Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This academic year is proving to be very productive for the Campbell Institute. A number of projects are underway, some of which are highlighted in this edition of our newsletter.

We welcomed new members to the Campbell Community. Sarah Pralle, Assistant Professor of Political Science, has joined us. She is currently researching “States, Courts, and Nature: The Impact of State Litigation on National Environmental Policy” with funding from the Smith Richardson Foundation. Dr. Jooho Lee is our new Visiting Scholar. He is working with Campbell Associate Soonhee Kim on a project involving democratic participation and perceptions in Asia. The Institute is hosting a new doctoral student, Khaldoun Abou Assi. Khaldoun comes to us from Lebanon, where he recently served as a program administrator for AMIDEAST, a nonprofit organization promoting cooperation between America and the Middle East.

While it is always a pleasure to see new faces at the Institute, it is bittersweet to see others leave us. Heather Getha Taylor completed her dissertation and accepted a faculty position at the University of South Carolina. She also won NASPAA’s best dissertation award! We miss her unfailing good cheer and intellectual contributions to the Institute. Dr. Saed Alkoni, a scholar visiting us in Spring 2007, has returned to Palestine where he serves as Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies at An-Najah National University. We look forward to his return visit to the Institute.

The activities of the Campbell Institute continue to expand. I am pleased to announce the completion of the first round of funding for our new research award program. More grants will be awarded in the spring. (Please see sidebar)

The Institute is continuing to produce the State of Democracy Lecture Series and the Maxwell Poll. Both have interesting new twists this year. Updates on these projects are on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Campbell Connection. As always, for more information on the Institute, please visit our website.

Sincerely,
Mary Tschirhart
Institute Director
State of Democracy Lecture Series

The State of Democracy Lectures are dedicated to providing a forum for meaningful dialogue over public issues that cut across the disciplinary boundaries of the social sciences. A centerpiece of the Maxwell School, the series enables intellectual exploration of current events and issues while fostering discussion and debate, the heart of meaningful democratic citizenship.

This year we have chosen a brilliant team to arrange our fall and spring speakers. The team consists of Robert McClure, Elisabeth Lasch Quinn, Elizabeth Cohen and John L. Palmer.

Our speakers for the series are diverse, yet all focus on the role of the citizen. Michael Toner of Bryan Cave LLP was our first speaker, with the presentation of “The Growing Legalization of American Politics: Reform Gone Wrong.” James Davison Hunter, University of Virginia, will speak on November 30th on the political culture of democracy, focusing on the interrelations among religion, culture, and democracy. The title of the talk is “Between Fundamentalism and Relativism.” Our third speaker, on February 15, 2008, is Irshad Manji. Irshad’s latest book is “The Trouble With Islam Today: A Muslim’s Call for Reform in Her Faith. Our fourth speaker will be announced soon.

The State of Democracy Lecture Series would not be possible without the generous and much appreciated support of our event sponsors, Betsy Levitt Cohn and Alan Cohn.

Series Events

Michael Toner, October 2007
James Davison Hunter, November 2007

Video Archive of Events at: http://www.campbellinstitute.org

Irshad Manji
February 15, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Live Webcast at http://www.campbellinstitute.org

Look for our fourth speaker in March.

Please visit our web page for more information on current and past State of Democracy speakers and join us for upcoming live webcasts in November and February.
Perceptions of Inequality, Partisanship, and the 2008 Presidential Election

By Jeff Stonecash

Awareness of inequality is increasing and there is greater support for government efforts to try to do something about it. There are also those who do not see a problem. These trends create the conditions for inequality issues to become more prominent in our society.

Political parties are the primary vehicle to get an issue on the agenda and make it part of public debate. For that to happen, those with differing views have to identify primarily with one party so the party sees that it has a clear base of support among those concerned about a social issue.

The latest Maxwell Poll sheds light on the connection of political party and perceptions of inequality. As Figure 1 indicates, among those who think that inequality is a serious problem, 48 percent identify as Democrats and 10 percent identify as Republican. Among those who think that inequality is not much of a problem, 43 percent are Republican and 20 percent are Democrats. Those with differing assessments of inequality as a problem have sorted themselves out between the two parties. Democrats have long stressed that individuals have major differences in family and personal resources and face significant differences in opportunity in society. The party is attracting those who share that view.

Republicans are more likely to emphasize that individuals are responsible for their own situations. In their view inequality may simply reflect the consequences of differences in talent and effort and should not be seen as a problem. The party is attracting those who share that view. The consequence is that 55 percent of Democrats see inequality as a serious problem and only 20 percent of Republicans see it as a serious problem.

