Research Spotlight: Rethinking Religious Freedom

“I like to study things everyone agrees on.” This is how Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Associate Professor of Political Science, explains her initial attraction to studying the international politics of religious freedom, a cause that has inspired and united politicians, religious leaders, lawyers, and human rights activists across the political spectrum, in the US and abroad.

Hurd’s four-year collaborative research project “Politics of Religious Freedom: Contested Norms and Local Practices,” funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, challenges the assumption that there is a single and stable conception of religious freedom, enshrined in international law, UN protocols, and national constitutions. Instead, it studies the multiple historical trajectories, concepts, and practices organized under the rubric of religious freedom. The project is global in scope – Hurd and her co-investigators staged workshops for the project on five continents over the course of three years. The goal was to find ways to talk about religious freedom beyond the American context and in collaboration with local scholars, advocates, and jurists. “You literally can’t stage a conversation like this [about religious freedom] without an interdisciplinary platform like the Buffett Center,” she says.

Hurd and her collaborators, Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Saba Mahmood, and Peter Danchin did not set out to develop or prescribe an alternative to religious freedom. Continued on page 7


The Buffett Center’s Grants & Funding Opportunities for 2015

Deadlines and guidelines for 2015 can be found on Pages 10-11, including research grants for Turkish Studies, research travel to the Middle East, and EDGS, as well as newly increased funding for graduate student conferences and travel.

Global Engagement Studies Institute (GESI) adds Kenya program, fall study option

GESI application deadlines are coming up soon! Look on the Back Page to learn about exciting new programs and scholarships for undergraduate service learning abroad.
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12/1/14 – Nabeel Khoury (Buffett Visiting Scholar, MENA Studies) was on WBEZ Worldview to discuss The US-led raid to rescue hostages from Al Qaeda in Yemen.

11/22/14 – Brent Huffman's (Journalism) documentary film Saving Mes Aynak, about an ancient Buddhist city in Afghanistan slated to be destroyed by a Chinese mining company, had its world premiere at the International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam (IDFA). The film was also featured on PBS NewsHour.

11/7/14 – Helen Tilley (History) won the Ludwig Fleck Prize, awarded annually for the best book in the area of science and technology studies, for her book Africa as a Living Laboratory: Empire, Development, and the Problem of Scientific Knowledge, 1870-1950.

10/30/14 – Galya Ruffer (International Studies, Center for Forced Migration Studies) co-wrote an opinion piece for Huffington Post: “Back to the Dark Ages? The Imminent Danger of a Regional Domino Effect in Obama’s Hardline Policy for Mothers Fleeing Central America.”

10/27/14 – Eugene Kontorovich (Law) was one of the legal scholars quoted in the Wall Street Journal article “Experts Debate the Legality of New Jersey’s Ebola Quarantine Policy.”

10/1/14 – The Program of African Studies was awarded a Title VI grant, which will help develop a new interdisciplinary graduate certificate in African Security Studies, an intensive summer workshop on Arabic manuscripts from Africa, the development of new practicum sites in Africa for global health projects, and much more.

10/06/14 – Galya Ruffer (International Studies, Center for Forced Migration Studies) wrote an article for the Washington Post: “Vibrant democracies emerging from power vacuums give hope for Burkina Faso.”

10/1/14 – Joel Mokyr (Economics, History) contributed an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal, “What Today’s Economic Gloomsayers Are Missing: Science is enabling invention like never before and in ways that will improve life but isn’t captured by GDP statistics.”

8/8/14 – Seema Jayachandran (Economics) wrote about how social norms in India stunt children’s growth in the New York Times article, “The Youngest are the Hungriest.”

7/8/14 – Jeffrey Winters (Political Science, EDGS) was interviewed on WBEZ Worldview about the 2014 Indonesian elections.

7/5/14 – David Scheffer (Law) wrote an LA Times opinion piece, “Let Justice can be served in Syria and Iraq.”
Research Recap: New Publications from Our Affiliates

BOOKS

Sherwin Bryant, African American Studies
Rivers of Gold, Lives of Bondage: Governing Through Slavery in Colonial Quito
(North Carolina Press, 2013)

In this pioneering study of slavery in colonial Ecuador and southern Colombia Sherwin Bryant argues that the most fundamental dimension of slavery was governance and the extension of imperial power. Bryant shows that enslaved black captives were foundational to sixteenth-century royal claims on the Americas and elemental to the process of Spanish colonization. Expanding the diaspora paradigm beyond the Atlantic, Bryant’s history of the Afro-Andes in the early modern world suggests new answers to the question, what is a slave?

