part for those very reasons are also the best bets from a finance perspective as well. He also discussed his journey from Hopkins to his current position as a widely respected energy security expert and a leader in renewable energy finance.

You may view his presentation as captured in the livestream of it at the DC Campus. Please note: Mr. Powers’ talk begins at the 5:09 mark of the livestream.
Study Abroad: Sustainable Cities in Germany: Lessons for the U.S.

For an intensive week in May 2018, Dale Medearis and Kathy Hill taught a course, "Sustainable Cities in Germany: Lessons for the U.S." with lectures and site visits in Berlin and Stuttgart. A total of 18 students participated in the class from CAGS master's degree programs in Government, Global Security Studies, Public Management, and Government Analytics as well as from the Environmental Science and Policy Program which cross-listed the course. Students were from across America and a couple were based in Germany (who were especially appreciative Hopkins cam to them!) and all were enthusiastic about the broad spectrum of sustainability issues covered in the course. Energy and and environmental sustainability policies were examined at the federal, regional and local levels. In addition, the following were covered as part of assessing sustainability: how the past is remembered in terms of terror/monument preservation, how assimilation is facilitated by innovative community-based refugee programs, and how public and private workforce training efforts ensure opportunity for workers. A highlight of the course was a meeting with a Green Party member of parliament (MP) and then having two Social Democrat MPs join the class for an informal lunch. The course ended with an e-bike tour of the Ludwigsburg area near Stuttgart that highlighted the latest innovation in bike sharing programs which originated in Europe.

Students listen to Dr. Darla Nickels and Dale Medearis talk about on-site stormwater management in Berlin as part of a session about green infrastructure there.

Students visiting the urban garden of the Uberdentellerand in Berlin where refugees cook meals with local residents and find food a universal language.
Gettysburg Trip - New Leader for Gettysburg Staff Ride

On June 2, the MA in Global Security Studies hosted the annual Gettysburg staff ride. This year we recruited a new leader for the expedition, Gregory Elder, the Historian of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). As part of his job at DIA, Greg hosts staff rides to several Civil War battlefields in the area. On his own time, he also leads staff rides for business groups. He brought deep historical knowledge, a great skill in storytelling, and a selection of period weapons to the event. The day went by very quickly and the thunderstorms held off until the group was on back on the bus heading to Washington. Hopefully Greg will lead next year’s staff ride, as well. In the meantime, however, he will teach a new course “Defense Intelligence in War and Peace” this summer.

Upcoming Study Abroad to Cuba– Also Open to Alumni:
Intersession 2019 will see a joint offering between the Center and Environmental Sciences, a study abroad trip on Nature Conservation and Sustainability in Cuba. This is also open to alumni, more info here

Graduation
As usual this year we were delighted to celebrate with our graduates in both DC and in Baltimore. On May 17th, we held our CAGS Graduate Reception here in DC and welcomed our newest alumni and their families to begin their graduation celebrations. Awards from this ceremony are listed below. On May 23rd, commencement was held in Baltimore and we were once again gratified to have the pleasure of seeing so many of our new graduates cross the stage!
NEWS FROM ALUMNI

Do please send us any news you’d like to share, personal or professional – we like to know how you are doing! You can send details to Sarah O’Byrne at obyres@jhu.edu.

Ames, Kenny (2014, MA in Government)
Kenny Ames has recently joined Association TRENDS, a company in the Columbia Books & Information Services Family. In his new role he works closely with clients who regularly interact with the Ill. For some he helps them get ready for their fly-in event, for others helps them capture the attention of Congressional Staffers and for some more he works with them to train their board members all utilizing the various apps of his new company.

Black, David (2010, MA in Government):
David Black has served as Manager - Ports for Union Pacific Railroad since 2017, and is based in Houston, Texas. In this position, Black is responsible for managing the railroad’s relationships with ports along the Gulf Coast, inland waterways, and Great Lakes.

Bucheli, Daniel (2016, MA in Government):
Currently serves as Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) Deputy Chief of Staff, and was recently elected President of the Republican Communications Association.

Doherty, Griffin (2013, MA in Government):
Griffin recently became the Director of Federal Affairs for the New England Council, which is the nation’s oldest regional business organization representing the business community from the six New England states”

ALUMNUS PROFILE: Dubuisson, Swann (2016, MA Government)

Swanzeta ‘Swani” Dubuisson is at the forefront of raising awareness about global water poverty. She is the founder of Global Water Promise—a U.S. based organization-raising awareness about global water issues and supporting initiatives that help provide clean water resources to developing nations. Swani has spent the past ten years researching water scarcity and the impact it is having on developing nations. With deep knowledge of global water scarcity, Swani has advocated for water, sanitation and hygiene resources for countries like Nepal, Haiti, Bolivia, Belize and Ghana.

