



## **Political Science and International Affairs Newsletter**

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### **Robert Barr awarded Grellet C. Simpson Award**

Robert Barr, Associate Professor of Political Science, received the Grellet C. Simpson Award at the May 2018 UMW commencement ceremonies. The Grellet C. Simpson Award is the institution's most prestigious annual award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

### **Surupa Gupta awarded John M. Kramer Faculty Award**

Surupa Gupta, Associate Professor of Political Science, received the John M. Kramer Faculty Award at the 2018 annual Spring Awards ceremony. This award is an acknowledgement of Professor Gupta's dedication to students, service to the University, and contributions to academia.

### **Stephen Farnsworth awarded Waple Professorship**

Stephen J. Farnsworth, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies, was awarded a Waple Professorship at UMW for 2018-2020 for work on his next book project, which focuses on late-night political humor.

### **Pi Sigma Alpha Induction**

UMW's Kappa Upsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha held its annual induction ceremony for new and returning members on April 16. Following the induction ceremony, the Department announced that the Fitschen and Fickett departmental awards to the outstanding graduating seniors in Political Science and International Affairs, respectively. Political Science major Marina Castro-Meirelles won the Fitschen award. International Affairs major Ariadne Randolph won the Fickett award. Following the ceremony, a Class of 2018 Reception celebrated the forthcoming graduation of PS and IA majors.

### **Career Day Panel and Reception**

On March 28, the department conducted its 2018 Career Day Panel, drawing some 60 majors. Five departmental alumni offered advice on careers and graduate school. They are Andrew Lowdon (2014), Law Clerk, US District Court for the Eastern District of VA; Sean O'Brien (2009), Project Manager, Internet2; William Sacripanti (2014), Research Assistant, US House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Nadine Zaatar (2011), Foreign Affairs Officer, US Department of State; and Art Speyer (1993), Senior Intelligence Analyst, Marine Corps Intelligence Activity.

### **Giving Day 2018**

Department generated more than \$5,200 on Giving Day to support valuable initiatives such as faculty travel and undergraduate research. Departmental Chairman Professor Jack Kramer and Mrs. Kramer generously matched donations to the department, kicking off the fund-raising initiative.

### **Additional Seminars in Political Science, Fall 2018**

PSCI 471 C7: US Constitutional Reform      American Government subfield  
PSCI 471 DD: Democracy in Decline      Comparative Politics subfield

### **Additional Related Field Courses in International Affairs, Fall 2018**

PSCI 471 DD: Democracy in Decline  
HIST 471F9: Moscow & Washington: Cold War  
SPAN481K: Gender and Violence in Spain  
ANTH350: Amazonian Societies  
FREN335B: Quebecois Literature & Culture

### **Undergraduate Research and Independent Study**

Emily Rothstein received an Undergraduate Research Grant for fieldwork in Nepal in February-March 2018.

Mariam Ansari wrote an independent study on the factors explaining the lack of democratic consolidation in Pakistan.

Emily Rothstein is working on an independent study on the leftist influences on the 2015 constitution in Nepal.

Noah Gardner is doing an independent study project this semester on "Socialism in US Politics."

Thinking of completing an independent study project next year? The University has undergraduate research funds available for this purpose. These funds can be utilized for any research related activities associated with the independent study project, including travel, materials acquisition, and photo-copying.

Departmental majors have effectively utilized these funds in recent years in exciting and academically challenging ways.

### **Departmental Majors News**

Marina Castro-Meirelles wrote a thesis on clientelism in Argentina, specifically exploring why it has been so resilient. Marina recently presented her work at the Pi Sigma Alpha conference in Washington, D.C.

Kendall Parker wrote a thesis on the US war against drugs, attempting to explain policy continuity despite persistent lack of success.

Kendall Parker's paper "A Comparison of Female Conscription: Israel versus the United States," was selected as one of two runners-up in Pi Sigma Alpha's 2017 Best Undergraduate Class Paper Competition. The award carries a cash prize.

