



GLANTZ SELECTED TO CONDUCT IFIAS STUDY

Michael (Mickey) Glantz, a senior postdoctoral fellow in the Advanced Study Program, has been commissioned to author a study entitled "The Moral, Legal, Political and Economic Implications of a Credible and Reliable Climate Forecasting System." The study will be done under the auspices of the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study (IFIAS) as part of a project on the impact of climate changes on the character and quality of human life. Mickey will assess the role that the capability to forecast climate--if it is developed--will play in political decision making and other societal processes.

"The ability to forecast climate," Mickey says, "can be a potential source of national power comparable to a nation's natural resources, population, and geographical location. Therefore it becomes very important to understand the impacts that climate-forecasting capability may have on the behavior of international decision-makers."



The selection of Mickey as the study author was announced by UCAR Past President Walter Orr Roberts, leader of the IFIAS climate project. Commenting on the need for studies such as this one, Walt said: "I am certain that the impact of climate fluctuations on human life, and particularly on food supplies, is one of the most important issues facing the world. Perhaps forecasting of climate anomalies can alleviate some of the massive starvation and suffering that such events now visit upon humanity."

According to Walt, Mickey was selected from a large number of candidates in the United States and other countries. A social scientist with an engineering background, Mickey earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania. He is now on leave from the Department of Government and Law at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he is an assistant professor.

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Mickey will begin the study during the remainder of his postdoctoral appointment at NCAR, and will continue his work after the expiration of that appointment next July with support from a grant made to IFIAS by the Rockefeller Foundation. UCAR will continue to participate in the IFIAS climate project by serving as host institution for Mickey until he completes his study in about 18 months.

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JOURNAL ROUTING TO BE DISCONTINUED

The combination of increased journal costs and budget constraints has forced cancellation of all duplicate periodical subscriptions by the library. Effective January 1, 1975, only one copy of each title will be received, and we plan to discontinue routing. Experience has shown, and a majority of an advisory committee of the library believes, that the cumulative delay in forwarding journals through the routing lists essentially nullifies the ability of the service to provide current literature.

As in the past, the current issue of every periodical will be available on the display racks in the library for use there and for overnight loan.

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STAFF INVITED TO ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY

Staff members and their spouses or friends have been invited to NCAR's annual Adult Holiday Party, which will be held at the Mesa Lab in the cafeteria and Damon Room on Thursday, December 19, from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Employee Activities Committee (EAC), will feature live dance music, a variety of hot and cold snacks, beer, and punch.

The EAC needs a rough estimate of the number of people planning to attend, in order to arrange for the refreshments. If you plan to go, please return the form that was distributed to the staff last Tuesday to Bonnie Gacnik (ML room 111, ext. 564) by next Tuesday, December 10. If you need a form, but didn't receive one, please call Bonnie.

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