



STEPHEN OLSON

Delivers 2008 Commencement Address



Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy held its 2008 graduation ceremony on Friday, April 11, 2008, at Alumni Park. The school conferred the master of public policy degree on more than 50 graduates.

Stephen Olson, Pepperdine alumnus and member of the School of Public Policy's Board of Visitors, delivered the commencement address. Olson, the chair and chief executive officer of the Olson Company, was presented with the honorary doctor of laws degree for his work in the community and longtime involvement with Pepperdine.

Olson, a 1973 graduate from the Graziadio School of Business and Management, was the 1984 recipient of the Graziadio School's Distinguished Alumnus Award and was active in the establishment of the School of Public Policy. In his professional life, Olson is recognized as a leader in the real estate development industry. The Olson Company specializes in the construction of affordable houses that are "in town, in style, and in reach." Olson's efforts in the real estate field have garnered significant attention, and he was



named Builder of the Year in 2000, by *Professional Builder Magazine*.

In his address, Olson cited a list of public policy challenges that will require the attention of the graduates. From environmental concerns to America's credit crisis, Olson challenged them, equipped with the lessons learned at Pepperdine, to address these problems with innovative solutions. Olson alluded to the ethical concerns surrounding future technology and argued that America's education system needs vast improvement to meet future public policy challenges.

Olson also focused his attention on the need for renewing the "great debate." Counseling students not to be centered on materialism or mere efficiency, instead he urged that the debate should focus on values and cultural sustainability. Only through such debate, Olson concluded, can America hope to solve its public policy problems.

Despite the multitude of policy dilemmas, Olson was confident that, armed with their Pepperdine education, graduates would be capable of meeting these challenges.



Andrew Weathers

Named 2008 Distinguished Alumnus

Andrew Weathers (BA '98, MPP '00) was named the School of Public Policy's 2008 Distinguished Alumnus at the commencement ceremony on April 11, 2008. The award recognizes the professional achievement and strength of character of a School of Public Policy graduate.

Weathers received his bachelor's degree from Seaver College in 1998 and his master's degree from the School of Public Policy in 2000.

After receiving his master's degree, Weathers began working for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). He is currently a public health advisor for the CDC in Atlanta where he manages activities concerning field epidemiology, lab trainings, and disease surveillance in several countries in South America and Africa. He previously held a position in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB prevention.

While at the CDC, Weathers has received several awards and commendations including the April 2007 CDC/ATSDR Employee of the Month Award for his exceptional work and exemplary performance. In 2006, he received the Coordinating Office for Global Health Award for Volunteer Services. In addition, he has received the CDC Safety Award for Service from the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (2003) and the CDC Service Award for Anthrax Response (2001).

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

This issue of the Dean's Report includes an announcement of a new endowed scholarship for promising young women, made possible by a generous gift from Beti Ward, a new member of our Board of Visitors. The announcement reminds us that most of the students in the School of Public Policy would not be able to attend Pepperdine were it not for such generosity.

As one of the newest schools of public policy, our endowment is relatively small and thus we must raise over a half million dollars each and every year in new gifts in order for many students, for whom Pepperdine is their first choice, to be able to attend here rather than accept more generous scholarship support from one of the older, more established programs. In addition, these students are typically very idealistic and willing to forego more generous salaries after graduation in order to pursue a life of service not only in government, but in nonprofit and service organizations in the private sector, to effect change more dramatically than they could in other, better paying professions.

With her gift, Beti Ward joins a number of others who have set up scholarship programs in the school, and whose names have been listed on previous occasions. For all of these friends there is nothing more rewarding than to sit down over lunch each year with the very special students who benefit from their scholarship support, and to monitor their careers in the years following graduation, and know that without their support the students could not have come.

Elton Trueblood said that we have made at least a start in discovering the meaning of human life when we plant shade trees under which we know full well we will never sit. And such is the ample reward to those who provide an opportunity for some special young leader to prepare and grow to leadership at Pepperdine.



James R. Wilburn
JAMES R. WILBURN
Dean, School of Public Policy

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE ▶ EVELYN G. ALEMAN *Government Affairs Manager, First 5 LA*



Accepting a full-time job out of downtown Los Angeles wasn't easy at first. I knew that it would pose new challenges, especially as I continued to grow my home-based public relations boutique and raise two young daughters. Yet, my husband and I felt that it was time to put my Pepperdine

public policy education to use, and what better way than to accept a position that encompassed public relations, public policy, and government affairs all in one. More importantly, it involved child advocacy, an issue that I am passionate about.

