

## LICATA LECTURE:

MICHAEL NOVAK CALLS FOR CONVERSATION ABOUT GOD



**“VIRTUALLY ALL THE WORLD  
IS IN THE GRIP OF QUESTIONS  
ABOUT GOD,”...**

...said Michael Novak in the School of Public Policy's annual Charles and Rosemary Licata Lecture on October 7, 2008. Recent books by Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins, and Christopher Hitchens have raised doubts about God, while secularist thinkers like Jürgen Habermas have begun to doubt that reason apart from God is sufficient to answer the ultimate questions. As a Catholic and award-winning author of numerous books about theology and politics, Novak is calling for a conversation between secularists and people of faith.

Novak's latest book, *No One Sees God: The Dark Night of Atheists and Believers*, is an attempt to initiate dialogue with those who have written off religious faith. Instead of trouncing their arguments, Novak posits that believers and unbelievers share the same uncertainties and limitations: "God is not on the same wavelength as our senses," he said.

And yet, he told his Pepperdine audience faith is a "real knowledge—a practical kind of knowledge worth trusting one's life to." Faith was the sustaining hope of those who struggled against totalitarianism in the 20th century. It is the basis for a compassionate society. Rather than contradicting the sciences, faith is a firm support on which reason may flourish.

As men and women continue to ask questions about faith and secularism, people in both camps may become more tolerant of each other. Novak echoed the prediction of the German philosopher Habermas that we are at the "end of the secular age." Now, "believers and unbelievers will have to take each other much more seriously than they did before."

In an era when our public discourse seems to lack civility, Novak foresees "the end of the period of condescension" and "the beginning of a conversation that recognizes each others' inherent dignity."

Novak is a member of the School of Public Policy Board of Visitors executive committee and is the George Frederick Jewett Chair in Religion, Philosophy, and Public Policy at the American Enterprise Institute. He has studied theology and history at Stonehill College, the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Catholic University of America, and Harvard University.

The Licata Lecture is made possible through an endowment from Charles and Rosemary Licata. The annual lecture series brings a leading scholar or policy expert to the School of Public Policy. Past Licata lecturers include communications executive Stuart Epperson; Forbes, Inc. CEO Steve Forbes; Robert Woodson of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises; and former U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues Pierre Prosper.

View clips of Novak's lecture on the School of Public Policy's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp](http://www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp).



## Victor Davis Hanson

*2009 William E. Simon  
Distinguished Visiting Professor*

Scholar of classical civilizations, author, columnist, and historian Victor Davis Hanson is serving as the Spring 2009 William E. Simon Distinguished Visiting Professor at the School of Public Policy. He is teaching the seminar in international relations: *Global Rule of Western Civilization?*

Hanson is a Senior Fellow in Residence in Classics and Military History at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and Professor Emeritus of Classics at California State University, Fresno. He is also a nationally syndicated columnist for Tribune Media Services.

Among numerous awards, honors, and fellowships, Hanson was awarded the National Humanities Medal in 2007 and the Bradley Prize in 2008.

Hanson is the author of hundreds of articles, book reviews, scholarly papers, and newspaper editorials on matters ranging from ancient Greek, agrarian, and military history to foreign affairs, domestic politics, and contemporary culture. He has written or edited 17 books and has written for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, and *New York Post*, among others.

Hanson received a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz, in 1975, attended the

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Every four years there is a special focus of energy as our students debate issues and select not only their national president but those who will represent them at the state, city, and neighborhood levels. As a non-partisan effort, the mission of the School of Public Policy is to develop leaders and strengthen the institutions of civil society with respect for fellow citizens regardless of political affiliation.

Notably, while a half dozen of our students worked for George W. Bush in the White House, including one of his speech writers, several others were involved in helping to elect our new president, Barack Obama. In fact, the School of Public Policy was the site of two debates considering alternate perspectives. One of the debates, between two of our own professors—Robert Kaufman and Douglas Kmiec—was attended by some 500 students, faculty, and members of the Malibu community.

But our students were also concerned about civil discourse because our graduates include military personnel in Iraq as well

as leaders in embassies and nonprofit agencies on every continent. And they were mindful that the entire world was watching our historic election, aware that the citizens of Iraq, in their own historic election, will soon be electing their own representatives in hundreds of their own neighborhoods as well as at the national level, on soil that once nourished the seeds of Western Civilization though ruled more recently by one of the most cruel tyrants in history.

This year confirmed that these young leaders, perhaps including some future president, go forth from our program prepared to strengthen the institutions of a civil society not only to keep our nation great, but to give reason for hope to those hungry for liberty elsewhere as well.



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

## ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE ► NATHANIEL H. GOETZ MPP '01



*Nathaniel Goetz with North Carolina Mayor Bill Bell and fellow SPP Alumna Allison Anderson (MPP '06)*

Three years ago, a leap of faith took my wife and me from San Diego, California, to Durham, North Carolina. The warm welcome we received encouraged me to seek out ways to become civically engaged and I quickly learned that the “Bull City” had no shortage of ways to do so. Indeed, an exciting revitalization was underway led by the

same entrepreneurial spirit that built the world’s largest tobacco company and, after its decline, paved the way for the Research Triangle Park that now houses some of the world’s largest technological and pharmaceutical companies.

