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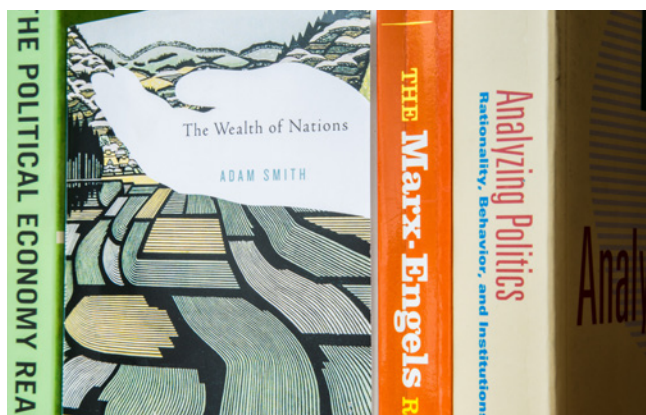
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Thirty Years of Core Courses, Core Strengths

THE MURPHY INSTITUTE'S POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM has now graduated 30 classes of political economy majors. While they have gone on to work in a variety of careers, they have all benefitted from the political economy program's core courses, taught by some of Tulane's leading faculty. Multidisciplinary programs such as the program in Political Economy at The Murphy Institute face the challenge of preserving the integrity of the curriculum in the face of the plethora of electives available to our students. Over the years we have met this challenge by creating and maintaining an effective core of required courses that allow our students to develop skills that reflect each of our constitutive disciplines: Economics, Political Science, Philosophy, and History.



Select readings from The Murphy Institute's Political Economy program

Our five-course core Political Economy sequence begins with PECN 3010, *Positive Political Economy*. Formerly known as *Introduction to Political Economy*, this course has been retitled to better reflect its content. Positive political economy seeks to understand and predict policy outcomes and political behavior using tools and concepts from economics. Using this approach, the course examines how institutional constraints in the

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THIRTY YEARS OF CORE COURSES, CORE STRENGTHS

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political environment affect the choices of these actors and the resulting political outcomes. This course is taught most frequently by Professor Mary Olson of the Economics Department.

The next course in the sequence is our most popular course among non-majors, PECN 3020, *Political Economy: An Historical Overview*. Taught regularly since the inception of our program by Professor Richard Teichgraeber, former Director of The Murphy Institute, this course is known for the excellent presentation of a demanding range of topics in intellectual history in political economy. Beginning with the experience of Europe in the 15th century, it examines what the unprecedented wealth of modern Western societies has meant for the understanding and practice of politics. It also explains what caused the economic abundance of Western nations to come into being in the first place, and how that abundance has been sustained over time.

The depth of our teaching roster allows us to offer multiple sections of another popular course among non-majors, PECN 3030, *The Individual, Society, and State*. This course presents an integrated philosophical study of the main alternatives in political ideology advocated in the modern world. The course delves into the philosophical foundations of ideas concerning justice, freedom, autonomy, and state power. It is taught by an impressive array of faculty members from the Philosophy Department, including Professors Alison Denham, Jonathan Riley, and David Shoemaker.

Our curriculum takes a global perspective in PECN 3040, *Comparative and International Political Economy*. Taught by Professor Doug Nelson of the Economics Department and Professor Mark Vail of the Political Science Department, this course presents a multi-faceted view of the relations between economic and political systems. Students in the course attempt to develop an understanding of globalization, develop a comparative analysis of the links between globalization and national outcomes, and examine the international institutions that attempt to manage globalization.

Finally, our capstone course, PECN 6000, *Majors Seminar*, focuses on a large theme or question that no single discipline in the program uniquely claims for its own and no one approach exhausts. Examples of such issues include health care policy and regulation, the rise of the nation state, capitalism and democracy, the foundations of economic behavior, the organization and meaning of work, and industrialization, economic growth, and social change. Our faculty define the issues that most engage them as teachers and scholars and that sustain a coherent cross-disciplinary course offering. Our faculty teach the seminar on a rotating basis, so the current topic is always fresh and engaging.

Our first students who graduated from the Political Economy major 30 years ago will recognize these courses. They have provided the foundation for an effective multidisciplinary experience that has proven to be lasting and sustainable.



Steven M. Sheffrin, Executive Director
August 2016

2016 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW

FROM THE LOCAL TO THE GLOBAL

This year marks a milestone with the first graduating class of the Altman Program in International Studies & Business receiving their diplomas at the spring 2016 commencement. The Altman Program is a dual-degree double-major program combined with intensive foreign language study and multiple study-abroad experiences. Students receive a B.S.M. degree in some area of business studies along with a B.A. degree in a liberal arts major. Of the twelve students in this first Altman cohort, four were Political Economy majors: NATHAN BENJAMIN '16, ETHAN LEVY '16, KAILA LOPEZ '16, and KATHERINE SMITH '16. This was an extremely accomplished group of students, meeting the requirements of their challenging program with aplomb.

ETHAN LEVY '16 deserves special mention for the sheer number of ventures and organizational activities in which he participated. He was a dual-degree double major in Management and Political Economy with a minor in Social Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship. Ethan completed an incredible 182 hours of coursework, graduating cum laude, with two full semesters of credits beyond the requirements needed for his dual degree. He somehow managed to find time to be a Center for Public Service Student Advisory Board member, a Changemaker Institute Accelerator Fellow, Global Leadership ExCHANGE Fellow for Social Entrepreneurship, Tulane Entrepreneurs Association Undergraduate Coordinator, Social Innovation Student Advisory Board member, Clinton Global Initiative University Team Leader, co-founder of Startup Tulane, as well as being the founder of his own entrepreneurial venture, FailUp LLC. He participated in and won numerous awards for dozens of competitions and conferences in social innovation and social entrepreneurship.

NATHAN BENJAMIN '16 of the Altman Program also made his mark by receiving a Fulbright Fellowship to Mexico, for a combined binational business and academic program. In addition to Nathan, two other students from our program received Fulbright Fellowships: SAMUEL FISHMAN '16 (Venezuela) and ABIGAIL GOODMAN '16 (Taiwan). This marks the most Fulbright awards our students have received in a single year in recent memory.

The international aspects of our program are important to our students. One in four of our majors pursues the International Perspectives track (PEIP) in our program. ABIGAIL GOODMAN '16 writes, "I have really enjoyed the program and I have gotten a lot out of it. It was the major that I sort of stumbled into, but one that I think I belong in. I have learned about the world and its systems, and I hope to carry that knowledge with me out of Tulane to improve my communities." ETHAN CHAMPAGNE '17 tells us, "My studies in The Murphy Institute have helped me become a much better global citizen as I've gained a wealth of intellectual capital that has been present in much of everyday conversation with people that I've met in Europe and other places."

Finally, many of our students express the view stated by EMILY LUBIN '16: "I've really enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of this special community at Tulane. I have truly gained so much knowledge from both the amazing political economy professors and my peers! I'm glad that I decided to major in Political Economy." ☺

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28 NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE SENIORS were awarded B.A. degrees in Political Economy at the May 2016 University Commencement. Several received high academic honors, with 3 students graduating summa cum laude and 2 students graduating magna cum laude. The summa cum laude graduates are EMILY LUBIN, NELLIE SEMMES, and GAETANO TRACHTENBERG. The magna cum laude graduates are ABIGAIL GOODMAN and KATHERINE SMITH.

