GPIS
Graduate Program in International Studies
... building a global community
Message from the GPIS Director

I am delighted to introduce you to the Graduate Program in International Studies at Old Dominion University. This brochure acquaints you with who we are as faculty, students, and alumni and with how we understand the many challenges of a global world.

At GPIS, the International Studies Program is truly interdisciplinary, reflecting the need to educate future leaders capable of navigating complex environments. Hence we draw faculty from many different academic departments and colleges across the university. Our goal is to offer an exciting, engaging, and relevant curriculum to students who want to make a difference; students who want to explore new approaches to understanding the world and seek innovative solutions. To this end, we attract students from all over the world and are especially proud of the many Fulbright students who have joined us.

Our faculty is outstanding; internationally acclaimed; their mentorship is unrivaled. Faculty leadership in research and teaching is critical for an ambitious graduate program and the wealth of experience offered by GPIS faculty equips students for competitive careers in a global market place.

Above all, GPIS is a place of intellectual challenge and exploration. We lead the university in interdisciplinary, international education; we run an annual Graduate Research Conference, organize international conferences, engage in exciting crisis simulation exercises on NATO, the European Union, and humanitarian assistance; offer internships through NATO’s Allied Command Transformation and the NATO Civil-Military Fusion Center; and facilitate a vibrant GPIS community through the Graduate Society in International Studies.

In short, at GPIS we are proud to have created a program that brings together the best faculty and the best students to jointly tackle some of the most vexing problems the world faces. If you find yourself in the Hampton Roads Region, stop by and my colleagues and I will be happy to share our perspectives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Regina Karp
Director
International Studies Programs

Mission Statement

The mission of the Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS) is to educate and train students for internationally-oriented leadership positions in academia, government, and the private sector. GPIS faculty and curriculum emphasize transnational and global perspective as critical prerequisites for successful engagement with an inter-connected world.
Old Dominion University is located in the Hampton Roads region of South Eastern, Virginia. Our city is Norfolk. From here it is easy to travel throughout the region, to Colonial Williamsburg and Richmond, and not far from Washington D.C., just three hours away by car. The region is steeped in history and prides itself in historical connections foundational to the nation. Jamestown, for example, is where it all began in 1607 with the first permanent European settlement in the new continent. Nearby Yorktown, is where the Revolutionary War ended in 1781. Every year both sites welcome thousands of visitors seeking to connect with the accomplishments of people who sought to create a world of their own; democratic, accountable, and, above all, free.

We like to think that some of this early pioneering spirit has found its way into GPS. Our faculty research is innovative across a whole spectrum of intellectual endeavors, whether they exemplify novel approaches or post-modern critique of traditional understanding. Our students, many of whom come from countries and regions with thousands of years of history, choose exciting thesis and dissertation topics that challenge conventional understandings and contribute to a better appreciation of what it is like to live in a world of complexity, contradiction, and change. What motivates us? Making the word a better place for the people who live in it!

History, of course, has to share recognition with modernity. Norfolk and Hampton Roads speak to the challenges of today and tomorrow, and GPS is in the midst of it all. Through research, teaching, conferences, seminars, workshops, and internships, faculty and students contribute to a myriad of national and international efforts in the fields of defense management, civil-military cooperation, modeling, and simulation, transatlantic relations, and focused regional studies. Our relationship with NATO’s Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk is unique as are cooperative ventures with NATO’s Fusion Center and the National Defense University Joint Forces Staff College. Our graduates pursue successful careers in academia, with NGO’s, private enterprise, and government agencies. Many work abroad in challenging environments on demanding missions. Our faculty wins recognition in national and international settings.

GPS is poised to engage a world whose early settlers in Jamestown could not envision. Though their dreams were ambitious and of much consequence for the future of world politics, the world of the 21st century is one in which space and time have collapsed. This world asks for leaders who are well-equipped, cognizant of complexity, adept at critical thinking, and confident in their handling of issues. At GPS, these skills are a priority. We teach and practice them every day.
Many students work either full-time or in an internship capacity while taking GIPS courses. Such experience is invaluable, as working students often see an overlap between their coursework and real world experiences. GIPS graduates have excellent career prospects in academia, government, and the private sector.

GIPS assists students in securing high-profile internships. GIPS maintains excellent relations with the Joint Forces Staff College, NATO ACT, the World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, and the Civil Military Fusion Center, typically placing some student in these institutions every semester.