In the course of my early learning, I found that the best way to give back to the community was to contribute my knowledge of research and public policy to bolster the work of its many local nonprofits already engaged in change efforts. I saw that they operated from a deep-seated passion and faith and, like myself, sought to really “know” their community. Such reminded me of two invaluable lessons I learned while at Pepperdine: “good public policy comes from building relationships and listening,” and “in order to act appropriately, we must first seek to understand.”

Indeed, as I engaged with the community, I quickly saw the passion and entrepreneurial spirit of Durham at work, but with so many organizations all trying to work on the same problems and issues, it was apparent how their agendas for change would often collide with one another. A good friend of mine made this quite plain for me: “Durham is a city of colliding collaborations.” Although frustrating at first, I worked hard to listen and then act. It was an exercise in putting assumptions aside, honoring the work already accomplished, and then identifying where to best complement existing efforts.

The volunteer work I have participated in has varied greatly, but all of it has vested me into Durham’s success. I have been fortunate to learn by building awareness of Durham’s disabled populations so they might receive job training and other outreach services. I have also assisted a new youth community center to identify what sort of mentoring programs might be most effective based upon local demographics and participated in the development of a nonprofit incubator.

I look forward to Durham’s future, which I already see coming together well. It is a city to be proud of and one that I hope will continue valuing the efforts from all of its citizens working hard to ensure its continued success.

Nathaniel H. Goetz (MPP '01) is founder and president of Triangle Research Partners and director of research and advocacy at Triangle United Way.

*School of Public Policy Alumni:* If you are interested in contributing to this regular column, which seeks to highlight alumni experiences related to policy, please let us know. Contact Christina Ramirez at [christina.ramirez@pepperdine.edu](mailto:christina.ramirez@pepperdine.edu).

## PAULETTA WALSH NAMED ASSISTANT DEAN FOR ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS



The School of Public Policy is pleased to welcome Pauletta Walsh (MPP '04) as assistant dean for advancement and alumni affairs.

Walsh comes to Pepperdine from the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C., where she has served since March 2005. Most recently, she worked in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs as the first regional television and media advisor. In this capacity, Walsh has made substantial contributions to the United States' public diplomacy strategy in the European arena.

Prior to joining the European Bureau, Walsh served at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, where she was the special assistant to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries Rob Tappan and Teresa Dean. She has also held posts for former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick as a Middle East and defense policy research assistant at the American Enterprise Institute.

Before arriving in Washington, Walsh was director of the inaugural Ojai Film Festival. She was also nominated by the Republican Party to be the candidate for state representative in the 118th District of Connecticut. Walsh served on the Conservation Commission of Milford, Connecticut, where she conceived and inaugurated a conservation and development plan. In addition, she was appointed by House Minority Leader Robert Ward to the Connecticut Film Commission. Walsh has also served on the Pacific Palisades Community Council and the board of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

Walsh recently received the Meritorious Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State for her outstanding accomplishments as the Department of State's first regional television and media advisor. She was honored for conceptualizing, developing, and distributing targeted media products for television and the Internet to key audiences in support of the State Department's mission to Europe.

Walsh earned a bachelor of arts degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1980 and received a master of public policy at Pepperdine University in 2004, where she was named a Presidential Management Fellow and specialized in international relations and American politics.

## U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ROUNDTABLES: *Herschensohn Teaches from Experience*

With an impressive and varied resumé that reads like a political history of the past half century, Bruce Herschensohn would be a unique fixture in any graduate school. He has lived an extraordinary life in and around politics and teaches not from textbooks, but from experience. This fall was the third consecutive year in which crowds of students and Pepperdine community members gathered at Herschensohn's weekly roundtables at the School of Public Policy.

Herschensohn generally limits himself to discussion of the foreign policy and political events through which he personally lived or observed. He has worked as a filmmaker, advisor, transition-team member, or public representative to four presidents, followed by careers as a television commentator, a prolific author of fiction and nonfiction, and a candidate for the United State Senate. For the past 10 years, he has served as a senior fellow at the School of Public Policy.

In one of the sessions this fall, Herschensohn devoted his roundtable to the relationship of the president and Congress to foreign policy. He covered the history of the executive order on political assassinations, Senator Church's betrayal of the CIA, the 94th Congress' abandonment of Cambodia and Vietnam, President Clinton's Rwanda policy, and the tensions between India and Pakistan. Other topics covered throughout the series included the authorities of the president and Congress, ballistic missile defense, the United Nations and other international organizations/alliances, and the quest for a world of democracies.

## NEW BOARD OF VISITORS MEMBERS

The School of Public Policy Board of Visitors is comprised of national policy, business, and community leaders who support the school's mission and share its 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 members.

**Peter Terpeluk** returned to the American Continental Group (ACG) as chair after serving as the United States ambassador to Luxembourg from 2002 to 2006. He originally joined ACG, a professional advocacy firm that specializes in government relations and public affairs services, in 1994 and served as a managing director until he departed for Luxembourg. During his tenure as ambassador, he helped bring the European corporate headquarters of Amazon, AOL, and Apple to Luxembourg. He worked closely with the Luxembourg prime minister, Jean-Claude Juncker, who then became president of the European Council. As a key member of the Reagan Administration, he served as acting deputy administrator in the U.S. Small Business Administration and led trade missions to the United Kingdom, Russia, and China. Terpeluk also served as design chair in the development of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in 1991 in Washington, D.C. He currently serves on the National Constitution Center board in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as well as many other boards.