Daniel Immerwahr, History
Thinking Small: The United States and the Lure of Community Development
(Harvard University Press, 2015)

Historians commonly interpret the United States’ postwar development campaigns as ill-advised attempts to impose modernity upon poorer nations. The small-scale projects that are popular today mark a retreat from that top-down, heavy-handed approach. But Daniel Immerwahr shows that community-based development is nothing new. Thinking Small tells the story of how the United States sought to rescue the world from poverty through small-scale, community-based approaches. And it also sounds a warning: such strategies, now again in vogue, have been tried before, with often disastrous consequences.

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, History
The Golden Age Shtetl: A New History of Jewish Life in East Europe
(Princeton University Press, 2014)

The shtetl was home to two-thirds of East Europe’s Jews in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, yet it has long been one of the most neglected and misunderstood chapters of the Jewish experience. This book provides the first grassroots social, economic, and cultural history of the shtetl. Challenging popular misconceptions of the shtetl as an isolated, ramshackle Jewish village stricken by poverty and pogroms, Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern argues that, in its heyday from the 1790s to the 1840s, the shtetl was a thriving Jewish community as vibrant as any in Europe.

Helen Tilley, History
The Political Economy of Aid and Accountability: The Rise and Fall of Budget Support in Tanzania
(Ashgate, 2014)

Today, the provision of aid is under intense scrutiny with increasing demands for results and accountability. Helen Tilley explores in this book the real meaning of accountability and argues for a new approach to aid more relevant to recipient countries. Through a case study of aid in Tanzania, this book considers the wider system of often contradictory political and social relations that influence and in turn constrain donor-government relations and questions the traditional understanding of accountability.

Ipek Yosmaoglu, History
Blood Ties: Religion, Violence, and the Politics of Nationhood in Ottoman Macedonia, 1878-1908
(Cornell University Press, 2014)

Ipek K. Yosmaoglu explains the origins of the shift from sporadic to systemic and pervasive violence in late nineteenth-century Ottoman Macedonia. In the final decades of the nineteenth century and throughout the twentieth century, Macedonia was periodically racked by bitter conflict that was qualitatively different from previous outbreaks.
of violence. Focusing on the experience of the inhabitants of Ottoman Macedonia during this period, she shows how communal solidarities broke down and the immutable form of national identity replaced polyglot, fluid associations that had formerly defined people’s sense of collective belonging.

ARTICLES

- **Lori Beaman, et. al., Economics, “Profitability of Fertilizer: Experimental Evidence from Female Rice Farmers in Mali,” American Economic Review, 103 (3) 2013:381-386.**

  The authors conducted an experiment providing fertilizer grants to female rice farmers in Mali. They found that women who received fertilizer used both more fertilizer and more complementary inputs such as herbicides and hired labor. This shows that farmers respond to an increase in one input by re-optimizing other inputs. Second, while the increase in inputs led to a considerable increase in output, the authors found no evidence that profits increased. These results suggest that fertilizer’s impact on profits is small compared to other sources of variation.


  The founders of the Zanzibar National Party can be understood as creole nationalists, who imagined their political authority as stemming from membership in a transnational Arab elite. But in the mid-twentieth century they crafted a new historical narrative that depicted their movement as having originated with indigenous villagers. This article traces the genesis of this masquerade and asks what it implies about the nature of the creole metaphor and its supposed link to discourses of cosmopolitan hybridity.

- **Stefan Henning, Asian Studies, “God’s Translator: Qur’an Translation and the Struggle over a Written National Language in 1930s China,” Modern China, (September) 2014: 1-25.**

  Translation was crucial to the formation of Chinese modernity. This article presents a case of translation from a non-Western context: the translation of the Qur’an into Chinese. Henning analyzes why the first Chinese Qur’an translations in the twentieth century were accomplished by non-Muslims and how the decision to translate among Muslims followed from an internal critique of Muslim collective life in China.


  In the first decades of the twentieth century, classically trained Muslim scholars (’ulama) of the influential Deobandi school of North India issued a number of immensely popular, mass-printed ‘primers’ on Islamic belief and ritual practice. Now ubiquitous in the Islamic bookshops in South Asia and elsewhere, these primers sought to summarize an Islamic education for a lay Muslim reading public. This article explores how their primers advanced the Deobandi school’s well-known critique of popular piety even as they claimed to address Muslims generally, and how their authors negotiated the subtle dynamics of print.


