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Dear Prospective Students and Colleagues,

I am writing to let you know about the good things happening in the Ph.D. program at the Georgetown Department of Government.

Georgetown is an excellent place to get a Ph.D. in Government. We are part of a distinguished university in an excellent location. But our real asset is our strong, research-oriented faculty. We have steadily climbed in the Hix Global Ranking of Political Science Departments ([http://www.politicalstudies.org/pdf/psr/hix.pdf](http://www.politicalstudies.org/pdf/psr/hix.pdf)). In addition, we were pleased to see that Georgetown came in fourth when Thomson-Reuters ranked universities based on papers in political science journals from 2002 to 2006 ([http://sciencewatch.com/dr/sci/08/mar16-08_1/](http://sciencewatch.com/dr/sci/08/mar16-08_1)).

Or, perhaps it is best to see for yourself.

**American Political Science Review**

- **Daniel Nexon & Tom Wright (graduate student).** What’s at Stake in the American Empire Debate. (2007)

**American Journal of Political Science**
- **Michael Bailey.** Comparable Preference Estimates across Time and Institutions for the Court, Congress. (2007).
- **Michael Bailey.** Signals from the Tenth Justice: The Role of the Solicitor General at the Merits Stage. (2005) (with B. Kamoie & F. Maltzman).

**International Organization**
- **Marc Busch.** Overlapping Institutions, Forum Shopping and Dispute Settlement in International Trade. (2007).
- **Marc Busch.** The Politics of Judicial Economy at the World Trade Organization. (Forthcoming). (with Krzysztof Pelc)
- **Yossi Shain & Aharon Barth (graduate student).** Diasporas and IR Theory. (2003).

World Politics
• Marc Busch. A BIT is Better Than a Lot: Bilateral Investment Treaties and Preferential Trade Agreements. (Forthcoming) (with Jennifer Tobin)

International Security
• Daniel Byman. Friends Like These: Counterinsurgency and the War on Terrorism. (2006).
• Colin Kahl (SFS). In the Crossfire or the Crosshairs? Norms, Civilian Casualties, and US Conduct in Iraq. (2007).
• Elizabeth Stanley. Ending the Korean War: Domestic Coalitions Shifts Overcoming Obstacles to Peace. (2009).
Journal of Politics


Other Major Journals


Cambridge University Press

- Jeffrey Anderson. German Unification and the Union of Europe (1999).

**Oxford University Press**


**Princeton University Press**


**University of Chicago Press**

Cornell University Press

- **Matthew Kroenig.** *Exporting the Bomb: Technology Transfer and the Spread of Nuclear Weapons* (2010).

Other Major University Presses

- **Andrew Bennett.** *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences* (2005) (with A. George) MIT University Press.

Our faculty includes a number of excellent scholars hired in recent years:

- **Matt Carnes** (Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics; Ph.D., Stanford)
- **Desha Girod** (Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics; Ph.D., Stanford)
- **Dan Hopkins** (Assistant Professor in American Politics; Ph.D., Harvard)
- **Matt Kroenig** (Assistant Professor in IR; Ph.D. Berkeley)
- **Kier Lieber** (Associate Professor in SFS; Ph.D. Chicago)
- **Eric Voeten** (Associate Professor in IR; Ph.D., Princeton)
- **James Vreeland** (Associate Professor in SFS; Ph.D. NYU)

Georgetown has other strengths in addition to its research-oriented faculty. Being in a historic part of the most powerful city in the world makes this an exciting place to study. It also provides an incredible array of opportunities for deepening graduate research: students can take classes at
other Washington area schools and frequently have one member of their dissertation committee from another school or a think tank in the area.

Our fellowships are competitive. For incoming students, we offer five years of funding that covers tuition and a stipend of over $18,000. We have several teaching opportunities available to students, in addition to regular chances to be a teaching assistant or research assistant.

Our recent graduates have tenure-track jobs at many excellent institutions, including:
  o Cornell University
  o University of Wisconsin at Madison
  o LBJ School of Public Policy at the University of Texas at Austin
  o George Washington University
  o George Mason University
  o University of California at Riverside
  o Villanova University
  o Carleton University

In addition, our Ph.D.s have been winning prestigious fellowships, including ones from the Belfer Center at Harvard, Princeton and Brookings.

Part of our placement success is due to our strong record of working closely with students, including a number of publications that are jointly co-authored with students.

The bottom line? Exciting things are happening in the Ph.D. program at Georgetown and we invite you or your students to be part of them.

Sincerely,

George Shambaugh

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