How does someone who grew up in a liberal Democratic household and neighborhood turn out to be one of the top conservative economic advisers to Republican President Ronald Reagan?

In *Vignettes from a Peripatetic Professor*, Professor Weidenbaum takes readers through his personal and professional years. The piece begins with a glimpse of his college years and his courtship with his wife, Phyllis. It then moves on to give insight into both his private and public career — highlighting some of his most memorable events and conversations.

Dr. Weidenbaum makes clear the importance of his teaching, writing, and work as a faculty member at Washington University. The pride he takes in helping to create the Center for the Study of American Business — eventually renamed the Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy — is evident in this memoir.

Readers will enjoy the personal anecdotes about Weidenbaum’s wife and children.

“As a youngster, I recall attending a Democratic rally in 1944. I had no difficulty in joining the group singing ‘Up with Roosevelt, down with Dewey, we want FDR again.’ However, when a speaker proceeded to denounce the Republican Party as ‘the party of fascism in America,’ I knew something was wrong.”
A Joint Letter from the Center’s Leadership Team

The Center continues with its mission to serve as a bridge between policymakers and scholars by supporting scholarly research, public affairs programs, and other activities at the intersection of government and business. This newsletter will give you insight into our 2010 research activities, publications, public programs, and student support (both undergraduate and graduate).

Our 2010 calendar of events will bring in an array of experts from across the country to cover a variety of important public policy topics. While this newsletter informs you of our spring/summer programs, we will build our fall/winter calendar in the upcoming months. You will note that our popular Eliot Society/Corporate Leaders roundtable discussion of current events continues with a program scheduled each month from January through May and then again from August through December. In addition, we have a number of forums and special Corporate Leaders meetings planned for 2010.

This newsletter also summarizes the faculty research and student assistantships we sponsor. The Center will consider additional requests for support of cutting-edge research projects in the spring and fall of 2010. Our research grants to faculty in Economics, Political Science and other social science departments are of great importance to the faculty, their departments, and the University as a whole. We also plan to expand our student (both undergraduate and graduate) support in 2010 – particularly through our Weidenbaum Scholars program.

Finally, we continue to offer grant assistantships to faculty in the departments of economics, political science, anthropology, and other miscellaneous Arts & Sciences departments.

Steven Smith  WC Director
Steven Fazarri  WC Associate Director

A Special Thanks

Special recognition and thanks go to James E. Schiele for the donation of three treasured prints — Battle of Antietam, 1888, original Kurz and Allison Chromolithograph; Allies Day, May 1917, Frederick Childe Hassam print, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; and Race Between the Robert E. Lee and the Natchez — that are now hanging in the Center’s front office.
JAMES GIBSON


Overcoming Historical Injustices: Land Reconciliation in South Africa (New York: Cambridge University Press) examines the issue of whether and how new regimes address and compensate for past injustices. Gibson builds on previous work examining South Africa and the complex dynamics created by issues of identity, justice, and the rule of law in a society trying to peacefully transform itself following an era of repression and group-based injustice. He focuses specifically on Apartheid-era land resettlement policies that transferred most of South Africa’s land into white hands. These policies ushered in an era of injustice by heavily discriminating against blacks and colored South Africans.

The book, launched at a public talk in South Africa, serves as a blueprint for analyzing post-repression policies in emerging democracies.


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Finally, Gibson continues to head the Center’s program Citizenship, Civil Society, and Democratic Values.

NATHAN JENSEN

Nathan Jensen, Center Research Fellow, received the Political Economy Award from the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Organized Section in Political Economy. Professor Jensen received the prize at the APSA Annual Meeting held in Toronto in September 2009. His paper was titled, “Where Do U.S. Multinationals Pay Taxes?”

Jensen continues to be a speaker/participant at many Center activities. Most recently he made the presentation “International Politics and U.S. Business Abroad” to the Center’s Corporate Leaders Group.

Professor Jensen also heads up the Center’s Multinational Enterprises and the Global Economy program area. Under the auspices of this program, he is organizing a WC Forum, Globalization & Governance: Innovative Research on Globalization and Fiscal Policy (see page 4 for details).