**George E. Thomas** is founder and chair/CEO of Thomas Partners Investments (TPI), LLC, specializing in commercial and industrial real estate investments and development. Prior to starting TPI, Thomas was a founding partner of the West Coast Residential Division of Paragon Group, Inc., a nationally recognized development firm. In addition to serving on Pepperdine's University Board, Thomas also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Braille Institute of America.

**Carol Wallace** has been involved in the Republican National Committee (RNC) for the past nine years and currently serves as a national cochair for the RNC Regents, Team 100, and Eagles programs. She has spearheaded Pepperdine's Friends of the Family League as founder and president and serves as a member of the board of Pepperdine University's Boone Center for the Family. Wallace has served on various local community boards such as the Ballet San Jose and the Silicon Valley Charity Ball. She and her husband, Robert, founded the Valley Christian Schools Teacher Endowment Fund.

# PEPPERDINE PROFESSORS DEBATE KEY ELECTION ISSUES

**D**ouglas Kmiec, Caruso Family Chair in Constitutional Law at the Pepperdine School of Law, and Robert Kaufman, professor of public policy at the Pepperdine School of Public Policy, squared off in a debate this fall concerning key issues in November's presidential election, moderated by James R. Wilburn, dean of the Pepperdine School of Public Policy.



Although both political conservatives, Kmiec, who announced his endorsement of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama in the spring, and Kaufman, a candid McCain supporter, debated key issues including abortion, same-sex marriage, judicial appointments, illegal immigration, American foreign policy, the economy, health care, the environment, and combating terrorism. The debate provided the community with an opportunity to hear two renowned experts who are deeply committed to the principles represented by each candidate and who have gained national attention for their writings and speeches on behalf of McCain and Obama.

"In addition to Pepperdine having built one of the premier public policy programs in the nation for full-time graduate students, I am delighted that we are also able each semester to offer to our friends at no charge a broad range of speakers, classes, and events designed for the community at large," said Wilburn. "This debate between two nationally-recognized scholars, both of whom also happen to teach our full-time public policy students each year, reminds our Pepperdine neighbors that they have access to some of the finest minds and most influential leaders, both nationally and globally, right here in Malibu."

The debate was sponsored by the Pepperdine School of Public Policy and the Pepperdine School of Law, in conjunction with the Pepperdine Student Government Association, Westlake Village Republican Women Federated, Malibu Democratic Club, and the Malibu Republican Women Federated.

View clips of the debate on [www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp](http://www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp).

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American School of Classical Studies, and received a PhD in classics from Stanford University in 1980.

The William E. Simon Distinguished Visiting Professorship at the School of Public Policy is funded by the William E. Simon Foundation and the John M. Olin Foundation. The program gives the school the opportunity to invite a series of nationally recognized and highly respected individuals to be in residence each year. Each visiting professor leads a class or seminar, devotes significant time as a resident mentor to student scholars, and leads presentations for the entire campus community.

## MICHAEL SHIRES ANALYZES CALIFORNIA BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Just in time for the fall 2008 election, Associate Professor Michael Shires presented a lecture entitled "Understanding California's 2008 Ballot Propositions" to the Pepperdine community. Although overshadowed by this year's historic presidential election, Shires analyzed the 12 initiatives placed on the ballot either through fellow citizens or the state legislature.

Shires categorized the propositions into bonds, tax increases, and constitutional amendments, citing all of them as an opportunity for citizens to pursue legislation that politics prevents and an important part of California's policy landscape. Although most widely known were Proposition 8, which sought to eliminate the right for same-sex couples to marry, and Proposition 11, which sought to change the way in which congressional and legislative district boundaries are drawn, Shires' analysis also included votes on a high-speed rail bond, alternative energy regulations, and criminal rights, many of which, he argued, could change the landscape of California in important and fundamental ways.

Reactions from a mostly student audience were positive, many of whom were first-time voters in California and unfamiliar with the ballot proposition process. First-year SPP student Nahid Dashtaki reflected, "...I was hoping to get some more information on the budget and criminal propositions. Shires provided an unbiased clarification on those issues."

View clips of Shires' overview on [www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp](http://www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp).

## WOMEN IN PUBLIC POLICY HOST TELECONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR JOHN BOLTON

Looking ahead to a new presidential administration, student organization Women in Public Policy kicked off the new academic year hosting a teleconference with former ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton with an address entitled "The Road Ahead: U.S. Foreign Policy and Security in the Post-Bush Era." With almost three decades of foreign policy experience in many branches of government including the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, and the Department of State, Bolton provided his viewpoint for foreign policy in the next presidential administration.

"These presidential candidates," he argued, "are as far apart analytically, in judgment, and experience than they have ever been before." With these disparities in mind, he highlighted a variety of problems ranging from national security to economic stability with countries like North Korea, Russia, China, and Iran. Bolton concluded his remarks with a question-and-answer session, discussing these issues in greater length and how either a McCain or Obama administration would work towards creating sound policy solutions.

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## LOCONTE'S CHRISTIAN VISION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

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When School of Public Policy Senior Fellow Joseph Loconte visited a needle exchange program in New York City, he met a man named Walter, a drug addict with HIV. In the exchange program Walter would obtain clean needles to sell to other drug users, telling Loconte that despite his virus, it was too late for him to abandon his dark lifestyle.

In a lecture entitled “A Christian Vision of Social Justice,” Loconte explained that there are many programs like the needle exchange. Instead of

encouraging people to transform their lives, they draw people into cycles of dependency and hopelessness.