Throughout her research in global water scarcity, Swani studied at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International studies where she has received degrees in legal studies and majored in International Development. With the establishment, the Globalwaterpromise.org, she has provided water filtration in remote villages in Haiti and will be building a mechanized water well for the Sokabisi village in north Ghana in July 2018.

“My ultimate goal is to focus on developing community and health facility based water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions to reduce exposure to water-related illnesses among vulnerable populations. I may not be able to change the world, but my compassion help provide clean water to people, just might change the world for somebody.”
Fuller, Brent (2017, MA Global Security Studies & Certificate Intelligence)
Brent is now working with E3 and has been subcontracted to a TSA contract through Deloitte. The contract is working on increasing and maintaining airport security infrastructure.

ALUMNUS PROFILE: Goodman, Veronica Weiss

Veronica Weiss Goodman graduated from the Public Management program in 2016. In addition to her degree in Public Management, Veronica also has a degree in Applied Economics from AAP, and she earned her undergraduate degree from The George Washington University. While in graduate school, she worked for the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the Department of the Treasury, and the White House Office of Management and Budget. Most recently, she worked at a management consulting firm and this month, she published a children’s book, *E is for Economics*, a humorous, colorful introduction to the language of economics for preschool-age children. The book is available online and at Politics and Prose bookstores and East City Bookshop in D.C. For more information, please visit veronicagoodman.com. Veronica notes about the book “While I wouldn't recommend that you use this book to study for your econ Ph.D. exams or to make important investment decisions, if you want to teach your child the alphabet, this is the book for you!”. On her time here at Advanced Academic Programs, Veronica had this to say: "I couldn't speak more highly about my experiences in the Public Management and Applied Economics programs. My professors were engaging and incorporated their work in the field into the classroom. I especially enjoyed my fellow students and was continuously impressed by their experience and commitment to advancing their expertise. Being in D.C. was also invaluable for making connections and networking."

Hanson, Zachary (2015, MS in Government Analytics)

Khoury-Diaz, Pedro (2017, MS in Government Analytics)
Starting as a senior data scientist at Deloitte in June

Korman, Marc (2007, MA in Government):
Marc Korman has been a Democratic delegate for District 16 in Maryland since 2014 and was re-nominated in the primaries this June, we wish him luck in the General Election in November
Sarah received her Master of Arts in Government in 2004. From the faculty at Hopkins, she learned that exposure to real world problems is how you become a critical thinker and problem solver.

After finishing at Hopkins, she went on to public service on Capitol Hill, where she served as a legislative staff for a U.S. Senator and worked on the Affordable Care Act. She went on to JDRF (formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), one of the top five charities in the nation, to advance type 1 diabetes research and the artificial pancreas technology and went on to First Focus to make children and families a priority in federal policy and budget decisions. Sarah was later recruited to advance the health agenda of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), the world's largest trade association representing biotechnology companies and academic institutions.

Sarah now serves in a senior government affairs role at Eli Lilly and Company, a global pharmaceutical company headquartered in Indianapolis, to unite caring with discovery in order to make life better for people around the world.

Leopold-Cohen, Justin (2017, MA Global Security Studies)
Justin had an essay of his accepted by the Columbia Journal on International Affairs https://jia.sipa.columbia.edu/online-articles/global-threat-convergence-crime-terror-nexus

McGrath, Amy (2014, MA in Global Security Studies)
We extend many congratulations to Amy McGrath who won her Democratic primary in Kentucky’s 6th Congressional District. Amy’s campaign received much national coverage and we wish her luck in November http://www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government/article210834844.html?platform=hootsuite

Peck, Eben (2009, MA Government,)
Eben Peck has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Advocacy. He has served in multiple government affairs and communications roles at ASTA since 2012 and in his new role will oversee the Society’s wide-ranging efforts to advocate for the travel agent and advisor community – including key government affairs, industry affairs, communications, legal and research functions. Prior to ASTA, he served in various government relations roles at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and served five years on the staff of U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)

Scherb, Aaron (2011, MA in Government):
Aaron Scherb, director of legislative affairs at Common Cause, was named to The Hill's Top Grassroots Lobbyists for 2017.
Shams, Mansoor (2011, MA in Government/MBA):
Mansoor, a US Marine Veteran, founded MuslimMarine.org which combats not only Islamaphobia, hatred and bigotry but also involved with educating and conversing with the public. His work has taken him across the country and has led him on many occasions to be featured as a keynote speaker at various educational institutions including Westminster, University of Louisville, UB, etc. even our very own Johns Hopkins. He has also been invited to speak to US Marines and to local Law Enforcement here in Baltimore County. His work has also been featured on PBS, NPR, CNN, MSNBC and many other media organizations both as a commentator or one to simply share his perspective as a proud Muslim American US Marine Veteran.

