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Smith Returns from California Sabbatical

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With access to the resources of Stanford University, Thomas Smith, PhD, spent his sabbatical in Palo Alto, Calif., focused on his research program regarding civilian protections in wartime.

Smith, associate professor of government and international affairs and Honors Program director, worked on his book project, *Human Rights and War: Strategy, Atrocity and the Civilian Idea*. Four chapters are nearly complete, and Smith will present the core theoretical chapter at an international studies conference in October.


In Palo Alto, Smith was able to take advantage of a number of lectures and seminars related to his work.

"I discovered ideas to invigorate my classroom and reconnected with the intellectual curiosity that sustained me during graduate school,” Smith said.

This semester Smith is teaching Introduction to Political Theory and an honors thesis course. In Spring 2009, Smith will teach Contemporary Political Theory and Politics and Literature. Plans for the Honors Program include a retreat for honors students, a snorkeling trip, several public lectures and a possible film screening.

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