

AY 16-17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Enclosed is a description of **selected accomplishments** by **Dr. Ivan Sascha Sheehan** from **July 2016 – July 2017**.

Overview: Dr. Ivan Sascha Sheehan is an Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs at the University of Baltimore where he serves as the Director of the graduate program in *Negotiations and Conflict Management* and founding Co-Director of the graduate program in *Global Affairs and Human Security* in the College of Public Affairs.

Dr. Sheehan completed his twelfth consecutive year of full-time teaching experience at the university level in AY 16-17. He joined the University of Baltimore after spending two years as a Lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Boston where he taught in the John. W. McCormack School of Policy Studies. He previously taught at Bentley College, George Mason University, and Tufts University, after receiving a Ph.D. in 2006.

Further details relating to Dr. Sheehan's teaching, research, service, consulting, and policy-oriented activities can be found at: www.professorsheehan.com

Other platforms that feature Dr. Sheehan's scholarly activities are identified below:

- ✓ Website: <https://professorsheehan.com/>
- ✓ UB Profile: <http://www.ubalt.edu/cpa/faculty/alphabetical-directory/ivan-sascha-sheehan.cfm>
- ✓ Twitter Profile: <https://twitter.com/profsheehan>
- ✓ ResearchGate Profile: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ivan_Sheehan
- ✓ Academia.edu Profile: <https://ubalt.academia.edu/IvanSaschaSheehan>
- ✓ LinkedIn Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/saschasheehan>

Director, Negotiation and Conflict Management (CNCM): Dr. Sheehan has now served as the Director of the M.S. program in Negotiations and Conflict Management (CNCM) for 6 years. This service includes close collaboration with 2 full-time faculty, oversight of 4 adjunct faculty, supervision of 1 Academic Program Coordinator and 1 Graduate Research Assistant, and work with 1 Academic Program Specialist. It also requires reporting directly to the Executive Director of the School of Public and International Affairs, Dr. Larry Thomas.

Director, Global Affairs and Human Security (GAHS): Dr. Sheehan has now served as Director of the M.A. program in Global Affairs and Human Security (GAHS) for 5 years. The program has grown dramatically under Sheehan's leadership from 0 to approximately 70+ students. The program is also a concentration/track in multiple other degree programs in the College of Public Affairs.

Between the CNCM and GAHS programs, Dr. Sheehan's programs regularly serve between 300-400 students – both degree seeking and those enrolled in allied programs – who are taking classes on a diverse range of either Conflict Management and/or Global Affairs topics.

Each of the above accomplishments in the enclosed summary was achieved while teaching a regular course load and while making considerable administrative contributions to the University of Baltimore.

SHEEHAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2016-2017

The accomplishments outlined below are ordered consecutively by date:

- In Summer 2016, **Ivan Sascha Sheehan**, Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs, traveled to Paris as part of a research delegation examining the Iranian opposition on the first anniversary of the conclusion of negotiations that resulted in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran. A guest of the organizing committee, Sheehan met with a series of bipartisan U.S. officials in Paris to discuss US – Iran policy and his research on regime change. While in Paris, he also chaired a panel featuring former U.S. Attorney General Judge Michael Mukasey and met with a recently released American hostage detained at Iran’s notorious Evin Prison while studying the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran through a series of interviews with Iranian dissidents. The annual conference – which featured crowds estimated at more than 100,000 – is the largest annual gathering of the democratic Iranian opposition in exile. The July event featured remarks by leaders from more than fifty countries, a bipartisan delegation of senior U.S. officials, and prominent academics from around the world. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and the deteriorating situation in neighboring Syria and Iraq were discussed. Dignitaries in attendance included former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich; former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge; former U.S. Attorney General Judge Michael Mukasey; and former National Security Advisor to President George W. Bush, Frances Townsend, among many others.
- On July 1, 2016, **Sheehan** published an op-ed titled “Trump’s Torture Stance is Bad Counterterrorism Policy” in the congressional newspaper *The Hill*. The commentary questioned the wisdom of Donald Trump’s embrace of torture as an appropriate counterterrorism tool in the aftermath of terrorist attacks in Istanbul on June 28. Sheehan’s criticism is situated in the context of studies he has undertaken over the past ten years on matters related to evidence-based counterterrorism policy.
- On July 5, 2016, **Sheehan** published an op-ed titled “Iran Nuclear Deal One Year Later: Reconsidering Western Optimism” in the congressional newspaper *The Hill*. The article assessed the wisdom of Western optimism in the face of a deteriorating situation in the Middle East and in the context of the first anniversary of the conclusion of negotiations that resulted in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran. Writing for policy officials, Sheehan concluded that “Western support for a regime engaged in repressive and destabilizing activities in Syria and Iraq – resulting in forced migration with global security implications – is not sustainable or sensible.”
- In summer 2016, **Sheehan** completed a 10-year self-study mandated by the University System of Maryland for the graduate program in Negotiations and Conflict Management and submitted it for external review. The self-study was very favorably reviewed and the report is now being used as a model for newer self-study reports.
- On September 11, 2016, **Sheehan** authored an op-ed titled “Iran’s Assault on Academic Freedom” in the congressional newspaper *The Hill*. The article examined the importance of academic freedom and its relationship to democratic discourse in the Middle East. The article was published on the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- On September 29, 2016, **Sheehan** was interviewed by *Cited* podcast in Canada for an episode on academic freedom in Iran. Sheehan’s interview followed the release of Professor Homa Hoodfar, a Canadian-Iranian anthropologist who had been detained – many thought unjustly – in Tehran’s Evin prison since March. *Cited* is an award-winning documentary radio program funded by the Social

Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the University of British Columbia. It has been featured on 95 stations, including NPR and CBC.

- On November 17, 2016, **Sheehan** delivered an invited presentation to the University System of Maryland Foundation Board of Directors on the occasion of their annual meeting. The title of the presentation was “Reflections on a Journey in International Relations: Faculty Roles and Responsibilities.”
- On November 22, 2016, with President-Elect Trump’s White House transition underway, **Sheehan** took to the pages of *Independent Journal Review* to offer counsel to the new administration on necessary changes to Iran policy in an op-ed titled “Trump Administration Should Avoid Focusing Too Narrowly on Iran Nuclear Deal.” The article was broadly circulated in the foreign policy community and shared extensively online.
- On November 30, 2016, **Sheehan** authored an op-ed for *Townhall* titled “Has the Iran Lobby Set its Sights on the Trump Administration?” The commentary challenged claims made by former U.S. Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the Department of State, Ambassador Daniel Benjamin, and Washington Post columnist, Mr. Josh Rogin, against senior officials under consideration for posts in the Trump White House. The article concluded: “There is an urgent need for Washington to undertake a thorough counterintelligence investigation of Iran’s influence campaign in the U.S.”
- On January 12-14, **Sheehan** presented and chaired panels at the 88th Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. The Southern Political Science Association is among the oldest and largest political science organizations in the United States. Sheehan participated in the following panel discussions and received CPA funding:
 - Panel: Domestic Politics & International Relations of MENA
Section: International Relations and Domestic Politics
Role: Chair
 - Panel: Normative Political Theory: History & Politics
Section: History and Politics
Role: Panelist – Gandhi’s War of Resistance: Religious, Secular, and Realist Influences
 - Panel: Human Security, Human Rights, & International Law
Section: International Politics: Global Issues, IPE, Human Rights
Role: Chair
 - Panel: Propaganda, Violence, & the Islamic State
Section: International Politics: Conflict and Security
Role: Discussant

Sheehan is a member of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), the American Political Science Association (APSA), and the International Studies Association (ISA).

- In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** was appointed to the University System of Maryland Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs. The Council’s mission is to facilitate a serious, comprehensive, and coherent public discussion of American Foreign Policy by convening distinguished authorities to address contemporary global issues.

