Four new members have joined the Bush School faculty this fall, adding weight and depth to the School’s academic and research programs. “As enrollment of full-time students in residence has grown substantially, it is vital that we increase the number, quality, and range of our faculty,” said Dean Ryan Crocker. “We have been able to attract some of the nation’s finest scholars, whose blend of academic and practical experience will enrich our students’ education,” he added.

Dr. Jessica Gottlieb joins the Bush School as an assistant professor after earning her PhD in political science at Stanford University. She also holds a master’s degree in economics from Stanford University. She previously studied at Yale University, receiving a dual BA degree cum laude in political science and international studies in 2004. While at Stanford, Gottlieb received the Stanford Interdisciplinary Fellowship and was a pre-doctoral fellow at the Center for Democracy Development and the Rule of Law. Her research and teaching interests include democratic accountability, political and economic development, and formal and informal institutions. Much of her research has been in sub-Saharan Africa, where she has conducted field experiments, behavioral games, and surveys. Her dissertation research was a study in Mali of why free and fair elections failed to generate government accountability in a new democracy. Her work has also taken her to Senegal, Liberia, and the West Bank, where she trained and recruited educators and other professionals and managed survey teams. Prior to her doctoral studies, Dr. Gottlieb worked at the Center for Global Development on a project encouraging donors, country governments, and multilateral organizations to better learn what works in development through improved impact evaluation.

Dr. Gottlieb has taught courses in organizations and public policy; global politics of human rights; democracy, development, and the rule of law; and war and peace in American foreign policy.

Dr. Laurie E. Paarlberg, Associate Professor, comes to the Bush School from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, where she was an associate professor. Prior to joining UNC, Paarlberg was an assistant professor at San Francisco State University. She earned her PhD in 2003 at Indiana University in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, where her major was public affairs, with additional work in public management/public policy and organizational theory and strategic management in the Kelley School of Business. Her bachelor’s degree is from Purdue University, where she majored in agricultural economics, with an additional emphasis on community development.

Dr. Paarlberg has taught a variety of courses in the field of public administration and nonprofit management, including public management organizational theory and behavior; leadership, strategic planning, and resource development in public and nonprofit organizations; and managing inter-organizational relationships.

Her publications include numerous articles in refereed journals, including Public Administration Review, the International Public Management Journal, and the American Review of Public Administration, on topics ranging from geographic mobility and philanthropic engagement to exploring change, transformational leadership, and complexity science.

Dr. Paarlberg’s funded research projects include a study on institutional competing logics in the United Way system, supported by the National Science Foundation’s Division of Social and Economic Sciences. She has served as a member at large in the ARNOVA Section Division-TIBS; as committee chair, Membership Committee of the Public Nonprofit Division-Academy of Management; and as a doctoral student mentor, also in that division of the Academy.

Dr. Joshua Shifrinson joins the Bush School as an assistant professor, having earned his doctorate in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he focused on international relations and security studies. He earned his undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Brandeis University.

Joshua Shifrinson’s research interests include grand strategy, power transitions, military operations, energy security, and diplomatic history. His research has been published in journals such as International Security and the Journal of Political and Military Sociology as well as by think tanks and research organizations. His teaching experience includes courses on US military power and the causes of war.

He was the recipient of several fellowships and grants during his studies. Most recently, he was a pre-doctoral fellow with the George Washington University Institute for Security and Conflict Studies. Previously, he held fellowships with the Beifler Center for Science and International Affairs and the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars and received grants from the Tobin Project, Scowcroft Institute, and MIT Center for International Studies, among others. At the Bush School, Dr. Shifrinson will teach courses on American foreign policy, energy security, and security and strategic studies.

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Dr. Erin Snider holds a PhD in politics and international studies from Trinity College, Cambridge. Her other degrees include an MSc in Middle East politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, and a BA summa cum laude from James Madison University. Most recently, she was a postdoctoral fellow in regional political economy (Middle East) at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, part of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. While at Cambridge, Dr. Snider was a Gates Scholar, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2007-2008, she held a Fulbright Fellowship to study Arabic at the American University in Cairo’s Arabic Language Institute. Dr. Snider is a new assistant professor at the Bush School this fall.

Among Dr. Snider’s research interests are international relations of the Middle East, comparative politics, foreign assistance and international security, democratization, and US foreign policy. She has published in the journal Middle East Policy and has a book in progress: “Technocrats, Bureaucrats, and Democrats: The Political Economy of US Assistance for Democracy in the Middle East.”