



David Walker, Carly Fiorina, George Will, George Stephanopoulos, Paul Krugman, Jennifer Granholm, and Eric Schmidt participated in the special edition of ABC's "This Week," co-produced by the Miller Center.

Visit millercenter.org to watch the program and for access to the background white paper.

Partnership With ABC News Drives National Discussion

Is America's economy on the road to recovery? If so, is it a recovery that's built to last?

That was the focus of a recent special edition of ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," co-produced by the University of Virginia's Miller Center. The Miller Center and "This Week" are teaming up to produce a series of programs on the key issues of the 2012 campaign.

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Miller Center Initiatives Put 2012 Election Into Context



The Miller Center has embarked on a year-long endeavor, "Lessons for 2012," which highlights the lessons provided by history in order to illuminate the 2012 presidential contest and analyze current policy issues. "Lessons for 2012" officially launched on Presidents Day, Feb. 20, with events in our Washington, D.C. and Charlottesville offices.

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Pulitzer Winner Blackmon Named New Chair of Forum



Douglas Blackmon

Meet the Miller Center's new Forum chair, Douglas Blackmon. Blackmon comes to the Center from The Wall Street Journal, where he covered many of the most important stories of the current era. His book, "Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II," won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction.

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A Better-Informed Electorate



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Millions of people across the country have watched the series we're producing with ABC's "This Week" examining the key issues of the 2012 campaign. Our most recent program focused on America's economic recovery and featured an impressive line-up of guests. Our nonpartisan programs are unlike others you might see on TV. They are thoughtful, civil, and balanced discussions of important policy issues. This type of discussion was important to Miller Center founder Burkett Miller, and I bet it's important to you too. Four more Miller Center-ABC programs will air between now and election day. I hope you watch them all.

There is certainly no shortage of issues being talked about in the current campaign, but there is one crucial issue that is not being talked about enough—the need to invest in our nation's transportation infrastructure. The Miller Center is looking to change that. Working with five former U.S. transportation secretaries, we just released a new report on how to more effectively communicate the need to invest in infrastructure to the American public. We intend to make sure that voters—and the candidates—are listening. This is vital to our economy—and our future.

At the Miller Center, we draw on the insights of history to address the challenges of the future. Through our "Lessons for 2012" initiative, we're hosting events, releasing material from our vast digital archives, and have also launched a new blog to provide historical context to the current campaign.

To help us with these endeavors and more, I'm pleased to welcome three new people to the Miller Center. Douglas Blackmon, acclaimed journalist and Pulitzer-Prize winner, is the new chair of the Forum Program, and distinguished scholars Risa Goluboff and William Hitchcock are also joining our faculty.

We also bid a fond farewell to a valuable member of our team, Joseph Taylor, executive director of the Miller Center Foundation. With the close of the school year, Joseph begins a new post as vice president for institutional advancement at Emory & Henry College. We will miss him greatly and wish him the best of luck.

I hope you'll consider getting more involved with the Miller Center. Watch one of our programs on ABC. Come to a Forum, or watch on PBS or online. Look at our new blog and all of the other fascinating material on our web site, which has had more than 11 million page views in the past year. I think you'll be impressed.



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Working With Five Former U.S. Transportation Secretaries, Miller Center Releases New Report

What messages about transportation are likely to be most compelling to a broad audience? What strategies can draw attention to the nation's transportation challenges in the upcoming election cycle? A report, released by the Miller Center at an April 23 event at the U.S. Capitol, explores these questions and more.

The report, "Are We There Yet?: Selling America on Transportation," is a result of the David R. Goode National Transportation Policy Conference, which was held in November 2011 at the Miller Center's Washington, D.C. office. Sixty transportation experts as well as five former transportation secretaries, including Norman Mineta, Samuel Skinner, Mary Peters, Rodney Slater, and James Burnley, attended.