“GIPS has been invaluable to my success at NATO Allied Command Transformation. The coursework, internal and external opportunities, and working with students and faculty provided a strong theoretical and practical foundation for my position at the strategic command. One of my colleagues even remarked that my background was a perfect fit for the Multiple Futures Project, which was designed to scan the strategic horizon and encourage dialogue within the Alliance. The multidisciplinary nature of GIPS has been terrific in this regard. The opportunity to apply knowledge gained in the classroom in a professional setting at NATO has been an extraordinarily experience. When I was accepted into the internship program, I never imagined that I would be contributing to documents that would be read by the NATO leadership.”

-Christopher White, PhD ‘11

“Working at the Joint Warfighting Center for Joint Forces Command, I have planned and executed various military exercises, most recently those that prepare each of the US Armed Services for deployment overseas. Since January, I have participated in the planning and execution of three such Mission Rehearsal Exercises that trained US Navy Individual Augmentees for deployment to the Horn of Africa, the 82nd Airborne Division for deployment to Afghanistan and the 34th Infantry Division for deployment to Iraq.”

-Elizabeth McNew, M.A. ’09
GPIS students have organized their own non-governmental organization to reach out to the international community. TamiNi Africa, founded in 2002 by several GPIS students and graduates, works with rural African communities to create sustainable programs through dialogue, partnerships and education in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Based in Kenya, the organization provides meals and uniforms, purchases water tanks and electricity, and donates livestock for orphaned children.

GPIS students collaborate on faculty research projects and combine field work with academic rigor. They also have the opportunity to earn co-placement abroad.

GPIS students at a research trip in Rwanda (Above Left & Right)

Rev. Archbishop Desmond Tutu with CDU & GPIS Students in Cape Town, South Africa (Left)
Global Research

Center for Regional and Global Studies The mission of the Center for Regional and Global Study (CRGS) is to coordinate the full extent of resources in the College of Arts and Letters and across the University to enhance the stature of the University, individual and collective contributions to global study and a university wide sense of community. CRGS is the home for all interdisciplinary, trans-border programs and initiatives within the College, actively promoting cooperation between colleges. The Center acts as the College’s and the University’s international partners, providing efficient channels for communication with businesses, the media, the military, and volunteer organizations. The CRGS structure provides unique opportunities to consolidate existing programs and initiatives and foster a dynamic environment for future endeavors. The Center offers an umbrella organization that enhances informed exchanges and coordination of General Education, Area Studies, Minors and undergraduate and graduate International Studies Programs. It partners with academic units, including African Studies, Latin American Studies, Women’s Studies, and Asian Studies to sponsor events. These exchanges provide greater transparency for curricular planning, student and faculty recruitment, and outreach activities.

Contemporary Security Policy Journal (CSP) - This academic journal is based at GPIS. Regina Karp, GPIS Director, is the co-editor of CSP, which is one of the oldest peer reviewed journals in international conflict and security. CSP promotes theoretically-based research on policy problems of armed violence, peace building, and conflict resolution. Since it first appeared in 1980, CSP has established its unique place as a meeting ground for research at the nexus of theory and policy. Spanning the gap between academic and policy approaches, CSP offers policy analyses a place to pursue fundamental issues, and academic writers a venue to address policy. Major fields of concern include war and armed conflict, strategic culture, defense policy, weapons procurement, conflict resolution, arms control and disarmament. CSP is committed to a broad range of intellectual perspectives. Articles promote new analytical approaches, iconoclastic interpretations and previously overlooked perspectives. Its pages encourage novel contributions and outbooks, not particular methodologies or policy goals.

GPIS participation at Exercise PURPLE HOPE GPIS students participate in this exercise conducted annually by the local Joint Forces Staff College on foreign humanitarian assistance (FHA) operations. The simulation reviews crisis action planning and an exercise as a Coalition Task Force (CTF) participating with a multinational force and representatives from the U.S. Embassy, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) such as the UN, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). GPIS students volunteer to role-play representatives of the UN and a coalition of non-governmental organizations.

GPIS participation at Exercise PURPLE LIGHTNING GPIS students also participate in this exercise conducted annually by the local Joint Forces Staff College about a complex contingency operation. It occurs during the fourth week of a 10-week military operations planning course for senior military officers on their way to joint or multinational assignments worldwide.