  Schools in developing countries frequently offer for-profit tutoring to their own students. This potentially gives teachers a perverse incentive to teach less during school to increase demand for their tutoring. This article models and presents empirical evidence on these effects, using survey and test score data from Nepal. The evidence suggests that when schools offer for-profit tutoring, teachers teach less during the regular school day.


  A good deal of Mughal cultural historiography is still dominated by the patronage and liberal outlooks of two figures, the Emperor Jalal al-Din Muhammad Akbar (r. 1556–1605) and his great-grandson, Prince Dara Shukoh (1615–1659), both of whom are viewed as having been especially tolerant toward non-Muslims. This article aims to present a survey of evidence for a broader and continuing
Mughal approach to handling India’s diversity and connect it to the larger connected histories of tolerance in global early modernity.


This article reviews recent research in fiscal sociology, specifically contributions to the study of taxation that illuminate core issues in the sociology of contemporary capitalism. Research on developed countries suggests that tax policy changes are important for explaining rising income inequality, structuring durable inequalities of race and gender, and alleviating poverty. Comparative research on developing countries, however, shows consumption taxes are more conducive to growth than taxes on income.


This article suggests that IMF lending is systematically biased. Preferential treatment is largely driven by the degree of similarity between beliefs held by IMF officials and key economic policy-makers in the borrowing country. This article describes the IMF’s ideational culture as “neoliberal,” and assumes it to be stable during the observation window (1980–2000). When fellow neoliberals control the top economic policy posts the distance between the means of the policy team’s beliefs and the IMF narrows; consequently, IMF loans become less onerous, more generous, and less rigorously enforced.


This article explains why contemporary African regimes choose different counter-insurgency strategies and why they tend not to be population-centric. Reno and Day argue that strategies correspond to the ways in which incumbent regimes in Africa deal with different segments of political society through patronage. Incumbents seek varying levels of accommodation with rebel leaders, or try to eliminate them, according to rebels’ historical position within the state.


While there has been some skepticism about whether the postcommunist public is prepared to rule their countries, this article concludes that postcommunist public opinion is more reasonable than conventional wisdom suggests. Opinions on most policies change slowly if at all and when they do change the changes are prompted more by gradual shifts in mores than by political manipulation. This suggests that citizens in the region are prepared to have a significant voice in policy making.


Whereas prosecutions in international criminal courts have increasingly included charges of rape, the messy realities of justice reveal that many witness testimonies are never heard, convictions are limited, sentences are not served, reparations are not paid and women who bring cases to trial become social outcasts. This article examines the ways in which the norms and vocabularies of international criminal justice concerning sexual violence in genocide and mass conflict mediate localized understandings of witness testimony.


This article compares artist and Islamic preacher discourses on art, culture, and youth in Mubarak-era Egypt to highlight current anthropological discussions of secularism and religious discursive traditions. It argues that there is an ingraining of Islamic civilizing traditions into modern governance and vice versa. Explaining this phenomenon requires that we give more attention to social class and geographical location, nationalism, political-economic shifts, and the complicated ways that globally circulating discourses become entangled.
freedom. There is no “one size fits all” solution for managing the politics of religiously diverse societies. Instead, Hurd says, they have sought to understand the different conceptions of religious freedom at play in the world today, their different social and political contexts, and their varied histories.

These efforts are now bearing fruit, and in 2015 the University of Chicago will publish Politics of Religious Freedom, a collection of essays that emerged from an edited set of blog posts on The Immanent Frame. Together, the essays collected in that series, the PRF volume, and other project publications including a special issue of The South Atlantic Quarterly and a symposium on “Re-thinking Religious Freedom” in the Journal of Law and Religion, unsettle the assumption that is so ubiquitous in many academic and policy circles that religious freedom is a singular achievement, an easily understood state of affairs, and that the problem lies in its incomplete realization. Instead, the project team has asked, what happens when religious freedom is imagined through the lexicon of liberal rights as a set of discrete freedoms claimed by individuals or groups from an assumedly neutral state? What claims can and cannot be made regarding religion, personhood, and freedom? What modes of religiosity, notions of religious difference (or non-difference), and idioms of social order are rendered unintelligible or incoherent?

The team also will publish legal case commentaries on the politics of religious freedom in India, Egypt, the U.K., Malaysia, Brazil, South Africa, and the United States in the Maryland Journal of International Law. The cases, which will be freely available on the project website in 2015, are intended for scholars across disciplines seeking to think and teach about the law and politics of social and religious diversity in diverse contexts. The PRF project supported dissertation fieldwork by Northwestern graduate students Mona Oraby (Political Science) and Nazli Ozkan (Anthropology).