Conference participants agreed that the time has come to raise public awareness about the importance of transportation investments and to inject transportation issues into the national conversation during this election year and beyond. To do so will require a thoughtful, well-coordinated, and high-profile communications strategy. The conference group recommended a strategy with the following four key elements:

- A positive, forward-looking tone that frames the transportation debate around issues of economic growth, jobs, and U.S. competitiveness, combined with quality of life.
- A well-defined but flexible campaign plan that is tied to the rhythms of an election year and to important events on the transportation calendar.

- A focus on building broader engagement through effective, targeted use of traditional media and social media.
- A concerted effort to link local transportation investment opportunities and benefits to national-level policy decisions.

During the conference's keynote address, Rep. John Mica, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, described the current state of the trans-

portation debate, noting positive and negative forces for progress in Congress.

The Miller Center's first transportation report, "Well Within Reach: America's New Transportation Agenda," recommended ten ways to fix the nation's taxed transportation system. That report, based on a 2009 conference, received widespread attention from media and policymakers alike.

The entire report of "Are We There Yet?: Selling America on Transportation" can be found at millercenter.org.



Miller Center Director and CEO Gerald L. Baliles (center) with former Transportation Secretaries Samuel Skinner, Norman Mineta, Mary Peters, Rodney Slater, and James Burnley at the 2011 transportation conference



George H.W. Bush visits a New Hampshire polling place in 1988.

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Building on the Miller Center's strength in presidential and political history and introducing a number of exciting new initiatives, "Lessons for 2012" is a Center-wide effort which puts the circumstances, challenges, and choices facing our nation in this election year into greater context.

"Lessons for 2012" officially launched on Presidents Day, Feb. 20, with events in our Washington, D.C. and Charlottesville offices. A special Forum in Charlottesville, moderated by new Forum Chair Douglas Blackmon, featured journalist and senior Woodrow Wilson International Center scholar Linda Killian, who discussed her book, "The Swing Vote: The Untapped Power of Independents." Later that afternoon in our nation's capital, the Miller Center hosted a panel on prominent election issues featuring Miller Center scholars (see sidebar on page 5).

A key "Lessons for 2012" initiative is the Miller Center's new blog, "Riding the Tiger." The name

comes from the opening lines of volume two of President Harry S. Truman's memoirs, published in 1956, in which he wrote, "I discovered that being a president is like riding a tiger. A man has to keep on riding or be swallowed." Featured material includes op-eds from scholars from the Miller Center and around the nation; audio and transcripts from the secret White House tapes recorded by every president from Franklin Roosevelt to Richard Nixon; video, audio, and transcripts from the Center's extensive presidential speech archives; and comprehensive oral-history interviews with the principal figures of past presidential administrations.

The Miller Center's series with ABC's "This Week," which is produced before a live studio audience at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., continues through Election Day and shines a spotlight on the key concerns of the campaign.

Other "Lessons for 2012" programming includes topical colloquia, Forums, and other special events.

Additionally, a team of UVA. undergraduate student researchers is reviewing presidential tapes and oral histories to find the Miller Center's best election-related materials for inclusion on our web site. And in October, the Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) program will host a major academic conference on presidential history. The conference will seek to jumpstart a new generation of scholarship on the presidency that places the executive branch within the broader social, cultural, and institutional structures in which it operates. Notable scholars are slated to participate, and Cornell University Press has expressed an interest in turning the papers from the conference into an edited volume.

The capstone of "Lessons for 2012" will be a Presidents Day event in 2013 that will serve as an election debriefing.

Please visit millercenter.org for more information about "Lessons for 2012" initiatives. Our blog, "Riding the Tiger," can be found at millercenter.org/ridingthetiger.

Richard Nixon gives the victory sign at a campaign stop in 1968.



Jimmy Carter and Chief Speechwriter Pat Anderson work aboard the "Peanut One" campaign airplane in 1976.



Lyndon Johnson signs an autograph at an Illinois campaign stop in 1964.



