Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you enjoy the brief summary of Campbell Institute activities in this issue of our Campbell Connection. This semester, the Institute hosted a variety of guest speakers including presenters for our State of Democracy program and a new series, Management Talks. We also arranged the Bantle Symposium, a joint venture of the Maxwell School and the Whitman School of Management.

Hot off the Campbell press is the Maxwell Citizenship Inventory, edited by Elizabeth Cohen, Assistant Professor of Political Science. The inventory summarizes recent scholarly publications and courses focused on citizenship developed by Maxwell faculty. More information on the inventory is available on the last page of the newsletter. The Institute website has a downloadable version of the inventory, along with Campbell research briefs and reports.

The Campbell community is ever-changing. This summer, Vadym Pyrozhenko, one of our doctoral student affiliates, returns to us from the Ukraine where he worked on one of the cases for his dissertation. Congratulations are due Stephanie Smith who recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Public Administration at the University of New Mexico. In her new position she will continue to work with Campbell affiliate Jeremy Shiffman.

This fall, the institute will welcome Assistant Professor Ines Mergel who is completing a post doc at Harvard University. It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Alasdair Roberts, former director of the Campbell Institute. Al is taking an irresistible endowed chair at the Suffolk University law school.

This will be my last issue as director of the Campbell Institute. I am leaving Syracuse University to become the director of the Institute for Nonprofits at North Carolina State University. It has been a pleasure to be a member of the Campbell community and help lead its growth. I look forward to the Institute’s continuing development and staying in touch with Institute staff, associates, alumni, and friends.

Sincerely,

Mary Tschirhart
Institute Director
State of Democracy Lecture Series

by David Medeiros

Some audience members stood in aisles. Others sat on steps, craning their necks to see the stage. The spectators that packed Maxwell Auditorium to listen to Irshad Manji were not disappointed. Called “Osama Bin Laden’s worst nightmare” by the New York Times, Canadian Manji lived up to her reputation for controversy, delivering an uncompromising critique of Islam in the early 21st Century.

For the third of four events in the 2007-2008 State of Democracy Lecture Series, the bestselling author and Director of the Moral Courage Project at New York University spoke on the compatibility of Islam with liberal democratic values. Criticizing what she called a “tribal” mentality in modern Islam, Manji expressed concern that the dominant narrative of modern Islam is repressive of independent thought and oppresses women.

The recipient of multiple death threats, Manji spoke out against what she perceives to be the oppressive monoculture of modern Islam. Manji called on the historical precedent for independent intellectual struggle in Islam – ijtihad. Looking back on medieval Muslim societies, Manji recalled a rich tradition of multilateral thought and tolerance she believes to be lacking in today’s Islam.

The night included a screening of a 20-minute excerpt from Manji’s 2007 PBS Documentary film Faith Without Fear, followed by a discussion with Rogan Kersh, Associate Professor of Public Service and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at NYU. Kersh, a former faculty member at the Campbell Institute and former Director of the State of Democracy series, received an emphatic round of applause when he was announced.

Members of the Muslim community at Syracuse University were present at the event, and some made their voices heard in the lively question-and-answer session that followed Manji’s lecture. Some voiced their displeasure with Manji’s message. At one point, the questions were interrupted by an off-microphone outburst from a male in the audience who identified himself as Palestinian and stormed out of the auditorium.

Despite the flashes of controversy, the general tenor of the event remained cordial and positive. A personable Manji stayed long after the lecture to speak with those who had questions for her, personifying her own ideals of frank, open discourse.

The State of Democracy Lecture Series is sponsored by Betsy Levitt Cohn and Alan Cohn.

2007-2008 Series Events

Michael Toner, October 2007
James Davison Hunter, November 2007
Irshad Manji, February 2008

Video Archive of Events at:
http://www.campbellinstitute.org
The Campbell Institute held its first Citizenship and Human Values Symposium at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in April. Alan Patten, a professor of politics and chair of the Fund of Canadian Studies at Princeton University, presented his paper arguing for the justification of minority language rights.

Though a common language can solidify national identity and ensure efficiency in the public square, it can also deprive people of their private language choices and fail to accommodate their minority language needs, Patten said. He compares language choice to the exercise of religion: both are a matter of choice and personal freedom.