The Poll finds that, these perceptions affect support for government action. 82 percent of Democrats think government should do more while only 27 percent of Republicans hold that view. 67 percent of Republicans think government should do what it is doing now or less, while only 14 percent of Democrats agree with those positions. (see Figure 2)

These differences are likely to play a significant role in the 2008 presidential election. With inequality growing, the public recognizing that, and the parties attracting those with very different ideas about what should be done, party candidates are likely to reflect these differences and make inequality and the role of government a central part of their campaigns.
Here’s a look into the lives of some of the MPAs and Ph.D.s who left us not so long ago.

Phil Beekman, is a foreign service officer with the department of state. He has spent the last two years completing a tour in Ljubljana, Slovenia (as a political and public diplomacy officer) and will be headed to Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago in October 2007 for a two year tour as a consular officer. Phil says, “it has been great fun living and working abroad.”

Sarah Holsen, will soon be leaving London and her job at the Constitution Unit and moving to Switzerland where she is taking up a position that will allow her to work on a Ph.D. part-time.

Melissa Mink, is the Director of the Claiming and Revenue Maximization for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Jessalynn Moro, is in her ninth year at Fitch Ratings in New York. She is the Senior Director of the Public Finance Group. She and her husband Adam live in Long Branch, New Jersey with their one-year old son Xavier.

Donald Patrick Moynihan and his wife Pam, have just had a baby girl, Aoife. Don has been promoted to Associate Professor at La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jennifer Parmalee, as of August 2007 Jen has moved on to the Onondaga County Department of Mental Health as the Child and Youth Specialist.

Jennifer Puma, works for Unisys as an IT consultant and is currently working as a Certification and Accreditation Analyst at the Department of Homeland Security. Jen says, “it’s been engaging work thus far.”

Amy Schmit, is the Associate Director of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Martin Skahen and Kate Gilpin Skahen, have moved back to the Syracuse area having lived in DC for the last five years. They are married and have a daughter named Caroline. Marty is working as the Director of Long Term Care Planning for Onondaga County and Kate is the Administrative Officer for the Onondaga County Parks Department.

Jessica Sotelo, is the Executive Director of a large, regional nonprofit organization called Partners for Prosperity, whose mission is to reduce poverty through innovative community and economic development. She and her son, Ed, moved to Idaho after Jessica graduated from Maxwell. Ed is in junior high and works for a cattle wrangler.

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Let’s keep the Campbell Community updated!

Faculty Profile: Vernon Greene

by Illya Riske

“Citizenship is one of those concepts that seems fairly obvious until you think about it, and that makes it intellectually interesting. It is also inherently interdisciplinary, with it or its cognate ideas finding a place in nearly all of the social sciences and humanities. And it is fundamentally important, or so it seems to me, in that it underlies any practical implementation of individual human rights.” This quote by Professor Vernon Greene helps explain his efforts to create more dialogue on citizenship.

Working with others, and with support from the Campbell Institute, Dr. Greene helped design and launch MAX 800, an Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminar on Citizenship and Human Values. The seminar is intended to be a vibrant, interdisciplinary, and intellectually rigorous conversation about the constellation of ideas and values that constitute and surround citizenship, conducted among some of Maxwell’s best doctoral students and leading faculty. One of its purposes is to encourage and equip members of the future professoriate to bring scholarly thinking about citizenship into their future research and teaching.

For the spring semester, Professor Greene has arranged for Princeton Professor Alan Patten to visit the Maxwell School to speak about citizenship and language rights. In April, Greene will be part of a debate on the usefulness of the concept of “global citizenship.” The debate will be co-sponsored by the Campbell Institute and the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs.

Vernon Greene is a professor of public administration at the Maxwell School and is a research associate of the Campbell Institute. Greene’s teaching interests have mainly been in quantitative research methods. He currently serves as Chair of the Maxwell School’s interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Social Science. For most of his career, Professor Greene’s research has focused on the policy consequences of population aging. He is a fellow of the Gerontological Society, and past editor of the Society’s principal journal dealing with public policy issues. In recent years, he has returned to an early graduate school interest in the concept of citizenship as it emerged in classical Greece.
Campbell Alumnus Named Chair of Public Policy at UConn

By Angela Cave and Krista Scheall

Amy Kneedler Donahue began her doctoral studies at the Campbell Institute before it could even be rightly called one. A space of empty offices and bare walls, Donahue’s timely arrival provided her with the chance to help mold the Institute into what it is today. In fact, Bethany Walawender, assistant director of Campbell, says “We still have the planters Amy made from scrap paneling tossed aside during construction. It gives the Institute a more relaxed feel.”