Yet according to the Christian view, “man is a social being who cannot flourish apart from moral community.” This view has found its best fulfillment in voluntary, faith-based organizations. Unfortunately, Loconte said, political and religious leaders are turning increasingly “to massive government intervention in everyday life.”

He offered a defense of religious conservatives against those who claim that government knows best how to address social problems. It was religious activists, he said, who fought against the Cherokee removal, slavery, and segregation. It was religious ministries like the Salvation Army that fought against poverty.

Loconte challenged liberal Christians like Tony Campolo and Jim Wallis who see “government as the sum total of compassion.” Such leaders descend from earlier proponents of the Social Gospel like Walter Rauschenbusch and Harry Emerson Fosdick. Although liberals for the past 100 years have claimed the mantle of “compassion,” they actually “undercut the deepest source of compassion,” which according to Loconte is the Christian faith.

Loconte has written and spoken widely about the role of faith in public life. In the School of Public Policy, he has twice taught a seminar course on Public Policy and Religion. With a master’s degree in Christian history and theology from Wheaton University, he has served as senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and the William E. Simon Fellow in Religion and a Free Society at the Heritage Foundation. His commentary has been featured frequently on National Public Radio, and his articles have appeared in virtually every major newspaper in the United States.

View Loconte’s lecture on [www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp](http://www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp).

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY COHOSTS 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL APPAM RESEARCH CONFERENCE



The Pepperdine School of Public Policy cohosted the 30th Annual Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Research Conference on November 6-8, 2008, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. Other local cohosts included the Pardee Rand Graduate School; the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning, and Development; and the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs.

APPAM’s Annual Fall Research Conference entitled “The Next Decade—What Are the Big Policy Challenges,” was a gathering of leaders within the policy analysis and management field. It was the preeminent venue for the presentation and discussion of applied public policy and management research, attracting more than 1,000 participants for over 150 sessions across three days of meetings. The conference agenda spanned the interests and background of APPAM members across all issues, areas, and methodologies.

## ALUMNUS AND WHITE HOUSE SPEECHWRITER WELCOMES PUBLIC POLICY STUDENTS

The School of Public Policy welcomed Bush Administration White House speechwriter Troy Senik (MPP '07) for an address to new and returning students. Senik’s address, entitled “Leadership in the 21st Century,” focused on the challenges facing today’s leaders in public policy. In his remarks, Senik addressed what defines public policy today, explained the root of its problems, and described the level of change necessary to achieve results in an often stagnant political landscape. He also explored ideas for how students could transcend the gap between being policy makers and visionary leaders.

Senik concluded his talk with a question-and-answer session, responding to students’ inquiries about the process of writing political speeches and the level of interaction he had with the president. In response to a closing question on how his job makes a difference in government, Senik answered that as a professional wordsmith, being a speech writer is more than just writing an eloquent address. “In a very real way,” he stated, “we truly author history in a way no one else can.”

# 2008-2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Top row (l-r): Jonathan West, Shannon Anderson, Heather Huffman, Rincy Mathew, Robert Harris, John Van Winkle, Lindsay Young, JoAnne Golden, Alyson Loyd, Nathaniel Patena; Bottom row (l-r): Hans Zeiger, Jacklin Boyadjian, Daniel Heil, Jennine Stebing, Peter Griffith, LaToya Gratten

## THEODORE J. FORSTMANN SCHOLARS

The Theodore J. Forstmann scholarship was established to embrace Forstmann's long-standing commitment to education and his personal interests in the social and spiritual benefits of free markets and traditional values.

**SHANNON ANDERSON** (MPP candidate '11)  
BA, Political Economy of Industrial Societies  
University of California, Berkeley

**JACKLIN BOYADJIAN** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, Political Science  
University of California, Los Angeles

**JOANNE GOLDEN** (MPP candidate '09)  
BA, History  
Siena Heights University

**LATOYA GRATTEN** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, Political Science  
St. Edward's University

**PETER GRIFFITH** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, International Relations and Law  
Oxford Brookes University

**ROBERT HARRIS** (MPP candidate '09)  
BA, Social Work  
Ashbury College

**DANIEL HEIL** (MPP candidate '09)  
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**HEATHER HUFFMAN** (MPP candidate '09)  
BA, Classic Culture  
University of Georgia

**WILLIAM LEIGHTY** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, English Literature and Spanish  
University of Virginia

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**HANS ZEIGER** (MPP candidate '09)  
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Hillsdale College

## LYNN C. FRITZ SCHOLARS

Established by Lynn C. Fritz, the Fritz Institute is a nonprofit organization designed to partner with governments, nonprofit organizations, and corporations worldwide to innovate solutions and facilitate the adoption of the best practices for rapid and effective disaster response and recovery.



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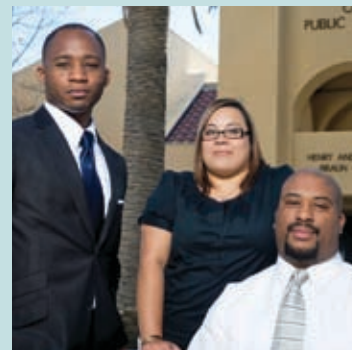
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University of Washington

**MICHAEL SIMON** (MPP candidate '11)  
Pepperdine University

## MAURICE H. STANS SCHOLARS

Established in 1999 by the Stans trust, the Maurice H. Stans Endowed Scholarship was created to provide support for African American students.