Hurd is also publishing her own book on the subject, Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion with Princeton University Press in 2015. It explores the gap between “governed religion” and “lived religion:” the difference between religion as defined by law and what actually happens in people’s everyday religious lives. Rather than emancipating societies from persecution and discrimination, she argues, the legalization of freedom of religion, government engagement with faith communities, and legal protections for religious minorities generate social tensions by making religious difference a matter of law, enacting a divide between the religion of those in power and the religion of those without it.

The Politics of Religious Freedom project brought together academics, human rights and civil society representatives, and policy makers from around the world. Hurd and the PRF team held a series of workshops in Cape Town, Evanston, Cairo, Princeton, Chiangmai, and Venice. In the international workshops it became obvious that “religious freedom” doesn’t mean the same thing in Thailand or South Africa as it does in the United States or Egypt. As Hurd stated in a recent interview with Religion News, “To define religious freedom requires knowing what religion is… It arguably can no longer convincingly underwrite legal action or international public policy. We need new words.”
International Gender Equality Movement (iGEM) Hosts Campus Day for Young Refugee Students

On November 22, International Gender Equality Movement (iGEM) hosted a Campus Day for high school girls from GirlForward and RefugeeOne, two Chicago-based organizations that assist refugees, in order to teach the girls about college and why they should apply. iGEM is a new Buffett-affiliated student group, associated with the UN Foundation’s Girl Up campaign, that promotes the education, leadership, and well-being of girls both in the Evanston community and in developing countries around the world.

The Campus Day began with a Northwestern campus tour including visiting a dorm room, classrooms, and common campus sites. The girls then participated in interactive activities that introduced them to the basics of college, from considering location and size, to thinking about interviews and financial aid. These activities, led by iGEM club members, encouraged thought and conversation about the fundamentals of applying to and attending college.

Afterwards, the GirlForward and RefugeeOne girls had the opportunity to learn more about specific Northwestern programs. Professor Wendi Gardner of the Psychology department spoke on choosing a college major, what to expect from college courses, and her specialty of social psychology. Then, Significant Others, Northwestern’s premier all-female a cappella group, sang for the girls and answered questions about extracurricular opportunities in college. These presentations not only provided insight into academic and extracurricular endeavors at Northwestern but also presented strong female role models at the university level.

Finally, the girls reflected on what college means to them. Answers ranged from “fun because you create your own schedule” to “a new beginning.” One girl aptly summed up the day’s purpose by stating “college is hope for a better future.”

Save the Date: GlobeMed’s Annual Summit is March 26-28

GlobeMed’s annual summit provides student delegates from all over the country with a critical understanding of social justice and global health, educates on best practices in effective and ethical work, and provides a space to build close relationships with existing social justice and global health leaders and future colleagues.

The 2015 GlobeMed Summit will take place from March 26-28, 2015 at Northwestern’s Evanston campus. The Summit brings together 300+ students, alumni, partners, and peer organizations. Delegates learn to be more effective leaders, partners, and change-makers in their own communities. It is a space where students learn that no matter what their career path, they play an important role in creating a more just world.

Keep an eye out in the coming quarter for more information about Summit sessions to attend! If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out via email to summit@globemed.org.
NUCHR Conference 2015: Human Rights in the Digital Age

The Northwestern University Community for Human Rights (NUCHR), the leading voice for human rights on campus, hosts its annual human rights conference on January 15-17, 2015 in Evanston. This year’s conference, “Human Rights in the Digital Age,” will explore the evolution of human rights in the context of the digital age and its rapidly changing technologies. Panelists and speakers will focus on topics including Internet access as a human right, the future of social media liberation technologies and digital dissidence, and human rights in the context of national security. The goal is to encourage dialogue on these complex issues which are rapidly changing the ways in which we view the world and human rights in general.

NUCHR is hosting 40 delegates from universities across the United States including Washington University in St. Louis, Boston College, Cornell University, Duke University, Sarah Lawrence College, University of San Diego, Amherst College, American University, Dartmouth College, and Rice University. Delegates will share their experiences as they participate in specialized panels and breakout sessions, but they will also have the opportunity to interact with prominent speakers and Chicago-based human rights organizations.

