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Interim Director Appointed for IGCC

Stephan Haggard, a professor of political science at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) at the University of California, San Diego, has been appointed interim director of the UCSD-based Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). Haggard, an authority on international and comparative political economy, assumes the position vacated by Susan Shirk, who left the IGCC directorship to take a position with the Clinton Administration as deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Economist Receives Grant to Study School Quality

Julian Betts, an assistant professor of economics at UCSD, has received a grant from the W.E. Upjohn Institute for his research on "School Quality and the American Labor Force." Betts is a labor economist specializing in the economics of education. His areas of expertise include the relationship between school spending and school quality, and the impact of labor market conditions on educational institutions.

Labor Economist Wins Grant to Study BART Extension

Labor economist Steve Rafael, an assistant professor in the UCSD economics department, has received a two-year grant from the Russell Sage Foundation for his research on "The Labor Market Consequences of an Extension of the San Francisco Bay Area's Commuter Rail System."

Kernel Appointed Head of APIP

UCSD Political Scientist Sam Kernell, a nationally known authority on the presidency and American politics, has been appointed director of the university's American Political Institutions Project (APIP). APIP, a center for interdisciplinary research on American politics and public policy at UCSD, was established in 1989 to stimulate cross-disciplinary research in American public affairs.

Economists Receive NSF Grants

Economist Vincent Crawford, chair of the UCSD Department of Economics, has received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation for his research, "Experimental Studies of Strategic Sophistication of Cognition in Normal-Form Games." Crawford, an economic theorist, is known for his many accomplishments and research activities in the fields of microeconomics and game theory. Other members of the department receiving NSF grants this year include:

Professor James Hamilton, a specialist in macroeconomics and econometrics, has received a three-year grant for his research project on "A Flexible Parametric Approach to Nonlinear Data Analysis;"

Assistant Professor Wouter denHaan, whose expertise is in monetary policy, business cycles, and financial markets, received a two-year grant to study "Robust Covariance Estimators and Heterogenous Agent Models."

Rafael is Awarded UCI Fellowship

Vicente Rafael, an associate professor of communication, has been awarded a residential fellowship at the Humanities Research Institute at UC Irvine. At the Irvine campus, Rafael will participate in a research cluster called "Histories of the Future."

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