Other members of the class of 2016 include JOSHUA ARNOW, LARSTON BRUCE BALDREE, NATHAN BENJAMIN, JORDAN BRADFORD-SHIVERS, HENRY CHAMBERLAIN, MAXWELL DOWNEY, SAMUEL FISHMAN, SAMUEL FULLER, KATHERINE HILLMAN, LUCAS INDEGLIA, SAMUEL C.P. INGALLS, ANTHONY KOVE, ROWAN LANGFORD, ETHAN LEVY, KAILA LOPEZ, GRANT OGLESBY, BRENNAN RYAN, EMILY SIMKISS, BRANDON SINNOTT, SCOTT SPIEGEL, JOHN SUPIK, BRADLEY THORNTON, and SOPHIA WALDSTEIN. Fall 2015 graduates include ZACHARY OSHIN, WILLIAM PAVORD, SIDDHANT RAMAKRISHNA, and MATT SIMON.

The Charles H. Murphy Prize in Political Economy was awarded to EMILY LUBIN, NELLIE SEMMES, and GAETANO TRACHTENBERG. The Murphy Institute Public Service Award was presented to NELLIE SEMMES. The Senior Honors Scholar in Political Economy was NELLIE SEMMES.

NELLIE SEMMES was a dual-degree double major in Political Economy and Neuroscience. She won the Charles H.



Murphy Prize, the Murphy Institute Public Service Award, and was named the Senior Honors Scholar in Political Economy. She was also the Senior Honors Scholar in Neuroscience, recognized for her undergraduate thesis, "The Transactivation, Epigenetic Regulation and CRISPR/Cas9 Gene Editing of HER4 in Breast Cancer". She won the Newcomb-Tulane College Dean's Service Award for exemplary leadership, scholarship, honor, service, and commitment to the college and campus community. She was a member

of Oak Wreath and was chosen from among our senior majors to attend the national undergraduate conference for programs in PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duke University. She was Executive Board member and Vice President for Model United Nations, and was named honorable, distinguished or best delegate six times in different competitions. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and won the Karlem Riess Memorial Award, given to the top inductee and outstanding senior in the Alpha of Louisiana chapter. She was a member of the William Wallace Peery Society and won the William Wallace Peery Medal for Academic Excellence, bestowed upon the graduating senior who has achieved the most distinguished academic record. She is the first student in the history of Tulane University to receive both the Karlem Riess Award and the William Wallace Peery Medal. She participated in original research with the Jones Laboratory and the Tulane Stroke Research Program, and volunteered in the Hematology and Oncology unit, and the Emergency Department at Children's Hospital New Orleans. She also volunteered at the Tulane Stroke Survivors Support Group, New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center, and KIPP Believe College Prep Charter School. Nellie was accepted into multiple graduate programs and medical schools, and she will enter the joint M.D. and Ph.D. program at Duke University.

[UNDERGRADUATE

EMILY LUBIN was a double major in Political Economy and History, with a minor in Urban Studies. She was a co-recipient of the Charles H. Murphy Prize. She won the S. Walter Stern 1905 Memorial Medal and the Sidney Beyer Prize for Excellence in American History for her paper, "The American Invasion of Grenada, 1983". She was a member of Mortar Board, Women in Politics, and Omicron Delta Kappa. Emily played mellophone and was section leader for the Tulane University Marching Band and was also in the Tulane University Orchestra, SoundWave Pep Band, and Green Wave Winds. She completed a number of internships with various organizations during her undergraduate career, including the Orleans Public Defenders, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, Innocence Project New Orleans, Project SAVE, and the Gulf Restoration Network. She will attend law school at the University of Pennsylvania.



GAETANO TRACHTENBERG was a co-recipient of the Charles H. Murphy Prize. He was a double minor in Social Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship and Latin American Studies. Tano was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He was a Design Thinking Fellow at the Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking. He was a member of Divest Tulane and Vice President of Startup Tulane. He completed internships at Our School at Blair Grocery, ReAct New Orleans, the Independent Police Monitor in New Orleans, and the One World Play Project in Berkeley, California.



SAMUEL FISHMAN won the Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award, and a Leaders in Service Award. He completed a minor in Political Science. Sam was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to serve in the English Teaching Assistant Program in Merida, Venezuela at a binational center called El Centro Venezolano Americano de Merida (CEVAM). He completed internships with the ACLU, the Orleans Public Defenders, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the

Eastern District of Louisiana. He plans to attend law school and to pursue a career as a diplomat.

NATHAN BENJAMIN was a dual-degree double major in Political Economy and Business and a member of the founding class of the Altman Program in International Studies & Business. He was President of Model United Nations and was a Supply Chain intern with Entergy Shared Services. Nathan was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Mexico City as part of the Binational Internship with Fulbright, interning in a business and taking a class at a university.



JORDAN BRADFORD-SHIVERS received a Newcomb Alumnae Association Community Service Award and won the 1914-2004 Award for Exceptional Character from the Newcomb College Institute. She was Weatherhead Residence Hall Housing Services Coordinator, Council President for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, President of the African-American Women's Society, and served as Vice President of Programming for Nu Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Jordan will attend law school at Vanderbilt University.



POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM '16]

JOSHUA ARNOW was a double major in Economics and will work as a credit risk analyst in Capital One's Commercial Banking Development Program, serving as part of the Commercial & Industrial middle-market underwriting team in New York.

LARSTON BRUCE BALDREE was a minor in Economics. He was a constituent services intern for the office of Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) and a Project SAVE volunteer intern at New Orleans Family Justice Center. He will attend law school at the University of Georgia, where he received a Research Clerkship Scholarship.

ABIGAIL GOODMAN was a coordinate major in Asian Studies. She received a Fulbright Fellowship as an English Teaching Assistant in Taiwan. She interned at the Education Research Alliance, and was a hotline operator for SAPHE (Sexual Aggression Peer Hotline and Education). She played trumpet in the Tulane Orchestra.

SAMUEL FULLER was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and entered active duty in the United States Marine Corps. He will be attending The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia for six months, starting in August, and upon completion of training will be heading to the Military Occupational Specialty School. He received the President's Cup and the General Barrow Award for being the top-ranked Midshipman in his NROTC class at Tulane.

LUCAS INDEGLIA will be working for a real estate development group based in Boston, specifically in the new business development department. He participated in numerous internships and public service projects, including the Micah Project, LASPCA, and Habitat for Humanity.

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SOPHIA WALDSTEIN was a double major in Political Science. She will be spending the year participating in Avodah Jewish Service Corps, working for Bread for the City as a Housing Coordinator in Washington, D.C. She was an intern at the Pennsylvania Innocence Project in Philadelphia and at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs in Jerusalem. Sophia was a Chabad Student Board Member and a Greenwave Israel Scholars Outreach Chair.

GRANT OGLESBY interned for the cryptocurrency derivatives firm GryfenCrypto in San Francisco and also interned for DLA Piper, a corporate law firm in Palo Alto, California. He will attend the UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, where he has received the Chancellor's Scholarship.

ROWAN LANGFORD was a dual-degree double major in Political Economy and Mathematics. She will be teaching mathematics in the District of Columbia Public School System with the DC Teaching Fellows Program.