(l-r): Maurice Williams, Carmen Golding, Jeffrey Clayton

**KIMBERLY ALI** (MPP candidate '10)  
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University of San Francisco

**JEFFREY CLAYTON** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, Journalism  
University of Texas at Austin

**CARMEN GOLDING** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, Communication  
Chapman University

**MAURICE WILLIAMS** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, History  
Stillman College



### THOMAS P. KEMP SCHOLAR

Established in 2006, the Thomas P. Kemp Scholarship is a memorial legacy to Pepperdine Regent and avid supporter of the School of Public Policy, Thomas P. Kemp.

**ERIKA REYNOLDS** (MPP candidate '09)  
BA, International Business  
Howard University



### S.A. ENLIGHTENMENT SCHOLAR

The S.A. Enlightenment Scholarship was established with a gift from Seaver College graduate Ziyad Abduljawad to embrace his commitment of building relations between the United States, Saudi Arabia, and other predominantly Muslim countries.

**NAHID DASHTAKI** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, Comparative Literature and  
International Studies  
University of California, Irvine



### TERRALYNN AND EARL SWIFT SCHOLAR

Established by Terralyn and Earl Swift, this endowed scholarship was created to provide assistance to students interested in studying how people from diverse cultures might discover common values in the context of global interdependency.

**SARA THOMPSON** (MPP candidate '09)  
BA, Global Studies  
University of California, Santa Barbara



### LYDELL WARD SCHOLAR

Established by School of Public Policy Board of Visitors member Beti Ward, the Lydell Ward Endowed Scholarship is awarded to qualified female students pursuing a Master in Public Policy degree.

**JOSEPHINE HUANG** (MPP candidate '10)  
BA, Economics  
University of Houston

## STUDENT SCHOLARS

### 2008 MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM FOUNDATION BEST & THE BRIGHTEST SCHOLARS



School of Public Policy students Jennine Stebing (MPP candidate '09) and Maurice Williams (MPP candidate '10) were selected as 2008 Best & the Brightest Scholars by the Millennium Momentum Foundation. The Millennium Momentum Foundation awards academic scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in public policy and other public service-related fields. The foundation is committed to increasing the number of students and young

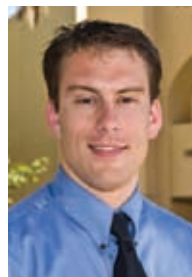
professionals from various ethnic backgrounds in public service-related fields through education, mentoring, and leadership development training.

In 2007, the School of Public Policy was the recipient of the Ambassador of Education Award from the Millennium Momentum Foundation, as an institute of higher education that is committed to educating and professionally developing a pool of diverse public policy scholars and practitioners.

Stebing received a BA in Spanish and Latin American studies from the University of Arizona. Combining her master of public policy degree with a certificate in dispute resolution at the School of Law, she is absorbing two distinct disciplines to better serve her goal of opening communication between the United States government and Native American agencies.

Williams received a BA in history from Stillman College. Raised in Oakland, California, he was groomed for a career in public policy since high school by his student government teacher who gave him a sense of direction to achieve his goals in life. He wanted to help people, particularly other African Americans raised in similarly difficult circumstances.

### HANS ZEIGER NAMED PUBLIUS FELLOW



School of Public Policy student Hans Zeiger (MPP candidate '09) was named a 2008 Claremont Institute Publius Fellow. The fellowships are offered to recent college graduates and young professionals pursuing careers in the fields of politics, education, and journalism. The program features intensive seminars on the theory and literature of the American founding, the statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln, and the rise of modern

liberalism and the administrative state, all with a view to recovering constitutional government and the moral conditions of free society.

The author of two books about youth in American culture, Zeiger is a Senior Fellow for the American Civil Rights Union. He is a native of Puyallup, Washington, and is an Eagle Scout. His articles have appeared in the *Washington Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Baltimore Sun*, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, and *Human Events*. In 2005, *Newsweek's Current* magazine named Zeiger among the "15 Students You Don't Know... But Will." He holds a BA in American studies from Hillsdale College, where his peers and faculty recognized him as Outstanding Senior Man in the Class of 2007.

# FACULTY/FELLOW UPDATE



## LUISA BLANCO

*Assistant Professor of Economics*

Luisa Blanco's paper on "The Determinants of Political Instability in Latin America" was published in December 2008 in the *Journal of Development Studies*. Her paper "The Finance-Growth link in Latin America" has been accepted for publication in the *Southern Economic Journal*, and she presented the paper "Competition Between Tax Havens: Does Geographic Distribution Matter?" at the Southern Economic Association meeting in November 2008. Blanco also presented the paper "Income Inequality and Political Instability in Latin America" at the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies meeting at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In addition, she was invited to be the moderator of a panel on culture and economic development for a workshop entitled "University-Based Efforts: Can They Make a Difference in the Americas?" sponsored by the Atlas Research Economic Foundation. Blanco received a scholarship from the Philadelphia Society to attend their regional meeting about "The Culture of Liberty in the Americas."



## JAMES COYLE

*Adjunct Faculty*

James Coyle has been accepted as a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the West Coast partner of the Council on Foreign Relations.



## JOEL FOX

*Adjunct Faculty*

Joel Fox will have an essay in a forthcoming book on Proposition 13, California's tax reform measure, to be published by the University of California Press in early 2009. Contributors to the book participated at the University of California, Berkeley's, Institute of Governmental Studies daylong program on the 30th anniversary of Proposition 13. Fox was the keynote speaker at the conference. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, in September. He appeared in a number of news outlets on California ballot issues in the fall, including KNBC-4 in Los Angeles. Fox is the copublisher and editor-in-chief of the *Fox&Hounds Daily* Web site, launched in May 2008, dedicated to California business and politics ([www.foxandhoundsdaily.com](http://www.foxandhoundsdaily.com)). The respected site posts commentaries from observers and major players in state business and politics, including California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and has been cited by many media outlets.