Viers, James (2016, MA in Global Security Studies):
Mr. James D. Viers is the Defense Liaison Officer (Civilian Attaché) assigned to the Defense Attaché Office within the US Embassy in Yaoundé, Cameroon. As the Defense Liaison Officer Mr. Viers advises the U.S. Ambassador, supports AFRICOM objectives, and represents the U.S. Secretary of Defense to the Cameroon military.

Wadsworth, Harrison (2016, MA in Government):
Now Director of Government Affairs at Siemens. His areas of responsibility include Digital Factory and Mobility business divisions, as well as cross-business cybersecurity topics. He was recently appointed to the Arlington County Transportation Commission and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society's development committee.

Well done to all our alum! We love to hear how you are getting on, please do keep us posted!
ALUMNI BOARD

The Center for Advanced Governmental Studies Alumni Advisory Board is a resource for current students and alumni who seek career advice and networking. The Board is comprised of alumni who have achieved a wide-set of accomplishments in diverse fields of both the public and private sectors. Alumni on the board serve on a voluntary basis. The Center will host a career networking reception in the fall for students to meet Board Members. You can find the full list of Board Members here: To contact a member of the alumni board, please email govtstudadvisory@jhu.edu You may also email the following Board Members directly:
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Donald Gordon: dgordon@alum.mit.edu
Ivette Rivera: irivera@NADA.org

ALUMNI EMAIL

Alumni can sign up for a JHU alumni email by following the steps listed here: If they run into any issues, they can reach out to the Alumni Association: alumni@jhu.edu

LINKEDIN

We have a LinkedIn group for Alumni & Faculty. If you are not a member, please drop Sarah O’Byrne an email (obyrnes@jhu.edu) so she can send you an invite. Congratulations to Bobby Johnson, James Miervaldis, Joe Goyette and Jennifer Hatcher who joined after the last newsletter went out and who will receive a JHU Tradition Scarf in the mail!
LIST OF 2018 GRADUATES & AWARDS

Harold Seidman Award
For a capstone that excels at assessing a topic in policy and administration, using original analysis and displaying superior writing,

Donald Gordon Jr.
Capstone Title: “Retaining Expertise in the Directorate of Analysis”

Rachel Mahmud
Capstone Title: “Unlocking American Economic Potential: Bridging the Gender Wage Gap for Women of All Races and Ethnicities”

The William F. Clinger, Jr. Award
For the student whose thesis excels at assessing a topic in institutional or representative government, using original research and displaying superior writing,

Robert Avery
Thesis Title: “A Legacy in Flux: An Evaluation of the Chevron Doctrine, Justification, and Criticisms”

Best Capstone in Government Analytics

Amy Feldman
Capstone Title: “Water Conflict Revisited: Fresh Water Scarcity as a Key Predictor of Contemporary Armed Conflict”

Best Masters Thesis in the Area of American Political Development

Hannah Brankin
Thesis Title: “The Church, the Constitution, and the Culture: The American Political Development of the Separation of Church and State”

Best Masters Thesis in the Area of Political Communications

Michael Chapman
Thesis Title: “Political Communication Strategies in the Age of the Internet”

Best Masters Thesis in the Area of Military Analysis

Andrew Newbrander
Thesis Title: “Collateral Damage in Afghanistan: A Policy Failure, or a Failure to Follow Policy?”

Best Masters Thesis in Security Policy

Michael Shapiro
Thesis Title: “The Abyss of Hope: Inside the Diplomacy of Barack Obama”

Saul Shamash
Thesis Title: “Emerging and Dual Use Technologies: How the United States Recognizes, Regulates, and Addresses the Technologies that Threaten National Security”
Excellence in Teaching Award in Global Security Studies & Public Management

Kelsey Larsen

Excellence in Teaching Award in Government

Al From
Alice McKeon

Excellence in Teaching Award in Government Analytics

Eric Lindgren

2018 Graduates

GOVERNMENT

George Assad Abuzeid
Robert Gerald Avery, II
Sajan Anjali Ahuja
Gabrielle Anne Aines
Katherine Ann Applebaum
Garo Haig Atamian
William Todd Aulgur
Holly M. Ball
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James Fitzgerald Bialick
Melissa Anne Blake
Ivy Rose Bostock
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Kathryn DiBitetto Dunn
Ryan Theodore Ehly
Jason Michael Elder
Brittney Ann Fairman
Thomas Michael Flanagan
Joel Micah Holmstock
Sean Richard Kibby
Jessica Abramovich Kuron
Ethan Ray Lazuk
David Mark Levenson
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