Opening and closing keynotes and panels are open to the public. For more information, please visit www.nuhumanrights.com or email conferenceonhumanrights@u.northwestern.edu ♦

The Global Development Speaker Series

As part of its Global Engagement programs, the Buffett Center hosts the Global Development Speaker Series each quarter. The series is aimed towards an undergraduate audience and hosts prominent leaders and experts on international development, social change, and sustainability. Here are some highlights from the fall 2014 quarter:

- October 3, 2014 Howard W. Buffett (WCAS ’06) returned to Northwestern to discuss how newer, smarter types of global philanthropy are driving global development. A lecturer at Columbia University, Buffett gave students a firsthand account of his work on food security issues and managing large-scale international philanthropic organizations.

- October 7, 2014 Johannes Haushofer of Princeton came to the Buffett Center to discuss his research on the psychological effects of poverty and their negative impact on financial decision-making.

- October 13, 2014 Nicholas Kristof of the New York Times spoke to a packed Cahn Auditorium about how important it is for students, especially undergraduates, to become engaged with the world around them as a means to achieving positive social global change.

- October 17, 2014 Global Engagement alumni Jonathan Marino (SESP ’06), Megha Agrawal (SESP ’10), Ayanna Legros (WCAS ’13), and Heidi Dessecker (WCAS ’10) talked to current undergraduate students about how their experiences at the Buffett Center—from going abroad with the GESI program to organizing conferences through GES and NUCHR—shaped their careers and changed how they look at the world. ♦
2015 Grants & Funding Opportunities

The Buffett Center has provided hundreds of Northwestern faculty and student affiliates with the funding to pursue collaborative, innovative international research. Take a look at our 2015 opportunities below or to learn more visit www.bcics.northwestern.edu/grants

Frequently Asked Questions about the Buffett Center’s Research Grants

What are the application requirements?
The full list of requirements for each grant is included in the online application. All grant applications/proposals must contain a concise description of the research, scholarship, or creative activity along with an itemized budget.

Graduate students applying for funding must be affiliates of the Buffett Center. Learn more about our graduate affiliate program at bcics.northwestern.edu/people/grads.

Graduate student and undergraduate applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member delivered or emailed to the Buffett Center at buffettcenter@northwestern.edu.

How are the winners selected?
Awards are determined by a committee organized by the Buffett Center.

When does the Buffett Center notify grant winners?
Award notification is expected 4-6 weeks after each deadline.

The Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Awards

Deadlines
February 15, May 1, and October 14 of 2015

Eligibility
Northwestern faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates in all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences.

Thanks to generous support from the Crown family, the Buffett Center awards travel grants for research projects in the Middle East. Research proposals for individual and group projects are invited. Proposals indicating collaboration with institutions and colleagues in the Middle East will be given priority.

Online Application Link
www.bcics.northwestern.edu/grants/research.html

Questions about Middle East Travel Grants
Send an email to buffetcenter@northwestern.edu

Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grants

Deadline
February 15, 2015

Eligibility
Northwestern faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates in all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences.

The Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program awards research grants in modern Turkish studies. Applicants may place the proposed work in an interdisciplinary context by explaining its relevance to modern Turkey.

Research proposals for individual and group projects are invited. Projects may build on the work of existing research or they may be an entirely new initiative, as long as they are on modern Turkey. Proposals indicating collaboration with Turkish institutions and colleagues will be given priority.

Online Application Link
www.bcics.northwestern.edu/grants/research.html

Questions about Turkish Studies Grants
Send an email to turkishstudies@northwestern.edu

Buffett Center Graduate Student Research Travel Awards

Deadlines
February 15, 2015 (primary deadline)
October 14, 2015 (limited number of awards will be reserved for this deadline)

Eligibility
Northwestern graduate students at any stage in their dissertation research. Dissertations must be
on comparative and international topics relevant to important contemporary political, economic, and social issues.

Graduate Student Dissertation Research Awards provide funding for fieldwork outside the United States. The maximum award is $5,000. Note: regular participants in the Buffett Center Graduate Student Colloquium series with strong proposals will receive preference. Applications from students conducting exploratory thesis research are particularly encouraged. These awards may not be used for language study programs, expenses in the United States, special equipment such as tape recorders, or fees for transcription or translation.

All applicants are expected to concurrently seek research support from other sources. Applicants who have previously received a Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award must also demonstrate that they have applied for funding from a source outside of Northwestern.

**Online Application Link**
www.bcics.northwestern.edu/grants/research.html

**Questions about Dissertation Research Grants**
Send an email to buffetcenter@northwestern.edu

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**EDGS Research Grants**

**Deadline**
March 15, 2014

**Eligibility**
Northwestern faculty and graduate students of social sciences, such as Anthropology, Economics, History, Law, Political Science, Religious Studies, or Sociology.