## ANGELA HAWKEN

*Assistant Professor of Public Policy*

Angela Hawken and her husband, Dr. David Farabee, welcomed their first child, Daniel James Farabee, on October 31, 2008, at 6:40 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds and was 14.5 inches long.



## BRUCE HERSCHENSOHN

*Senior Fellow*

Bruce Herschensohn conducted several media appearances in support of John McCain's presidential campaign, in addition to speaking about his 2008 book, *Above Empyrean: A Novel of the Final Days of the War on Islamic Terrorism*. Herschensohn appeared as a guest on the shows of Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved, Bill O'Reilly, C-SPAN, Lee Rogers, Dennis Prager, Bill Bennett, Hannity and Colmes, and other television and radio programs, as well as making speeches throughout the country, generally focusing on U.S. foreign policy.



## ROBERT KAUFMAN

*Professor of Public Policy*

Robert Kaufman continues to lecture extensively and appear in the media, including appearances as a debate commentator for the ABC local affiliate in Los Angeles and several times for Al Jazeera. He has also had two book chapters assessing the Bush presidency accepted. One will appear in a book published by Stanford University Press; the other will appear in a book published by Palgrave MacMillan. On campus, Kaufman and Professor Douglas Kmiec engaged in a presidential debate in Pepperdine's Smothers Theatre.



## GORDON LLOYD

*Professor of Public Policy*

Gordon Lloyd served as a visiting scholar at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the Bill of Rights Institute, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Landmarks of American History and Culture weeklong workshops. He completed substantial enhancements to his Web sites: "The Constitutional Convention" ([www.teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/](http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/)), "The Ratification of the Constitution" ([www.teachingamericanhistory.org/ratification/](http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/ratification/)), and "The Federalist-Antifederalist Debate" ([www.teachingamericanhistory.org/fed-antifed/](http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/fed-antifed/)). Lloyd's article, "Federalists, Antifederalists, and the Philadelphia Constitution," was published in *Defending the Republic: Constitutional Morality in a Time of Crisis* (ISI Books, 2008). He coauthored an op-ed with former Distinguished Professor of Public Policy David Davenport titled "Constitution Day Quiz," which appeared



in the *San Francisco Chronicle* in September. Lloyd was a seminar leader or participant in several Liberty Fund and Heritage Foundation events throughout the nation.



### **TED MCALLISTER**

*Edward L. Gaylord Chair of Public Policy*

Ted McAllister participated in the Weaver/Ingersoll Symposium held at Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina, in October 2008. He presented a lecture entitled “The Acids of Modernity: Can the West Defend Itself?” for the Intercollegiate Studies Institute at Stanford University in November 2008.

McAllister published two editorials with Pete Peterson (MPP '07) entitled “Saying ‘I Don’t Know’” which appeared in *Provocations* and “Plenty of Blame to Go Around for Political Polarization,” which appeared on Noozhawk.com. He also continues to examine the problem of authority in the modern age, including designing a class for the spring semester around the theme of tolerance and authority (and the relationship of religion, science, and politics) and is continuing to work on a book about Walter Lippmann and the problem with authority in America.



### **JAMES PRIEGER**

*Associate Professor of Economics*

James Priege refereed two submitted chapters for a forthcoming volume from IGI Global on the “digital divide” in which his own chapter on methodology to assess digital divides (written with Wei-Min Hu) will be included. His other refereeing contributions included an article on video gaming and crime for the *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, an article on forecasting broadband accessibility for *Information Economics and Policy*, an article on exclusivity in home video game systems for *Managerial and Decision Economics*, and an article on deregulation and telecommunications investments for the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*. He continues to serve as an editorial board member of *Applied Economics Quarterly*. Priege was invited to speak on antitrust issues in network industries by the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in October. His article titled “Product Innovation, Signaling, and Endogenous Regulatory Delay” appeared in the *Journal of Regulatory Economics* in October, and he authored two chapters on public policy toward the broadband Internet in the newly released *Handbook of Research on Global Diffusion of Broadband Data Transmission*. Priege also received a Pepperdine Provost’s Grant to support his research on designing practical regulatory mechanisms for polluting firms that also have market power.



### **MICHAEL SHIRES**

*Associate Professor of Public Policy*

Michael Shires served as a media and Internet commentator and analyst for the national and state elections, as well as the financial sector meltdown and the subsequent economic collapse. His commentaries included a detailed, nonpartisan evaluation of California’s long slate of propositions, presented at the School of Public Policy and can be viewed online at [www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp](http://www.youtube.com/pepperdinespp). Shires also continues to contribute to the statewide debate over balancing California’s budget, a topic on which he is currently writing a book.

## **RONALD REAGAN PROFESSOR DISCUSSES POLITICS, GENETICS**



In his annual lecture at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, Ronald Reagan Professor of Public Policy James Q. Wilson discussed the implications that genetics have on political thought.

In his remarks, Wilson argued that genetics rather than environment better explains certain traits of individuals. He cited examples of studies involving twins that indicated how traits like per-

sonality, behavior, and even propensity for psychiatric illness might be inherited.