Miller Center Brings Presidential Classroom to New Audiences



Sidney Milkis

Marc Selverstone



Barbara Perry

Michael Greco

SPECIAL PRESIDENTS DAY EVENT HELD IN D.C.

In celebration of Presidents Day, the Miller Center's Washington, D.C. office held a special event to kick off its "Lessons for 2012" theme. Those in attendance included Miller Center supporters and UVA. alumni. During the event, Miller Center scholars provided historical comparisons to issues likely to be front-and-center in this year's presidential race.

- **Sidney Milkis**, director of democracy and governance studies, discussed the modern presidency and partisan rancor.
- Director of Presidential Studies **Marc Selverstone** shared audio clips from the Center's collection of secret presidential recordings. The clips touched on foreign-policy matters that have engaged past presidents and that will likely emerge as concerns during the current presidential campaign.
- The Presidential Oral History Program's **Barbara Perry** showed how oral histories can provide context for the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on President Obama's health-care law and how candidates might approach it.
- **Michael Greco**, director of information and support services, gave an overview of the wealth of materials related to presidential history available in the Miller Center's archives.

To mark Presidents Day, the Miller Center launched Presidential Classroom, an online resource of materials about the U.S. presidency and government. Last November, the Center received a legacy grant from Presidential Classroom, an organization founded in 1969 that pioneered nonpartisan civic education through Washington-based programs. As a result, the Center has re-designed Presidential Classroom to carry on its civic education mission with a 21st-century focus, reaching out to students and teachers with online offerings.

The web site includes lesson plans and exhibits on key moments in our nation's history, which feature the Miller Center's unique materials, such as audio and transcripts of the secret White House tapes. These exhibits generally focus on a particular piece of content and then provide supporting materials so that teachers and students can learn more about that moment in history.

For example, users can listen to one of President Franklin Roosevelt's fireside chats, during which he lays out his ideas for how the United States should support soldiers and sailors return-

ing from World War II. Those ideas eventually became the G.I. Bill, and the exhibit includes details about the people involved in drafting and passing the bill, as well as links to the original document, photographs of the president signing the legislation, and articles about the impact of the bill. It also includes links to other Miller Center resources about the G.I. Bill and classroom materials about teaching this topic.

Going forward, the Miller Center will continue to add lesson plans and exhibits with the goal of eventually having materials on all 44 presidents as well as on government, politics, and policy. Additionally, the Center will annually convene an in-depth civic-education symposium for teachers in honor of John R. Sims, Jr., founder of Presidential Classroom and distinguished UVA. alumnus.

In the meantime, the Miller Center has created a new Facebook group, "Presidential Classroom at UVA's Miller Center," as a way to reach out to Presidential Classroom alumni who want to stay in touch with former classmates.

The new Presidential Classroom web site is available at millercenter.org/presidentialclassroom.



Franklin Roosevelt gives one of his famous fireside chats, c. 1935.



New Forum Chair Douglas Blackmon moderated his first Forum on Presidents Day.

“To Build On What Was Here”

A Conversation With the Miller Center’s New Forum Chair Douglas Blackmon

Q & A

The Miller Center would like to welcome Douglas Blackmon as its new Forum chair. For more than 16 years, Blackmon worked at The Wall Street Journal as Atlanta bureau chief and later as senior national correspondent. He won the Pulitzer Prize for his book, “Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II.” The documentary film version of “Slavery by Another Name” premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and on PBS stations nationwide in February. A full-time faculty member at the Miller Center, he also serves as a contributing editor at The Washington Post, focusing on national coverage of the 2012 presidential campaign. Blackmon recently sat down to talk about his new role and his hopes for the Miller Center.

How has your past experience as a journalist and an author prepared you for your new role as Forum chair?