Annual Graduate Research Conference In collaboration with the Graduate Society in International Studies and the Center for Regional and Global Studies, each spring GPIS hosts the Annual Graduate Research Conference. The conference ties together a myriad of graduate experiences as an inclusive conference on current perspectives in International Studies. Papers are presented from a variety of areas of study, including economics, communications, history, women’s studies, foreign languages, and inter-cultural studies.

Model United Nations Society Every year the ODU Model United Nations Society (ODUNUN), in conjunction with the Graduate Program in International Studies, hosts the Great Decisions Lecture Series. Guest speakers are invited during the spring semester to conduct lectures on eight highly relevant topics related to foreign policy. The lecture series, a national civic education program of the Foreign Policy Association, is an integral component of the Model United Nations II course curriculum.

Annual Azalea Festival and NATO Conference As part of this celebration, GPIS and NATO’s Allied Command Transformation host a North Atlantic Council Crisis Decision-Making Simulation. Students role-play member states, representing nations working together to achieve consensus, tackling unfolding crisis situations, including piracy, terrorist attacks, and threats to the flow of oil. Students are extensively prepared for this simulation, learn the rules of consensus decision making, and develop critical skills for future leadership. The simulation convenes at the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center (VMASC) in Suffolk.

The NATO Allied Command Transformation’s (ACT) Civil-Military Fusion Center (CMFC) assisted, for example, the federal government with information compiling, synthesizing and sharing in the Haiti disaster relief efforts. GPIS students regularly intern at the Center and hold various staff positions.

The World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, a leading civic organization, regularly serves as community partner for GPIS seminars and guest speakers.

For more information about GPIS, please visit our website at http://af.odu.edu/gpis/
Classrooms without Borders

G PIS students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting and educational (and, even social) events outside of the classroom.

CURRICULUM at a Glance

The Graduate Program in International Studies is a progressive, interdisciplinary program, which offers students the opportunity for advanced research and graduate training.

Students can delve into diverse and wide-reaching subjects such as foreign policy and international relations, global research methods and theories, commercial policies, international trade theory, and foreign exchange markets. A diverse and dynamic student body from many walks of life, different nationalities and cultures, various backgrounds, hopes and ambitions work together to analyze issues that challenge the global community.

GPIS consistently grows interdisciplinarily with new courses on Women in Development (Department of Women's Studies), Western Secularism and Islam (Department of Philosophy), Transnational Media System (Department of Communications), and International Public Health (College of Health Sciences).

The Graduate Program in International Studies offers seven concentrations which allow students to fine-tune their GPIS degree, providing flexibility and focus in their studies.

Academic Concentrations

- U.S. Foreign Policy and International Relations
- Conflict and Cooperation
- International Political Economy and Development
- Interdependence and Transnationalism
- Comparative and Regional Studies
- Modeling and Simulation
- International Cultural Studies

For more detailed information please visit: https://aio.edu/gpis/concentrations.html
Regina Karp, PhD
GIPS Director, Associate Professor, Political Science
International Security, European Politics, German Politics

Her publications include books and articles on arms control and European security. More recently, her research and publications have focused on German foreign policy, security integration in the Baltic Sea region, and the changing nature of warfare. Her latest book is *Global Turbulence and the Future of Armed Conflict: Debating Nuclear Disarmament* (Routledge, 2007) co-authored with Aaron Karp and Terry Terriff. She holds a grant from the European Union that explores the EU’s role in the region’s regional communities and facilitates improved transatlantic relations.

Simon Serfaty, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor, Political Science
U.S. Foreign Policy, Euro-Atlantic Relations, NATO, The EU, France


Steve Yefet, Ph.D.
Professor, Political Science
U.S.-Israel Relations Theory, Independence, Middle East, Global Affairs

Steve Yefet is an assistant professor of political science and international studies. A winner of various teaching and research awards, he is the author of *Exploitation of Foreign Policy* (Yale University, 2014; 2nd ed.), *Crisis Management* (Cornell University Press, 2006; 2nd ed.): *The Absence of Grand Strategy* (Yale University, 2014), and *The Petroleum Triangle* (Cornell University Press, 2018). His articles have appeared in Security Studies, British Journal of Political Science, and The Middle East Journal. He has published over 250 papers and has appeared in outlets including CNN, CNBC, AP, and CBS. For more information, see Web Page: [http://www.dss.ucla.edu/staff/yefet](http://www.dss.ucla.edu/staff/yefet)

Peter Scholman, PhD
Professor, French
French Politics, French Literature


Dr. Guitaitz is the author of *Electures and War: Francophone Unrest* (Prima Press, 1999, paperback 2002), as well as a number of articles on international relations theory, international law, and the relationship between international and international politics. He has recently completed two large funded projects for the Department of Defense on modeling in the social sciences and on Bayesian statistics in social network analysis. He is currently finishing book-length projects on computational statistics and on the role of armed conflict.