EDGS supports research closely related to the program’s core themes: Institutional Transformation; Rule of Law; Boundaries and Property; Oligarchs and Elites; Democracy, Participation, and Equality; Conflict, Tolerance, and Rights; Historical Influences and Legacies; Global and National Development; and Growth and Sustainability. All research should lead to publications.

Graduate student applications will be submitted first to each department’s director of graduate studies, and the strongest candidates will be forwarded to EDGS.

Strong proposals from applicants who participate regularly in EDGS programs and events are viewed as especially competitive by the Advisory Board. The number and distribution of funded projects will be determined by the number of proposals received and the funding requested by the applicants. The EDGS Advisory Board will review all proposals. Award notification is expected 2-3 weeks after the deadline.

**EDGS Research Grants Include:**
Faculty Research Grants ($5,000-$25,000)
Faculty Small Research Grants (up to $1,000)
Book Conference Grants (up to $5,000)
Conference or Symposium Grants (up to $25,000)
EDGS Speaker Series (up to $5,000)
Graduate Student Summer Funding (up to $2,500)

**Online Application Link**
More information on the categories of research support and all online applications can be found at www.EDGS.northwestern.edu/research-support/. Questions About EDGS Grants
For more information, contact Beth Morrissey, Program Manager, at EDGS@northwestern.edu or 847-467-6609. ♦
New Faculty and Visiting Scholars

Please welcome the following faculty, staff, and scholars to the Buffett Center and Northwestern community. We encourage our friends and affiliates to introduce themselves to our new arrivals.

Corey Byrnes (PhD 2013, UC Berkeley), Asian Languages and Cultures, studies modern and contemporary Chinese literature, film and visual culture, especially the representation of displacement and trauma. Ecology and the poetics of disappearance are the foci of Corey’s current manuscript, “Rising from a Placid Lake,” a selective history of the 3000 year old representational culture of the Three Gorges region from the perspective of the recently completed Three Gorges Dam. This project brings together a broad variety of sources: early mythology, poetry and travel writing of the Six Dynasties, Tang and Song; writings from the Republican era; and contemporary responses to the dam.

Paul Gillingham (DPhil 2006, Oxford) is a historian of modern Mexico and Latin America. His first book, Cuauhtémoc’s Bones (University of New Mexico, 2011) examines nationalism through the forged tomb of the last Aztec emperor. It was awarded the Conference on Latin American History’s Mexican History Prize and an honorable mention from the Latin American Studies Association’s Social Sciences on Mexico Prize. His second book, Dictablanda: Politics, Work, and Culture in Mexico, 1938-1968 (Duke University Press, 2014) is a collection of essays, co-edited with Ben Smith.

Yael Israel-Cohen (PhD 2012, Tel Aviv University) is a postdoctoral fellow in the Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies and a visiting assistant professor in Sociology and in Gender Studies (2014-2016). Her most recent book is Between Feminism and Orthodox Judaism: Resistance, Identity and Religious Change in Israel (2012). Currently, she is working on a number of research projects related to education and to trauma as a result of terrorism within Israeli society.

Ibrahim Haruna Hassan (PhD Bayero University), ISITA Fulbright Visiting Scholar, is a senior lecturer in Religious Studies at the University of Jos, Nigeria. His dissertation focused on Islamic theories of development, and he has written extensively on Islam in Nigeria. While at Northwestern, Hassan will develop a new research project titled “Orientalism and Islamism: A Comparative Study of Approaches to Islamic Studies.” The study will explore the interaction between non-Muslim Western writings about Islam (Orientalism) and Muslims’ radical interpretations of Islam (Islamism), and how their discourses have been shaped through reaction to the perceived “other.”

Jun Hu (PhD 2014, Princeton), Art History, is interested in the religious art and architecture of East Asia, particularly of the early medieval period. His dissertation, titled “Embracing the Circle: Domical Architecture in East Asia (c. 200-750 CE),” uses three case studies ranging from Buddhist cave temples to timber buildings in Nara, Japan, to explore the changing expressions of religious impulses as reflected in the construction of domical spaces in China and Japan. His next project, tentatively titled “Impressions of Modernity and the Rhetoric of Style,” explores the role of mechanical replication in the development of painting practice and theory in seventeenth-century China and Japan.