Keith Bybee, an associate professor of political science and a Campbell associate, noted the importance of considering the separation of church and state and the violence that can result from state involvement in religion. Bybee said that not all laws protect the free exercise of religion. An Oregon law prohibiting the use of peyote does not make exceptions for Native Americans who use the drug for religious purposes.

Elizabeth Cohen, an assistant professor of political science and a Campbell associate, said state involvement in language is problematic whether it is one language or many being established. “I think by choosing multiple or singular languages, the state is constructing and composing an identity in more powerful ways than we want it to,” Cohen said, adding that making some languages “official” could actually deprive people of options.

Whereas Patten said this would be “expanding the menu of choices,” Cohen said language choice could be just as divisive as religion or race.

“In a way, you’ve been afforded less neutrality because language has been taken as something you use to assert your identity,” she said. “Once language is politically charged in that way, the first thing people think is that’s the choice you made. They’re not better opportunities just because they use more choices.”

The symposium was organized by Kenneth Baynes, professor of philosophy and Campbell associate, and co-sponsored by the Campbell Institute and the department of social science, which is chaired by Vernon Greene, professor of public administration and Campbell associate.
Campbell Hosts Its First Bantle Symposium


The 2008 Bantle Symposium featured five provocative speakers who discussed the key issues, trends and problems related to free market capitalism in its current form in the United States and its spread around the globe. Each speaker’s recent work has had a major impact on the economic and social policy dialogue in America. Discusants from the faculties of The Maxwell School and The Whitman School added to a lively discussion and debate.

Speakers included Michael Barone, Senior Writer, U.S. News & World Report; David Frum, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Robert Kuttner, Co-Editor of the American Prospect; Tyler Cowen, Professor, George Mason University; and David Callahan, Founder DEMOS. The respondents were John Palmer, University Professor and Dean Emeritus; Michael Wasylenko, Professor of Economics and Senior Associate Dean; George Burman, Chair and Professor of Entrepreneurship, Martin J. Whitman School of Management; and Michael Morris Chris J. Witting Chair in Entrepreneurship, Martin J. Whitman School of Management.

Management Talks

by Illya Riske

This academic year, the Campbell Institute hosted a series of talks with academics from other universities to speak and discuss their specializations within the field of Public Administration. Three speakers were brought in to share their research, insight and experience with Maxwell student and professors, expanding the discussion of public administration here at Syracuse University.

The Campbell Institute welcomed Dr. Michael Johnston, Professor of Political Science at Colgate University, on September 13, 2007, to speak about and facilitate a discussion concerning corruption in government. Dr. Johnston’s specialization is corruption and reform within the US government. Dr. Johnston introduced himself, gave a brief biography and outlined several case studies in corruption both here in the US and internationally in order to illustrate that each case of corruption is unique to its political and economic environment.

On February 28, 2008, Dr. Paul Verkuil, Professor of Law at Yeshiva University, was co-hosted by the Campbell Institute and the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism. Verkuil primarily discussed his new book, “Outsourcing Sovereignty: Why Privatization of Government Functions Threatens Democracy and What We Can Do about It”. He highlighted concerns about giving away public powers to the private sector, which is not under the same constraints, and discussed possible outcomes in the future and real outcomes as a result of outsourcing.

Maxwell alum Associate Professor of Public Affairs Dr. Donald Moynihan visited from the LaFollette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin on March 28, 2008 to present his paper, “The Network Governance of Crisis Response: Case Studies of Incident Command Systems.” Dr. Moynihan spoke at length about his paper and several case studies in crisis management in order to indicate the roles that sharing authority, relationships and trust have within crisis management, and how they impact one another.
Campbell Associates Train Lebanese NGO Leaders on Voluntarism and Collaboration

by Khaldoun Abou Assi

Last month, the Campbell Public Affairs Institute delivered four-day training workshops, one on volunteerism and the other on collaboration, for representatives of 30 Lebanese NGOs in Beirut, Lebanon. The workshop was conducted as part of the Professional Training Program (PTP) administered by AMIDEAST and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The sessions provided participants with intensive training on concepts and practices of voluntarism and collaboration, immersing them in the strategies, tactics, methods, and techniques that are utilized by NGOs worldwide to promote voluntarism and collaboration; experiences and best practices. The training team was led by Professor Mary Tschirhart and included Professor Soon Hee Kim, Professor Laurie Paarlberg, and Mr. Khaldoun Abou Assi.