In the year since I accepted a government affairs position with First 5 LA, a quasi-governmental entity funded through a proposition that invests tobacco tax revenues in health, education, and safety programs for children ages 0 – 5, I have seen my role evolve from relationship building and legislation monitoring to advocacy.

As the state budget deficit continues to grow, many state-funded programs seem threatened, including voter-approved propositions like ours. To this effect, I have joined the ranks of dozens of groups who visit the state capitol each month to meet with

members of the legislature in an effort to make their case with local delegates. Although the work isn't easy, it has given me an opportunity to see democracy in its most fundamental form, for there is something to be said about the inherent need of Americans to congregate and exercise their freedom of speech. Whether its doctors cramming elevators to make it to the next meeting with a senator or assembly member, grandmothers wearing heart badges that read "Keep the heart in the budget," mothers with children advocating for education, or seniors for Alzheimer's...it's fascinating to see individuals from diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds—joined under a single cause—involved in this American experience. This is where "the rubber hits the road," and where we effect change. For me, this is where Dr. Charles Van Eaton (my former School of Public Policy economics professor) whispers in one ear—"Remember to speak truth to power," while Professor Joel Kotkin whispers in the other that local communities have strengths of their own, even in light of adversity.

I feel fortunate to have this unique opportunity to make a real difference in local communities, and in the lives of county children and their families. More importantly, I feel fortunate to be in a position of service where I can set an example for my own children to follow. Often, as my day winds down and I return home I'm always encouraged to hear my oldest say "I missed you mom, but I know that the work you do is important, so do it!"

School of Public Policy Alumni: If you are interested in contributing to this regular column which seeks to highlight alumni experiences related to policy beyond your career obligations, please let us know. Contact Christina Ramirez at christina.ramirez@pepperdine.edu.

THE LYDELL WARD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established with \$100,000 Gift from Beti Ward

Pepperdine University is pleased to announce the establishment of the Lydell Ward Endowed Scholarship. Through a \$100,000 gift from School of Public Policy Board of Visitors member Beti Ward, this scholarship will be awarded to select qualified female students, in good standing, pursuing a master in public policy degree at the Pepperdine School of Public Policy.

Beti Ward is the CEO of Pacific Air Cargo, who saw a need to provide air cargo service to Hawaii more than 20 years ago when she launched American International Cargo (AIC) in 1981. Ward semi-retired when she sold her interest in 1998 and re-established herself in 2000 in the air cargo industry with the formation of Pacific Air Cargo (PAC), which today provides express air cargo service between Los Angeles and Honolulu with Boeing 747 freighter aircraft. Among many business achievement awards, Ward has been the recipient of the 2004 Business Woman of the Year in Hawaii award and the #1 Woman Owned Business in Hawaii award from 2000-2006 by *Pacific Business News*.

NEW BOARD OF VISITORS MEMBER

The School of Public Policy Board of Visitors currently comprises 43 members of national policy, business, and community leaders who support the school's mission and share the commitment to a more expansive approach to public policy. The board provides invaluable counsel and support to the School of Public Policy, and the members are examples of public leaders who appreciate the role of a strong moral and ethical standard while recognizing the central importance of civil society, faith, and free markets to solve policy issues.

Dean James R. Wilburn welcomes the newest Board of Visitors member.

Barry L. Wolfe was, until his recent retirement, managing director of Marsh Private Client Services, a leading risk and insurance services firm. Previously, he had founded and led the highly successful Centrelink Insurance and Financial Services for nearly three decades. Throughout his career, he and his wife, Mireille, have been dedicated to their family and a variety of civic and humanitarian causes. Wolfe is now president of the Shomrei Torah Synagogue in West Hills, California.



PEPPERDINE POLICY REVIEW *Student-Run Academic Journal Debuts*

June 2008 marked the debut of the inaugural volume of the *Pepperdine Policy Review*. The student-run academic journal showcases the best scholarly work of School of Public Policy students at Pepperdine University. The annual publication features articles, commentaries, opinion pieces, and book reviews that address a variety of issues from health care and national security to political philosophy. The current volume also includes an "Alumni Feature" by a School of Public Policy alumnus.