Damien Lambert, Buffett Center Visiting Scholar, is a PhD Candidate in the Accounting/Auditing concentration at ESSEC Business School (Paris, France). Damien’s research interests include accountability.
mechanisms – accounting, processes and actors – and discreet forms of regulations, with a specific focus on the financial industry. More specifically, his doctoral thesis explores the historical emergence of the proxy advisor, its influence on corporate governance practices and impact on other stakeholders such as institutional investors and corporate firms.

**Peter Locke** (PhD 2009, Princeton) is a cultural and medical anthropologist focused on bringing ethnographic evidence to the comparative study of global health and humanitarian intervention in post-conflict societies. Locke’s doctoral research in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, explored how local psychosocial support organizations and poor families together cope with the legacy of war amidst a transformed state and economy. Prior to joining Northwestern’s faculty, Locke served as a postdoctoral research associate and then as a lecturer for Princeton University’s Program in Global Health and Health Policy.

**Vanja-Ivan Savić** is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb, where he obtained a PhD and two law degrees. As a Buffett Center Visiting Scholar, his research will examine law, religion, and cohabitation in complex religious and ethnic societies. His other areas of expertise include legal theory, theory of law and state, corporate criminal law, and international human rights. He was a British Chevening Scholar at The University of Edinburgh in 2005, an International Fellow at DePaul University’s International Human Rights Law Institute in Chicago in 2010, and a Visiting Research Associate at the University of Adelaide Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion in 2013.

**Elizaveta Strakhov** (PhD 2014, University of Pennsylvania) is a Mellon postdoctoral fellow in Medieval Studies in the Department of English and the Department of French and Italian. Her current project, Politics in Translation: Lyric Form and the Francophone Self in Late Medieval Europe, investigates the use of a specific lyric genre, the *formes fixes*, by a group of Francophone poets to negotiate the rise of proto-nationalism and regionalist faction during the Hundred Years War (1337-1453). She has several forthcoming publications on Chaucer’s reception of antiquity, on Chaucer, Machaut and nascent intellectual property rights, on the late medieval lyric anthology, and on the literary history of late medieval Burgundy.

**Erica Weitzman** (PhD 2012, NYU) is an assistant professor of German. Prior to arriving at Northwestern, she was a visiting assistant professor at the University of California, Berkeley, a Volkswagen Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at the Universität Konstanz, and a doctoral fellow with the DFG research group “Lebensformen und Lebenswissen” at the Europa-Universität Viadrina. Her first book is Irony’s Antics: Walser, Kafka, Roth and the German Comic Tradition (Northwestern University Press, 2014). She is currently working on a project on the notion of the obscene as a problem of representation in European realism and naturalism.

**Sarah Davis Westwood** is a visiting scholar at PAS and a PhD candidate in African history at Boston University. She is currently writing her dissertation, which examines the wars between French colonial forces and the armies of pre-colonial Senegalese states, and the inception and growth of the French colonial force in West Africa, the *tirailleurs sénégalais*. At Northwestern, Sarah is making great use of the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, particularly the documents concerning Senegal contained in the John Hunwick Collection. Her wider interests include the military history of West Africa and the Atlantic world, military culture, martial race theory, and the ethics of force. Prior to beginning graduate study, Sarah served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal. ♦
WINTER 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

Events are free and open to the public, and located at the Buffett Center on 1902 Sheridan Road in Evanston unless otherwise indicated. We hope to see you there!

Global Development Series  Faculty & Fellows Colloquium
Human Rights Series  Keyman Modern Turkish Studies

JANUARY

Friday, January 15-18  ■
12TH ANNUAL NUCHR CONFERENCE: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE
Evanston Campus
Visit www.nuhumanrights.com for details.

Friday, January 16  ■
PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF MEDIA: CREATING NEW MEANING MAKING STRATEGIES
Ozge Samanci, Radio/TV/Film
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center

Friday, January 23  ■
CHINA’S INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATION AND THE EFFECTS ON THE ONE CHILD POLICY
Danielle Cohen, Buffett Visiting Scholar
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center

Tuesday, January 27
THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS
Ambassador Steven Pifer
4pm at the Buffett Center

Amb. Steven Pifer is a former ambassador to Ukraine and foreign service officer whose work centers on Europe, the former Soviet Union, and arms control. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution’s Center on the United States and Europe as well as the Director of Brookings’ Arms Control Initiative.