Two Political Science majors won awards in Mary Washington's best student papers competition:

Marina Castro-Meirelles "A Conceptual Exploration of Clientelism," for Dr. Robert Barr, PSCI 491: Individual Study.

Chloe Rippel “Some Better Way for People to Live: The Politics of Law and Order in The Virginian (1929), The Ox-Bow Incident, and High Noon,” for Dr. Stephen Farnsworth, PSCI 450: U.S. Political Film.

Kenyon Huber-Wilker will represent the department at the 58th Annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) in April. He will present his essay the "The Decline of Democracy in Hungary."

UMW International Relations Organization Travel Team competed at VICS XXIII at University of Virginia. Delegate Julia Gibbons won a verbal commendation for her role as Sir Arthur Drakeford, Minister of Air and Civil Services during the Curtin Government, Australia 1942.

After elections, the UMW IRO welcomes its new Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year:

President: Julia Gibbons

Vice President: Henry Tucker

Treasurer: Zach Handlin

Secretary: Josie Vernick

### **Study Abroad**

UMW has academic exchanges with Lingnan University in Hong Kong and Northwest University in Xi'an, China. See the Center for International Education in Lee Hall, Rm 435, for information.

### **Faculty Activities**

#### ***Professor John M. Kramer***

John “Jack” Kramer, Distinguished Professor, participated on a roundtable on "Health and Demography in the Former Soviet Union", at the 2017 annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington, DC.

#### ***Professor Elizabeth F. Larus***

Elizabeth Freund Larus, Waple Professor, took several trips in 2017-18 to Taiwan and China to conduct field research on cross-Strait relations in the era of Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen.

In fall 2017, Dr. Larus published her article “US President Obama’s China Policy: A Critical Assessment,” co-authored with PSCI alumnae Shirley Naa-kowaa Martey Hargis in the Polish scholarly journal *TEKA*. Professor Larus presented the following her research papers "Re-affirming US-Taiwan Relations" at the Taiwan Roundtable *Refocusing Taiwan-US Relations* at George Washington University in September 2017, and “US Naval Coalition Building and Regional Security in the Asia-Pacific,” at ISA-Hong Kong, June 2017. She also organized and chaired the panel “Security Dynamics in the Asia-Pacific,” at ISA-Hong Kong.

Dr. Larus offered the online commentary “Chinese Military Parade Signals PLA ‘Prepared for the game, ready to win’,” *Global Taiwan Brief*, (September 6, 2017) <http://globaltaiwan.org/2017/09/06-gtb-2-35/>; “Treason and Resistance to Pension Reform in Taiwan,” *IPP Review* (International Public Policy Review), April 26, 2017 <http://ippreview.com/index.php/Blog/single/id/417.html>; and “Trump’s Asia Trip: Expectations versus Reality,” *IAPS Dialogue*, November 6, 2017.

<https://iapsdialogue.org/2017/11/06/trumps-asia-trip-expectations-vs-reality/>.

She discussed US naval diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific on the live talk show *Midnight in America* with Salvatore Babones, February 11, 2018. <https://youtu.be/36Nzsrjksj8>.

#### ***Professor Stephen J. Farnsworth***

Stephen J. Farnsworth, Professor of Political Science, has published his sixth book, *Presidential Communication and Character: White House News Management from Clinton and Cable to Twitter and Trump*, with Routledge.

In addition Dr. Farnsworth is co-author of a research chapter, “Donald Trump and the Late-Night Political Humor of Campaign 2016: All the Donald, All the Time,” which was published in *The Presidency and Social Media: Discourse, Disruption and Digital Democracy in the 2016 Presidential Election* (Routledge).