Hopefully, my experiences in journalism and as an independent historian leave me prepared to select a range of speakers who will be engaging around the kinds of vital issues the Miller Center cares about—and be a reasonably articulate respondent to our guests. I’ve written about and traveled to a lot of remarkable things over the last 25 years, from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the civil war in Yugoslavia to the U.S. corporate corruption scandals and collapses of the past decade. Along the way, I’ve also gotten to know a lot of interesting writers and public figures. I have big shoes to fill in terms of the well-established tradition of the Forum, and I hope to use that range of experiences as a writer to build on what was here before I arrived.

What is your vision for the Miller Center Forum?

I’ve taken a Hippocratic Oath with regard to the Forum: “First, do no harm.” The program has a wonderful reputation among historians and Washington public policymakers and a devoted and supportive audience in Charlottesville and around the country. We don’t want any of that to change. But

I will begin experimenting with some modest changes to the format, including making some programs more of an interview than a lecture. And behind the scenes, we’ll be working to upgrade some of the technical aspects of how we record the television version of the program and distribute it on PBS and over the Internet. Hopefully, all of that will come together in a way that is exciting for our home audience and also greatly expands the number of people watching the program in distant places. I’m convinced that we can dramatically elevate the profile of all the work the Miller Center does if we can build the audience across the country.

Your book, “Slavery by Another Name,” was recently turned into a documentary that aired on PBS. What was that like?

Making the film based on my book was a tremendous experience and one I learned a great deal from in ways that should influence the Miller Center Forum. The “Slavery by Another Name” film was watched by 3.2 million viewers on the night of its first broadcast and pulled in much higher than normal ratings for PBS. It demonstrated how big an audience one can have even for serious programming around history and difficult topics. The project also introduced me to PBS program managers around

the country and leaders of the network in ways that will ideally open some doors for more conversation about ways to extend the reach of the Forum.

You’ll also be covering the 2012 campaign for The Washington Post. What kinds of stories do you plan to write?

My role on the Washington Post campaign team will be to look for thematic stories about the campaign, somewhat removed from the day-to-day fistfights of the candidates. I’ll be writing about the tea party, for instance, and whether it has been able to sustain the power and influence it built so dramatically in 2010. As the political season advances, I’ll be doing more of those kinds of pieces, ideally bringing some much-needed illumination to go along with the artillery shells and forest fires set off by the politicians.

Archived webcasts of Blackmon’s special Martin Luther King Day Forum and his 2009 Forum about “Slavery by Another Name” can be found at millercenter.org. Visit pbs.org to view the entire film online or to purchase a DVD.

RECENT FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

As the Miller Center welcomed a new Forum chair this spring, it also brought an impressive line-up of nationally known speakers to studio, online, and television audiences. Below are some of these speakers. Archived webcasts of these and other Forums are available at millercenter.org.

January 20

Bob Graham

Former Florida governor and U.S. senator
“Keys to the Kingdom”

January 27

Theda Skocpol

Professor of government and sociology at Harvard
“The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism”

January 30

Jodi Kantor

New York Times correspondent
“The Obamas”

February 3

Alan Murray

Deputy managing editor of The Wall Street Journal
“The 2012 Election and Retooling the American Economy”

February 13

Frederick P. Hitz

Former inspector general of the CIA
“U.S. Intelligence in the Wake of 9/11”

February 17

Clarence Lusane

Associate professor of political science at American University
“The Black History of the White House”

March 19

Jonathan Haidt

U.Va. psychology professor and author of
“The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion”
“Civility in American Politics: How to Get (Some of) It Back”

April 2

Del Quentin Wilber

Award-winning Washington Post reporter
“Rawhide Down: The Near Assassination of Ronald Reagan”

April 23

Bruce Riedel

Senior fellow at the Brookings Institution
“Deadly Embrace: Pakistan, America, and the Future of the Global Jihad”

April 30

Timothy Naftali

Former director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum
“Watergate in Nixonland: The Challenge of Presenting Public History in a Presidential Library”

May 9

Peter Bergen

CNN national security analyst
“Manhunt: The Ten-Year Search for Bin Laden—from 9/11 to Abbottabad”