JAMES MORLEY

James Morley, Center Research Fellow and Associate Professor of Economics, was the recipient of the 2008-2009 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. This award program was established by the Graduate Student Senate. It honors faculty members whose dedication and commitment to excellence in graduate training have made a significant contribution to the quality of life and professional development of students in the school of Arts & Sciences at Washington University.

He is a regular participant and speaker at the Center’s Major Donor Public Policy Roundtable discussions. He also recently spoke to the Center’s Corporate Leaders Group.

Research Fellows

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Forum Series

In its tenth year, the Weidenbaum Center Forum continues to make a major impact on public policy education. Below are descriptions of upcoming forums.

Monetary Policy Amid Economic Turbulence
The changing role of the Federal Reserve Bank, the impact of the bank bailouts and repayments, and the future of financial regulation will be the subjects of an afternoon forum.

The event will be cosponsored by the Weidenbaum Center, Washington University’s Department of Economics and Undergraduate Economics Associations and the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the National Association of Business Economics.

Two prominent economists, Thomas Cooley and Richard Sylla (both of New York University) will present keynote addresses. In addition, a panel discussion will feature James Bullard, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Chris Varvares of Macroeconomic Advisers, and Costas Azariadis, Professor of Economics at Washington University in St. Louis.

Globalization & Governance: Innovative Research on Globalization and Fiscal Policy
The forum brings together scholars exploring innovative theoretical and empirical contributions on the relationship between economic globalization and fiscal policy.

The program begins with an evening public forum (25th) that focuses on how the global crisis affects the operations of U.S. business abroad. Speakers include Jeffrey Frieden of Harvard University, Helen Milner of Princeton University, and Rod Morris of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. This forum is free and open to the public.

The following day (26th), there will be an academic research workshop.

State and Local Government Finance amid Economic Turbulence
This forum will be co-hosted by the Weidenbaum Center and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Research Division).

This non-technical conference includes sessions on the current status of state and local public finance, fiscal federalism in the United States, an economic evaluation of state and local taxes, and non-traditional revenue sources for state and local governments.

Ronald C. Fisher from Michigan State University will present the keynote address. Other prominent speakers include Gary Corinna of Brigham Young University, Robert Inman of the University of Pennsylvania, and William Fox, of the University of Tennessee. Former Weidenbaum Center Associate Director Paul Rothstein (now at the Federal Trade Commission) will serve as a discussant at the session on fiscal federalism. A panel discussion on the future of state and local government finance will conclude the program.

While forums are free and open to the public, registration is required and space may be limited.
Registration can be completed on-line at http://wc.wustl.edu.
Public Policy Breakfast Series

The Center’s Breakfast Series allows local experts as well as specialists from across the country an opportunity to present their views and voice their concerns on many important issues. The following is a summary of upcoming programs.

**FEBRUARY 16**

**Regulatory Oversight: Past, Present & Future**

Susan Dudley, Professor at George Washington University, and former Director of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, will discuss past, present, and future regulatory oversight.

Prior to Professor Dudley’s service at OIRA, she directed the Regulatory Studies Program at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and designed and taught courses on regulation at George Mason University School of Law. Earlier in her career, she worked as a policy analyst at the Environmental Protection Agency, an economist at OIRA, and as an economic advisor to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Ms. Dudley is the author of more than 25 scholarly publications on regulatory matters ranging from e-rulemaking to electricity, health care, the environment, and occupational safety.

**MARCH 24**

**The Challenges of Governing Mexico: Recent Developments and American Interests**

Guillermo Rosas, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science at Washington University, will speak on The Challenges of Governing Mexico: Recent Developments and American Interests.

**APRIL 13**

**The Crisis in the Region of Afghanistan and Pakistan**

Robert Canfield, Professor of Anthropology at Washington University, will speak on the crisis in the region of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Dr. Canfield is a nationally known expert on Islamic politics, U.S. anti-terrorism policy, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, the Eastern Islamic World, Osama bin Laden, the Taliban, ethnicity and symbolism, and historical and political anthropology.

As a sociocultural anthropologist, he spent nine years in Afghanistan. His research focuses on Islamic movements in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and other Central Asian countries. In 1990, he was a consultant for the Agency for International Development. As the representative to Afghanistan in Pakistan, he helped to develop a strategy for encouraging democratic institutions among the people of Afghanistan.

