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Prof. Anthony Mughan, Director  
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## Faculty award for distinguished university service

Anthony Mughan hasn't shied away from being an agent of change for the better at Ohio State, building a career of commitment to faculty, students, and the university as a whole.

Shortly after he joined Ohio State's faculty in 1988, he was elected to the University Senate and quickly undertook some of the more arduous committee assignments, eventually chairing the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee as well as the Committee for Academic Freedom and Responsibility.

That was only his first stint. He left to accept an appointment as director of the Undergraduate International Studies Program in 1994, working to increase study abroad and other interna-

tional education opportunities for students—work he continues today.

"Under Tony's leadership, the Undergraduate International Studies Program has grown and flourished, becoming one of the most desired undergraduate majors," one nominator wrote. "He has added new geographic and thematic tracks, thereby ensuring the relevance and dynamic aspect of the international studies major to current and future generations of Ohio State students."

Mughan returned to the senate in 2005 and was elected to the Steering Committee, which deals with the overall business of the senate in concert with university administration. He became chair in 2007.

He also has served on review committees for the Fulbright and Francille Firebaugh Study Abroad scholarships.

"There is no issue too intense for Tony," another nominator wrote. "He is willing to undertake any challenge, and does so with personal integrity and without fear of personal consequences."

He is equally prepared to knock heads with university leadership or with fellow faculty as the situation warrants."

Mughan received his bachelor's and master's from the University of Lancaster in England and his doctorate from the University of Iowa.

"Under Tony's leadership, International Studies has grown and flourished, becoming one of the most desired undergraduate majors"

## Three awarded Boren fellowships

Three International Studies majors, **John Bolam, John Dixon and Lowell Howard**, were chosen as recipients of the prestigious Boren National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year.

Valued at up to \$20,000, the award is given every year to U.S. undergraduate students to promote the study of areas of the world and languages that are critical to U.S. interests, but underrepresented in study abroad, such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese

and Russian.

**John Bolam**, an East Asian Studies and Korean major, will be studying the Korean language through the Yonsei University International Exchange Program, an OSU study abroad program.

**John Dixon**, a Security & Intelligence and Arabic major, will be participating in an individualized OSU study abroad program. He will be studying Arabic at the University of Jordan.

**Lowell Howard**, a Develop-

ment Studies major, will be traveling to Sao Paulo, Brazil to study Portuguese through the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) program.

Scholarship applicants were required to submit an application consisting of academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, a language assessment and a detailed description of their study abroad plan and budget proposal.

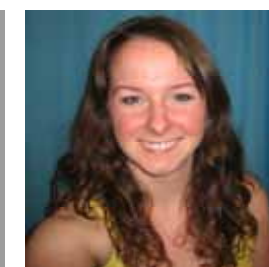
The application also required students to submit two statements of purpose explaining the significance of their proposed program to U.S. national security and describing their study abroad program's course of study and related cultural activities.

To learn more about the Boren Fellowship go to: [http://borenawards.org/boren\\_scholarship](http://borenawards.org/boren_scholarship)

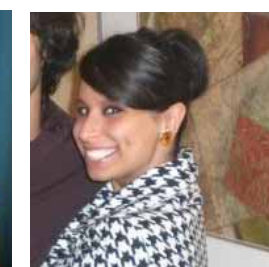
## Three receive critical language scholarships



State Department



Breanna Bowlin



Christina Cromlish



Samantha McGuire

Three International Studies majors, **Breanna Bowlin, Christina Cromlish and Samantha McGuire**, were awarded Critical Language Scholarships for intensive summer institutes!

Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program offers intensive summer language institutes overseas in eleven critical need foreign languages.

**Breanna Bowlin** (International Relations & Diplomacy) will undertake an intensive language program in Tangier, Morocco. This program includes study of classical Arabic, the Moroccan dialect,

the Quran, media and culture. Breanna was also accepted into a CELTA program (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) in Cairo, Egypt for Fall 2009.

After completing the program, Breanna plans to remain and work in Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries to teach English while studying Arabic languages and culture indefinitely.

**Christina Cromlish** (Development Studies & Middle East Studies) and **Samantha McGuire** (Middle East Studies) are heading off to study intensive Persian at the American Institute of Iranian Studies, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. In addition to studying the language, they will participate in a variety of cultural en-

richment activities that are an essential component of the language acquisition process. Afterwards, both plan to relocate to the Washington D.C. area and start careers working for the federal government.