The mission of the *Pepperdine Policy Review* is to publish the best scholarly research, innovative policy solutions, and insightful commentary that School of Public Policy students have to offer. This journal seeks to inform policy makers, academic researchers, and the general public of ideas that will help transform public policy debate in the U.S. and abroad. All articles are thoroughly reviewed by student editors and must meet rigorous academic standards. *Pepperdine Policy Review* is led by faculty advisor Dr. James Prieger and 2007-2008 Editor-in-Chief Matthew Piccolo (MPP '08).

To view the recent volume of *Pepperdine Policy Review*, please visit the Web site at:

<http://publicpolicy.pepperdine.edu/policy-review/2008v1/>



2007-2008 *Pepperdine Policy Review* Editorial Staff: (top row) Jonathan Freinberg (MPP '08), Lauren Koffs (MPP '08), Ryan Peterson (MPP candidate '09), Daniel Himebaugh (MPP/JD '09); (bottom row) Matthew Piccolo (MPP '08), Kimberly Meltzer (MPP '08), Nicolas Valbuena (MPP candidate '09), Pooja Jhobalia (MPP '08), Brian Vo (MPP '08).

DAVID DAVENPORT *Accepts Position at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University*



Distinguished Professor of Public Policy David Davenport has accepted a new role as counselor to the director for external relations at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He will also continue to pursue his research interests while remaining a research fellow for the Stanford think tank.

Within his new role, Davenport will be part of the senior administrative team at Hoover and will be assisting the director with external affairs, including working with the board, foundations,

major donors, and helping with strategy and product development.

“To have a former president on the faculty is a rare but exciting event for the school, especially when that president was also the founder of the school,” says James R. Wilburn, dean of the Pepperdine School of Public Policy. “Davenport’s commitment to the classroom, to mentoring students, and to scholarship and writing added unprecedented visibility and credibility to our efforts. And for me personally, this has been a rich and rewarding five years beyond our two decades together before this role. I am especially delighted that he has agreed to continue to help the school in many ways during this new chapter of his life with the Hoover Institution.”

Davenport has served as a Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at Pepperdine since 2003, teaching advanced courses on international law and institutions, political campaigns, and deliberative democracy, while offering core courses on great books and public policy. For the past year, he has regularly contributed audio segments to Townhall.com’s “Daily Commentary” on timely political news and issues.

Davenport’s legacy at Pepperdine will no doubt live on. In addition to being the University’s sixth president from 1985-2000,

on June 13, 2000, the Davenport Institute for Public Policy was named in honor of Davenport and an endowment of \$3 million was established. The institute is the primary platform from which the School of Public Policy engages in the current marketplace of ideas through its fellows, conferences, publications, and distinguished lecture series. The Davenport Institute draws on the unique spirit of the academic program to advance and elevate current policy debates.

“Most of my career has been intertwined with Pepperdine and Hoover. I’ve been part of the Hoover Institution for over 20 years, first as a member of its Board of Overseers and, for the last seven years, as a research fellow,” says Davenport about his relationship with Stanford and Pepperdine Universities. “Also, I’m a Stanford alum, with lots of professional and personal relationships in the Bay Area, so it’s a natural transition for me.

It’s been great to be part of the School of Public Policy and to contribute to the continuing fulfillment of its bold and important mission.”



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With his wife, Helen, and his two children in attendance, Weathers reminded the 2008 graduating class of the opportunity they have to serve their fellow citizens in the United States and across the world.

While at Pepperdine, Weathers was an officer with the Department of Public Safety. He was selected in the Presidential Management Fellows Program in 2000.

He follows Eryn Witcher (BA '97, MPP '99) and Hanna Skandera (MPP '00) as the third recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

STUART W. EPPERSON ON “FREEDOM AND THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE”

Stuart W. Epperson, one of the leading modern pioneers of American public debate, visited the Pepperdine School of Public Policy on February 14, 2008, to deliver the annual Charles and Rosemary Licata Lecture. Epperson is the chair of North Carolina-based Salem Communications Corporation. His address was a warning to any American who is concerned about the future of free speech.