EMILY SIMKISS has been accepted in the Koch Associate Program at the Charles Koch Institute and will be participating in the 2016-2017 session and is also pursuing an internship with the Human Rights Foundation. She interned at the Charles Koch Institute through the Koch Internship Program.



BRANDON SINNOTT was a founding member of Divest Tulane. He was a member of Tulane College Democrats and was the Co-Chair for the Bernie Sanders Campaign at Tulane. He is seeking a position with the Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office as an investigator.

JOHN SUPIK was a double major in Political Science. He interned at Griffin Law Group and the Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office. He volunteered at Miracle League, Habitat for Humanity, and Roots of Renewal. He will attend law school at George Washington University. ☺

THE JUDITH KELLEHER SCHAFER SUMMER INTERNSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Funds from the Judith Kelleher Schafer Summer Internship Grant Program were used to endow six awards in the amount of \$2,500 each for summer 2016. The students receiving the funds, along with their graduating class, hometown, and internship placements, are as follows:

NICOLE CARLE '17 from Holtsville, New York, will intern for Whitmer & Worrall LLC in Washington, D.C.

NATHANIEL FOWLER '17 from Marblehead, Massachusetts, will intern for the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti/Bureau des Avocats Internationaux in Boston.

OLIVIA MANZ '17 from Marathon, Florida, will intern for the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DANIELLE ROOF '17 from San Carlos, California, will intern for Team Ascent at Sequoia High School in Redwood City, California.

JORDAN SOLOMON '18 from San Francisco, California, will intern for the New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NATHAN WINSHALL '17 from Boston, Massachusetts, will intern for the Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office in New Orleans, Louisiana.

ALUMNI NEWS

In 1986, eight students formed the first graduating class of the Political Economy Program at The Murphy Institute. In the next 30 years, more than 800 additional students have graduated from Tulane's most popular and well-respected multidisciplinary undergraduate program. To celebrate this milestone, The Murphy Institute will be hosting a reception during 2016 Homecoming Weekend. Please join us for a celebration of our students and alumni.

2016 HOMECOMING RECEPTION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016, 5:30 – 8 PM
BERKETT MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, TULANE LAW SCHOOL

1980s

JENNIFER WIES '86 is the owner of Quarry Connections, a wholesale distributor of natural stone products, in Baltimore, Maryland. **MARK C. FROST '87** is Managing Director at Hays Österreich GmbH in Vienna, Austria. **KRISTEN BLAIR MULHOLLAND '88** is Vice President, Human Resources at Janssen Pharmaceuticals Companies of Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, New Jersey. **CARLO V. DI FLORIO '89** is the Chief Risk Officer and Head of Strategy for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He has been recognized as one of the "100 Most Influential Leaders in Corporate Governance" by The National Association of Corporate Directors, as one of the "Top 50 Pioneers and Trailblazers in Governance, Risk and Compliance" by *The National Law Journal*, and as one of the "100 Most Powerful People in Finance" by *Worth* magazine.



< Carlo V. di Florio '89 is the Chief Risk Officer and Head of Strategy for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

international human rights lawyer and a strategic litigation consultant. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Washington and a J.D. from New York University School of Law. **ASHLEY LIEBKE BOGGS '92** is Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Deposco, Inc. in Alpharetta, Georgia.

1990s

DAVID S. COX '90 was named to the 2016 South Carolina Super Lawyers list as a "Top Rated Personal Injury Products Attorney". He is a member attorney at Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms, LLC, in Charleston, South Carolina. **GREG YAVNER '90** is Director, Global Risk & Research for Maci Family Office Advisors, Inc. through Porchlight Consulting, LLC in Dallas, Texas. **RONI AMIT '91** is Senior Researcher at the African Centre for Migration & Society at the University of Witwatersrand. Over the years she has worked as an



< David S. Cox '90 is a member attorney at Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms, LLC, in Charleston, South Carolina.

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS

✿ JAMES ALM, Professor and Chair of Economics, was appointed as a member to the Task Force on Structural Change in Budget and Tax Policy, created by Louisiana House Concurrent Resolution 11. With J. Sebastian Leguizamon (a former Murphy Institute Postdoctoral Fellow) he co-edited *Behavioral Responses to Taxation* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016); he also co-authored “Enforcement, Socio-economic Diversity, and Tax Filing Compliance in the United States” *Southern Economic Journal* (2016), “Using Public Information to Estimate Self-employment Earnings of Informal Suppliers” *Public Budgeting and Finance* (2016), and “Corruption and Firm Tax Evasion” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (2016). Furthermore, he served as President of the Southern Economic Association (2015-2016) and was honored with the Lawrence M. v. D. Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics by Tulane’s Department of Economics.

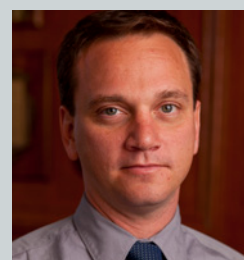


✿ Professor of Economics MARY OLSON continued to serve as director of The Murphy Institute’s Health Policy Working Group. As part of The Murphy Institute’s Health Policy Program, she organized a mini-conference, “Innovation and Behavior in Health Markets” on February 19, 2016.

✿ DAVID SHOEMAKER, Professor of Philosophy, is the author of *Responsibility from the Margins* (Oxford University Press, 2015) and is a recipient of a subgrant from the Templeton Foundation’s “The Philosophy and Science of Self-Control” project, directed by Al Mele at Florida State University, for his project “Empathic Self-Control.” Additionally, he presented invited papers on empathy, self-control, anger, and forgiveness at the University of Wyoming, University of Michigan, University of San Francisco, Zagreb (Croatia), the National Institutes of Health, University of New Orleans, Davidson College, University of Houston, Harvard, and Northwestern.

✿ RONNA BURGER, Professor of Philosophy, Catherine & Henry J. Gaisman Chair, and Sizeler Professor of Jewish Studies, published a monograph, *On Plato’s Euthyphro*, in English with facing German translation (Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, December 2015). She is the co-editor of a collection of essays, *The Eccentric Core*, forthcoming in 2016 from St. Augustine’s Press.

✿ ADAM FEIBELMAN, Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Sumter Davis Marks Professor of Law, Tulane University Law School, published “The IMF and Regulation of Cross-Border Capital Flows” *Chicago Journal of International Law* (2015).



✿ DOUGLAS HARRIS, Professor of Economics, Schneider Foundation Chair in Public Education, and Director of the Education Research Alliance for New Orleans, is the co-author of “Reducing Income Inequality in Educational Attainment: Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Financial Aid on College Completion” *American Journal of Sociology* (2016) and “How Can Decentralized Systems Solve System-Level Problems? An Analysis of Market-Driven New Orleans School Reforms” *American Behavioral Scientist* (2015). On January 20, 2016, he visited the White House to discuss President Obama’s free community college initiative with his Domestic Policy Council.

✿ DOUGLAS NELSON, Professor of Economics, is the co-author of “Non-Tariff Barriers, Integration, and the Trans-Atlantic Economy” *Economic Policy* (2015).