JOSEPH TAYLOR TAKES NEW ADVANCEMENT POST

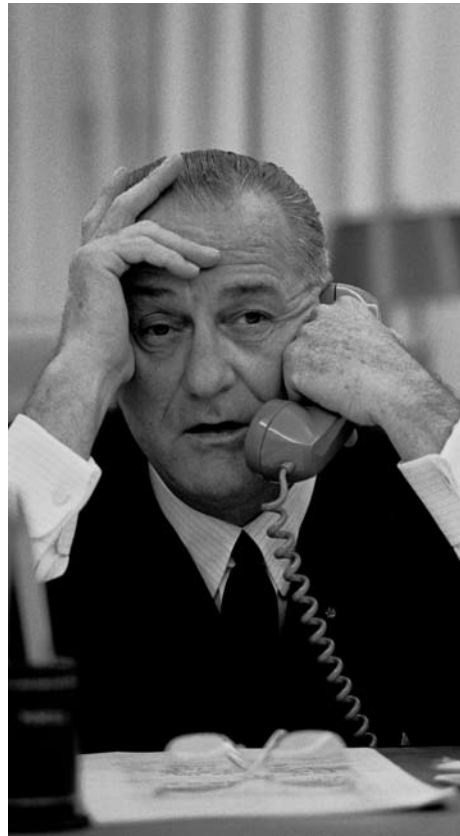
Joseph Taylor, who served as executive director of the Miller Center Foundation, is now the vice president for institutional advancement at Emory & Henry College, located in southwest Virginia. Taylor was a key member of the Miller Center team as well as a trusted adviser to Miller Center Director and CEO Gerald L. Baliles and the Center's Governing Council and Foundation Board. Under Taylor's leadership, the Campaign for the Miller Center was completed far ahead of schedule and surpassed its goal.

"It's been a privilege to serve the Miller Center while having enjoyed a most intellectually stimulating environment," said Taylor. "Most of all, I treasure the relationships built with so many wonderful people here at the Miller Center and throughout the University and larger community."

Before coming to the Foundation in 2006, Taylor was vice president for development at the Montpelier Foundation, managing the campaign to restore James Madison's Montpelier. Taylor has also held executive positions at Albany Law School of Union University and the University at Albany–State University of New York.

"My travels on behalf of Emory & Henry will bring me through Charlottesville from time to time, which means there should be good opportunities to maintain ties with friends at the Miller Center," said Taylor.

The Miller Center and Foundation owe a great deal of gratitude to Joseph Taylor, and we send him our best wishes.



LBJ Digital Edition Wins PROSE Award

In February, "Presidential Recordings of Lyndon B. Johnson Digital Edition," edited by Miller Center scholars, won the American Association of Publishers' 2011 PROSE Award for Best eProduct in the Humanities. The PROSE Awards recognize the finest professional and scholarly publications by highlighting distinguished books, journals, and electronic content in more than 40 categories. The LBJ Digital Edition, which was published by UVa Press's Rotunda, features expertly annotated transcripts of hundreds of conversations from the secretly recorded tapes of Johnson. The editors of the edition, David Coleman, Kent Germany, Guian McKee, and Marc Selverstone, are part of a team of Miller Center scholars who are transcribing the secret White House tapes recorded by every president from Franklin Roosevelt to Richard Nixon. A grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission helped fund the LBJ Digital Edition.

"BackStory" Launches Weekly Episodes

Thanks to a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the public-radio show, "BackStory with the American History Guys," launched as a weekly program on May 11. "BackStory" is co-hosted by the Miller Center's Brian Balogh, the University of Virginia's Peter Onuf, and the University of Richmond's Edward Ayers.

"BackStory," which is produced by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, brings historical perspective to events happening around us today. Over the course of the hourly program, the hosts are joined by fellow historians, newsmakers, and callers interested in exploring the roots of what's going on today. Upcoming topics will include severe weather, the War of 1812, the institution of marriage, and the changing meanings of "American exceptionalism."

