Summary

The ISA - Midwest held its annual conference at the Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis, Missouri, from November 7–9, 2014. Professor Amanda Murdie (University of Missouri) served as the program chair. Cameron Thies (Arizona State University) was the president. The Central Slavic Conference (CSC) joined the ISA - Midwest at the conference. Three ISA sections, Active Learning in International Affairs (ALIAS), Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA), and Scientific Study of International Processes (SSIP), served as conference sponsors. The ISA sponsored journal, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, also served as a sponsor of the meeting. Other sponsors included the University of Missouri’s Department of Political Science, the University of Missouri’s Truman School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University’s School of Politics and Global Studies, and W.W. Norton Publishing. The St. Louis University Center for International Studies provided assistance for CSC. We also received a generous grant from the ISA Professional Development Committee (PDC) to sponsor several roundtables on professional development issues, including “Post-Tenure Blues: A Roundtable on What Comes Next in Professional Careers,” “Turning Your Conference Paper into a Publication: Strategies from Those in the Trenches,” “Women’s Professional Development Issues,” and a Job Seekers’ Café.

In 2014, we had approximately 275 participants, a number slightly above the 2013 and 2012 conferences. We had 61 panels and roundtables on the conference program. We covered our hotel room block and, thanks to ISA headquarters, negotiated a new three year contract with the Hilton at the Ballpark. Financially, our projections suggest that the conference generated a budget surplus to carry forward to the 2015 conference.

Highlights

Karen Rasler (Indiana University) was honored as the 2014 Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar. She delivered a keynote address at a reception on Friday night, November 9th, entitled “Dynamics, Endogeneity and Complexity in Non-Violent Protest Campaigns: The Case for a Mechanism-Process Approach.” ISA President, Professor Amitav Acharya (American University) delivered a keynote address on “From ‘American Social Science’ to Global IR: Reflections on an Agenda to Move Forward” at a luncheon on Saturday, November 8th. Bear Braumoeller (Ohio State University)’s *The Great Powers and the International System* won the J. David Singer Book Award. Marc O’Reilly of Heidelberg University won the Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award. Olga Chyzh (Washington University) won the Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Faculty Paper (2013). Lidiya Zubynska (University of Kansas) won the Lynne Rienner Award for Best Graduate Student Paper (2013).

New Developments

The notes from our 2012 Business Meeting are available online: [http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=ISAMW&p=/Board1/](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=ISAMW&p=/Board1/)

We also elected a new slate of officers:
Amanda Murdie (University of Missouri), President
Dursun Peksen (University of Memphis), Program Chair
Brian Lai (University of Iowa), Secretary. Term expires in 2017
Olga Chyzh (Washington University), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2015
Carla Machain Martinez (Kansas State University), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2015
Tobias Gibson (Westminster College), At-Large Member. Term expires 2016.
Patrick Homan (Dominican University), At-Large Member. Term expires 2016.
Byungwon Woo (Oakland University), At-Large member. Term expires 2015.
Carolyn Shaw (Wichita State University), Webmaster