For the sake of brevity, we asked our faculty to limit journal articles to two. For a complete list of publications, please see our website at murphy.tulane.edu/people/faculty



☉ Professor of Philosophy ERIC MACK is the author of a 2015 blog post, “The New Natural Law in Chartier’s Anarchism and Legal Order” on *What’s Wrong?* (Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado) available at <http://whatswrongcvsp.com/2015/12/07/mack-on-chartier-on-anarchism/> and “Elbow Room for Self-Defense” *Social Philosophy and Policy* (2016).

☉ ALISON DENHAM, Professor of Philosophy, contributed “Ethical Estrangement: Pictures, Poetry and Epistemic Value” to *The Philosophy of Poetry* (Oxford University Press, 2015) and, with former Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Graduate Fellow Franklin Worrell, co-authored “Fragments of the Self: Identity, Agency and Integration” in *Philosophy & Psychiatry: Problems, Intersections and New Perspectives* (Routledge, 2015).



☉ JONATHAN RILEY, Professor of Philosophy, was invited to serve as Steinkraus Lecturer for 2015 at the State University of New York at Oswego, October 2, 2015. His *Mill On Liberty* (Routledge, 1998, 2015) went into a second, revised and expanded edition, as did his “Welfare: Philosophical Aspects” in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Vol. 25 (Elsevier, 2015).

☉ ANN M. LIPTON, Associate Professor, Tulane University Law School, published “Manufactured Consent: The Problem of Arbitration Clauses in Corporate Charters and Bylaws” *Georgetown Law Journal* (2016) and “Slouching Towards Monell: The Disappearance of Vicarious Liability Under Section 10(b)” *Washington University Law Review* (2015).

☉ Associate Professor of Philosophy OLIVER SENSEN’s book *Kant on Human Dignity* (De Gruyter, 2011) now appears in paperback, after *Kant-Studien* (founded in 1896) did its first-ever book symposium on this work. Among others, Sensen published “The Supreme Principle of Morality” in *Reading Kant’s Lectures* (De Gruyter, 2015).

☉ MARK VAIL, Associate Professor of Political Science, was invited to speak at the 20th Anniversary Conference for the Center for German and European Studies and Institute for European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where he gave a talk titled “Beyond Ordoliberalism: German Liberal Ideas and the Development of the Social Market Economy since 1990.” He is also the co-author (with Darius Ornston) of the forthcoming “The Developmental State in Developed Societies: Power, Partnership, and Divergent Patterns of Intervention in France and Finland” *Journal of Comparative Politics* (2017).



☉ Celia Scot Weatherhead Professor of Philosophy RICHARD VELKLEY was elected as Vice-President and President-Elect of the Metaphysical Society of America for 2016-17. Additionally, he published two chapters in edited volumes: “David Hume on Principle, Nature, and the Indirect Influence of Philosophy” in *Principle and Prudence in the History of Western Political Thought* (State University of New York Press, 2016) and “The Model of Human Nature and the Revision of Premises in Spinoza’s Ethics” in *In Search of Humanity: Essays in Honor of Clifford Orwin* (Lexington Books, 2015).

☉ Associate Professor of Political Science MARTYN THOMPSON’s new book, *Ideology and Philosophy in History*, is under contract to be published by Routledge in England later this year.

2000S

After spending the past six years in London, **REUBEN HALPER '00** recently relocated to Auckland, New Zealand with his family. He is still working for Google and leads the New Zealand agency team responsible for working with various advertising agencies in New Zealand. **MILES WIDSTROM '03** is Senior Corporate Attorney at Entrust Datacard in Minnetonka, Minnesota. **MARQUEST J. MEEKS '04** lives in New Orleans, Louisiana, and is Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the Public Integrity Unit. He is also Associate Professor of Trial Advocacy for the Tulane Law School. **VANESSA COHEN GRIEVE '06** is an associate in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a member of Gibson Dunn's Tax Practice Group.



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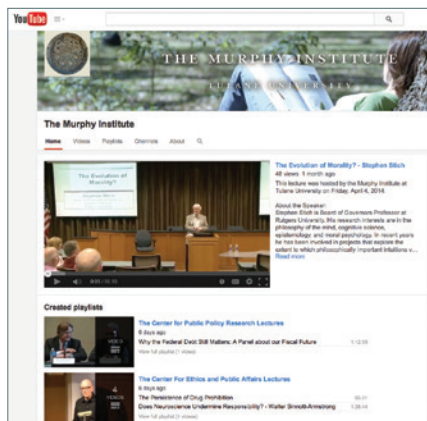
2010S

KIRSTEN LEE HILL '10 received her Ph.D. in Education Policy from the University of Pennsylvania. While at Penn, Kirsten was a Moorman-Simon Fellow and a David L. Clark Scholar. She is teaching at the University of Delaware while continuing as a consultant for the Consortium for Policy Research in Education. **MEREDITH BURTON '14** is Assistant Marketing Manager at Central Gulf Railway in New Orleans, Louisiana. **ALYSSA ZEUTZIUS '14** has been accepted to the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management program at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College. She is currently a

Graduate Intern at the Congressional Research Service, working in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, covering issues of Defense Budget, Manpower, and Management. She is co-authoring a report in the area of military personnel policy that will be published and made available to Congress. **ROBERT M. WHITE '15** is a media assistant with GMMB, tracking competitive media spending on state and federal races to inform Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee advertising strategists. In his avocation as soccer referee, he has been promoted to start refereeing lower-level professional men's soccer matches. 🏈



< Alyssa Zeutzus '14 has been accepted to the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management program at Carnegie Mellon



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2015 YATES
LECTURE

TAXING BEARDS AND BREASTS, WIGS AND WINDOWS:

Weird Taxes of the Past and Their Lessons for Tax Policy Today



PROFESSOR JOEL SLEMROD'S presentation at the 2015 Yates Lecture focused on "weird" taxes from the past and their lessons for tax policy today. Slemrod used historical episodes from recent to ancient times to illustrate the basic principles of taxation. He introduced the notion of the excess burden of taxation, where, in the process of collecting taxes, the burden on the taxpayer is almost always more than the money that must be remitted to the government, because the taxes

induce the taxpayer to change her behavior in inadventitious ways. As examples, he argued that without a property tax based on the frontage of the house, the houses in Amsterdam, New Orleans, and Vietnam would not be skinny and long, and without a tax on working dogs with tails, dogs in the United Kingdom may never have had their tails docked. Slemrod also discussed taxes designed purposefully to change behavior, some for nefarious purposes and others in an effort to control negative externalities. Eighteenth-century Russia saw a tax on beards when Tsar Peter the Great wished to westernize his nobility; the women of the lower caste in India had to pay taxes to cover up their breasts; and poll taxes existed in the United States to restrict black suffrage. On the other hand, there are taxes levied on social bads such as pollution that induce the taxpayer to think about the negative consequences of his actions and change his behavior accordingly. Slemrod also discussed tax evasion, tax enforcement, and tax havens, before concluding his lecture with the following quote: "Taxation has the power to destroy, but if used wisely, it can regulate social bads."

