

The International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association had a very exciting year. The annual meeting with ISAC hosted by Duke University and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS) took place October 4-6, 2012 with 42 panels and 230 registered guests. There were two keynote events, a talk by Major General H.R. McMaster and a dinner talk and a book signing by Thom Shanker of *The New York Times*. The conference also featured a special session in honor of Glenn Snyder. Our thanks to Peter Feaver, Bruce Jentleson, Carolyn Pumphrey, Jennifer Boyle, and Jared Daugherty for putting on such a successful event. We are looking forward to this year's conference in Washington DC the first weekend in October, hosted by James Lebovic at George Washington University.

ISSS membership grew to 1,383 this year. As of September 2012, we had \$110,176.32 in our accounts, although this figure is misleading as we still had to pay out the costs of ISSS-ISAC, and this figure also includes the ISSS listserv funding which ISA disburses. We also raised \$9,375 from 14 sponsors for our reception at ISA San Francisco, not all of which is captured by this September 2012 figure.

ISSS will present three awards this year. Scott Sagan, Stanford University, won the 2013 ISSS Distinguished Scholar Award. The ISSS Best Book Award went to Joshua Rovner, *Fixing the Facts: National Security and the Politics of Intelligence*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011. The winner of the ISSS Outstanding Graduate Paper Award is Austin Carson, "Secrecy, Denial, and Escalation Management in the Korean War."

Each of the ISSS awards carries a \$500 prize and plaque to honor the awardee.

ISSS program chair James Lebovic put together 151 panels for ISA San Francisco, of which 21 are roundtables. 11 are co-sponsored panels or roundtables with FPA, Intelligence, Gender Studies, among others, on subjects that include counterinsurgency, Afghanistan, privatization, terrorism, proliferation, deterrence, technology diffusion, China, rising powers, the Arab Spring, Libya, food security, and more. Approximately 60 percent of the panels were created from scratch; the other 40 percent included submitted panels and roundtables.

ISSS formed a journal proposal committee, chaired by Stuart Kaufman, with Deborah Avant, Keith Krause, and Patricia Weitsman participating. Together they drafted a proposal for the ISA Publications Committee (PC) to consider. This proposal was submitted early in 2013, and the ISA PC will consider it this year. There is currently a moratorium on new journals at ISA until 2015; however, we hope that with publishers bidding on publishing the ISA journals, a new security studies journal will be possible once the moratorium expires. Given the strong growth in the field, in the section, and the strong interest in the section in such a journal, we are committed to advocating for this and will continue to do so.

We also carried out ISSS Council nominations and elections. Stuart Kaufman, Vice Chair of the section, oversaw this process. We had seven candidates for four

positions on the ISSS Council. James Lebovic was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the section. We also wrote an amendment to the ISSS charter to create a position of Treasurer, which passed. ISSS Chair Patricia Weitsman appointed Erik Dahl to this position, and the council unanimously ratified him. Office bearers for the coming year are listed below.

Office-bearers

Chair

Patricia Weitsman (term ends April 2013)

Vice Chair

Stuart Kaufman (term ends April 2013)

Incoming Chair

Stuart Kaufman (2013-2015)

Incoming Vice Chair

James Lebovic (2013-2015)

Treasurer

Erik Dahl (2013-2018)

Governing Council Members

Through Spring 2013: Erik Dahl; Stacie Goddard; Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørvi;
Suzanne Nielsen

Through Spring 2014: James Lebovic; Gale Mattox; Tim Hoyt; Helen Purkitt

Through Spring 2015: Debbi Avant, Chris Demchak, Michael Horowitz, Matthew
Gratias (graduate student representative)

Through Spring 2016: Stacie Goddard, Fiona Adamson, Richard Lacquement, and
Maria Rost Rublee.

Committee assignments for the coming year are as follows:

ISA Convention ISSS Program Chair: Maria Rost Rublee (mrublee@gmail.com),

Distinguished Scholar Selection Committee: Co-Chair: Deborah Avant
(Deborah.Avant@du.edu), Co-Chair: Jack Snyder (jls6@columbia.edu)
Fiona Adamson (fa33@soas.ac.uk), Ted Hopf (polhtg@nus.edu.sg)

Deadline: April 22, 2013

Best Book Award Selection Committee: Chair: Richard Lacquement

(richard.lacquement@us.army.mil), Stacie Goddard (sgoddard@wellesley.edu),
Chris Demchak, (chris.demchak@usnwc.edu)

Deadline: June 1, 2013

Best Graduate Student Paper Selection Committee: Chair: Gale Mattox
(mattox@usna.edu), Helen Purkitt (purkitt@gmail.com), Tim Hoyt
(hoytt@usnwc.edu).

Deadline: TBA when ISSS-ISAC 2013 dates are set

Website Liaisons: Chair: Helen Purkitt (purkitt@gmail.com), Matthew Gratias
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