



Richard Herrmann, director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies and Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor of Political Science, gave the opening remarks at the conference, "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care," held at the Mershon Center on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, 2010.



Carole Fink, Humanities Distinguished Professor of History, gave the introductions at the conference, "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care." This conference was organized by three of Fink's graduate students in the Department of History.



Carole Fink (right), Humanities Distinguished Professor of History, served as chair of the first conference session, "Why Alliances Fail." Melissa Yeager (left), Assistant Professor of History at Longwood University, presented a paper titled "The European Defense Community: Astonishing Alliance, Predictable Collapse?"



Michael McKoy, graduate student in the Department of Politics at Princeton University, gave a presentation titled "Mistrust and Military Coalitions: The Sevres Pact and Coalition Formation" as part of the panel "Why Alliances Fail" during the conference "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care." Melissa Yeager, Associate Professor of History at Longwood University, presented a paper titled "The European Defense Community: Astonishing Alliance, Predictable Collapse?" as part of the same panel.



Graduate students and participants of the conference, "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care," gathered during lunch to continue conversation. "Pacts and Alliances," a graduate student research conference, was held at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, 2010.



Faculty attendees and participants of the conference "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care," gathered for discussion during the conference lunch. Seated from left to right are Randall Schweller, professor of political science at The Ohio State University, Evan Resnick, assistant professor of political science at Yeshiva University, Jean-Bertrand Ribat graduate student in Political Science at Indiana University, and Michael McKoy, graduate student in Politics at Princeton University.





Jennifer Siegel, associate professor of history at The Ohio State University, talked during the conference lunch with Richard Herrmann, director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies and Social and Behavioral Distinguished Professor of Political Science.



Kathleen Burk, professor of history at University College London, delivered the keynote address during the conference, "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care." Burk's lecture was titled, "Is There an Anglo-American Alliance? Or a Pact? Or Anything At All?"



Panelists shared a laugh before the second panel of the day was underway. Pictured are Mark Rice (left), lecturer in History at Ohio State - Mansfield, and Evan Resnick, assistant professor of political science at Yeshiva University. Rice and Resnick, participants of the "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care," conference presented papers as part of the panel exploring "Why We Should Care: 21st Century Implications."



Conference panelists and participants gathered at the Mershon Center for the second panel, "Why We Should Care: 21st Century Implications," of the conference, "Pacts and Alliances, Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care." Pictured from left to right are Michael McKoy, Princeton University; Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Xiaoyu Pu and Peter Mansoor, The Ohio State University; Mark Rice, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Evan Resnick, Yeshiva University; Jennifer Siegel, Robert McMahon, and Carole Fink, The Ohio State University.



The organizers of the graduate student conference, "Pacts and Alliances: Why They Succeed, Why They Fail, and Why We Should Care," posed for a picture during the conference held on April 16 and 17, 2010 at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Pictured from left to right are James Helicke, history graduate teaching associate, Carole Fink, Humanities Distinguished Professor of History, Charles Carter, history graduate teaching associate, and Anthony Crain, history graduate teaching associate.