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POST-ISPP 2 DAY MINI CONFERENCE

July 7 & 8, 2015

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

UCI-Social & Behavioral Science Gateway-Room 1517

NARRATIVE, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS & PSYCHOLOGY METHODS AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF INTERVIEWING, ANALYSIS, AND APPLICATION

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The importance of narrative analysis for understanding critical events in international relations and conflict resolution seems well established, with analysts making frequent use of narrative in analyzing texts -- stories, journals, letters, autobiography, field notes, interviews – to understand how people create meaning in their lives and interpret and respond to reality. Recent work at UCI established a valuable archive of stories, providing valuable insight on how the human mind creates disparate narratives, from surviving wars to growing old. The “how-to’s” of narrative are less clearly-developed, especially the extent to which qualitative methods and tools based on anecdotal material can be utilized in a systematic manner. Similarly how do we construct interviews that are objective yet open-ended? Discussing the methodology underlying narrative analysis, understanding how to construct an interview and then to apply interpretive tools to sociopolitical events are the focus of this mini-conference by top narrative scholars.

The goal will be to expose participants to the techniques underlying narrative analysis, to develop a cohort of young scholars working on narrative who can interact throughout the year via the internet, and to produce a short volume on the mechanics of doing narrative analysis.

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