At issue is the Fairness Doctrine, a now-defunct federal regulation that required public broadcasts about controversial political issues to be balanced. Epperson said that the original purpose of the Fairness Doctrine in 1949 was to encourage debate, in part because the range of media was much more limited at that time. But as media options expanded, the Fairness Doctrine proved itself harmful to free speech.

Since the end of the Fairness Doctrine more than two decades ago, talk radio has taken on a crucial role in politics and public policy. Epperson's Salem Communications, for example, owns 100 Christian and family radio stations, and Salem radio programs are broadcast on 2,000 stations to 50 million listeners. *Time* magazine named Epperson among the “Top 25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America.”

Freedom of speech in broadcast media may come under threat yet again. With the political shift in Congress following the 2006 elections, some members of Congress have suggested reinstating the Fairness Doctrine.

Epperson said that the Fairness Doctrine “is full of landmines, it is armed to the teeth, and it is deadly to the First Amendment.”

Epperson is determined to rally Americans in opposition to the Fairness Doctrine. “Preventing reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine is a hill to die on,” Epperson concluded.

Charles and Rosemary Licata established the Licata Lecture series to bring together members of the Pepperdine community with academic and policy leaders. Past Licata Lecturers include philosopher Michael Novak, Steve Forbes, Joseph Loconte, Robert Woodson of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises, and former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues Pierre Prosper.

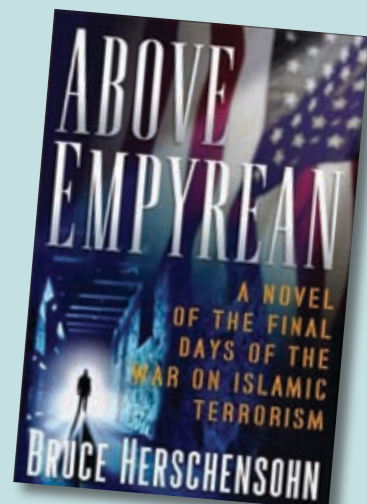


NEW FELLOW-AUTHORED BOOK

Above Empyrean: A Novel of the Final Days of the War on Islamic Terrorism
by Bruce Herschensohn

Above Empyrean: A Novel of the Final Days of the War on Islamic Terrorism is a fictional story about Islamist revolutionary terrorists that have taken over the United States of America and millions of citizens have been killed, imprisoned, and tortured. Eli Jared, the trusted advisor of the president who is missing, is holed up in a secret government command center. Without weapons or any communication with the outside world, Jared must figure out how to wrest the fate of the nation away from terrorists bent on obliterating the American way of life.

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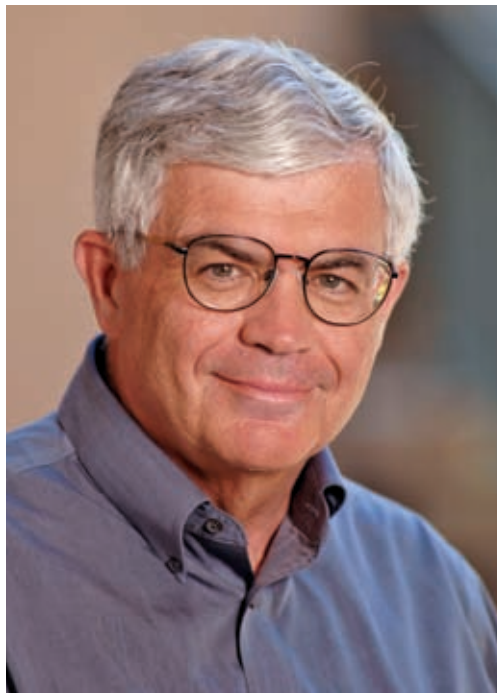


JOHN B. TAYLOR:

“The Untold Story of International Finance in the Post-9/11 World”

John B. Taylor, professor of economics at Stanford University, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and former undersecretary of International Affairs for the U.S. Treasury, presented “The Untold Story of International Finance in a Post-9/11 World,” on February 12, 2008, at the School of Public Policy. Noting the disproportionate media coverage on the diplomatic and security fronts of U.S. foreign policy, Taylor’s lecture emphasized the triumphs on the widely unknown financial front of the Global War on Terror. While he had anticipated spending time overseas negotiating deals, September 11, 2001, changed everything.

