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Valerie Bunce (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is the Aaron Binenkorb Professor of International Studies and Professor of Government. Her primary field is comparative politics and, secondarily, international relations. Her research and teaching address comparative democratization, international democracy promotion (primarily by the U.S.); and inter-ethnic cooperation and conflict. Her geographical focus is primarily East-Central Europe, the Balkans and the Soviet successor states, though her comparative interests extend to Latin America.

Bunce is the author, most recently, of *Subversive Institutions: The Design and the Collapse of Socialism and the State* (Cambridge University Press, 1999), and her articles have appeared, for example, in the *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Politics and Society* and *International Organization*, together with a variety of area-based journals and edited volumes. She is currently co-authoring a book with Sharon Wolchik (George Washington University), tentatively entitled: *American Democracy Promotion and Electoral Change in Postcommunist Europe and Eurasia*. Bunce is the former President of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and Vice President of the American Political Science Association.

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Carey Cavanaugh is Director of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, and professor of diplomacy and conflict resolution, at the University of Kentucky. He returned to academia after a twenty-two year diplomatic career with the U.S. Department of State that focused on conflict resolution, political-military affairs and humanitarian issues.

In addition to Washington assignments in the State Department, Pentagon and on Capitol Hill, Ambassador Cavanaugh served in Berlin, Moscow, Tbilisi, Rome and Bern. In 1992, he established the first American Embassy to the new Republic of Georgia, serving as Charge d'Affaires. Under Presidents Clinton and Bush, Cavanaugh spearheaded or helped advance peace efforts involving Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkey. In 2000, he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Ambassador/Special Negotiator responsible for conflicts in Eurasia and Co-Chairman of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group. Later Cavanaugh was elected president of the State Department's Senior Seminar and crisscrossed the globe as a team leader for the Office of the Inspector General. His final government assignment was foreign policy/political advisor to U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Mullen (the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff).

Cavanaugh was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Atlantic Beach. He majored in Russian at the University of Florida, but shifted to international affairs and Soviet and East European studies at the

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Garb spent 17 years living and working in Moscow, where she received her M.A. in anthropology from Moscow State University and later completed her doctorate in anthropology from the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Anthropology. She ultimately secured a job as a field producer for CBS News in Moscow, where she worked until she came to UCI in 1991.

After returning to live and work in the U.S. she has studied the mobilization of activists around environmental problems associated with the nuclear weapons complex in Russia and the role of citizen initiatives in the ethnic conflicts of the Caucasus. Since 1995, with funding from the University of California, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the U.S. Institute of Peace, USAID, and the Winston Foundation for World Peace, she has been promoting citizen peacebuilding activities and research. Her primary project has focused on facilitating and studying peacebuilding efforts between Abkhaz and Georgian academics, journalists, representatives of nongovernmental organizations, and politicians. In 1999, she initiated a coordination network of peacebuilding projects and organizations working in the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict, and continues to foster the network. Garb has been using her long-term and in-depth experience and research data from the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict to examine and compare how citizens are helping to resolve disputes in other conflict zones, such as Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Middle East, Cyprus, and Northern Ireland. She draws on these experiences for courses in conflict resolution that she teaches to Los Angeles gang intervention workers and UCI students. Her work has also led to a number of publications in academic and other journals.

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Stephen Jones has been a member of the Mount Holyoke College faculty since 1989. He is an expert on post-communist societies in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and regularly briefs the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. State Department on developments in Caucasia and the North Caucasus. He has briefed a number of U.S. ambassadors to Georgia.

From 1989 to 1991, during the collapse of the Soviet Union, Jones was repeatedly called upon by the *New York Times*, the *McNeil-Lehrer News Hour*, and *National Geographic Magazine* for background information. In 1992, he was included in a *New York Times* article discussing Georgia's future. Additionally, he has participated in five different news programs with the BBC World Service as well as numerous American radio and TV stations, including NPR's *Weekend Edition*. In July 1996, Jones traveled to Georgia for the World Bank to examine the impact of economic reform on the lives of ordinary citizens in Caucasia. In July 1996, Jones traveled to Georgia for the World Bank to examine the impact of economic reform on the lives of ordinary citizens in Caucasia and the following year traveled as

a consultant to UNDP (United Nations Development Program) to Abkhazia, a secessionist region in Georgia, to investigate the plight of refugees. Jones is also leading an ongoing effort to work with officials in Georgia to identify, preserve, and catalogue archival materials and employ contemporary library technologies to support the nation's archival and library systems. In 2003-2004, he directed two summer programs for Georgians funded by the U.S. State Department. The first was a Georgian Library Professionals program, the second a program on religious tolerance.

At Mount Holyoke Jones has taught Nationalism: East and West, Post-Soviet Foreign Policy, and The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire. Co-convening six conferences, Jones has published widely, including dozens of articles, chapters, and book reviews on contemporary events in the Commonwealth of Independent States. His papers and lectures number over 70. He has just completed a book *Socialism in Georgian Colors: The European Road to Social Democracy*, published by Harvard University Press in November 2005. He is currently writing two more books: *Social Democracy in Power: The Georgian Democratic Republic, 1918-21* (to be published by Harvard U.P.) and *Georgia: A Political Life, 1991-2004* (to be published by I.B. Tauris).

Prior to joining the Mount Holyoke faculty, Jones taught Soviet politics at the University of California at Santa Cruz (1986), at the University of London (1986-88), and at Oxford University (1988-89). He has received numerous grants, fellowships and awards from Harvard, London and Oxford Universities, as well as from IREX, the Smith Richardson Foundation, and the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton.

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