Professor Canfield teaches a course at Washington University on Greater Central Asia: History, Culture and Politics, that focuses on contemporary issues in the ex-Soviet republics of Central Asia and Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

Professor Canfield believes that in assessing major issues of significant concern for our times we must recognize that “Our world is changing at an ever faster pace. As soon as we understand what is going on, we are out of date. So defining situations in our times is ever more difficult... those of us in the Western World who have the most to lose and collectively the most ability to do something positive, generally have little interest in tracking world affairs and little awareness of the risks to world civilization that are now at stake.”

**MAY 24**

**Campaign Finance Reform**

Anthony J. Corrado, Professor of Government, Colby College, will discuss campaign finance reform.

Dr. Corrado is widely recognized as one of the nation’s leading experts on political finance. He is a frequent commentator on national politics — appearing regularly on National Public Radio, the NBC Nightly News, CBS Sunday Morning, CNN, C-SPAN and The News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

He is a Non-resident Senior...
**Public Policy Programs**

**Election, Paying for Presidents, The New Campaign Finance Sourcebook, and Campaign Finance Reform: Beyond the Basics.** He has published more than 30 articles on the financing of national elections, political party behavior, and campaign and election law.

Dr. Corrado has received the American Political Science Association’s Emerging Scholars Award and the New England Political Science Association’s John C. Donovan Prize.

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**Corporate Leaders Program**

The Weidenbaum Center’s Corporate Leaders Program keeps corporate representatives informed of major developments in the public policy arena. They maintain close relationships with the Center’s scholars and regularly receive top-level research and analysis on specific policy interests and priorities. In addition, corporations provide the Center important insight on a wide variety of issues.

Weidenbaum Center Corporate Leaders are invited to all Center programs. Special programs for corporate leaders are held occasionally while briefings are held on a regular basis (4 to 6 times a year).

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**Eliot Society Public Policy Luncheons**

The Center’s popular Eliot Society Public Policy Luncheon Series will resume in the spring of 2010. Upcoming meetings will be held on January 25, February 4, March 29, April 19, and May 10.

Major Weidenbaum Center donors are invited to join faculty experts in an open dialogue on current public policy topics. The economy, government regulation, taxes, government spending, intellectual property rights, and health care are discussed as well as global issues such as international trade, outsourcing, international peace (or lack of it), intellectual property rights and copyright issues, and terrorism.

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**Annual Dinner**

Each year the Weidenbaum Center holds its Annual Dinner to thank supporters and the university community for their support. A prominent figure in public affairs addresses a major national or international issue. An announcement is forthcoming with the details of the 2010 dinner.
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute

The Weidenbaum Center will host its eighth EITM Summer Institute in June 2010. The National Science Foundation (NSF) provides funding for three-week training seminars on the methodological challenges posed by mathematical models of the strategic aspects of politics.

Students attend daily intensive classes and participate in hands-on lab applications in the evenings. Seminars are led by Washington University faculty members as well as nationally recognized faculty from other institutions.

Graduate students and junior faculty from around the world are invited to attend.

For more information on the EITM program, please visit the website at http://wc.wustl.edu/eitm.

Media Retreat

In June 2010, the Center will host its ninth Media Retreat. The program will once again bring together academic experts with media participants for an interactive seminar examining the role that numbers, statistics, and data analysis play in the news and public policy. The seminar explores the sources and reliability of statistics often cited in the media. Experts explain how to interpret and present quantitative evidence from social science research.

Speakers and discussants will include Steven Smith, Steven Fazzari, Richard Mahoney, (Weidenbaum Center), Russell Roberts (Weidenbaum Center and George Mason University), Professor Don Coursey (University of Chicago), Professor Donald Cox (Boston College), and other experts.

Steven Smith addressing 2009 retreat attendees.
Congratulations to the following faculty in the departments of Economics and Political Science that received Weidenbaum Center small grants.

**Dawn Brancati**, Department of Political Science, received a grant to fund printed materials and coordinate volunteer efforts for a field experiment in Kosovo.