JOEL SLEMROD is the Paul W. McCracken Collegiate Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, and Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics. He also serves as Director of the Office of Tax Policy Research, an interdisciplinary research center housed at the Ross School of Business. Dr. Slemrod received his B.A. from Princeton University in 1973 and his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University in 1980. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Canadian Department of Finance, the New Zealand Department of Treasury, the South Africa Ministry of Finance, the World Bank, and the OECD. From 1992 to 1998, Dr. Slemrod was editor of the *National Tax Journal*. His numerous books include *Taxes in America: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Oxford University Press, 2012), *Taxing Ourselves: A Citizen's Guide to the Debate Over Taxes* (MIT Press, 2008), and *Tax Systems* (MIT Press, 2013). In 2012, he received the National Tax Association's most prestigious award, the Daniel M. Holland Medal for distinguished lifetime contributions to the study and practice of public finance.

The Mary C. Parker Yates Lecture, endowed in 1996 by Murphy Institute alumna Rebecca Yates ('89) Velandier in memory of her mother, is The Murphy Institute's major public academic event. Designed to promote university-wide discussion of issues of current concern, the annual Yates Lecture brings leading thinkers and public figures to the Tulane campus.

INNOVATION AND BEHAVIOR IN HEALTH MARKETS

This one-day conference brought together a group of scholars from economics, public health, and medicine to present research that generated discussion about innovation and behavior in health markets.

MATTHEW GRENNAN

Assistant Professor, Healthcare Management,
The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania
***Regulating Innovation with Uncertain
Quality: Information, Risk, and Access
in Medical Devices***

MARY OLSON

Associate Professor of Economics,
Tulane University
***Examining Firm Responses to Innovation
Policy: An Analysis of Pediatric Exclusivity***

DAVID CHAN

Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Stanford School of Medicine
***Uncertainty, Tacit Knowledge, and
Practice Variation: Evidence from
Physicians in Training***

JIANJING LIN

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Murphy Institute,
Tulane University
***Does Hospital Electronic Medical
Record Adoption Lead to Upcoding
or More Accurate Coding?***

GULTEKIN GOLLU

Postdoctoral Fellow,
The Murphy Institute, Tulane University
***Socio-Economic Heterogeneity of Health
Insurance Coverage Expansion's Effects on
Young Adults' Labor Supply: Evidence
from 2010 Affordable Care Act***

DAVID BRADFORD >

Busbee Chair in Public Policy,
Department of Public Administration
and Policy, University of Georgia
***Off-Label Use of Pharmaceuticals:
A Detection Controlled Estimation
Approach***

CHRIS RUHM

Professor of Public Policy and Economics,
Frank Batten School of Leadership and
Public Policy, University of Virginia
Taking the Measure of a Fatal Drug Epidemic

MICHAEL DARDEN

Assistant Professor of Economics,
Tulane University
***Supply-side Responses to Public Quality
Ratings: Evidence from Medicare Advantage***

ARIEL STERN >

Assistant Professor of
Business Administration,
Harvard Business School
***Market Entry of Biosimilars:
Evidence from Europe***

BEN HANDEL

Assistant Professor of Economics,
University of California, Berkeley
***What Does a Deductible Do? The Impact
of Cost-Sharing on Health Care Prices,
Quantities, and Spending Dynamics***



REFORMING STATE AND LOCAL TAX SYSTEMS

This one-day conference, organized by Public Finance Program Director JAMES ALM, and Director of the Murphy Institute STEVEN M. SHEFFRIN, brought together researchers across disciplines to explore new research on state and local tax reforms, including empirical, experimental, and theoretical contributions, in the face of increasing challenges in areas such as the growth of services and internet sales, increased tax competition, greater factor mobility across state (and national) boundaries, and other similar developments.



GARY CORNIA
with BRUCE JOHNSON
AND RAY NELSON
Emeritus Dean and Professor,
Brigham Young University
***Lessons and Insights from
Reforming Utah's Individual
Income Tax***

BYRON LUTZ
with PAUL ELIASON
Chief of Fiscal Analysis Section,
Division of Research and Statistics,
Federal Reserve Board of Governors
***Can Fiscal Rule Constrain the
Size of Government? An Analysis
of the "Crown Jewel" of Tax and
Expenditure Limitations***

MARK RIDER
with ANDREW FELTENSTEIN,
DAVID L. SJOQUIST, AND
JOHN V. WINTERS
Associate Professor, Department of
Economics, Georgia State University
***Economic and Welfare Effects
of Reducing Property Taxes***

ROBERT WASSMER
with RONALD C. FISHER
Professor, Department of Public Policy
and Administration, California State
University, Sacramento
***Perception of Gasoline Taxes
and Driver Cost: Implications for
Highway Finance***

JONATHAN RORK >
with BEN BREWER AND
KAREN SMITH CONWAY
Professor of Economics, Reed College
***Protecting the Vulnerable or
Ripe for Reform? State Income
Tax Breaks for the Elderly —
Then and Now***



organized by
**JAMES ALM &
STEVE SHEFFRIN**

KIM RUEBEN
with FRANK SAMMARTINO
Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute
***Reforming the State and
Local Tax Deduction***

KIRK STARK
Barrall Family Professor of Tax Law
and Policy, UCLA School of Law
***Regional Taxation and
Regional Tax Base Sharing in
State Tax Reform***
ANDRE BARBE
with GEORGE ZODROW
Energy Industry Economist,
U.S. International Trade Commission
***Efficiency Gains from
Comprehensive Sales Tax Reform***



tulane tax roundtable

The 6th Annual Tulane Tax Roundtable brought together tax scholars from around the country, resident Tulane faculty, and Tulane students for discussion and debate about important tax policy issues of our time. Co-sponsored by Tulane's Murphy Institute and Tulane Law School, the roundtable showcased the drafts and works-in-progress of its participants and subjected these works to rigorous analysis in a discussant-driven workshop format.



JAMES ALM
with BIBEK ADHIKARI
Professor and Chair of Economics,
Tulane University
***Evaluating the Economic Effects
of Flat Tax Reforms Using
Synthetic Control Methods***

< BRIAN GALLE
Professor of Law,
Georgetown Law School
***Policy Design for
Paternalistic Regulation***

STEPHEN SHAY
Senior Lecturer on Law,
Harvard Law School
***R&D Tax Incentives—
Growth Panacea or Budget
Trojan Horse?***

LAWRENCE ZELENAK
Pamela B. Gann Professor of Law,
Duke Law School
***The Tax-Free Basis Step-Up at
Death, the Charitable Deduction
for Unrealized Appreciation, and
the Persistence of Error***

EMILY SATTERTHWAITE
Assistant Professor, University of
Toronto Faculty of Law
***Can Audits Encourage Tax
Evasion? An Experimental
Assessment***

SHU-YI OEI
Hoffman F. Fuller Associate Professor
of Tax Law, Tulane Law School
***The Tax Lives of Uber Drivers:
Evidence from Internet Discussion
Forums***

DARIEN SHANSKE
Professor of Law,
UC Davis School of Law
***Tax Cannibalization and Fiscal
Federalism in the United States***

LEIGH >
OSOFSKY
with JOSHUA
BLANK
Associate Professor
of Law, University of
Miami School of Law
***Simplicity and
the Tax Law***



working groups

The Working Groups of the Center for Public Policy Research bring together faculty from numerous disciplines across Tulane's campuses, and occasionally faculty from other institutions, to establish a network of professionals and produce interdisciplinary research that will address critical policy issues.