Frans Adams, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science
International Political Economy, International Development, Latin American Politics, Globalization

David Earnest, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Political Science
Political Incorporation of Migrants in Democratic Societies, Methodology, Agendabased Models


David C. Earnest, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies. His research uses computational social simulation to study internest cooperation. He has published findings in International Studies Quarterly (2008) and has written about the epistemology of computational methods in *Complexity and World Politics* (Nel, Harrison, ed., SUNY Press, 2006). He is author of *Old Nations, New Voters: Nationalism, Transnationalism and Democracy in the Era of Global Migration* (SUNY Press, 2008) and co-author of *On the Cutting Edge of Globalization* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005). He has also published in leading journals including *World Politics, Foreign Policy, and Globalization*. Dr. Jersild’s current research on Sino-Soviet relations and the evolution of the social bloc in the 1950s has been supported by the American Councils on International Education, Fulbright, and the National Council on Eurasia and Eastern Europe Research. His recent publications include articles (American Historical Review, Cold War History, reviews (Kritika, Soviet Review, China Quarterly), and the translation and introduction of a collection of primary source documents from the former social bloc (Cold War International History Project).

Her book entitled, *Beyond the Page: Latin American Poetry from the Collier-Graumans to the Virtual* (Academic Press, 2006), focuses on the aesthetic and theoretical relationships between art, music, sound, visual typography and the word in avant-garde poetry including digital poetries of Mexico, Uruguay, Chile, Peru and Brazil. Her most recent research interests center on digital poetry and aesthetics as a cultural study of the effects of globalization.

Angelica Habib, Ph.D
Associate Professor, Foreign Languages and Literature
Cultural Studies, Latin American Relations

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FACULTY at a Glance

- Simon Serfaty was named Knight of the French Legion of Honor.
- Austin Jersild received a Fulbright Scholarship for research in Moscow and Prague.
- Kurt Taylor Gausatz won the university’s “Teaching with Technology Award.”
- Francis Adams was named University Professor.
- Regina Karp received the university’s “Doctoral Mentoring Award” and the provost’s “Leadership in International Education Award.” She also received a grant from the European Union for the project ACCESS.EU. The 18-month program is dedicated to relationship building between the Hampton Roads region and Europe. It is centered on the themes of education, community awareness and local networking. The initiative introduces the Hampton Roads community at large to European perspectives on global problem solving. This includes educational activities for high schools, college and graduate students in social studies, European history, politics and government, and a model Europe simulation exercise with other universities in the region.

AFFILIATED FACULTY

- **Qi Jin, PhD**
  Associate Professor, History, Director of the ODU Institute of Asian Studies

- **Jennifer Fish, PhD**
  Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Women’s Studies
  Her book publications include *Domestic Democracy: At Home in South Africa* (Kodansha, 2006) and the co-edited collection *Women’s Activism in South Africa: Working Across Divides* (University of KwaZulu Natal, 2009). More recently, her field research has focused on motherhood and gender equality in Rwanda and the Great Lakes region, with particular attention to women’s and girls’ education.

- **Ingo Heidrich, PhD**
  Professor, History
  His research areas are the Law of the Sea, Arctic and Subarctic regions, the use of nuclear technologies and related international conflicts. Heidrich is co-founder of the North Atlantic Fisheries History Association and Secretary General of the International Commission for Maritime History.

- **Jesse Richman, PhD**
  Assistant Professor, Game Theory
  He teaches game theory as well as trade and patent policy. He teaches game theory for GPE. His work has appeared in the American Political Science Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, and other journals.

GPE partners with...

- African Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Women’s Studies
- Asian Studies
Chunlong Lu, PhD ’07, won the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award in the College of Politics and Public Administration at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.