The CLS Program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply.

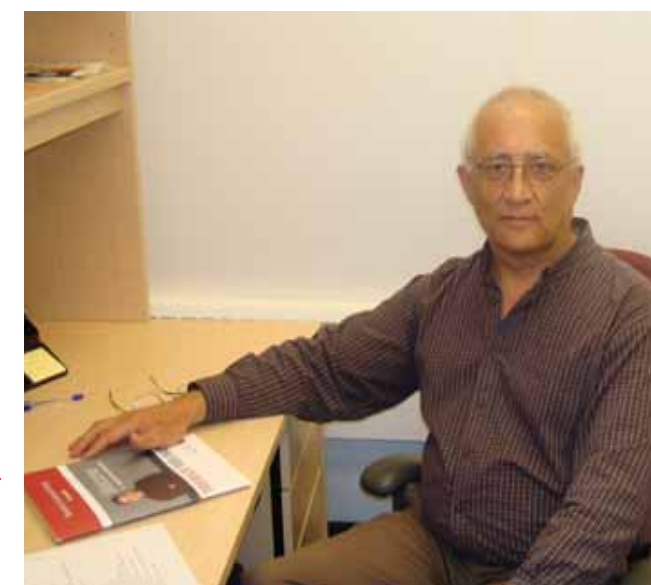
To learn more about the Critical Language Scholarship go to:

<https://clscholarship.org/home.php>

## Visiting Scholar, Tajikistan

Prof. Kamoludin Abdullaev (pictured right) is a visiting scholar at The Ohio State University this spring quarter and is jointly sponsored by **International Studies and the Center for Slavic and East European Studies**. He is visiting from the Tajik State University in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Prof. Abdullaev has been honored by the USA/Tajikistan Project as one of the "Prominent Tajik Figures of the 20th Century." While at OSU this quarter he is teaching International Studies' classes: *The Taliban*; *Central Asia in World Affairs* and *Nationalism in Post-Communist Russia: The Chechen War*.



Prof. Kamoludin Abdullaev



International Studies was nominated for the Freedom Award, issued by the Secretary of Defense. This Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserves. International Studies extends its gratitude for all the men and women who proudly serve our country.

# Undergraduate Research



**In the Picture:**

Robert Snyder, African Studies and Evolution & Ecology major, with host family while conducting research in Senegal.

Robert (center) is pictured here with some of his host siblings in the small village of Diadam III. At this time, Robert was a research intern with the Parc National des Oiseaux du Djoudj, studying environmental degradation and land use patterns in the villages surrounding the park.

Congratulations to all IS majors who undertook an undergraduate thesis or research project in Spring 2009!

**Losing the War on Drugs: 30 Years of Coca Eradication in Peru**  
**Rachel Dahlby**  
(Latin American Studies)  
Advisor: Kendra McSweeney (Geography)

The objectives of this study were to determine if and to what extent the current US eradication and alternative development policies affected the cultivation of illicit coca in Peru and why past eradication attempts have failed.

**Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned: Palestinian Female Suicide Bombers**  
**Dana Grinshpan**  
(Security & Intelligence)  
Advisor: Edward Crenshaw (Sociology)

Combining archival research with interviews with Israeli terrorism experts, this study seeks to identify the motivations of female suicide bombers from the West Bank and Gaza Strip as well as to understand the recent emergence of this same phenomenon in Iraq.

**Maquiladoras & Migration: Mexico's Export Economy & Undocumented Migration**  
**Bethany Morrison**  
(International Relations & Diplomacy)  
Advisor: Mathew Coleman (Geography)

This study focuses on the relationship between the history of Mexican industrialization through export processing, its effects on Mexican border communities and motivations to seek undocumented work in the United States.

**Crisis Authority, the War on Terror & the Future of Constitutional Democracy**  
**Michael Newell**  
(International Relations & Diplomacy)  
Advisor: Jennifer Mitzen (Political Science)

This paper reflects upon several aspects of crisis authority, and explores their presence in crises throughout America's history, including the Civil War, World War II and the War on Terror.

**Individual Decision Making and Economic Growth in South Africa and Kenya**  
**Devyn Paros**  
(Development Studies)  
Advisor: Kelechi Kalu (African Am & African Stds)

Comparing South Africa and Kenya, this research seeks to evaluate whether individual decision-making explains why some countries succeed at achieving economic growth through investment and others do not.