Taylor found a White House message waiting for him when he arrived back in Washington D.C., on September 11—start freezing the assets of al-Qaeda as well as financiers of al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups. The amount of international coordination required to conduct the freeze was phenomenal, and Taylor recalled that 120 countries were even willing to change their laws to help the U.S. successfully freeze terrorist accounts.



Taylor discussed the financial reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan. The Taliban fell in November 2001, and by December more than \$5 billion was pledged internationally to support reconstruction. However, Taylor noted that the energetic pledges did not translate into funds due to issues including corruption. As a result, even after Taylor secured the cooperation of warlords, the lack of international funding and support for alternate crop production halted reconstruction efforts. Taylor recommended consistent follow-up as a strategy to ensure that efforts to reconstruct Afghanistan materialize.

Taylor went on to explain the next step—to achieve financial stability in post-U.S. invasion Iraq. The plan had two components: first, to pay Iraqi civil servants and pensioners in U.S. dollars and second, to follow up with a new Iraqi currency. While there were several challenges along the way, both parts of the plan were successfully implemented. Taylor ended his discussion by showing students a picture of the first new Iraqi central bank meeting. The central bank went from having zero reserves as a result of Sadaam seizing them before the U.S. invasion to about \$20 billion today.

DR. ABBAS MILANI: Distinguished Video Conference Series

Dr. Abbas Milani, director of the Iranian Studies Program at Stanford University, delivered a lecture as part of the student-organized Distinguished Video Conference Series. In a live video feed from Palo Alto, California, to students in Malibu, Milani referenced many of his experiences at Iranian universities and in the Hoover Institution’s Iran Democracy Project, offering many insightful remarks on the political, economic, social, and religious aspects of Iran.

During his lecture and question-and-answer period, Milani addressed three major issues with Iran: its foreign relations ambitions, problems with its regime, and its prospects of becoming democratic.

According to Milani, Iran is developing strong relationships with China and Russia in order to become independent from the West while also issuing war threats to Western nations. He argued that the U.S. should have a more consistent nuclear proliferation policy. For instance, the U.S. warns Iran not to develop nuclear capabilities but allows Israel, Pakistan, and India to do so.

Milani argued that economic troubles may break the Iranian regime. He indicated that Iran’s double-digit inflation and unemployment rate relies on volatile oil markets that provide 80 percent of its budget, and it fails to use profits to improve infrastructure.

Milani asserted that peace in the Middle East is impossible without a democratic Iran. Democracy there is possible, he said, since Iranians are pro-American and have underground movements to form democratic institutions, but Iran must be ready for democracy by building its middle class and fostering a more civil society.

2008 Policy Research Capstone Seminars

The Policy Research Capstone Seminar project develops and presents a major policy program design and implementation plan using a real situation in an actual global, state, or local agency. Students develop a clearly focused mission, a strategy, and an implementation plan. This project requires personnel planning, a budget plan, and a clear method for securing approvals from all interested parties whose ownership is critical for its success. The results may be presented to a board of visitors including academics, professional panels, or real-world agency leaders. Students are expected to be able to identify, verbalize, and experience in an authentic way, clearly stated personal values as well as technical expertise. The following were topics explored throughout the Spring 2008 semester:



AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

This capstone focused on American foreign policy and strategy outside of the Middle East, with special emphasis on Europe and East Asia. Each student wrote a major policy paper dealing with one key region of the world and defended it in a way that simulated an actual experience in the National Security Council. Topics analyzed by students included American foreign policy toward Africa and the Middle East, dealing with the rising power of China, and the challenge Russia poses to U.S. national interests at home and abroad.

EDUCATION POLICY

An open-house policy fair was held to showcase student projects based on current education policy issues at the local, regional, state, national, and international levels.

Topics included:

- Ending Poverty: Education and Microfinance in Bolivia
- English-Language Immersion Charter School of East Los Angeles
- Increased Parent Involvement in Low-Income Schools: Reallocation of Title I Funds
- It Takes a Village to Raise a Child: Building Community in a Time of Crisis
- Reclaiming the Native American Dream: How Online Education Will Allow Us to Fulfill Our Dream
- School Vouchers: Can They Realize Milton Friedman's Vision of Education?

ECONOMICS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

Taking into consideration many interest groups and a diversity of perspectives, students conducted evaluations of criminal justice policies focused on California prison reform. This project included discussions with law enforcement agencies and a visit to the California State Prison. Students presented their analyses at the California State Capitol in Sacramento.