### ***Professor Jason W. Davidson***

Prof. Davidson, Professor of Political Science is in the process of finishing a book manuscript (under advance contract with Georgetown University Press) titled *America Entangled: Explaining US Alliances, 1776 to the Present*. Professor Davidson and his co-author (Fabrizio Coticchia) are completing (under contract with Lexington Books) a book manuscript titled *Italian Foreign Policy under Matteo Renzi: A Domestically-Focused Outsider and the World*. Professor Davidson has been invited to present on Italian Defense Policy at an upcoming US State Department Analytic Exchange on "Italy on the Eve of the Elections."

Professor Davidson presented a paper titled "Interests and Threat: Why Power Cannot Explain Early Cold War US Alliances" at the International Studies Association annual conference in San Francisco in April.

### ***Professor Rosalyn Cooperman***

Rosalyn Cooperman, Associate Professor of Political Science was appointed to the Executive Council of the National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCAPSA).

Professor Cooperman is serving as an Expert Contributor for GenderWatch 2018, a non-partisan project to track, analyze, and illuminate gender dynamics in election 2018. Gender Watch 2018 is funded by The Barbara Lee Family Foundation (BLFF) and the Center for American Women in Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University.

Professor Cooperman is serving as a Principal Investigator for the 2016 Convention Delegate Study, a survey of Democratic and Republican Party delegates.

Professor Cooperman published her book chapter "A Run for Their Money: Republican Women's Hard Road to Campaign Funding," (with Melody Crowder-Meyer) in Shauna Shames and Malliga Och, eds., *The Right Women: Republican Party Activists, Candidates, and Legislators* (Praeger Press). Her article "Can't Buy Them Love: How Donors Contribute to the Party Gap in Women's Representation," (with Melody Crowder-

Meyer) is forthcoming in 2018 in the *Journal of Politics*.

### ***Professor Robert Barr***

Robert Barr, Associate Professor, published his book, *The Resurgence of Populism in Latin America* (Lynne Rienner). Professor Barr is writing a textbook for introductory political science classes. He is preparing a new special topics course called Democracy in Decline, which will explore the worldwide backsliding of democratic regimes in recent years. Dr. Barr was awarded the Grellet C. Simpson Award at the 2018 UMW commencement ceremonies.

### ***Professor Ranjit Singh***

In August 2017, Associate Professor Ranjit Singh attended a "Strategy and War" Naval War College workshop in Newport, RI. He currently teaches a War College graduate seminar in Washington, DC Navy Yard. In addition, he has been awarded spring 2018 sabbatical leave to pursue a research project on private landowners' attitudes towards land conservation in Stafford County Virginia. To date, he has interviewed dozens of landowners about their connections to their land, visions for its future, and beliefs concerning conservation. He has been invited to present initial research findings at the April 2018 "Wild Places, Natural Spaces" conference of the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place. Prof. Singh continues to serve on the board of directors of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, along with '07 PSCI alum Jay Sinha.

### ***Professor Emile Lester***

Emile Lester received a significant research grant from the Religious Freedom Center at the Newseum in December 2017 to evaluate their Georgia 3Rs program to promote respect for religious freedom and religious literacy in public schools. He presented his initial evaluation of the program in a paper at the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

Dr. Lester served as a consultant to the Texas Freedom Network (TFN) on social

studies standards proposed by the Texas State Board of Education. His review identified significant inaccuracies and biases in the standards, and he participated in a February 2018 press conference organized by TFN on the subject.

Dr. Lester's chapter "A Tale of Two States: Teaching about Religion in Texas and California" was included in *Teaching about Religion in the Social Studies Classroom*, (National Council on Social Studies, 2017), he wrote a book review for *Political Science Quarterly*, and his own book *Liberalism and Leadership* is forthcoming from University of Michigan Press.

### ***Professor Surupa Gupta***

Surupa Gupta, Associate Professor of Political Science, received the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award at the 2017 UMW commencement ceremonies. The 2017 graduating class selected Dr. Gupta as the faculty member "they will most likely remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives."