Volunteerism is a highly dynamic and exciting field. It is both responsive to societal trends and a leader of those trends. In Lebanon, the concept of volunteerism is not new; it is embedded in the culture and the social norms and values which drive the person to volunteer time and effort to provide help or assistance. However, organized volunteerism in NGOs is not common or widespread. The workshop responded to interest in attracting volunteers and in setting up and managing volunteer programs. Managing volunteers is both an art and a science. The job demands a wide range of skills with a high level of complexity. The workshop helped develop skills, experience and support to do the job.

The Lebanese NGO sector is characterized by less cooperation and more competition. The reasons are many including the lack of knowledge about the importance and benefits as well as about the forms, means and mechanisms of collaboration. The workshop provided NGO leaders with the scientific and objective knowledge on collaboration as a concept, a practice, and a methodology to achieve the objectives of individual organizations as well as a general broader goal.

The training is considered a milestone for future initiatives. Commenting on the program USAID Mission Director Raouf Youssef noted that, “Lebanon has a very active and dynamic civil society and USAID has been a strong supporter of the work of civic organizations in all regions of Lebanon for many years. In this cooperation with Campbell, we are trying to meet the needs of organizations in this important sector to better develop their resources and capacity.”

The trainees were representatives of small and large organizations; there was a variety in the years of operation as well as the scope of work. Accordingly, the needs were different and the training had to accommodate and balance the interests, knowledge and capabilities of the participants.

The participating organizations represent the diversity and complexity of the Lebanese milieu, whether at the social, political or religious levels. That constituted another challenge for the trainers who had to understand the political and social environment, moderate the opposite views and interests of the participants, and orchestrate discussions and debates in a training that took place in a very unstable atmosphere characterized with political turmoil and the inability of the Lebanese Parliament to meet and elect a president for the last 5 months.

Nevertheless, the training met all expectations. The workshop participants were very pleased with the training, and used the opportunity itself as a forum to begin collaboration. One participant was quoted as saying, “I knew how to swim; you taught me how to dive.” For many of the participants the training was a first opportunity to meet and contact other people working in the NGO sector. The workshop was especially helpful for newly-established NGOs, some of which are run by volunteers. The trainees were excited about potential ideas and possible projects they developed as part of the program and hope to apply them in the future. The workshop also helped trainees with topics they were familiar with but unsure of how to implement in the most effective manner. As part of an agreement for participation, the trainees will hold an internal meeting within their respective organization to share the ideas and concepts they learned from workshop.

AMIDEAST/Lebanon Director Barbara Batlouni expressed her deep content with the results. “We are always interested in supporting local civil society organizations; this group of participants has shown innovation in their own programs and has shown interest in benefiting from other countries’ experiences. We relied on experts in the field to help us in our mission and to meet the needs of our local partners.”
Campbell Community News

Alasdair Roberts will join Suffolk University Law School this fall as the first holder of the Rappaport Chair in Law and Public Policy. The Jerome Lyle Rappaport Chair in Law and Public Policy was established in 2006 as part of a gift from the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Charitable Foundation. Alasdair’s role will be to cultivate research and dialogue on issues that raise difficult questions of law and policy design.

Effective August 15, Mary Tschirhart will be the director of the Institute for Nonprofits and Professor of Public Administration at North Carolina State University. The Institute is an endowed center focused on research, engagement and education on the nonprofit sector.

Stephanie Smith recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Public Administration at the University of New Mexico beginning January 2009. Stephanie is completing her dissertation on “Governance and India’s Maternal Mortality Crisis.”

We invite those interested in the subject of citizenship to join in the ongoing discussions and inquiry central to the mission of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The Maxwell Citizenship Inventory is an introduction to the Maxwell School’s approach to the subject of citizenship as well as a representative sample of current scholarly work Maxwell faculty have and are doing that pertains to citizenship. We hope this descriptive account and the publications we have highlighted will be of value to you. Please consider this an open call for collegial dialogue and engagement about any and all aspects of teaching and research about this central institution of democratic politics. The Inventory is downloadable at http://www.campbellinstitute.org.

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