Monthly specials of "BackStory" have previously been broadcast on more than 130 stations, and program podcasts have been downloaded more than 1.3 million times. More information, including how to listen to episodes of "BackStory," is available at www.backstoryradio.org.



Miller Center Web Site Sets Records

The Miller Center's web site made history in February. During that month, millercenter.org received a record 623,834 visitors, a 24-percent increase from the previous February. In addition, Feb. 16 was a record-setting day with 31,594 visitors. These groundbreaking achievements come on the heels of the recent redesign of millercenter.org. Not only is the redesigned web site easier to navigate, but it also helps users explore in more depth the wealth of resources found there. In 2011, the Miller Center's web site received twice as many views as the web sites of leading Washington think tanks. The web site has had more than 11 million pages views in the past twelve months.

Miller Center Welcomes New Scholars

The Miller Center welcomes two new scholars to its Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) program. Risa Goluboff is professor of law and professor of history at the U.Va. School of Law. Her scholarship focuses on the history of civil rights, labor, and constitutional law in the twentieth century. Goluboff's first book, "The Lost Promise of Civil Rights," won the 2010 Order of the Coif Biennial Book Award and the 2008 James Willard Hurst Prize. She received a 2009 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in Constitutional Studies and U.Va.'s All-University Teaching Award in 2011.



Risa Goluboff

William Hitchcock is a professor in U.Va.'s Corcoran Department of History. His fields of study include modern Europe, world politics, and the Cold War. Hitchcock's most recent book, "The Bitter Road to Freedom: A New History of the Liberation of Europe," won the 2009 George Louis Beer Prize from the American Historical Association and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction. "The Human Rights Revolution: An International History," which he co-edited, was published in February. Hitchcock's current project is "The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950s," which will be published in 2013.



William Hitchcock

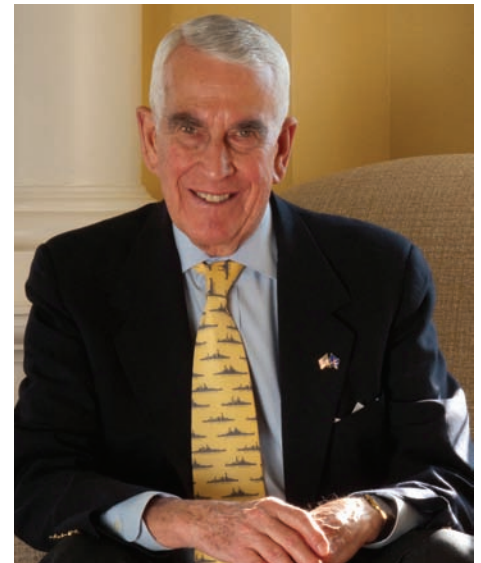
National Media Spotlight Miller Center

The Miller Center continues to receive substantial attention from the national media. As the Miller Center becomes the go-to resource for presidential history and policy issues, Miller Center scholars have participated in high-profile, live interviews. Barbara Perry, senior fellow in the Presidential Oral History Program, appeared on "PBS NewsHour" to discuss poverty and politics. Sidney Milkis, director of democracy and governance studies, talked about the election of 1912 on NPR. And David Coleman, chair of the Presidential Recordings Program, took call-in questions on C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" about the release of new Kennedy White House tapes.

Hall Named to Honor Leigh Middleditch

A grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation is helping to fund the refurbishment of the main public areas of the Miller Center's Faulkner House.

This phase of the refurbishment project follows a similar phase from two years ago that focused on the John and Rosemary Galbraith Forum Room, the Anne R. Worrell Reception Hall, and the Eugene V. and Anne L. Fife Council Room. In addition, one of the refurbished public spaces has been renamed the "Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr. Hall" in honor of the leadership of the longtime Miller Center Foundation Board chair. A committee of Miller Center supporters worked together to raise funds for the naming and furnishings.



Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr.

