

## Intelligence Studies Section Annual Report 2015-2016

22 December 2015

The Intelligence Studies Section (ISS) was established in 1985 in order to promote scholarly research and teaching in all aspects of intelligence, to internationalize the study of intelligence, and to build healthy, collaborative relationships with other academic disciplines:

- ISS currently has 350 members, up from 83 members in 2005. Between 2009 and 2012, membership increased from 150 to the 300s, where it has been fluctuating since.
- ISS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 28 panels at ISA 2016, up from 9 panels in 2004. Between 2010 and 2016, the ISS panel quota has increased from 13 panels to 27 panels.
- As of December 2015, ISS has a financial balance of \$5600. The balance tends to fluctuate between \$3000 and \$9000 depending on where in the annual saving or spending cycle it is.

As of March 2015, Section officers are:

- Stephen Marrin, Chair, elected to a three year term in 2013.
- Michael Andregg, Secretary-Treasurer, elected to a three-year term in 2014.
- Julian Richards & Larry Lamanna, Program Co-Chairs, appointed to one year terms in 2015

### At the 2015 ISA Conference:

- **Sponsoring Panels:** ISS sponsored or co-sponsored 24 panels and roundtables. An average of just under 30 people (participants and attendees) attended each of these panels.
- **Roundtable and Reception Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ISS:** The 2015 conference provided an opportunity to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Section and provide an overview of where we have come from, where we are, and where we are going as an emerging academic discipline. Many former ISS section chairs and section program chairs reflected on ISS activities over time with speakers including Jefferson Adams, Jim Wirtz, Dan Gressang, and Richard Valcourt, also speaking for Abe Miller. The celebration culminated in a reception sponsored by Georgetown University Press, Praeger/ABC-CLIO, and Rowman and Littlefield.
- **Roundtable on Intelligence, Science and Public Policy:** National Intelligence Council Chairman Gregory Treverton organized a roundtable on Intelligence, Science and Public Policy, linked to his Oxford University Press book with Wilhelm Agrell on National Intelligence and Science.
- **2015 Outstanding Student Paper Award:** The 2015 Outstanding Student Paper Award was awarded to Deirdre Quinn Martin for her 2014 ISA paper: "Explaining Intelligence Trajectories: The Japanese Case." This continues the effort to recognize outstanding scholarship by students.
- **ISS Business Meeting:** An ISS business meeting was held over food & refreshments to discuss Section activities and voted for a change to the charter. The change consisted of a modification to the Section Chair term of office, allowing for a second two year term after the first three year term.

### Additional ISS activities during the 2015-2016 year include:

- **ISS Nominating Committee Activities:** Many thanks to Terry Quist (chair), Erik Dahl, David Charters, and Spencer Willardson for serving on the Outstanding Student Paper Award selection committee, and to Mark Phythian (chair), Dan Gressang, and Tamir Libel for serving on the Distinguished Scholar Award Nominating Committee.
- **Junior Scholars Committee:** This committee, chaired by Tamir Libel, has put together a number of activities and resources to encourage and facilitate participation and engagement with junior scholars, including acquiring information about funding; fellowships; scholarships; jobs; publication opportunities; syllabi; and some ideas for innovative works. A repository of intelligence studies programs and postdoctoral fellowships is to be finished before the 2016 ISA Annual Conference. Discussions are underway with ISA headquarters to post them online as part of the Professional Resources Center. In addition, concepts for special programs for fannual conferences (i.e. facilitating participation of junior scholars at the Junior Scholar Symposium and Professional Development Café) were outlined for possible future implementation.

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- **Creation of an ISS Group in LinkedIn:** We would like to invite all ISS members to join our new LinkedIn group: “Intelligence Studies Section (ISA).” The aim of this group is to facilitate communication between all ISS members on issues of teaching and research in the field of intelligence studies, and make announcements regarding job openings, conferences and workshops, call for contributors etc. For information, email Damien Van Puyvelde at: dtvanpuyvelde@utep.edu To join, see: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Intelligence-Studies-Section-ISA-8308520/about>
- **Collaboration with H-Intel:** Established “Partner Organization” status with H-Intel, which is part of the H-Net family of networks. H-Intel could provide ISS with a platform for distributing intelligence studies-related materials and posting content useful for researching or teaching about intelligence issues. This collaboration may include: soliciting for H-Intel editors, posting publications on site, organizing book or article reviews, and otherwise building useful resources for the field. For more on H-Intel, see: <https://networks.h-net.org/h-intel>

### In 2016, ISS activities at the annual ISA conference will include:

- **ISS Panels:** ISS will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring 28 panels at the annual conference.
- **ISS Business Meeting and Outstanding Student Paper Award:** An ISS business meeting is scheduled for lunchtime on Wednesday 16 March 2016 with food & refreshments included. At the business meeting, the ISS 2016 Outstanding Student Paper Award will be awarded to Julia Macdonald for her paper titled “Leadership Beliefs and State Threat Assessments: Saddam Hussein and the Iraq War 2003.” Other ISS Business Will Include: Election for ISS chair, discussion of committees and membership, specifically including the Junior Scholars Committee.
- **ISS Distinguished Scholar Award:** In the evening of Wednesday 16 March a reception will be held to honor James Wirtz as the ISS Distinguished Scholar Award for all that he has done to establish the field of intelligence studies. The reception will be sponsored by Routledge/Taylor & Francis; Georgetown University Press; Rowman and Littlefield, and Praeger/ABC-CLIO.

### Looking to the future, ISS members can support ISS activities by:

- **Improving communications:** This can be done specifically by sharing more information about conferences and publications of potential interest, calls for papers/presentations, other resources, and a variety of other research-oriented opportunities via the existing ISA email list. There are also prospects for creating a platform for direct communications between members of ISS (a wiki or blog) and/or updating the ISS website at: <http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/ISS.aspx>
- **Increasing outreach and engagement with other intelligence studies associations:** In the 1980s and 1990s, ISS collaborated with CASIS as well as the British Security and Intelligence Studies Group. In summer 2012, ISS contributed two panels to the ISA/British International Studies Association conference and in 2014 CASIS contributed 2 panels to the ISA conference. These kinds of collaborations with other disciplinary, national or international associations could be expanded.
- **Promoting scholarship through the Compendium Project:** ISS seeks volunteers to write analytic review essays for the ISA Compendium Project. The Compendium Project is an effort to evaluate the state of the intelligence studies body of knowledge through evaluative literature reviews. Previous publications are listed here: [http://intellit.muskingum.edu/refmats\\_folder/teachingiss.html](http://intellit.muskingum.edu/refmats_folder/teachingiss.html)
- **Acquiring more benefits for ISS members:** There is untapped potential in terms of working with publishers and other interested parties to acquire benefits for ISS members. For example, ISS acquired a subscription discount for all ISA members to the International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, in addition to the existing discount for ISA members to the journal Intelligence and National Security. Additional benefits for members could be expanded.
- **Supporting the Junior Scholars Committee:** identifying and promoting research, publication, funding, and employment opportunities, and social opportunities at the conference itself.
- **Participating in an ISS Strategic Planning Committee:** Discussing the future of ISS and intelligence studies, to include the future of the section and/or possible charter revisions.