HEALTH POLICY WORKING GROUP

JIANJING LIN

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Murphy Institute

Profit Complementarities in the Adoption of Electronic Medical Records by U.S. Hospitals

GULTEKIN GOLLU

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Murphy Institute

Socio-economic Heterogeneity of Health Insurance Coverage Expansion's Effect on Young Adults' Labor Supply: Evidence from 2010 Affordable Care Act

BRIGGS DEPEW

Assistant Professor of Economics, Louisiana State University

The Effects of the ACA's Medical Loss Ratio on Health Insurance Firms

GULTEKIN GOLLU

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Murphy Institute

Effects of Internet Use on Patient Distress

CHARLES STOECKER

Assistant Professor, Department of Global Health

Systems and Development

Shooting from the 'Scrip: Scope of the Practice Laws and Access to Immunizations in the Pharmacy Setting

PUBLIC POLICY WORKING GROUP

PATRICK BUTTON

Assistant Professor of Economics

Is it Harder for Older Workers to Find Jobs? New and Improved Evidence from a Field Experiment

TREY DRONYK-TROSPER

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Murphy Institute

Determinants of Impact Fee Rollbacks

JANET SCHWARTZ

Assistant Professor of Marketing,

A.B. Freeman School of Business

Bringing Ulysses to Scale: A Tale of Persistence, Spillovers and Customer Loyalty

JANE LINCOVE

Associate Director, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans, and Research Assistant Professor of Economics

Revisiting the Hedonic Wage Function for Teachers: Charter Schools and Compensating Wage Differentials

SHAHAR SANSANI

Assistant Professor at the School of Economics,

College of Management, Israel

Is it Better to Fail? The Effects of Retaking Final Exams on Student Outcomes

YOUNGHOON RO

Senior Fellow, Korea Institute of Public Finance

How to Avoid Paying Rent without Owning a House: Innovative Housing Finance in South Korea and Other Civil Law Countries

DOUGLAS HARRIS

Professor of Economics and Director of

Education Research Alliance for New Orleans

Taken by Storm: The Effects of the New Orleans School Reforms on Student Achievement

ILAN TOJEROW

Assistant Professor, Solvay Brussels School of Economics

and Management, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Blame the Parents? How Financial Incentives Affect Labor Supply and Job Quality for Young Adults

PATRICK BUTTON

Assistant Professor of Economics

A Comprehensive Analysis of the Effect of US Disability Discrimination Laws on the Employment of Individuals with Disabilities

workshops

WORKSHOP IN REGULATION & COORDINATION

In this joint workshop between Tulane Law School and The Murphy Institute, visiting scholars presented works-in-progress on regulation of economic activity. The faculty conveners were Adam Feibelman (Law), Shu-Yi Oei (Law), Nicholas Almendares (Law), and Steven Sheffrin (Economics/Murphy).

FALL 2015 WORKSHOPS

JODI SHORT

Professor of Law,

University of California Hastings College of Law

Moving the Dial: Can Monitoring Improve Labor Standards Compliance in Global Supply Chains?

TOM LIN

Associate Professor of Law,

Temple University Beasley School of Law

The Financial Weapons of War

PAMELA FOOHEY

Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University

Bloomington Maurer School of Law

God Forgives, Banks Don't? Black Churches in Chapter 11



< ADAM FEIBELMAN

Associate Dean for Faculty

Research and Sumter Davis Marks

Professor of Law,

Tulane Law School

Remapping International Financial Regulation

TANYA MARSH

Professor of Law,

Wake Forest University School of Law

Regulated to Death: The Funeral Industry and the Trap of Protectionism

SPRING 2016 WORKSHOPS

MARGARET KWOKA

Assistant Professor,

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

FOIA, Inc.

SHU-YI OEI >

Hoffman F. Fuller Associate Professor of Law,

Tulane Law School

The Tax Lives of Uber Drivers: Evidence from Internet Discussion Forums

JILL FRALEY

Associate Professor of Law,

Washington and Lee University School of Law

Water, Water, Everywhere: Surface Water Liability

JESSICA ERICKSON

Professor of Law,

University of Richmond School of Law

Heightened Procedure

LEANDRA LEDERMAN

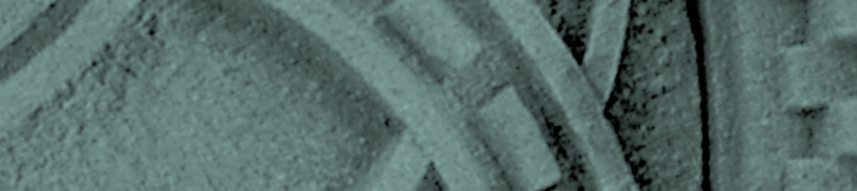
William W. Oliver Professor of Tax Law

and Director of the Tax Program,

Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Should We Worry That Enforcement Will Crowd Out Voluntary Tax Compliance?





JOINT WORKSHOP IN POLITICAL ECONOMY WITH DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The joint Political Science-Murphy Institute Lecture Series brings together scholars working in comparative and international political economy and human rights for an ongoing conversation about participants' research agendas. Two meetings took place in the spring semester of 2016. Each meeting featured a paper by a guest speaker, comments on the paper by a Tulane faculty member discussant, and a Q&A session with the audience. The overarching purpose of the workshop was to enrich the intellectual climate for graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, advanced undergraduates, and faculty in Political Science and The Murphy Institute, as well as other interested participants in the Tulane community.



SPRING 2016 WORKSHOPS

< ANNA GRZYMALA-BUSSE

Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan
***The Difficulty with Doctrine:
How Religion Can Explain Politics***

ROBERT ADCOCK

Professorial Lecturer,
School of International Service, American University
***How Should We Study Colonial Legacies?
The Case of Latin American Development***

next steps



One of The Murphy Institute's postdoctoral fellows from the Center for Public Policy Research has completed her two-year appointment and is taking the next steps in her career. We congratulate her on her accomplishments while here at Tulane. We are pleased to announce the following news:

PAULA ARCE-TRIGATTI has been hired as the director of the National Education Research-Practice Partnerships (NERPP) at Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research.

center highlights

2016 MARKS SEVERAL IMPORTANT MILESTONES for The Murphy Institute's Center for Ethics and Public Affairs. The Center, which continues to draw leading scholars to Tulane University both as guest speakers and as visiting Faculty Fellows, turned 15. Three conferences sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs also reached significant anniversaries.

PPE TURNS 15

PPE: *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*, co-edited by Murphy Institute faculty member JONATHAN RILEY, turned 15 in 2016. The journal is the only one of its kind that publishes work not only from political scientists and economists, but also from

legal scholars and political philosophers. But it does not merely serve as a journal where academics from four fields publish their work; it serves as an interchange for these scholars to debate and analyze the issues surrounding political and economic institutions.

To support the journal, the Center for Ethics sponsors a conference each year. The theme of the PPE 2016 conference, held in February, was "Contemporary Moral and Political Philosophy." It was especially fitting that JERRY

GAUS, a former Tulane professor who co-founded the journal with Professor Riley, presented a paper at the conference this year. THOMAS CHRISTIANO, the editor of the journal and

organizer of this year's conference, ended the event with a speech, thanking Professors Gaus and Riley for inviting him to serve as editor of the journal. Most of the praise, however, went to The Murphy Institute for its continued support of the journal, for its efficient conference coordination, and for continuing to host the international conference in which Murphy Institute faculty serve as key participants.