National Support Grows

The Miller Center's nonpartisan programs are engaging and involving new friends of the Miller Center across the nation.

Through a dynamic series of programs and events that have been hosted across America, as well as increasing national television coverage of Miller Center Forums, conferences, and debates, and the record-breaking number of visits to its web site, the Miller Center is expanding its impact and scope throughout the country.

The Miller Center's National Discussion and Debate Series on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" reaches millions of viewers. White papers and lesson plans are provided for students and teachers across the country for use with these unique programs. Miller Center Forums are presented on 120 PBS stations to a national audience. The Miller Center's National Fellowship Program provides grants to outstanding scholars across the nation, and Miller Center conferences and commissions raise public awareness and have important impact on critical issues of the day. Presidential recordings and oral histories provide insights and understanding of presidential history. Audiences across the country are fascinated when they hear the voices of presidents, reflecting the leadership and humanity of the individual as well as providing unique historical perspective.

At a time when nonpartisan, substantive, and civil discourse is desperately needed, the Miller Cen-

ter provides focus on issues vital to the national interest. As the national audience increases, the Miller Center expands its reach and broadens its base of support from generous donors near and far. The Miller Center is grateful to the many donors across the country whose financial support makes its work possible.

There are a variety of ways to provide financial support for the Miller Center. A gift to the Miller Center's annual fund provides important unrestricted support for the Miller Center's core programs and operations. We are particularly grateful to members of our Presidential Cabinet who give \$1,000 or more on an annual basis. A new donor program now recognizes corporate partners who provide unrestricted support at levels of \$2,500 or more. For more information on supporting the annual fund, contact Karen McGrath at 434-924-0775.

Gifts for specific programs or initiatives or to support endowment may be made through outright gifts, multi-year pledges, or planned giving. Please contact Nancy Parsons at 434-243-1488 for more information.

Please visit millercenter.org to learn more about the Miller Center or to donate online.

NEW FELLOWS ANNOUNCED AT CONFERENCE

On May 10 and 11, the current class of Miller Center fellows wrapped up their year with a spring fellowship conference. In addition to presentations by the fellows and their “dream mentors,” the conference also included a manuscript review of “American Umpire,” Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman’s forthcoming re-interpretation of the broad sweep of American diplomatic history.

The 2012–13 Miller Center fellows were announced at the conference:

Clara Altman, Brandeis University
“Courtroom Colonialism: Philippine Law and U.S. Rule, 1898–1935”

Peter Henne, Georgetown University
“Varieties of Hesitation: Religious Politics and U.S.-Muslim Counterterrorism Cooperation”

Katherine Krimmel, Columbia University
“Special Interest Partisanship: The Transformation of American Political Parties”

Stephen Macekura, University of Virginia
“Of Limits and Growth: Environmentalism and the Rise of Sustainable Development, 1961–1992”

Oriana Mastro, Princeton University
“Settling the Score: The Interactive Effect of Fighting and Bargaining on War Duration and Termination”

Victor McFarland, Yale University
“The Oil Crisis of the 1970s: An International History”

Tore Olsson, University of Georgia
“Green Revolutions: The American South, Mexico, and the Twentieth-Century Remaking of the Rural World”
Olsson is the Ambrose Monell Foundation-funded Fellow.

Justin Peck, University of Virginia
“Reclaiming Power: An Analysis of Congressional Reassertion Efforts, 1828–2002”

Josie Rodberg, Harvard University
“Human Rights, Women’s Rights, States’ Rights: Debates Over Federally-Funded Family Planning Programs, 1965–1990”
Rodberg is the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation-funded Fellow.



Emily Charnock

Charnock Brings Fresh Viewpoint to Fellowship Program

Coming from the United Kingdom, Emily Charnock, a 2011–12 Miller Center fellow, has a unique perspective on American politics. She brings that point-of-view to the Miller Center’s National Fellowship Program, which helps young scholars complete their dissertations while learning how to connect academic ideas with real-world solutions.