Topics included:

- Information Technology in the California Prison System
- Managing the Aging Prison Population
- Managing Illegal Immigrants in California Prisons
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services in the California Criminal Justice System

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

This project focused on American interests in national security for countries of the Middle East. Students researched, proposed, and defended U.S. national security plans for Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Syria.

Topics included:

- National Security Strategy for American Interests in Saudi Arabia
- The National Security Strategy of the United States of America: Lebanon
- The United States National Security Strategy in Syria
- U.S. National Security Strategy for Iran

FACULTY/FELLOW UPDATE



LUISA BLANCO

Assistant Professor of Economics

Luisa Blanco presented the paper “The Finance-Growth link in Latin America” at the Southwestern Economic Association meeting in March 2008. A revision of this paper has been resubmitted to the *Southern Economic Journal*. Blanco also coauthored a paper with Michelle Isenhouer (MPP '08), which analyzed the economic impact of ethanol production on the Corn Belt states. Her papers “Endogeneity and Tax H(e)aven Policy: An Empirical Note” and “Life is Unfair in Latin America, But Does it Matter for Growth?” are under review. She participated at a conference on advanced topics on freedom (Freedom and Happiness) cosponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies and the Liberty Fund. In July, Blanco was invited to speak at a Liberty Fund colloquium entitled “The Intellectual Foundations of Political Economy.” She also organized the spring lecture on macroeconomics featuring John Taylor at the School of Public Policy.



ANGELA HAWKEN

Assistant Professor of Economics

Angela Hawken visited Afghanistan for two weeks in May. She is codirecting a UNDP supported project for the Afghan Ministry of Finance to monitor corruption in Afghanistan and anti-corruption reforms. She returned to Kabul in August to present the monitoring system to the Afghan government and to representatives of international organizations working in Afghanistan. Working with a team in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Hawken is coauthoring the gender chapter for the 2008 Human Development Report for Asia and the Pacific. This summer she went to the Republic of Georgia to launch an opiate user ability-to-pay-for-services study for the Soros Foundation. On the domestic front, Hawken coauthored an article entitled “Behavioral Economics and Community Supervision” with Mark Kleiman of UCLA, which will appear in the summer edition of *Issues in Science and Technology*, a journal of the National Academies of Science. She coauthored a chapter on Methamphetamine and Crime with David Farabee of UCLA, which will be published by Hayworth Press, and she authored a chapter on U.S. Federal Drug Policy, to be published by Springer Press. On July 24, 2008, the Pew Charitable Trusts hosted a conference in Washington, D.C., to release the results of Hawken’s evaluation of Hawaii’s HOPE Probation Program. The HOPE project tests a model of swift and certain, but modest, sanctions for managing drug offenders in the community. The evaluation of HOPE is being funded under awards from the Smith Richardson Foundation and the National Institutes of Justice.



BRUCE HERSCHENSOHN

Senior Fellow

Bruce Herschensohn made a number of media appearances and speeches in support of Senator John McCain’s campaign for the presidency. His novel, *Above Empyrean: A Novel of the Final Days of the War on Islamic Terrorism* was released July 1, 2008, and he has spent the summer promoting the book on a national media tour. He will be conducting 12 “Weekly Foreign Policy Roundtable” sessions in Fall 2008 at the School of Public Policy.



ROBERT KAUFMAN

Professor of Public Policy

Robert Kaufman’s book *In Defense of the Bush Doctrine* was published in paperback by University Press of Kentucky in March 2008. Senator Joseph Lieberman conveyed high praise on the cover of the paperback edition. Kaufman continued to speak frequently at conferences such as the annual Awakenings conference on Sea Island, Georgia, and other venues. He continued to appear on radio and television in connection with his expertise in American foreign policy and national security. Kaufman served as acting dean during James R. Wilburn’s sabbatical during the Spring 2008 semester.



GORDON LLOYD

Professor of Public Policy

Gordon Lloyd was a participant, discussion leader, or director of several Liberty Fund Colloquiums and seminars in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Arlington, Virginia; Sausalito, California; and Rhinebeck, New York. Lloyd also served as a visiting scholar at The Bill of Rights Institute, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Landmarks of American History week-long workshops in Mount Vernon, speaking on “Shaping the Constitution: A View From Mount Vernon, 1783-1789.” He lectured on “The American Revolution and the Founding of a New Nation” at a week-long Ashbrook Teacher Institute at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. In addition, he authored an article titled “The 1849 California Constitution: An Extraordinary Achievement by Dedicated, Ordinary People,” in *The Constitutionalism of American States* (University of Missouri Press, 2008).



