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Message from the Director



The GRS program continues to attract large numbers of students and contribute in important ways to the intellectual climate at the university. Serving as Interim Director of the program over the last year I have been amazed by the energy and initiative of students and faculty connected to our programs. With “inter-disciplinarity” and “internationalization” standing as

central priorities at UVM, it is a very exciting time to be part of GRS!

Some of the highlights of the past year include:

- In 2014, we conducted our first-ever competition for the Robert D. Benedict Award for the Best Essay in International Studies. The winner was graduating Political Science senior Tyler Purinton, who submitted an essay on which theories of international relations best explained humanitarian interventions. We look forward to awarding this distinction annually. We also

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inducted 14 graduating seniors into the Sigma Iota Rho National Honor Society for International Studies.

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GRS Conducts First Essay Competition for Robert D. Benedict Prize

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GRS Alumni - Where Are They Now?

GRS work study student John Stone, '15, a double major in Global Studies and Political Science, researched some GRS alumni to see where life has taken them and how they put their GRS major to use after graduating from UVM. [Read more...](#)



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