Kimberly VanDyke Gilligan, PhD Candidate, was awarded full funding for participation in summer seminar at Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UCSC in July 2008. She was awarded full funding for participation in CSIS National Scholars Initiative, Washington D.C., in December 2008. She was awarded funding for participation in an intensive one-week course in safeguards policy at the James Martin Center for Non-Proliferation at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in the summer of 2009; she accepted an international safeguards staff member position with Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL).

Anna Rulska, PhD ’10, accepted offer of tenure-track Assistant Professor at North Georgia State, starting August 2009.

Scott Brunstetter, PhD ’08, accepted position of Lead Strategic Planner with National Intelligence Center in March 2009.

Eva Sobodova, PhD ’08, accepted position with EU Police Mission in Afghanistan in November 2009. She has been promoted to senior analyst in the European Union Police Mission to Afghanistan. In her capacity, she is coordinating the work of all EUPOL analysts and reporting officers and handling all the reports between Kabul and Brussels.

Jennifer Schiff, PhD ’10 won the “Best Paper” award at the 2009 National Social Science Association Conference in Las Vegas. At the 2009 annual conference of the International Studies Association South Region in Nashville she also won the best graduate student paper for a chapter from her dissertation, a case study of the water management regime along the Rhine River. In 2010, she accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs at Western Carolina University.

Vlad Galushko, PhD ’09, accepted position with International Crisis Group, Kyrgyzstan.

Matthew Hall, PhD ’10, won Graduate Network Resource Award with ODU’s Career Services.

Melodee Baines, PhD Candidate won second State Department Critical Language Award (Arabic) in 2008 and third award in 2009; she was awarded a Critical Language Scholarship and a Boren dissertation fellowship to study Intermediate Arabic in Tangier.

Nick Drucker and Kenyth Campbell, won first prizes at the 4th Annual Modeling, Simulation & Visualization Student Capstone Conference: Narsisong Huhe second prize; Jessica Jones second place award in homeland security/military modeling & simulation category.

Laura Gwatney, MA ’10 joined Physicians for Peace as its new director of global health programs.

Min Xia ’09 was appointed to a tenure-track position in the School of International Studies at Renmin University in Beijing.

Anjali Sahay, PhD ’06, published her first book “Indian Diaspora in the U.S. Brain Drain or Gain?”

Manda Shermiari ’10 received honors as the second runner-up for her paper at the International Studies Association South Region conference.

Chunlong Lu was appointed to the position of Associate Dean, School of Politics and Public Administration, at China University of Political Science and Law.

Narsisong Huhe, PhD ’11 was awarded the Linda Hyatt Wilson Scholarship in China Studies for the 2009-10 academic year. He also just recently became Assistant Professor of Political Science School of Public Economics & Administration (SPEA) Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

Carlos Poggio Teixeira, PhD ’11 is an Assistant Professor at UPEC-P, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo).

Vessela Chakarov, PhD ’10 has accepted a teaching position at Amsterdam University College. She has also signed a contract with Lexington to publish her dissertation.

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Fellowships & Dissertations

Modeling and Simulation Fellowships
The Modeling and Simulation Fellowship is awarded annually to a high-achieving student in the Modeling and Simulation concentration.

Elizabeth Thornton Fellowships
The Elizabeth Thornton Fellowship is awarded annually to an incoming Ph.D. student.

Dissertation Examples


Azza El-Sharabassy: "Oil, Prices, Remittances, and the Middle East"

Wyman Shuler: "The War-Fighting System: A Systems Analysis of the Private Way of War in Iraq"

Frances Jacobson: "Jimmy Carter's Foreign Policy: the Battle for Power and Principle"

Sonja Sray: "Democratic Failure: Tracking the Ebb of Democracy's Flow, 1800-2006"

Eva Svehlová: "Institutional Conditionalities and State Compliance: The Czech and Slovak Accession to NATO and the EU"

Matthew T. Hall: "The Corruption Enigma: Understanding Success and Failure of Corruption Reform Programs in Highly Corrupt Countries"

Min Xia: "Social Capital in Rural China: Its Impact on Economic Development, Grassroots Governance, and Democratic Participation"

Anjali Sahay: "Brain Drain or Gain: Migration of Knowledge Workers from India to the United States"

Jeff L. McNeil: "Maturing International Cooperation to Address the Cyberwarfare Attack Problem"


Vladyslav Galushko: "The Rise of People Power: Role of Civil Society in the Color Revolutions"

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