Donahue is grateful for having met Alan K. “Scotty” Campbell and to have worked closely with others who knew him well, helping her better understand his vision for the Institute. This proved a very different undertaking from her prior experience as supervisor of a 911 communications center, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, and captain in the 6th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. Arriving at the Campbell Institute at the time of its birth, Donahue deemed her early learning experiences as a “baptism by fire” – and a very useful one, as she continues her academic career.

Since earning her Ph.D. in Public Administration from the Maxwell School in 2000, Donahue has served the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Mining Association and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Recently, Donahue became chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of Connecticut.

Sean O’Keefe, chancellor of Louisiana State University and MPA 1978, hired Donahue as his graduate assistant when he was on the Maxwell faculty. Her hard work and organization skills helped make the Executive Leadership class possible, O’Keefe said. Today, the class has a long-standing history in the Maxwell curriculum. “She took that same organizational skill into everything she did,” he said.

Donahue became a professor at the University of Connecticut after earning her doctorate. O’Keefe left the Maxwell School in 2000 to become administrator of NASA and asked Donahue to serve as a visiting professor at the administration in 2002. Initially, he intended for her to work on developing stronger relationships between the NASA administration and the newly developed Department of Homeland Security, but the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster postponed his plans and changed the nature of her visit.

Donahue coordinated search team efforts for 100 days in East Texas so the administration in Washington could run a diagnosis and draw conclusions. She served as liaison with such organizations as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that crisis management ran smoothly. The recovery effort “could not have been better were it not for her focus and attention to detail,” O’Keefe said. “I think she went over every inch of it.”

By the end of her service at NASA in 2004, Donahue had earned three Public Service Medals: one for her efforts in the Columbia recovery, one for her service in the Stafford-Covey Space Shuttle Return to Flight Task Group and one for her efforts on the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, where she reviewed NASA safety programs until 2007.

Donahue gives 50 to 60 presentations on the Columbia efforts every year, according to O’Keefe. “It was one of the most exceptional efforts ever conducted,” he said. “I credit her with a lot of that.”

O’Keefe again recruited Donahue, in January 2007. Drawing from her substantial experience with organizational safety and disaster issues, she served as the founding director of the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute at Louisiana State University, while still maintaining her position at UConn. Endowed with a $25 million contribution, the institute sponsors research activity concerning emergency services and provides experience for emergency respondents. O’Keefe still keeps in close contact with Donahue and said he hopes to work with her again.

When asked if she had any words of wisdom for our current doctoral students, Donahue stated, “This is the time in your career where you have the most opportunity to be the broadest in your thinking. Take advantage of the opportunity you have created for yourself.”

Stay Tuned

Bantle Symposium
April 17 & 18, 2008
“Free Enterprise and its Discontents”

The Symposium will address the key issues, trends and problems related to free market capitalism in its current form in the U.S. and around the globe.
Campbell Community News

Arthur Brooks has been appointed to the Louis A. Bantle Chair in Business and Government Policy.

Jeremy Shiffman spent last year at the Center for Global Development located in Washington D.C, where he spent his time continuing to research maternal mortality. You can read his policy briefs at www.cgdev.org. Jeremy recently published his research findings from his McArthur Foundation Grant in the distinguished medical journal, The Lancet. To read this article please visit the Campbell Institute website’s News Page.

Grant Reeher, was chosen as the second recipient of the McGraw-Hill Award for Scholarship and Teaching on Civic Engagement in Political Science. This national award was established in 2006 to recognize outstanding leadership, teaching, research and activism encouraging student civic engagement.

Alasdair Roberts, was elected a fellow of the National Academy of Public Management. For more than 35 years, the Academy of Fellows, elected by their peers, has cultivated excellence in the management and administration of government agencies. Professor Roberts was chosen for his sustained and outstanding contribution to the field of public administration.

David Van Slyke was elected to the board of the Public Management Research Association (PMRA). PMRA’s mission is to further relations among researchers working in the public policy, public management, nonprofit and governance disciplines in the United States and abroad.

Campbell Associates

Our mission is to examine the ideal of citizenship, its evolution, and the conditions under which it thrives. We explore the relationship among citizens, private organizations, and government in an effort to understand the development and implementation of effective leadership, management, and policy. We investigate the connections among citizens, media, nonprofit groups, and the law, and responsiveness to individual and group interests in the shaping of public institutions and decisions.

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