Professor Gupta traveled to India in June 2017 to conduct preliminary fieldwork on her research on sub-regional integration in South and Southeast Asia. She was invited to write a short piece on this research in *IAPS Dialogue*, the online magazine of the Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies at the University of Nottingham, England. In September 2017, Professor Gupta presented her research on intellectual property rights and US-India relations at the annual conference of the European International Studies Association in Barcelona, Spain. She also wrote the introduction and a chapter for and co-edited a publication evaluating India's foreign policy under Prime Minister Modi - this series of articles has been accepted for publication in the *International Studies Perspective*. In April 2018, she presented her research on sub-regional integration in Asia in a roundtable and presenting a paper on India's engagement in global governance in economic issues at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association.

In January 2018, she delivered an invited lecture on her research on food security and

trade politics in India at the Asian Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. In addition, Prof. Gupta is managing editor of a new journal, *Indian Politics and Policy*, published by the Policy Studies Organization - the inaugural issue is scheduled for publication in March 2018. Prof. Gupta continues to be program co-chair for the South Asia in World Politics section in the International Studies Association.

### ***Professor Chad Murphy***

Chad Murphy, Associate Professor of Political Science, presenting a paper at the Virginia Social Science Association annual meeting. Two of his scholarly research papers are currently under review:

"Gendered Rhetorical Polarization: A Method for Measuring Semantic Associates," and "Redistricting and Incumbent Types: Which Legislators are More Vulnerable to Adverse Redistricting?"

Professor Murphy is also working on a project looking at President Trump's use of social media and rhetorical diffusion after Charlottesville.

### **Student Internships**

Chris Cassingham, Delegate Krizek in Richmond this semester.

Tyler Lucy, UMW Police Department this semester.

William Wadsworth, Congressman Rob Wittman

Hannah Backe, TechINT Solutions Group LLC

Theodosius Zotos, Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce

### Alumni Notes

Maggie Dwyer is a Research Fellow for the Social Media and Security in Africa project in the Centre of African Studies at University of Edinburgh. She leads a research project titled Modern Soldiering in Africa, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation. Additionally, Maggie is Associate Editor of *The Journal of Modern African Studies*.

Maggie completed her PhD in African Studies at University of Edinburgh and an MSc from Syracuse University in the US.

Elizabeth Kaknes is now an Assistant Professor at Marist College. She received her PhD from UVa in 2016 and held a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan's Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies last year.

Shawn Gremminger is Senior Director of Federal Relations (Pharmacy Choice) at Families USA.

Nicole Tardif is Deputy Press Secretary, the Republican National Committee.

Jay Sinha is a Cyber Privacy Analyst at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Girard Bucello-London School of Economics has accepted him into the MA Program in Security Studies

Jessica Queitzsch is an Analyst at the defense contractor OGS Systems International.

John Karellas is enrolled at the Catholic University School of Law.

Amber Reeves is a Data Associate at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Andrew Lowndon graduated from Duke University School of Law and is clerking for a Federal Judge.

Brianna Gavigan is enrolled at the University of Connecticut for graduate school.

Ben Hermerding is a records manager in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Richmond.

Emily Lowrie worked on a bill sponsored by Bryce Reeves that passed both houses of the VA legislature requiring postvention services to be available at universities to support students after a suicide.

Mariah Young is a Project Assistant at King and Spalding.

Sam Azzarelli is Communications Director for Bryce Reeves's Lt. Governor campaign.

Thomas Allison is Deputy Policy & Research Director for the Young Invincibles, a research group focused on policy concerns of young adults.

Erik Johnston is Deputy Policy Director, Office of the Governor of Virginia.

Zach Wineburg works on political advertising at the Washington office of Google.

Lauren Castellano now the Events Manager at GOPAC.

Ola Szczesna is the Connecticut Manager at Families for Excellent Schools.

Christopher M. Winslow has been elected a Supervisor in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Dr. Mark Finney is chair of the Mass Communications Department at Emory and Henry College.

Marty Molloy is director of YouthBuild, a nonprofit overseeing the development of vocational training partnerships in Philadelphia.