Charnock describes her road to the Miller Center as “circuitous.” As an undergraduate at Oxford, she found the opportunities to pursue her interest in American politics limited. In 2001, Charnock participated in a program sponsored by The Fund for American Studies in Washington D.C. During the program, she covered Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings and diplomatic receptions for The Washington Times. After earning a Master’s in American politics at American University, Charnock began a Ph.D. program at Duke but transferred to the University of Virginia’s politics department, where her fascination with the historical side of American politics could be more fully developed.

The prospect of getting involved with the Miller Center helped attract Charnock to study at UVA. She cites the Center’s colloquium series, Forums, and Edward M. Kennedy Oral History Project, as well as Miller Center scholar Sidney Milkis, as enhancing her intellectual development. Becoming a Miller Center fellow was the natural next step.

Charnock’s dissertation considers the relationship between parties and interest groups, espe-

cially the rise of political-action groups after the New Deal.

“I’ve long been interested in presidential campaigns,” said Charnock. “But the project also embraces another aspect of American political culture that I find fascinating: the level of activism and group political activity apparent here. It’s something that I find very different from the U.K. experience.”

Charnock’s favorite part about being a Miller Center fellow is interacting with a broad range of people at Miller Center events.

“It stimulates my thinking and makes the Miller Center a more dynamic place than many academic settings,” she said.

Charnock sees the Miller Center fellowship as a unique part of her career development that she could not get anywhere else.

“The fellowship really is so much more than financial support,” she said. “The faculty support, the opportunities to present and improve our research, and the encouragement to participate in a broader public conversation is incredibly rare,” she said.



George Stephanopoulos moderates the panel.



Gov. Gerald L. Baliles addresses the studio audience.

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April 29's broadcast focused on the state of the U.S. economy and featured an impressive line-up of guests from business, government, and journalism. Panelists included:

- **Carly Fiorina**, former CEO of Hewlett-Packard
- **Jennifer Granholm**, former governor of Michigan
- **Paul Krugman**, Nobel Prize-winning economist and New York Times columnist
- **Eric Schmidt**, executive chairman of Google
- **David Walker**, former Comptroller General of the United States
- **George Will**, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist

In a discussion moderated by Stephanopoulos, panelists engaged in a lively, yet civil debate,

tackling such issues as unemployment, tax reform, income inequality, and Social Security.

The program was produced before a live studio audience at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Before the show, Gov. Gerald L. Baliles, director and CEO of the Miller Center, addressed the crowd that included many Miller Center supporters who made the partnership with ABC possible.

In addition to helping plan the broadcast, the Miller Center also created an array of educational materials related to the show topic. They include a white paper, written by former Miller Center Fellow Derek S. Hoff, that details some of the economic lessons provided by history as well as a web site that brings together Miller Center resources related to the economy, including excerpts from White House tape recordings and presidential oral histories. The Center will also draft a lesson plan to help middle- and high-school teachers educate students about the economy.

The Miller Center-ABC series is part of the

Center's National Discussion and Debate Series, which is now in its fourth season. The first program produced with ABC aired on Dec. 18 and focused on the proper size and scope of government. More broadcasts are planned between now and Election Day.

"It's been a delight to work with the Miller Center on bringing a series of thoughtful policy discussions to our Sunday morning audience, particularly during this critically important election year," said Stephanopoulos.

Baliles said, "Too often in this country, important issues are not discussed or debated as much as they are reduced to sound bites and slogans. Our purpose is to educate and to elevate the level of understanding and civility when the issues of 2012 are discussed. I'm especially pleased that this partnership will not only help inform voters but also help teach students across the country."

Debate video and additional resources are available at millercenter.org/public/debates.



David Walker (left) and George Will (right) listen as Carly Fiorina (center) makes a point.

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Between now and Election Day, the Miller Center and ABC News will partner on four more special episodes of "This Week." Check millercenter.org for programming updates.



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