**Partisan Apportionment in Ohio House Districts**  
**Bryan Straub**  
(West European Studies)  
Advisor: Herb Asher (Political Science)

This analysis seeks to provide insight into the potential flaws of the current apportionment system, an overview of the level of

voter representation in the Ohio House, and a conclusion suggesting potential reforms.

**Role of Hezbollah in Lebanon and its Implications on US Foreign Policy**  
**Jennifer Wallace**  
(International Relations & Diplomacy)  
Advisor: Omar Keshk (International Studies)

The 2006 Lebanon War or "July War" was a 34 day military conflict in Lebanon and northern Israel. For my research I have employed the use of primary and secondary sources about the history of Hezbollah and its growing popularity in Lebanon.

**To learn more about undergraduate research opportunities at OSU go to:**

Richard J. and Martha D. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum  
<http://denman.osu.edu/>

Knowledge Bank  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/kbinfo/honors.html>

Summer Research Opportunities Program  
<http://gradsch.osu.edu/Content.aspx?Content=72&itemid=4>

Undergraduate Research Office  
<http://ugresearch.adm.ohio-state.edu/>

# ALUMNI Highlights



**Jessica Dworkin (1999)**

Jessica Richman Dworkin started as the new Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs at the Moritz College of Law at the end of February 2009. Dworkin will be heading the College's LL.M. program that was started in the 2007-08 academic year. "I hope to build upon the success of the LL.M. program by growing the program both in size and reputation," she said. She will also oversee the College's Master in the Study of Law program and the College's study abroad offerings in Ox-

## New Assistant Dean for Graduate & International Affairs, Moritz College of Law, OSU

ford. Dworkin received her bachelor's degree in International Studies and Spanish from The Ohio State University in 1999 and her law degree and LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from the Duke University School of Law.

"Since graduating from The Ohio State University, I've moved around the country – but am always drawn back to Columbus, Ohio," she said. "I'm very excited to be coming home to Ohio and rediscovering Columbus and all that it has to offer." After law school she worked as an associate at the Columbus firm Baker & Hostetler LLP and later as an associate at the Washington, D.C. firm, Ludwig & Robinson PLLC.

Dworkin served as senior law career counselor at the George Washington University Law School from 2005 to 2009. There, she was in charge of placement services for more than 200 annual LL.M. students. "I'm very proud of the impact I had on the LL.M. experience for my previous students at George Washington."

"I was able to respond to student needs and created a 'Stop Telling Me To Network; Show Me How!' program for our international students that has been replicated across the university and at other law schools in the D.C. area," she said. "I am most proud of their ability to navigate what was once foreign territory to them."

Dworkin also served as adjunct professor at George Washington University and Trinity University. She is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese. She has also worked as a contract language monitor for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Dworkin is a native of Wooster, Ohio. She has spent a significant amount of time in Ecuador, which she says has had a lasting impact on her. She considers the nation a second home.



**Elsadig Elsheikh (2005)**

## Ethnic Conflict Researcher

Elsadig Elsheikh joined the staff at the Kirwan Institute in 2008 as a research associate for the international program, with a focus on racial/ethnic dimensions of various conflicts around the world. Before coming to the Kirwan Institute, Elsadig worked with various grassroots & advocacy organizations in the fields of internal displaced persons, indigenous populations, human rights, immigration, anti-racism, and social mo-

bilizations in Sudan, Greece, Colombia, and the United States.

He received his M.A. in social justice & sustainable development and a graduate diploma in conflict transformation across cultures from the SIT Graduate Institute in 2008. In 2005, he received a B.A. in International Studies and Political Science from The Ohio State University, and prior to that he studied

international relations at the Panteion University in Athens, Greece.

His research interests are the political economy and formation of the nation-state in the Third World, the impacts of globalization upon indigenous populations, and issues of colonialism, class, and power structure in the context of the global South.



Seung Kang (2002)

International Business

Seung Kang graduated in 2002. He came to OSU from South Korea and chose World Economy and Business as his specialization.

Upon graduation he took a position with Chade, a company based in Chicago that imports beauty supply products from China and Indonesia and distributes them throughout the US.

His next move was back to Seoul, South Korea, where he worked for Myung Seung, a major construction and real estate company. While in Seoul, Seung kept in touch with other graduates working in Korea, and even assisted OSU with recruiting events hosted in South Korea.