**Pamela Jakiela**, Department of Economics, will examine the impact of the inspirational power of political candidates. This research combines data on campaign stops in public schools across the country and academic test performance.

**Michele Boldrin** and **Raul Santaeulalia-Llopis**, Department of Economics, have received grant funds to begin work on a new project that explores the valuation of exhaustible resources across time.

**Juan Pantano**, Department of Economics, will use grant funds to create an extensive database and examine physician behavior and medical malpractice litigation. (See page 10 for further information.)

**Sebastian Galiani**, Department of Economics, continues his Center-supported work with a new project to study the effects of cash transfers on rural elderly populations in Mexico.

**Melanie Jean Springer**, Department of Political Science, will use small grant funds for research assistant support for three projects. She will finalize her book manuscript, *The Rules We Vote By: The Evolution of Electoral Institutions and Voter Turnout in the American States, 1920-2000*. Then she will use the remaining funds to complete papers titled, “See Jane Run (for Congress): Re-examining Voter Bias, 1990-2008” (with Ryan Moore, Washington University), and “Why Georgia?” An Examination of Early Youth Enfranchisement” (with Bryan Lammon, Washington University).
On July 1, 2009, Gary S. Wihl, Ph.D., joined Washington University as Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences. Wihl, who holds the Hortense and Tobias Lewin Distinguished Professorship in Humanities, is also a professor in the Department of English in Arts & Sciences.

Dean Wihl was recruited from Rice University, where he served as dean of its School of Humanities for six years — responsible for a budget of roughly $26 million. During this time, he raised more than $40 million, including one of Rice’s largest single gifts ($20 million) for the recruitment of star faculty. He also established a new doctoral program in art history, increased faculty research support by 348 percent, increased graduate student stipends by 32.5 percent, and added postdoctoral fellowships in gender studies, classics, linguistics and German studies.

Prior to joining Rice, Dr. Wihl was acting dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Emory University and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at McGill University.

Dean Wihl’s research activities focus on the interpretation of liberalism and constitutional change in selected 19th- and 20th-century English and American authors. He has published two books, The Contingency of Theory, Pragmatism, Expressivism, and Deconstruction and Ruskin and the Rhetoric of Infallibility. He is also the co-editor of two collections of essays.

A native of Montreal, Canada, he earned a bachelor’s degree in English (1976) and a master’s degree in English (1978) from McGill University. He also holds a Ph.D. from Yale University (1983). He has received numerous awards and grants, including many from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

“Gary Wihl brings his many talents as both an accomplished scholar and an experienced administrator to Washington University at a very important time in our history...We are excited about the prospect of working with Gary Wihl and will value the intellectual leadership he will bring to Arts & Sciences and to the University more broadly,” Wrighton said.

“Arts & Sciences at Washington University has achieved remarkable momentum during the last 10 years, something that is well known in higher education circles,” Wihl said. “I feel honored to be selected by the faculty and the University leadership for this position as the University seeks to fulfill the goals of the Plan for Excellence over the next 10 years. (My wife) Sarah and I are immensely excited about joining an outstanding academic community and doing all we can to contribute to its further success.”

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Macroeconomic Workshop and Development and Public Policy Workshop

In an effort to enrich the programs offered to departmental graduate students and to encourage collaboration among faculty, the Center supports a variety of workshop programs. These programs run in the fall and spring of each academic year. Scholars are brought in from across the globe to participate in this program. Currently the Center supports the department’s Macroeconomics Workshop and its Development and Public Policy Workshop.

For a complete list of upcoming seminars, please visit the Department of Economics website, http://economics.wustl.edu/index_seminars.php.

SMOOTHING ON FACULTY
Pamela Jakiela

Professor Jakiela has received a grant from the Weidenbaum Center to measure the economic impacts of social pressures. Understanding how social pressure influences individual investment decisions can help design more effective and efficient financial products for micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries. In addition, understanding the cultural context in which policy interventions are tested, and quantifying the relationship between social pressures and economic decisions in several environments, can help better predict which programs will be effective. The project seeks to quantify the income amount individuals are willing to forgo in order to keep their earnings secret and avoid facing social pressures to share with relatives and neighbors.