- In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** co-authored an 84 page technical report (“Sustainable Cities Initiative Final Report – Baltimore”) that was published in Spring 2017 for project funders at the Kresge Foundation and United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. The report articulates how the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be localized to support a more sustainable Baltimore. Mayor Catherine Pugh endorsed the initiative when she took office in December 2016 writing in the report’s Foreword “As you will read in this report, the indicators reflect the range of work that is already being done in Baltimore, challenge us to push further, and connect us to a global effort.” “Every urban university has a special responsibility to support and advance the communities in which it resides,” said Kurt L. Schmoke, president of the University of Baltimore. “At UB, we are sharing our expertise in the growing field of sustainability, serving as a gathering place for information, trends and planning efforts. In time, this hard work will help to deliver a Baltimore that is more livable, equitable and, most importantly, a city that thrives in the 21st century.” Read the full publication at www.professorsheehan.com.
- In Spring 2017, **Sheehan** served as a consultant on a national team of faculty in a Department of Homeland Security sponsored cyber security initiative to promote learning through simulation, scenario, and curriculum design. Sheehan, a Project Director for the AICS initiative – Analysis & Investigation through Cyber-Based Scenarios (AICS) – is contributing to the national expansion of the cyber discovery program through his participation in the content-creation seminars that involve scenario generation. The initiative, for which Sheehan received external funding, required two weekend-long trips to Louisiana Tech University in Spring 2017.
- On April 22, 2017, **Sheehan** welcomed journalists to an advance screening of National Geographic Channel’s LA 92, a new documentary by National Geographic featuring archival footage of the L.A. uprising by Oscar award winners Dan Lindsay and T.J. Martin. The film, which debuted at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, premiered nationally on the National Geographic Channel on April 30 at 9 PM ET.
- On May 16, 2017, **Sheehan** spoke at a briefing sponsored by the Office of Congressman Thomas Garrett (R-VA) in the U.S. Congress for media and legislative staffers on the 2017 presidential elections in Iran. The panel discussion, held in the Rayburn Building’s House Foreign Affairs Committee Room, featured remarks by Congressman Mike Coffman (R-CO), Congressman Thomas Garrett (R-VA), and leading Middle East experts Ilan Berman, Lee Smith, and Alireza Jafarzadeh. The event, carried live by Voice of America and translated into Farsi, was broadcast inside Iran and around the world.
- On May 17, **Sheehan** followed his remarks in the U.S. Congress with an op-ed in *Independent Journal Review* titled “When Iran Votes For President Friday, Is It A Referendum On The Future Or More Of The Same?” Warning that the ultimate power in contemporary Iran resides with the Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, Dr. Sheehan cautioned U.S. policymakers not to expect reforms when either candidate wins. One day after the Congressional briefing moderated by Dr. Sheehan two senior members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee asked Secretary of State Tillerson not to recognize the Iranian Presidential Election in a formal letter to the Department of State. And one day after Dr. Sheehan’s op-ed, the editorial board of The Washington Post concluded, like Sheehan, “real transformation in Iran will require a collapse of the Islamic Republic.”
- In May 2017, Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden, President Pro Tem, presented **Sheehan** with an official citation from the Maryland State Senate in recognition of “Exceptional leadership and Service to the University of Baltimore and both the Negotiations and Conflict Management as well as Global Affairs and Human Security Programs.” Senator McFadden served as the Maryland Senate’s Majority Leader from 2003-2007 and is Chairman of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation. Graduate students in the

College of Public Affairs delivered the distinction at the Spring 2017 end-of-year celebration dinner at the University of Baltimore.

- On June 6, 2017, **Sheehan** served as the Moderator for the National Geographic Channel TV premiere of Hell on Earth: The Fall of Syria & the Rise of ISIS in Washington, D.C. The documentary – by Academy-Award nominated filmmaker and New York Times #1 best-selling author Sebastian Junger and Emmy award winner Nick Quested – traces the origins of the Syrian crisis and the rise of Islamic State. The event, attended by Gary Knell – President of National Geographic – involved an interview by Sheehan with the award winning filmmakers on Syria, ISIS, and U.S. policy in the Middle East in front of a live audience of approximately 200 people.
- In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** continued to serve on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Foundation for Liberty and Human Rights, a Washington, D.C. based organization that seeks to advance human rights and democracy in Iran and present timely analyses to policymakers and media outlets. Also on the board are prominent former U.S. officials including Governor Tom Ridge, Governor Ed Rendell, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Fmr. Attorney General Judge Michael Mukasey, General Hugh Shelton, General David Phillips, General James Conway, and Dr. Alan Gerson (2012-Present).

In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** served as a reviewer for the following peer-reviewed journals:

- Terrorism and Political Violence (Taylor and Francis)
- Georgetown Journal of International Affairs (Georgetown University)
- Cyber Education Journal (National Integrated Cyber Education Research Center)
- SAGE Open (Sage)

In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** served a second term as College of Public Affairs Faculty Senate President. Several noteworthy accomplishments are summarized below:

- In late Fall 2016 and early Spring 2017, Sheehan ushered a CPA Faculty Senate Resolution in support of academic freedom through shared governance at the University of Baltimore securing full adoption by the University Faculty Senate on January 18, 2017.
- In Spring 2017, Sheehan oversaw a unanimous vote in favor of the Center for Drug Policy and Enforcement.
- In Spring 2017, Sheehan served as an MSCHE Examiner Guide for the Middle States Accreditation site visit and participated in multiple meetings with site team examiners. Among the accolades resulting from the MSCHE site visit were commendations issued for shared governance and also General Education reform – two initiatives in which Sheehan served as a leader.