After accumulating 7 years of international business ex-

perience, Seung decided it was time to pursue a graduate degree. As a life long "buckeye" supporter the choice of a graduate program was easy! Seung will be back at OSU this fall to start the MBA program through the Fisher College of Business!

Welcome back Seung Kang!



Abe Kanter (2007)

Defense Intelligence Scholar

Abraham Kanter (2007), graduated magna cum laude with two degrees, one with research distinction in International Studies: Security and Intelligence and the second in Latin. Since then, Abraham has worked with the Cognitive Systems Engineering Department at OSU in a Department of Defense-funded analytic program. Later, he worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), with the Transnational Threats Project, researching cyber threats, international crime, terrorism, and radicalization.

He has also served with the Congressionally-mandated

follow-up to the 9/11 Commission, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (WMD Commission), which published its report December 2008. After the WMD Commission concluded its mandate, Abraham interned with the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, assisting with projects relating to defense acquisition reform and a review of professional military education.

Abraham will be starting graduate school in Autumn 2009 at the National De-

fense Intelligence College (NDIC), having been accepted into the prestigious Defense Intelligence Scholars Program. This program, run by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), allows for a full year of fellowship funding while he pursues a Master's of Science in Strategic Intelligence, after which time Abraham will serve as an intelligence analyst with DIA.

An avid student of languages and the importance of cultural knowledge in preventing and mitigating conflict, he is spending this entire summer travelling around Taiwan, Japan and South Korea in order to better understand the Far East.

Community Outreach

Abdul Salwe, is a Program Assistant for the Franklin County Extension Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program.

This program provides nutrition education to limited resource families, many of whom are new U.S. immigrants, to improve their diets and increase knowledge of healthy eating

and lifestyle practices. The program is part of the Cooperative Extension System at all land-grant universities in the United States.

He is also a Program Director for the Lincoln Park Tutoring Center, an after-school program that provides tutoring and social and cultural enrichment pro-

gramming to improve the academic performance of students.

Just recently, Mr. Salwe has added "graduate student" to his resume as he begins working towards a masters degree in Public Policy at OSU!



Abdul Salwe (2005)



Orian Williams (2007)

Finance

After graduating from OSU with a dual degree in Finance and International Studies, Orian took his first position with LifeScan, in Puerto Rico. His assignment was in their accounting department, where he supported budgeting, affiliate allocations, and cost accounting activities.

He gained great insight into manufacturing during his time there. Equally important to him, he also learned a lot about Latin American and Hispanic cultures, something he knew little about up until this assignment.

From Puerto Rico, he relocated to San Francisco for a short time, where he was the finance lead for the international division of BabyCenter.com, a wholly own subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. BabyCenter is the Web's #1 global interactive parenting network, providing expert advice and user created content to support parents through the journey of parenthood.

BabyCenter provides health information and an online community for parents, planning for children, and more. Their international outposts include Austral-

ia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the Middle East, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

As of June he has returned to New Jersey and has taken a position within Johnson & Johnson's Corporate Headquarters. He is part of a team migrating a \$3.4B business to a new accounting platform, and simultaneously preparing to change the structure of the company's financial organization.

Humanitarian Aid

"Every morning during my walk to the office, I think, Wow, I work for Oxfam. I still can't believe I get to work for one of the most respected development and humanitarian NGOs."

As the program associate on the Aid Effectiveness team at Oxfam America, Archana gets to do a little bit of everything - research, policy advocacy, and programming.

Recently she also had the opportunity to take the lead on field research in Cambodia and use her findings to inform the policy debate around reforms of US foreign aid.

She is grateful that she is able to align her heart and career and contribute to broader efforts that help people lift themselves out of poverty.



Archana Palaniappan (2005)

Senior Trade Analyst

Kate Grible graduated with dual degrees in International Studies and Economics, and a minor in Spanish, in 2005.

Kate's time at Ohio State was highlighted by a semester study abroad in Mexico, a summer internship with an NGO in the Philippines, and

several internships, ranging from the legal world to the nonprofit sector.

After teaching university English in Beijing, China for just under two years, Kate returned to Ohio to work in international trade. She received her Customs Broker License in April of this year.

Kate is now working in the private sector, as MeadWestvaco's newest Senior Trade Compliance Analyst, located in Richmond, VA.

Kate notes that the people she met through the International Studies Club have since become lifelong friends



Kate Grible (2005)