Justin Simeone is enrolled at Georgetown University Law Center and is a Ph.D. Candidate at Princeton University.

Beth Kendall is an Associate Attorney at PennStuart.

Ally Blanc is Deputy Counsel to a Massachusetts State Senator.

Monique DeZarn is a Creative Strategist at iStrategyLabs.

Theophe Love is the Assistant Public Defender for the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Chapin Fausel is an Associate Attorney at Sheffer Law Firm.

Michael Littlejohn is an Associate Attorney at Loebsock & Brownlee, PLLC.

Sarah Payne is an Associate Attorney at Maddox & Gerock, P.C.

Erin Perugini is a Legal Editor at Bloomberg BNA.

Marija Ozolins is an Associate Attorney at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP.

Kate Johnson was promoted to Senior Policy Coordinator at Autism Speaks.

Andrew Lowndon is enrolled at Duke Law School.

Anna Boning is a Law Clerk at Balding Gutting, LLC.

Sandra Sanchez is going to graduate school at GMU to get a Master's in Political Science and is working for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health.

Sacha Brenac is an intelligence analyst with Cydecor, a defense contractor.

Nicole Tardif is working in the Washington office of US Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-Fairfax).

Ben Hermerding is working in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Richmond.

Benjamin Harris Lead Organizer at AARP Take A Stand.

Tom Allison is Deputy Policy & Research Director at Young Invincibles, a political research group focusing on issues of particular importance to young adults.

Mariah Young is Project Assistant at King & Spalding.

Lauren Castellano was hired by GOPAC and then promoted to Events Coordinator. Ashley Nixon is the Public Affairs Manager at Virginia Press Association.

Meghan Hobbs is Manager of Communications and External Affairs, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Office of Governor Terrence R. McAuliffe.

Thomas Bowman is Legislative Assistant to Paul Krizek at Virginia House of Delegates.

Nick DeSarno is Manager of Digital and Communications Practice at Public Affairs Council.

Kelley Hudak is the Business Coalitions Coordinator for House Majority Whip Scalise.

Leah Kieff is Foundation Director at Americans for Prosperity.

Stacy Whitehouse is the Northern Virginia Field Director for John Adams for Attorney General Political Director and for Rob Wittman for Congress.

Kate Miceli is a J.D. Candidate at University of Richmond School of Law.

Alex Olah is Government Affairs Manager at Natural Products Association.

Sarah Alvarez is Program Associate at The Aspen Institute.

Michele Alexander is Administrative Coordinator for Strategic Development and Communications, Management Sciences for Health.

Aida Dedajic is Standards Board Program Manager at The Appraisal Foundation.

Brian DeMott is Associate Attorney at Casarino Christman Shalk Ransom & Doss.

Prarthana Gurung is Community Activation Strategist at Netcentric Campaigns.

Nicole Halloran is Italian Teacher at Prince William County Public Schools.

Megan McCrum is Policy Advisor at U.S. House of Representatives.

Samantha Miller is Digital Account Supervisor at Publicis.

Joe Oschirin is a paralegal at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, LLP.

Nadine Zaatar works for the US State Department as a Foreign Affairs Officer.

Annie Morris Deputy Director of Government Relations at Virginia Commonwealth University and Health System.

Brianna Gavigan is Executive Assistant at Capital for Change, Inc.

Molly McCarthy Assistant Instructor at Columbia Performing Arts Center.

KJ Adler is Management Analyst at HUD OIG.

Kendall Carty is working for Governor Robert F. McDonnell in the Department of Education.

Carrie Mitchell is working for the Department of Defense.

Nick Jacobs is a Teacher at Stafford County Public Schools.

Bobby Durette is Founder of D&D Brewery, Lodge and Restaurant, Honduras.

Krystal Jackson is Corporate Recruiter at K12. Catherine Stewart is an independent Business Strategist.

Kristen Tymeson is a Strategic Business Development Consultant.

Julie Viragh is a Communications Assistant at Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc.

