

*MAST 873, Marine Policy Seminar Spring 2014*  
*All class sessions start at 3:30*

*Generally on Thursdays, except on Fridays on February 28, April 11, and May 16.*

Thursday classes meet in Robinson 203, except for Friday classes (part of SMSP seminar) meet in Robinson 206. We also will meet on Tuesday March 4 at location to be determined.

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The seminar is organized around student presentations, except for the three MP organized seminars that take place on Friday's as part of the SMSP seminar and one seminar we are jointly hosting with Political Science. In the weeks in which a MP organized SMSP seminar takes place there will be no Thursday seminar. Students are expected to attend the Thursday MP seminars, the three Friday seminars, and the jointly sponsored seminar

### **Course Requirements**

- (1) One in-class presentation and abstract (60%).
  - a. Was the content of the presentations analytically sound?
  - b. Was the presentation clear and engaging?
  - c. Did the student stay within the time limits?
  - d. Did the student meet requirements of pre- and post-communications
  - e. Did the abstract prepare seminar participants for the presentation?
- (2) Participation in class discussion (10%).
  - a. Did the student participate in class in a productive and meaningful way?
- (3) Written material (30%)
  - a. Was the material clear, well-organized, and well-written?
  - b. Did the critique indicate an understanding of the material under review and otherwise meet the objectives outlined below?

### **Student Presentations**

When presenting research at a conference, you are generally given between 10 and 20 minutes, with moderated panel presentations often limited to 5 minutes. Longer presentations are generally reserved for a keynote address. Your presentation should thus be no longer than 20 minutes. This time limit is firm. Please note that no questions or interruptions from the audience will be heard during your presentation so these are true times. Questions will be held until the completion of your presentation.

#### **(1) For your presentation:**

- a. Provide a "powerpoint" (or other similar format) draft of your presentation to and discuss with your advisor one week before, and report by email your advisor's reaction to me ("ready to go"; "needs references," etc.).
- b. Submit your presentation and abstract to me via email ([jf@udel.edu](mailto:jf@udel.edu)) or, if very large file, via dropbox, [www.udel.edu/dropbox](http://www.udel.edu/dropbox) 48 hours before your presentation. Concurrently, provide a copy of your abstract only to Jackie, at [jackie@udel.edu](mailto:jackie@udel.edu)
- c. Within one week after your presentation, engage in a debriefing with your advisor and summarize in a few sentences in an email to me, with a copy to your advisor.

### **Seminar Attendees' Participation**

As is the practice at most research conferences, the only opportunity to ask questions will occur at the conclusion of the presentation. That means no questions during the substantive presentation, not even clarifications. In other words, we all have to sit on our hands. Discussion/questions will be limited to 20-30 minutes if we have one presentation on a given day; and 20 minutes otherwise. That means that if we start on time, seminar, on those days in which we have only one student presentation, will end around 4:15 p.m.; if two presentations, closer 5:00 p.m.

### **Written Material**

You are required to provide me with a written critique (generally about 1000 words) of a completed UD Marine Policy master's thesis, master's analytical paper, dissertation or dissertation chapter (if a multiple article dissertation) no later than May 8, but this is something you could complete much earlier (there is no time like the present).

I have prepared a summary list of past work that is suggested for this. It is posted at <http://www.udel.edu/MAST/873/>, and the thesis/dissertation documents themselves can be accessed through the UD library website (see <http://www.lib.udel.edu/> or specifically <http://search.proquest.com/pqdtlocal1006271/advanced?accountid=10457>). You may search for derivative or follow-on publications from these; for example, some wind power research articles from MP students are available at <http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/windpower/publications.html>. You can also speak with your advisor or other faculty should you wish to explore other work for review, but alternate choices should be of relatively recent vintage, no earlier than 2005. Please let me know no later than April 10 of your choice.

In your critique you should (a) set the stage by providing background on the thesis/dissertation (title/whether master's or Ph.D., year); (b) provide an overview of the area studied; (c) discuss the research design and methodology employed, including a critique of the design and methods employed (you are not required or expected to examine or cite outside sources to substantiate your critique) and recommendations you have to improve the research design; and (d) summarize the findings. The focus of my review will be on your discussion under (c) above.

### **Tentative Schedule:**

Thursday Feb 13: CANCELLED: Magdalena A.K. Muir, University of Calgary (203 Robinson)  
Thursday Feb 20: **Brandon Budenz** (203 Robinson)  
Friday Feb 28: SMSP Invitation: Dr. Salvatore Arico, UNESCO (206 Robinson)  
Tuesday Mar 4: Dr. Yoichiro Sato, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (LEH 125) with political science. Host: Professor Alice Ba.  
Thursday Mar 6: No class  
Thursday Mar 13: **Lauren Knapp** (tentative alternate location: ISELAB 467)  
Thursday Mar 20:  
Thursday Mar 27:  
Friday April 11: SMSP Invitation: Ms. Nancy Colleton, IGES and IUCN (206 Robinson)  
Thursday April 17:  
Thursday April 24:  
Thursday May 1:  
Thursday May 8:  
Thursday May 16: SMSP Invitation: Dr. James Sanchirico, UC Davis (206 Robinson)