NOWAR TURNS FIVE

Since 2011, Murphy Institute faculty member DAVID SHOEMAKER has served as editor of the prestigious *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* book series, published by Oxford University Press. To support the book series, Professor Shoemaker organizes a biennial event, the New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility (NOWAR), putting out a call for papers, and selecting 11 from the 100-plus submissions he receives. Papers presented at each workshop

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—NOWAR 2015 SPEAKER



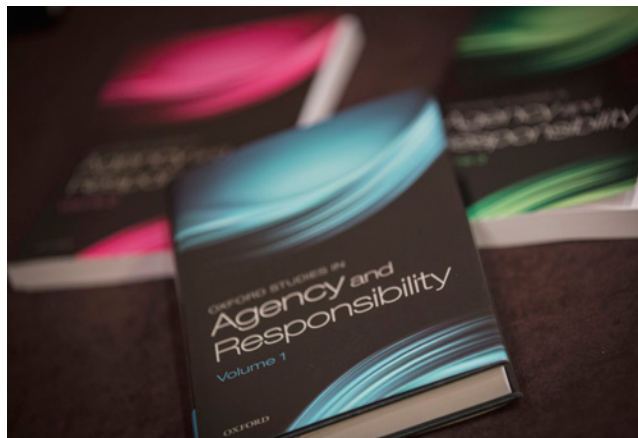
are included in a future volume of the book series, subject to peer review.

In November of 2015, The Murphy Institute hosted the third biennial NOWAR conference. The reaction to the conference made it clear that NOWAR had come of age. The conference, which drew more than 70 people, featured keynote presentations by JULIA DRIVER (Washington University, St. Louis) and DERK PEREBOOM (Cornell University).

Just days after the conference, the feedback from the conference presenters was uniformly positive. One speaker wrote to thank Shoemaker for “organizing such a great conference. It all worked perfectly.” Another speaker wrote, “The organization of the workshop and people involved as speakers provided so many opportunities for invaluable scholarly discussion” and a third called NOWAR 2015, “one of the best I have ever attended.”

NOISE TURNS FIVE

In March of 2016 The Murphy Institute also hosted the fifth NOISE Conference. NOISE, the New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics, is a one-day meeting featuring discussion of new papers on ethics and political philosophy organized by DAVID SHOEMAKER. Presenters at the 2016 conference



The first three volumes of *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* series on display at the NOWAR 2015 conference

included DALE DORSEY (University of Kansas), GWEN BRADFORD (Rice University), DAVID SOBEL (Syracuse University), and CHRISTIAN COONS (Bowling Green State University). ☺

FELLOWS 2015–2016

FACULTY FELLOWS

JASON HANNA
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Northern Illinois University

JASON RAIBLEY
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Director, Center for Applied Ethics
California State University, Long Beach

MICHAEL SEVEL
Lecturer in Jurisprudence
University of Sydney

GRADUATE FELLOWS

DEREK DUPLESSIE
Department of Philosophy

MICHAEL MORRISSEY
Department of Philosophy

APRIL OLSON
Department of Philosophy

CAROLINE TIPLER
Department of Psychology

FELLOWS 2016–2017

FACULTY FELLOWS

PAUL HURLEY
Edward J. Sexton
Professor of Philosophy,
Claremont McKenna College

DANIEL JACOBSON
Professor of Philosophy
University of Michigan

ROSA TERLAZZO
Assistant Professor
of Philosophy,
Kansas State University

GRADUATE FELLOWS

JULIAN KATZ
Department of Philosophy

ALIX RIVIÈRE
Department of History

NICHOLAS SARS
Department of Philosophy

DANIEL TIGARD
Department of Philosophy

seminars & lectures



organized by
BRUCE BROWER

The Center for Ethics and Public Affairs continues its tradition of drawing renowned speakers to give large public lectures and small-audience seminars. The 2015-2016 academic year brought a tremendously diverse and interesting program — one of our biggest ever — organized by Bruce Brower. Presentations addressed topics including well-being, tax policy, political obligation, and paternalism.

JASON RAIBLEY
Center Faculty Fellow and
Associate Professor of Philosophy
California State University, Long Beach
Interspecific Well-Being



< ROBERT PIPPIN
Evelyn Stefansson Nef
Distinguished Service
Professor of Social Thought,
The Department of
Philosophy and in the College,
University of Chicago
*Hegel on the Political
Significance of Collective
Self-Deceit*

STEVEN WALL
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Arizona
Autonomy as a Perfection



< ROBIN EINHORN
Preston Hotchkis Professor
in the History of the
United States, University
of California, Berkeley
*The Long View of
American Tax Politics*

JACOB LEVY
Tomlinson Professor of Political Theory
and Professor of Political Science,
McGill University
*Rationalism, Pluralism,
and Freedom*

JASON HANNA
Center Faculty Fellow and
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Northern Illinois University
*Paternalism and the Imposition
of Values*

MARYA SCHECHTMAN
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Illinois at Chicago
*Is It Me for a Moment? Prudence,
Narrative, and the Extended Self*

JOHN DORIS
Professor of Philosophy,
Washington University in St. Louis
Talking to Ourselves

SARAH MCGRATH
Assistant Professor of Philosophy,
Princeton University
*Reflective Equilibrium,
Its Virtues and Its Limits*

DAN HAYBRON
Professor of Philosophy,
Saint Louis University
Well-Being: A Millian Hybrid View

MICHAEL SEVEL
Center Faculty Fellow and Lecturer,
Sydney Law School
Obeying the Law

GEORGE SHER
Herbert S. Autrey Professor
of Philosophy, Rice University
We're Number One

GEOFFREY
SAYRE-MCCORD >
Morehead-Cain Alumni
Distinguished Professor of
Philosophy, University of
North Carolina at Chapel Hill
A Theory of a Better Morality

JESSE GRAHAM
Associate Professor of Psychology,
University of Southern California
*Ideological Conflicts as
Opposing Moral Visions*

SAMUEL SCHEFFLER
University Professor of
Philosophy,
New York University
*Membership and
Political Obligation*

VALERIE TIBERIUS >
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Minnesota
*Well-Being, Friendship, and
the Importance of Humility*



conferences

NOWAR 2015

NOWAR is a biennial event organized and led by David Shoemaker. The workshop brings together leading thinkers in the interdisciplinary fields of agency and responsibility to present and discuss new scholarship. Papers presented at NOWAR are considered for publication in the *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* series edited by Shoemaker and published by Oxford University Press.