Friday, January 30  ■
JAPANESE RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
Mark Tilton, Political Science
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 2  ■
HUMAN RIGHTS IN MEXICO AFTER AYOTZINAPA
Alejandra Ancheita, Founder and Executive Director of ProDESC
7pm at Location TBA

Alejandra Anchieta is a Mexico City human rights lawyer and 2014 winner of the Martin Ennals Award for human rights defenders. She founded ProDESC to defend economic, social, and cultural rights as well as to challenge impunity and death threats from organized crime groups in Mexico.

Thursday, February 5  ■
THE PRACTICE OF MICROCONSIGNMENT AND GRASSROOTS CONSULTING
Greg VanKirk, Social Entrepreneur Corps
7pm at Location TBA

Greg VanKirk is a founder of Social Entrepreneur Corps and the co-creator of the micro-consignment model for community development. He is a member of the Ashoka/Siemens Foundation Community Impact Development Group and the Clinton Global Initiative.
Friday, February 6  ■  
**WATCHING WAR EVOLVE: PHOTOJOURNALISM AND NEW FORMS OF VIOLENCE**  
Robert Hariman, Communication Studies  
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center  

Thursday, February 12  ■  
**HUNGER PAINS: THE US FOOD AID PROGRAM’S UNCERTAIN FUTURE**  
Josh Meyer, Director of Medill National Security Journalism Initiative  
7pm at the Buffett Center  

Josh Meyer spent 20 years with the *Los Angeles Times* before joining Medill, where he is the McCormick Lecturer in National Security Studies. Since 2000, he has focused on terrorism and related intelligence, law enforcement, and national security issues while traveling extensively to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Israel and the Persian Gulf.  

Friday, February 13  ■  
**POLITICAL OBJECTS OR OBJECTIVES? AN EXPLORATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC USE OF WOMEN IN PRE-1945 US CABLES**  
Jason Rancatore, Political Science  
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center  

Friday, February 20  ■  
**ATLANTIC HOMELANDS: NATIVE SOVEREIGNTY, COLONIALISM, AND REVOLUTION IN THE 18TH CENTURY GUJAIRA (NEW GRANADA)**  
Forrest Hylton, History  
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center  

Friday, February 27  ■  
**THE DARK SIDE OF THE COLD WAR: THE WAR ON DRUGS AS COUNTER-INSURGENCY IN COLOMBIA’S FIRST NARCOTICS BOOM**  
Lina Britto, History  
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center  

**MARCH**  

Friday, March 6  ■  
**LEBANON IN BOSNIA: DISINTEGRATING NATION IN INTEGRATED STATE**  
Vanja-Ivan Savić, Buffett Visiting Scholar  
12pm-1pm at the Buffett Center  

Tuesday, March 10  ■  
**RUSSIA: FRIEND OR FOE?**  
Ambassador John Beyrle  
4pm at the Buffett Center  

Amb. John Beyrle was the U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation from 2008-2012 and the ambassador to Bulgaria from 2005-2008. He was Ambassador in Moscow during the “reset” of Russian-American relationship, which saw the signing of the New START arms control treaty, agreement on peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and Russia’s accession to the World Trade Organization.  

March 26-28  ■  
**GLOBEMED ANNUAL SUMMIT**  
Evanston Campus  
Visit www.globemed.org for details.  

*All events are subject to change. Please check www.bcics.northwestern.edu or PlanIt Purple closer to the day of the event to confirm date and location.*
New Programs, Scholarships, and Website for GESI 2015!
Global service learning program expands to fall quarter, adds new location in Kenya

The Global Engagement Studies Institute (GESI) is excited to be expanding its study abroad options in 2015. The program is adding a new internship location in Kakamega, Kenya to its already expansive list of locations in Uganda, India, Bolivia, South Africa, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. Students will also now have the option to participate in the fall quarter in addition to GESI’s traditional summer format.

2015 is also a great year for GESI thanks to generous scholarships for undergraduates. Over the past four years, the Buffett Center has awarded $500,000 in need-based scholarships to students who want to participate in international development work, and with 15 full scholarships in addition to partial scholarships available for 2015, that amount is sure to increase.

The GESI team is particularly excited about its brand new website (left), launched at the end of the fall quarter. Visit gesi.northwestern.edu to check out the new design and learn more about GESI! ♦

Quick Facts about the GESI Program

Since GESI’s inception in 2007:
• Over 400 undergraduates have participated
• More than 100 team-based development projects have been completed
• Students have worked in 8 different countries on 4 continents

Important Deadlines for GESI 2015 Programs:
• January 15, 2015 is the deadline for those seeking financial aid and scholarships
• February 10, 2015 is the regular deadline for the Fall Program
• March 1, 2015 is the regular deadline for the Summer Program