Immediately following the MSCHE Site visit, **Dean Roger Hartley** wrote to the faculty: **excerpted*

“To Sascha and our leadership in faculty governance. The UFS system received a commendation for terrific governance. We see that at the College level big time.”

“The effort leading Gen Ed reform by Sascha and so many here also was acknowledged indirectly with a university commendation for successful changes in General Education.”

On the conclusion of his service as President of the College of Public Affairs Faculty Senate, **Dean Hartley** separately wrote to the faculty:

“I want to thank Sascha Sheehan who has been a fantastic leader and partner as Chair of our faculty. The list of accomplishments is numerous, including reform of General Education. I am most pleased

by the professional, collegial, and strong voice representing our College's faculty at the University level. Because of his leadership, and the leadership of our Faculty Senate, we have sincerely advanced the position of the College in the University."

In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** served the College of Public Affairs and the University of Baltimore in the following leadership capacities:

- Program Director, M.S. in Negotiations and Conflict Management (CNCM)
- Program Director, M.A. in Global Affairs and Human Security (GAHS)
- Member, University Faculty Senate
- Member, University Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- Member, College of Public Affairs Dean's Executive Council
- Member, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Planning Committee (Subcommittee on "Strengthening Commitment to Student Success")
- Dean's Representative, UB Graduate Advisory Committee
- Chair, AY 16-17 CNCM Faculty Search Committee
- Chair, 3rd Year Progress Towards Tenure Committee
- Member, AY 16-17 President's Faculty Award Selection Committee
- Faculty Advisor, CNCM Graduate Student Association
- Faculty Advisor, GAHS Graduate Student Association

Among the more routine tasks carried out on behalf of colleagues in the College of Public Affairs:

- **Sheehan** spoke to a class of Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) students about his and their research in Fall 2016. He also created CNCM and GAHS specializations in the Doctor of Public Administration program at the request of the DPA program director.
- **Sheehan** participated in Faculty Roundtable on Promotion and Tenure at the Spring 2017 New Faculty Orientation.
- **Sheehan** delivered an invited guest lecture in Professor Joseph Wood's GVPP 297: Special Topic – Iran in Global Context course on Iran and the world after the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.
- Dean Stephen Percy consulted **Sheehan** on the development of a new graduate program in Global Affairs at Portland State University.
- **Sheehan** created accelerated learning pathways between undergraduate programs and CNCM/GAHS graduate programs that were approved by the CPA Curriculum Committee and worked to increase enrollments in CNCM and GAHS courses through cross-listing as well as outreach to prospective students.
- **Sheehan** created specialized tracks in several CPA and CAS programs for CNCM/GAHS students.

In AY 16-17, **Sheehan** continued to receive exceptional ratings – both in the form of narrative assessments and summary reports – on student evaluations for courses taught in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 with scores well above the departmental and college means on virtually every indicator. Sheehan routinely receives instructor-rating scores of between 9.5 and 10.

Summer 2017: In Progress –

- June 2017: **Sheehan** is scheduled to deliver an invited keynote address at the 2017 Annual Forum of the Cercle Grand Paris de l'Investissement Durable / the Grand Paris Alliance. The trip is sponsored by the Paris-based think-tank.
- June 2017: **Sheehan** will be a guest of the Organizing Committee for the Convention of Democracy in Iran where he will conduct field research in Paris at the annual gathering of the Iranian opposition. The trip is sponsored by Washington, D.C. based non-profit.
- Summer 2017: **Sheehan** is leading a Directed Reading course on "Conflict in Divided Communities" for a graduate student in the Global Affairs and Human Security program.
- Summer 2017: **Sheehan** is serving on the Conference Coordinating Committee for the 2017 NASPAA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in Fall 2017.
- Multiple op-eds are forthcoming in Summer 2017 in prominent news outlets.

A complete list of **Sheehan** updates and accomplishments, including links to articles and media appearances, can be found at www.professorsheehan.com. The site, designed as an educational resource for students and policy analysts, has generated more than 12,000 visits from 50 countries as of July 2017.