JOSEPH LOCONTE

Senior Fellow

Joseph Loconte continues to produce articles and commentary for some of the nation’s leading media outlets. He appeared on BBC Radio and Public Radio International and now serves as a frequent contributor to *The Weekly Standard*, commenting on issues such as the Bush administration’s global AIDS ini-

tative, blasphemy laws in Pakistan, and the faith factor in the U.S. presidential race. Loconte participated in several policy discussions and forums, including a roundtable discussion at the U.S. Institute for Peace on “Religion and Genocide Prevention;” a debate at American University with Barry Lynn, director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State; a discussion in Britain’s House of Lords on John McCain’s “League of Democracies” as an alternative to the United Nations; and a weekend forum in Vienna on “Post-Christian Europe and Resurgent Islam.” Loconte also has contributed a book chapter entitled, “Christianity and Human Rights: The Enduring Alliance of Religious Freedom and Democratic Rights,” which will appear in *Religion and Human Rights*, being published by Lexington Press later this year.



TED MCALLISTER

Edward L. Gaylord Chair of Public Policy

Ted McAllister published a review essay “The Theologico-Political Problem Revisited: How to Think About the Modern Project” in the Web journal *First Principles*. He has conducted extensive research over the summer for a new class, “Tolerance and Authority: The Enlightenment Dialectic in America.” McAllister gave a lecture, “The Enigma of

Ronald Reagan,” to the Christian College Librarians Association in May. He served as a mentor at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute Honors Program in Quebec in June where he presented the lecture “The Acids of Modernity: Can the West Defend Itself?”

JAMES PRIEGER

Associate Professor of Economics

James Prieger refereed a submitted chapter for a handbook on telecommunications research in which his own chapter on regulation and innovation, written with student Daniel Heil (MPP candidate '09), will be included. His other refereeing contributions included an article on broadband Internet availability for *Telecommunications Policy*, an article on network standardization in mobile telephony for the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, a paper on the economic benefits of new entry by firms for the *Journal of Economics*, and an article on cell phone driving and accidents for *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*. He continues to serve as an editorial board member of *Applied Economics Quarterly*. Prieger was invited to speak on the policy and economics of regulation and innovation by the Peking University Shenzhen School of Business in April. His article titled “The Broadband Digital Divide and the Nexus of Race, Competition, and Quality” with Wei-Min Hu appeared in *Information Economics and Policy* in June.



MICHAEL SHIRES

Associate Professor of Public Policy

Michael Shires has been continuing his work on government accountability and economic development. He has also been developing an argument for an approach to balancing the California budget that will return to core principles to restructure the state’s public finance system. Recently, he presented work prepared in collaboration with Joel Kotkin about “Opportunity Urbanism” at the American Dream Coalition’s Annual National Conference in Houston, Texas. This approach to local government planning reinserts the importance of markets into the public planning process and creates opportunity for all economic groups through overall economic progress. He continues to provide insight and commentary into the 2008 state and national elections, teaming up on Super Tuesday with School of Public Policy Board of Visitors member Robert Hertzberg. Shires has also entered the blogosphere, contributing regularly on the www.foxandhoundsdaily.com Web site on issues relating to the relationship between business and state and local government.



JAMES PRIEGER Appointed as Senior Economist at FCC for 2008-2009

School of Public Policy associate professor James E. Prieger will spend the 2008-2009 academic year working as a senior economist in the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis (OSP) within the Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) in Washington, D.C. The OSP works with the commissioners and the industry-specific staff bureaus to identify policy objectives and strategic plans for the agency. “My opportunity to be at the FCC will be mutually beneficial,” says Prieger. “They gain access to my academic skills in economic policy modeling and econometrics, and I get to see the roles that economics, data, policy analysis, and politics play in shaping the nation’s telecommunications regulation. I look forward to bringing that back to the classroom.”

Prieger joins the FCC under a federal program designed to bring academics to government agencies for short periods of time without requiring them to relinquish their university positions. The FCC uses the program to infuse their policy analysis with cutting-edge analytic and econometric techniques.