Elizabeth Weaver is a Publisher at Elevation Outdoors Magazine (Summit Publishing, LLC).

Kate Lulfs Ehrle is Director of Business Development at Cask LLC.

Richard Ehrle is a senior counter-intelligence specialist with the US Navy.

Stephen Premo is an Associate Attorney Representing Employees and Whistleblowers at Halunen Law.

Kristin Howe is Senior Specialist, Client Development at WilmerHale.

Jessica Wells is the Director of Membership Programs at the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation.

James Schroll is a Project Manager at The Solar Foundation.

Kenneth Scheiber is a Teacher at St. Mary's-Ryken High School.

Sarah B. Smith is Managing Director at the American European Business Association. Sydney McClure is Associate Brand Manager at WhiteWave Foods.



Chris Winslow is an Attorney / Supervisor in Chesterfield County.

Andrew Wright is a Legislative and Communications Specialist for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Katie Leesman is an Associate Attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP.

Sarah Campbell is an Office Assistant at Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Madina Ahmadzai is a Marketing Assistant at Quality Matters.

Erin Albright is an Anti-Trafficking Coordinator for the International Institute of New England.

Tom Allison is a Deputy Policy & Research Director at Young Invincibles.

Allessandra Askins is a Senior Accounting Manager-Registration/Receivables at SANS Institute.

Jennifer Bell is a the Vice President of Marketing and Meetings at Federation of American Hospitals.

Michael Behrens is CTO at R2AD.

Alison Berry is a Sustainability Consultant at JDM Associates.

Miklos Bodnar is a DARPA - International Cooperation Specialist at System High Corporation.

Valerie Bradley is the Engagement Manager at American Business Council of Dubai & the Northern Emirates (Chapter, US Chamber of Commerce).

Bradd Buckingham is a Senior Strategic Analyst at Chenega Military, Intelligence & Operations Support SBU.

Alena Callaghan is a Senior Digital Marketing Manager at Appian.

Brian Cooney is a Management Consultant at PwC.

Victoria Cooney is a Manager at Cipher Systems LLC.

Matthew Coulter is a Terminal-Based Games Manager at Pennsylvania Lottery.

Lauren Decot is Director at MBA Consulting Group.

Brady Deremer is a Senior Manager at Sony. Matt Desjardins works in Consular Affairs at U.S. Department of State.

Kevin Diana is Deputy Director of Budget at National Labor Relations Board.

Chris Dimotsis is Lead Strategic Housing Officer at VHDA.

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Ryan Jacobson is a Senior Business Analyst at ConvaTec.

Susan Jerdonek is Associate Director of Resource Development of US Programs at Save the Children.

Kory Jessen is a Senior Security Analyst at Verizon Enterprise Solutions.

Mikaela Jordan is an Underwriting Trainee at Chubb.

Ryan Kailath is a Coastal Reporter at WWNO New Orleans Public Radio.

Andrea Keefer is a Budget and Policy Specialist for the Department of Planning and Budget.

Kate Kelley is a Medical Student at Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Peter Kelley is Associate Director - Global Media Relations at EY.

Kira Lanewala is a MPH candidate at the George Washington University.

David Lindsay is a Project Manager III at Salient CRGT.

Kathy Loden is Parliamentarian and Director of Operations at U.S. House of Representatives.

Kevin Loden is Vice President and General Counsel at Redwood Capital Investments, LLC.

Danielle Mackey is a Freelance Journalist for Periodista Independiente.

James Martin is a Staff Officer at United States Seventh Fleet.

John Messinger is an Attorney for Lehrman Beverage Law, PLLC.

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Amanda Mulhern is a Contracts Manager at ICF International.

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Frank Puleo is a Lead Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

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Elizabeth Terry Rose is an Architecture, Design and Engineering Reference Librarian at Library of Congress.

Annie Unger is an Account Manager at The Common Application.

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Katie Webb is a Manager of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Northrop Grumman Corporation Information Systems.

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