Since it is impossible to characterize the profitability of occupational or investment options not taken, this question cannot be answered using survey data. It is necessary to conduct actual social experiments in poor, rural communities since the goal is to measure the effects of actual social pressures on economic outcomes.

Juan Pantano

A Weidenbaum Center small grant is providing funds for initial research which will lay the groundwork for a larger research program that seeks to understand:

1. the magnitude of defensive medicine in the United States, and
2. the extent to which defensive medicine is the result of suboptimal incentives from the tort liability system.

The project is titled Tort Reform and Defensive Medicine: Towards a Dynamic Structural Model of Physician Behavior and Medical Malpractice Litigation.

After collecting comprehensive data, Professor Pantano will develop and estimate a structural model of medical mistakes and medical malpractice litigation. The estimated model will then be used to simulate alternative tort reforms — such as caps on damages. The advantage of this comprehensive model is that it allows one to track down the impact of specific policy reforms at each stage of the process. Some policies may affect the “downstream” conditions at one end of the model (for example, a cap on damages) but their impact can be traced out at every “upstream” level to the point at which it affects physician behavior.

Defensive medical practices are often cited as contributing to rising health care costs in the United States. President Obama’s address to the joint sessions of Congress included a brief passage that seemed to give a green light for state level tort reform demonstration projects. These demonstrations will serve as pilot experiments that will ultimately inform comprehensive tort reform in the area of medical malpractice.

Professor Pantano stresses the importance of being prepared to advise the design of such demonstrations in upcoming years. This research is also key to the state of Missouri, which adopted damage caps in 2005 and is currently considering their elimination.
Political Science Faculty News

In April 2009, U. S. News & World Report ranked the Department No. 7 in the field of political methodology in its annual ranking of graduate and professional programs. The report also ranked the Department among the top 15 in American politics and overall political science programs for graduate students.

**NEW FACULTY**

Two scholars, both from Harvard University, joined the faculty in the fall of 2009. Their area of expertise is formal theory.

**John Patty** is a formal political theorist whose work focuses on political institutions, particularly legislatures and bureaucratic agencies. He teaches undergraduate courses on Congress and the federal bureaucracy and graduate courses on game theory and formal models of political institutions. His work has been published in *American Journal of Political Science, Economics & Politics, Electoral Studies, Games & Economic Behavior, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Mathematical & Computer Modelling, Politics, Philosophy, & Economics, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, and Social Choice & Welfare.*

**Elizabeth Maggie Penn** is a formal political theorist whose work focuses on social choice theory and political institutions. She teaches undergraduate courses on electoral systems and agent-based modeling and graduate courses on social choice theory. Her work has been published in *American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Mathematical & Computer Modelling, Public Choice, Social Choice & Welfare, and Complexity.*

**SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY**

**Mona Lena Krook**

With the assistance of a grant from the Weidenbaum Center, Professor Mona Lena Krook has published a new book, *Quotas for Women in Politics: Gender and Candidate Selection Reform Worldwide* (Oxford University Press).

Also with the assistance of a Center grant, Krook has published *Quotas for Women in Politics: Gender and Candidate Selection Reform Worldwide,* the first book to address quotas as a global phenomenon. She examines the adoption of quota policies around the world and their impact in diverse contexts.

Krook combines data on quota policies from many different sources to analyze both the motivations within a country for initiating a quota policy and the ways in which the effects of such policies differ in various countries and regions of the world. After creating a theoretical framework for this subject, she then applies her research to campaigns for reserved seats in Pakistan and India, party quotas in Sweden and the United Kingdom, and legislative quotas in Argentina and France.

Another Weidenbaum Center grant supported Professor Krook’s book, *Women, Gender, and Politics: A Reader* (Oxford University Press, 2010, co-authored with Sarah Childs). The text includes both classic and recent essays on central topics in the field of gender and politics. The essays focus on comparing developed and developing countries. The book is divided into five sub-topics: (1) women and social movements, (2) women and political parties, (3) women, gender, and elections, (4) women, gender, and public policies, and (5) women, gender, and the state. In each section, they provide an introduction to that particular area of research, and demonstrate the ways writing on that topic has evolved chronologically and thematically. The book’s international perspectives and comprehensive thematic content make it an important resource for students of women and gender politics throughout the world.