Wilson further contended that genetics may have greater influence over political ideology and voter participation than previously thought, citing studies of identical twins separated at birth, which showed these twins as more likely to share similar political beliefs or behavior. For example, one study revealed that identical twins were likely to vote more frequently than fraternal twins, and another study suggested that adopted children were more likely to hold similar beliefs with their biological rather than adopted parents. Wilson, however, also concluded that environmental influence comes less from parents and more from friends. The unshared experience of an individual’s environment, he argued, is two or three times more important in influencing an individual.

“Biology is not destiny,” Wilson claimed. Instead, he conceded that, ultimately, political ideology is difficult to measure and suggested that the interactions between nature and nurture best explain political beliefs.

View Professor Wilson’s lecture at <http://publicpolicy.pepperdine.edu/news-events/audio-video/>.

## Alumni Notes



◀ **JULIET ALLUP** (BS '04, MPP '06) and Tristan Clerihew became engaged on June 21, 2008, and will be married in Redondo Beach, California, on May 16, 2009.

**HALEY AYRAUD** (MPP '08) has joined the public affairs/mission focused and crisis communications teams for Solomon McCown & Company, a Boston based communications consulting firm. She works to develop strategic messaging and communications initiatives for her clients, including a variety of integrated campaigns like the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Energy Bucks, and the Massachusetts Health Care Quality Cost Council.



◀ **SARA CARMACK** (MPP '02) became engaged to Hector Catalan on December 27, 2007, and will be married in Huntington Beach, California, on March 22, 2009.



◀ **GINNY-MARIE CASE** (MPP '01) and her fiancé, Alex Brideau III, welcomed their daughter Iolani Mariann on August 27, 2008. They will be married on the Port of Los Angeles Waterfront Red Car Line in San Pedro, California, on April 25, 2009.

**LANCE CHRISTENSEN** (MPP '04) ran for a seat on the school board in the San Juan Unified School District on the November 2008 ballot.

**KRISTEN CORDELL** (MPP '05) has accepted a position as a program officer for the United Nations Development Programme in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In her position, she will focus on gender-based violence and security sector reform.

**LAUREN GALLANT** (MPP '07) was hired by the Washington, D.C., based organization AmericaSpeaks to serve as an outreach consultant for the Equal Voice for America's Families (EVAF) National Convention. The EVAF National Convention brought together 15,000 people from across the country to discuss policy issues relating to American families and youth. She has also recently accepted a field deputy position with the Office of California State Senator Alex Padilla.



◀ **BRIAN GRANT** (MPP/MBA '05) and **EDYTA-CHRISTINA GRZYBOWSKA** (MPP '05) were married in January 2009 in Malibu, California. Grzybowska is currently completing her final year at Pepperdine School of Law.

**ELLIOT GRIGGS** (MPP '07) is currently serving as a lieutenant in the United States Army.

**DANIEL HOANG** (MPP '05) was recently appointed to the City of Davis Finance and Budget Commission, which advises the city council on technical issues relating to finance and budget. He continues to hold his position as a senior consultant at Macias Consulting Group, working on organizational change and information management.

**JIANHUI HU** (MPP '04) has recently passed her comprehensive exams toward her doctorate at the Pardee RAND Graduate School.

**WILLIAM ZACHARY KLEIN** (MPP '06) has accepted a position at Mercer Consulting in Washington, D.C.

**DANITA LEESE** (MPP '00) has accepted a position as an executive analyst for the vice president for information technology and chief information officer at California State University, Northridge.



◀ **MARK MOORE** (MPP/JD '05) and his wife, Jessica (BA '97), welcomed their first child, Tatum Elizabeth, on August 7, 2008. He is currently teaching political science at Moorpark College.

**ROBERT TAYLOR MOORE** (MPP '04) has accepted a position at Booz Allen Hamilton in San Antonio, Texas, as a senior consultant in global security.

**RADU OPREA** (MPP '08) is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in economics and working as a deputy manager for a government agency in Bucharest, Romania.

**AARON PANKRATZ** (BA '97, MPP '99) has accepted a full-time position teaching economics at Fresno City College for the 2008-2009 academic year.

**GREGORY PEJIC** (MPP '06) was selected by the Department of Homeland Security and RAND Corporation to participate in a fellowship at RAND for fall 2008. This fellowship was designed to provide analytic training and educational experiences that contribute to Pejic's effectiveness upon return to the Department of Homeland Security.

**NEIL ROSEKRANS** (MPP/MBA '07) has accepted a position for Coleman | Hines in Phoenix, Arizona, as an energy analyst.



◀ **RYAN STORM** (BA '97, MPP '99) and his wife, Karen (BA '97), welcomed their daughter, Evelyn Noelle, into the world on October 2, 2008.

**CORINNE VERZONI** (MPP '05) has accepted a position supporting the initiatives of the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, both for Program Analysis and Evaluation and the Simulation and Analysis Center, providing Department of Defense analytic studies and operations research support to include the use of theatre-level modeling and simulations.

## STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Each summer, students complete a required 240-hour internship in an area related to one of the program's specializations: American politics, economics, international relations, or state and local policy. This past summer, students once again took on diverse, intense, and impactful internships that provided a perspective on how the methods and theories learned in the classroom find practical application in complex, real-life settings. The following students share their internship experience:



**BRYNA BATTEN** (MPP candidate '09)

*Research Intern  
The Monitor Group  
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

My summer internship was nothing less than transformational. The Monitor Group is a strategy-based international consulting firm headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and administered through 27 branch offices worldwide. Their client base, which includes corporations, municipalities, states, and nations is to me unimaginably diverse. The organization's corporate strategies are as invigoratingly creative as the resources—human, intellectual, and financial—that achieve them. As a bonus, they encourage individual initiative. For example, I was assigned to research and develop a case study of the uniquely robust and previously unexplained economic growth enjoyed by the state of Minnesota over a 50-year span concluding in 2007. I created the client report that tracked demographic and geographic dynamics, analyzing the impact of statewide programs on the state's socioeconomic growth. The work was challenging and the hours were long, but the support I received from The Monitor Group was absolute and enthusiastic. It was an outstanding transition from the classroom to the most professional of organizations.



**ERIKA REYNOLDS** (MPP candidate '09)

*Economic Intern  
U.S. Embassy  
Quito, Ecuador*

As a Rangel Fellow with the Department of State, I committed to a career as a foreign service officer in the economic section following graduation. My internship was in the diplomatic "cone" at the U.S. Embassy in Quito. My main responsibility was to conduct research and write reports on issues affecting Ecuador's economy and American-Ecuadorian economic relations, including a Congressionally-mandated report on the impact of free trade benefits for Ecuadorian exports to the United States and alternative investment opportunities in Ecuador for U.S. businesses. These reports were widely distributed within Washington, D.C., and to other U.S. embassies that might benefit from my findings. My internship afforded me the opportunity to witness bilateral trade negotiations firsthand in meetings between American and Ecuadorian business leaders. In addition, I had the gratifying opportunity to present a paper on the legacy of African-American leadership in the United States to a group of 70 Afro-Ecuadorian high school students as part of the joint State Department/USAID initiative for promoting shared values.



**CLAYTON LEE** (MPP candidate '09) and  
**ARUNDHATI PAL** (MPP Candidate '09)

*Microfinance Interns  
Grameen Bank  
Dhaka, Bangladesh*

We spent about eight weeks working in Bangladesh with the Grameen Bank, a world-class institution, founded by Dr. Muhammad Yunus to extend microcredit loans to the poorest population of the country. In 2005, both Yunus and the bank shared the Nobel Peace Prize for their phenomenal role in helping alleviate poverty in Bangladesh through extension of credit, a financial avenue that is usually reserved for the wealthy.

As students of public policy focusing on international relations and economics, we aimed to assess the effectiveness of the Grameen approach not only in alleviating individual poverty, but more broadly, on impacting the country's economic development, most particularly with women's empowerment and political participation. We spent our days traveling to various villages, often remote, observing Grameen Bank's operations at the field level, interviewing female borrowers, learning about the various loan products and procedures, and experiencing Bangladeshi culture. In addition, we took many opportunities to visit other Grameen entities, such as Grameen communications, Grameen phone, Grameen fisheries and livestock, Grameen Danone, Grameen welfare, and Grameen education. At the end of our internship, we were delightfully rewarded with a lengthy, private meeting with Yunus. For both of us, our internship with the Grameen Bank was an eye-opening and fulfilling experience, providing us the prestige of working with a renowned organization, as well as exposure to many incredible individuals.



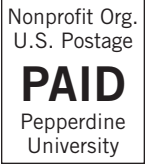
**MATTHEW VANDE WERKEN** (MPP/MBA candidate '10)

*Export License Specialist  
Woodward Governor Company  
Rockford, Illinois*

I had the privilege of working directly for a Pepperdine School of Public Policy alumnus, Jeff Sammon (MPP '03) in the Global Trade Division of Woodward Governor, an aerospace manufacturer serving commercial and military customers. Jeff gave me a great deal of responsibility; my role was to apply for export licenses from the U.S. government and develop a categorization scheme for Woodward products according to the restrictions of the federal Harmonized Tariff Schedule. Both tasks were immensely complex and precise, and by the end of the summer, I had learned to manage the nuances. Since most public policy students will, at some point, find themselves interacting with government entities, this job was an excellent introduction. While I was there I worked alongside a number of great people and had the opportunity to present my classification scheme to a large group of managers from around the company whose responses were gratifying. Through it all, I gained valuable insights into the strict rules and regulations to which businesses must adhere when dealing with the government and honed my interpersonal skills for making my way through an unfamiliar corporate environment.

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*All events are located on the Malibu, California, campus.*

**February 26, 2009**

**"Left Turn: The Rise of the Left in Latin America"**  
SPP Classroom 175  
12:10 p.m.

**March 4, 2009**

**Prospective Student Open House**  
School of Public Policy  
10:30 a.m.

**March 4, 2009**

**"Political Challenges Facing the Obama Administration"**  
Victor Davis Hanson  
Drescher Campus Auditorium  
11 a.m.

**March 12, 2009**

**"U.S. National Security Permanent Values and Interests"**  
SPP Classroom 175  
12:10 p.m.

**March 19, 2009**

**"Improving Probationer Compliance Through Swift and Certain Sanctions: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial of HOPE Probation"**  
SPP Classroom 175  
12:10 p.m.

**March 26, 2009**

**"The Ethical Substrate of an Obama-inspired Health Reform"**  
SPP Classroom 175  
12:10 p.m.

**April 17, 2009**

**School of Public Policy Graduation Ceremony**  
Alumni Park  
10:30 a.m.

**April 22, 2009**

**Board of Visitors Meeting**  
10 a.m.

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