JULIA DRIVER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor of Philosophy,
Washington University, St. Louis
***Wrongs, Blame, and
Forgiveness***

DERK PEREBOOM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Susan Linn Sage Professor in
Philosophy and Ethics, Stanford H.
Taylor '50 Chair of the Sage School,
Cornell University
***Responsibility, Regret,
and Protest***

ABRAHAM ROTH

Associate Professor of Philosophy,
Ohio State University
***Reasons' Explanation in the
Context of Shared Activity***

SARA BERNSTEIN

Assistant Professor of Philosophy,
Duke University
***Causal Proportions and
Moral Responsibility***

DAVID BRINK

Distinguished Professor
of Philosophy, University of California,
San Diego
The Path to Completion

KYLE FRUH

Visiting Assistant Professor
of Philosophy, Beloit College
***Practical Necessity and
Moral Heroism***

GEORGE TSAI

Assistant Professor,
University of Hawaii
***Reason, Respect, and the
Efficacy of Blame***

PAUL RUSSELL

Professor of Philosophy,
University of British Columbia
Free Will Pessimism

VIDA YAO

PhD Candidate, University of North
Carolina-Chapel Hill
Strong-Willed Akrasia



organized by

DAVID SHOEMAKER

FACUNDO ALONSO

Lecturer in Philosophy,
Stanford University
***Intending, Settling,
and Relying***

GUNNAR BJÖRNSSON

Professor of Philosophy,
Umeå University
***Explaining Epistemic
Skepticism about Culpability***

MANUEL VARGAS

Professor of Philosophy and Law,
University of San Francisco
***Implicit Bias and the
Circumstances of Moral
Responsibility***

PPE 2015: CONTEMPORARY MORAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

The PPE Conference is an annual event organized by the editors of *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*. Papers presented at the conference are targeted for subsequent publication in this top-rated academic journal, which aims to bring moral, economic, and political theory to bear on the analysis, justification, and criticism of political and economic institutions.

MICHAEL OTSUKA

Professor of Philosophy,
London School of Economics
***How It Makes a Moral
Difference That One Is
Worse Off than One Could
Have Been***

NIKO KOLODNY

Professor of Philosophy,
University of California, Berkeley
A Liberalism beyond Liberty?

SHELLY KAGAN

Clark Professor of Philosophy,
Yale University
Paradox of Methods

JERRY GAUS

James E. Rogers Professor of
Philosophy, University of Arizona
***Self-organizing Moral
Communities***

SOPHIA MOREAU

Associate Professor of Philosophy,
University of Toronto
***The Moral Significance of
Indirect Discrimination***

profiles of faculty fellows



JASON HANNA

JASON HANNA spent his research year as a Faculty Fellow at the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, completing a book-length manuscript defending paternalistic intervention. “Many philosophers have claimed that paternalism is often, if not always, objectionable,” explains Hanna. “I argue, in contrast, that someone who benefits from intervention can have no moral complaint about it.” The Center and Tulane offered an environment ripe for work on a project like his. “There was just an incredible amount of moral and political philosophy going on at Tulane.

I usually try to attend a couple conferences each year to keep up on developments in my field. This year, I didn’t have to leave New Orleans. I estimate that I attended about 40 seminars and lectures sponsored by The Murphy Institute.”

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Hanna’s family, including his two young daughters, accompanied him in the move to New Orleans. They were pleasantly surprised by how kid-friendly New Orleans could be. Making liberal use of memberships to a number of local museums, they found ample venues for entertainment and education: “My youngest daughter actually appeared in a photo with a penguin on the front page of *The Times-Picayune*, for a story about the aquarium.” Living near City Park provided his daughters with their weekend playground. “For a big city, New Orleans had a ‘small town’ feel.”

In the fall, Hanna returns to his position as Associate

Professor of Philosophy at Northern Illinois University, where he plans to spend the coming months revising the manuscript he completed here in New Orleans. He jokes that, “There was no place like New Orleans to write a book defending the view that people do not have the right to smoke and drink as much as they want.”



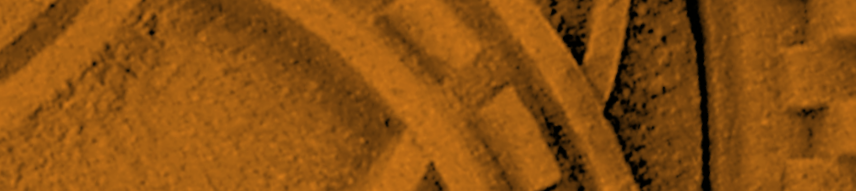
JASON RAIBLEY

The distance between New Orleans and Long Beach, California is significant — both physically and culturally. So when JASON RAIBLEY, a philosophy professor from California State University Long Beach, elected to spend an academic year at Tulane, he knew he’d be in for a change. “Things move a bit more slowly in New Orleans—no one is

in a great rush,” says Raibley. “People savor their experiences here, living more in the moment, and that’s probably a good thing. And the food and music are, of course, spectacular.”

Raibley welcomed the chance to spend the academic year at the Center for Ethics, devoting most of his time to writing his monograph, *Welfare: A Holistic Approach*, which defends a naturalistic and multi-factor account of individual well-being centered on personal agency. “New Orleanians tend to reject a lot of bourgeois assumptions about the nature of the ‘good life,’ which makes it an interesting place to reflect on happiness and welfare.”

Taking advantage of all the Center had to offer, he kicked off their Faculty Seminar in Fall of 2015, delivering a paper, “Interspecific Well-Being.” Raibley also provided comments for a session at the 2015 NOISE conference, took an active part in the 2016 PPE and NOWAR conferences, and helped



bring noted guest speakers to Tulane. “The three conferences were an incredibly valuable part of the fellowship – especially the NOISE conference, which introduced me to many of the Fellows from past years, many of whom have research interests similar to mine.”

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In the fall, Raibley returns to CSU Long Beach where he is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Applied Ethics Forum.



MICHAEL SEVEL

When he arrived in New Orleans in fall of 2015, the first thing MICHAEL SEVEL did was visit Tulane’s Howard-Tilton Library, where he had spent so many weekends as an undergraduate. Though Sevel had travelled all the way from Australia, arriving in New Orleans was a sort of homecoming. Because he grew up in Gulfport, Mississippi—just over an hour’s drive from New Orleans—and attended the University of Southern Mississippi, Sevel often made trips to New Orleans to use Tulane’s library in the late 1990s. The time in library paid off. One of

the stars of his undergraduate class, Sevel graduated summa cum laude in philosophy and went on to earn three more degrees: a MA in philosophy from Virginia Tech, and a PhD in philosophy

and a JD with honors from UT Austin’s highly regarded Law and Philosophy Program, before landing a faculty position at Sydney Law School in Australia.

“I received excellent feedback at the Faculty Seminar on my paper, which gives a philosophical account of what it is to obey and disobey the law...”

Sevel was delighted to return to the Gulf Coast in the fall of 2015, where a year off from teaching allowed him to work on his monograph, “The Philosophy of Joseph Raz,” currently under contract with Oxford University Press, as well as a collection of essays he is co-editing, “Free Will and the Law: New Perspectives,” under contract with Ashgate. Like Hanna and Raibley, he took an active part in the Center’s intellectual life, chairing a session at the 2016 NOWAR conference, and giving a paper, “Obeying the Law,” at the Center’s Faculty Seminar. “I received excellent feedback in the Faculty Seminar on my paper,” says Sevel, “which is the first essay devoted to giving a philosophical account of what it is to obey and disobey the law. The questions I received and conversations I had about the topic at Tulane will no doubt improve the final draft.” This summer, Sevel returned to Australia, where he is Lecturer in Jurisprudence at Sydney Law School at the University of Sydney, teaching courses on the rule of law, philosophy of international law, the law of the sea, and Australian tort law. ☺

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