Professor Krook also received the Graduate Student Senate Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award in 2009.

**Guillermo Rosas**

A Weidenbaum Center small grant provided the research assistance for Professor Guillermo Rosas’ newest book, *Curbing Bailouts. Bank Crises and Democratic Accountability in Comparative Perspective* (University of Michigan Press). In this book, Professor Rosas looks at the banking crises that arose around the globe in the late twentieth century and the factors that determine a government’s response.

He specifically examines the relationship between political regime type and government response. He identifies political regime type as the determining factor. He maintains
that in authoritarian regimes, government officials have little to shield them from powerful financial player’s demands for asset protection and little incentive for rebuffing them. While in democratic regimes, elected officials must weigh these demands against the interests of the voters (the taxpayers). As a result, compared with authoritarian regimes, democratic regimes show a lower propensity toward dramatic, costly bailouts.

This research reveals an unexpected pattern that could shed light on current economic policy making.

James Gibson and Steven Smith

In a Weidenbaum Center sponsored research project Professors Gibson and Smith are engaged in a study of one of the most fascinating aspects of national policy making in the United States – the filibuster, a mechanism by which a relatively small minority in the Senate can block the legislation favored by the majority. The filibuster has a long history in the Senate; most infamously, it is the tool by which southern Senators were able to block civil rights legislation in the 1950s and 1960s, and has recently taken the spotlight in the efforts of the Democrats to pass health care reform. They take a different approach to studying the filibuster by analyzing the attitudes of the American public via a large nationally representative survey conducted in 2009. The simple hypothesis is that those who favor the filibuster are those who profit from its use at any given moment and Gibson and Smith find some support for this view. However, they also find that support for the filibuster depends on more than simple self interest. Instead, Americans seem to have more general beliefs about majority rule and minority rights that spill over into more principled assessments of the filibuster. Gibson and Smith are currently conducting a follow-up study to determine within an actual political controversy how general political values and simple policy preferences shape attitudes toward the filibuster. This study, currently in the field, will provide a better understanding of filibuster attitudes.

Andrew Sobel

Professor Sobel has a new book project supported by a Center grant. Domestic Finance, Hegemony and Globalization is under contract at the University of Chicago Press. This project examines the domestic foundations of liberal economic leadership – or hegemony – in the global arena and how those foundations led to an expansion of global capitalism and globalization over the past four centuries.

The ability of a liberal hegemonic state to stabilize expectations and reduce uncertainty encourages investment among economic actors and promotes cooperation both domestically and with neighboring states. Liberal hegemonic states have a greater capacity to provide key collective goods; yet they must also bear a disproportionate share of the costs of providing those collective goods.

The project examines these phenomena during three periods of global leadership: the Dutch in the 1500s-1600s, the British in the 1700s-1800s, and the Americans in the 20th century through today. It provides insights about the roles of governance and financial mechanisms for global leadership in the past and the potential for U.S. decline as a hegemonic actor. It also sheds light on if, how, or when China, India, Japan, or others may challenge U.S. global political-economic leadership in the 21st century.

Calvert New Director of American Culture Studies

Professor Randy Calvert became director of American Culture Studies (AmCS) on July 1, 2009.

Miller Elected to Midwest Political Science Association

Professor Gary Miller has been elected Council Member for the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Miller, already on the APSR Editorial Board, will serve a three-year term (2009 – 2012).

Robert Walker Wins Miller Prize

Robert W. Walker, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Applied Statistics, and coauthors (Curtis Signorino, University of Rochester, and Muhammet A. Bas, Harvard University) received the Warren Miller Prize for best article published in Political Analysis (Volume 16). Their article title is “A Simple Method for Estimating Recursive Strategic Models.”
**Michael Orlando** received his Ph.D. in economics from Washington University in 2000. He also holds an M.B.A. in Business Administration from Tulane University (1993) and a B.S., with High Distinction, in Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering (1988) from The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Orlando is Principal of Economic Advisors, Inc. His practice offers expert economic analysis, testimony, and policy advice to businesses and government; and specializes in bargaining models and strategy development for complex, multi-stakeholder issues. He is also Adjunct Professor of Finance at Tulane University. His research spans a range of topics in applied microeconomics. He has published work on corporate governance, financial regulatory policy, the economics of payments networks, the geography and industrial demography of innovation, energy, and environmental policy.