Prieger is an economist specializing in regulatory economics, industrial organization, and applied economics. He received his BA from Yale University and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley.

Alumni Notes

JORDAN ABUSHAWISH (MPP '07) is a grassroots systems specialist at the American Health Care Association.

ALLISON ANDERSON (MPP '06) accepted a position as director of public policy for the City of Durham and Durham County in North Carolina.

CARL BINDENAGEL (MPP '07) accepted a position as a research associate at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame where he has recently been researching the relationship between foreign aid and international development and peace and conflict. Future projects will look into U.S.-power projections in foreign policy through military, diplomatic, and economic means.



← **ROBERT CHAPMAN** (BA '90, MPP '06) and his wife Charity (BA '93) welcomed daughter Eden Leigh on December 28, 2007. Chapman is the director for research and business development at Leonie Industries in Pacific Palisades, California.

ANDREA DOFFONEY (MPP '06) is currently working as an analyst for Rosenow Spevacek Group in Orange County. The firm specializes in economic and redevelopment projects throughout the state of California.



← **JOHANNA FALZARANO** (MPP '03) married Christopher Boyte on December 27, 2007, in Oahu, Hawaii. The couple, both employed by the Envicom Corporation, currently reside in Simi Valley, California.



← **STEVEN GENSON** (MPP/MBA '06) is currently in Iraq working for the Department of State on provincial reconstruction issues.

HANNA GERSHFELD (MPP '06) received her JD in May from Southwestern Law School, where she was in the SCALE program, an ABA accredited, accelerated two-year program. She is engaged to Michael Raanan. They plan to marry on October 19, 2008.

Genson with General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General Multi-National Force, Iraq.

NATHANIEL GOETZ (MPP '01) was promoted to director of research and advocacy at Triangle United Way, located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Goetz currently resides in Durham, North Carolina.



← **EDYTA-CHRISTINA GRZYBOWSKA** (MPP '05) was awarded an annual diversity scholarship from the law firm, Constangy, to be used toward her law school education at George Mason University School of Law. The firm awards scholarships to a second-year law student selected on academic achieve-

ment, commitment to diversity in the community, and personal achievement in overcoming challenges to reach goals.



← **IAN HILL** (MPP '02) and his wife Julie welcomed daughter Sierra Noelle on June 10, 2008, in Georgetown, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs., 12.5 ounces, and was 20 inches.

JOHN MCCORMALLY (MPP '00) married Shayla Kasel in May 2008 and currently resides in Des Moines, Iowa. He is an assistant attorney general at the Iowa Department of Justice, working on issues related to nonprofits and charities.

PETER MONTGOMERY (MPP '99) started a lobbying and consulting firm in January 2008, working with clients in the energy industry, providing strategic counsel and direct advocacy in the California legislature, regulatory community, and Governor Schwarzenegger's office.



← **KAYLEEN NELSON** (MPP '07) married Kylo Konechny on December 7, 2007, in Spokane, Washington.



← **MATTHEW PODGORSKI** (MPP '04) and his wife Erica welcomed the arrival of their daughter Sasha Rose on May 15, 2007. He is currently working at Kraft Foods as a continuous improvement manager.

LARISA ROMANENKO (MPP '07) was recently admitted to Harvard Law School and was extended a scholarship by the Development and Reform Foundation under the Republic of Georgia to pursue her graduate school opportunity. Romanenko was also awarded a Presidential grant from the President of the Republic of Georgia at a ceremony in Batumi, Georgia, in June 2008.

JOSEPH SMITH (MPP '07) has accepted a position with the planning department from the City of Malibu.



← **ALMIS UDRYS** (MPP '01) and **CLAUDIA ORSI** (BA '00, MPP '01) are proud to announce the birth of their son Matias Cristiano Udrys, born on June 24, 2008, in Sacramento, California. His sister Sofia is also thrilled.

DAVID VELA (MPP '01) was elected in November 2007, to the school board in Montebello, California, the third-largest school district in Los Angeles County. He continues to work as a senior field deputy at the East Los Angeles County Hall.



← **ANDREW WEATHERS** (BA '98, MPP '00) and his wife Helen (BA '97), welcomed the arrival of their second child, Sydney Josephine, on February 15, 2008.

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