He has also held several other key positions. As Vice President for Research and Product Development with evolve24, LLC, a business analytics firm specializing in reputation metrics, he developed and validated algorithms for quantifying media content. As a Research Economist in the Federal Reserve System, and then Vice President and Branch Executive of the Denver Branch, he was responsible for regional economic research, energy markets analysis, policy advising, and public communication. At Shell Oil Company, he provided reservoir engineering and economic evaluation expertise for oil and gas exploration and development projects in the Gulf of Mexico. At Shell, he also worked as an environmental engineer, where he ensured environmental compliance and managed the company’s relationship to a listed Superfund site.

He currently resides in Denver with his wife Sarah and their daughter Hannah (4th grade). He loves to cook, hike, camp, and ski. He can be reached by email: michael.j.orlando@econadv.com.

**Claudia Campbell** received her Ph.D. in economics from Washington University in 1988, her M.A from Vanderbilt University, and her B.A. from Lincoln Memorial University.

Dr. Campbell is a Professor in the Department of Health Systems Management at Tulane University in the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine where she teaches graduate level courses in health economics and introduction to the health system and mentors doctoral students. She previously served as Department Chair from 2002-2007. Prior to her position at Tulane University, she taught at Saint Louis University (SLU) and chaired the SLU Health Administration Department.

She has published a number of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and co-authored the textbook, *Financial Management in a Managed Care Environment*. Her current research is focused on quality and cost implications of implementing health information technology into physician practices and hospitals as part of her broader interest in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care delivery system.

Dr. Campbell currently serves on the board of directors for the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum and the Louisiana Health Care Alliance/Louisiana Business Group on Health, is on the Strategic Advisory Board of Amedisys, Inc. and is a member of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Data Panel for the Consumer’s Right to Know Initiative.

She currently resides in New Orleans with her husband, Steve Campbell. She has two sons and four grandchildren who provide good reasons for her to visit St. Louis and Denver on a regular basis. She enjoys skiing, hiking and traveling.

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James A. Langenfeld
received his Ph.D. in economics from Washington University and an AB in economics and English literature from Georgetown University.

He is a director at LECG and an adjunct professor at Loyola University’s School of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

His work at LECG covers a wide variety of industries — consumer products, manufacturing, health care, pharmaceuticals, defense, metals, computer software and design, telecommunications, sports, transportation, and petroleum.

Dr. Langenfeld often serves as an economic expert in litigation matters relating to antitrust, intellectual property, class certification, government regulation, general conspiracy issues, contracts, and damages. He has testified in court for private parties and government agencies in federal, state, and European litigation. He makes presentations to government agencies on a variety of matters including mergers.

His background includes ten years of service at the Federal Trade Commission, including six years as director for antitrust in the Bureau of Economics. He was also senior economist at General Motors Corporation, where his responsibilities included economic analyses of mergers, production processes, supplier management, and competition issues.

He has received the Federal Trade Commission Distinguished Service Award, SES Meritorious Service Award, and is an honoree of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Department of Justice 1982 Guidelines, Adolph G. Abramson Scroll for an outstanding article in Business Economics.

He publishes in numerous journals and books on a variety of economic topics including antitrust, intellectual property, regulations, and damages issues.

Dr. Langenfeld and his wife reside in Chicago, Illinois. He can be reached by email: jlangenfeld@lecg.com.

Chris Douglass is Principal of Economic Advisors, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in information modeling and strategy formation on complex multi-stakeholder issues.

Mr. Douglass’ history with the Weidenbaum Center began in 1996, when he became a research fellow, working on environmental, regulatory, and international policy issues.

He received his Master’s Degree in International Relations from the University of Virginia, then worked as a Foreign Service Officer and as an executive at a technology firm. He is now a member of the Weidenbaum Center’s Eliot Society.

In addition to his consulting work, Mr. Douglass continues his involvement in public policy issues. In the last year, he has published an op-ed in the Orlando Sentinel on insurance regulation and spoken at Saint Louis University’s Cook School of Business and at the Weidenbaum Center.

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