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The Murphy Institute
Executive Director

Welcome to the Murphy Institute and to this year's *Exchange*. As the new Executive Director who came on board just this past January, I was pleased to find that all I had been told ahead of time was indeed true: the Murphy Institute is a vibrant organization that contributes greatly to the intellectual life of Tulane and, more broadly, to the advancement of the study of political economy in all its dimensions.

Building on these strong foundations, my goal as director is to enhance the Murphy Institute through three overlapping programs that all reinforce each other.

Our first program that identifies the Murphy Institute on campus and to its undergraduates is our undergraduate major in Political Economy. One of Tulane's most popular interdisciplinary majors, its students engage in serious study of economics, politics, and philosophy. They study with some of Tulane's finest professors who are all dedicated to the goals of a broad, interdisciplinary education that examines social problems from a variety of dimensions. This year we made a few changes to strengthen the program. We added some additional faculty members from Tulane to enhance the teaching of the core classes of the program.

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We also added some new advanced courses in political philosophy and economics for our majors. Finally, we added a new track to the major, Economics and Public Policy. Students in this track will obtain more exposure to the methods and techniques of analytical work in public policy, building on their foundation of interdisciplinary study.

Our second program and one that brings national and international recognition to Tulane is The Center for Ethics and Public Affairs. The Center is devoted to the social and ethical dimensions of public affairs with an emphasis on the scholarly discussion of ethics and moral and political philosophy across a wide range of disciplines, intellectual perspectives, and schools. Each year, the Center hosts three or more Faculty Fellows, who spend the year in residence and interact with Tulane faculty and visitors. The Center also cultivates a rich intellectual environment for both Tulane and the community through a series of very popular faculty seminars and lectures.

Our third program is a developing new initiative to create programs to encourage the study of public policy. In the past, we have held conferences relating to both domestic and international policy issues. We are now expanding these efforts by embarking on a series of programs and initiatives to encourage the study and practice of public policy at Tulane. We have created new seed grant programs for faculty initiatives and are developing new public policy internship opportunities for our students. In addition, we are hosting lectures on public policy, bringing national issues to the local context, and working with faculty to develop working groups on important public policy issues, with our first Working Group in health policy.

As you read through this year's *Exchange*, which highlights some of our activities and the accomplishments of our students and alumni, feel free to share with us any of your news, thoughts, or ideas. Our goal is to use our three programs—an undergraduate interdisciplinary social science major, a Center to reflect on the moral and ethical bases of social systems, and programs to encourage the rigorous analysis of public policy—to make the Murphy Institute into a one-of-a-kind intellectual center, not just for Tulane but for the nation.



Steven M. Sheffrin
Executive Director

August 2010

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2010

The undergraduate program showed steady growth this year and the number of majors increased to eighty-six. The Murphy Institute also conducted a complete review of the existing curriculum and we were able to identify new courses to add to our existing tracks and to retire some older courses that had become dormant. These changes will improve and sustain the quality of our existing tracks and allow majors more choice and flexibility in their course scheduling.

The most exciting news for the undergraduate program is the creation of a new public policy track in the major. The new track is designated PEPP—Political Economy: Economics and Public Policy. The centerpiece for the new track will be Prof. Sheffrin's PECN 4300 course, Behavioral Economics and Public Policy. We are pleased to present the complete curriculum for the new track:

ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY TRACK (PEPP)

Courses in this concentration allow majors to explore the role of economic thinking in policy evaluation. This concentration is designed to give majors a strong grounding in quantitative methods and analysis for an increased technical understanding of policy issues.

REQUIRED

Economics

3230 Economic Statistics
and Regression

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN

Economics

3020 Intermediate Macroeconomics
3100 Economics of Money
and Banking
3320 Urban Economics
3330 Environment and Natural
Resources
3810 The Economics of Labor
3830 Economics of Gender
3970/3980 Special Studies
in Economics

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN

Economics

4230 Econometrics
4300 Regulation
4500 Health Economics
4520 Economics of Public
Expenditures
4530 Economics of Taxation
4600 Inequality and Poverty in
Latin America
4610 Game Theory

Political Economy

4300 Behavioral Economics and
Public Policy

Political Science

3240 Public Policy
4230 Environmental Politics and Policy
4800 Science, Technology and
Public Policy

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24 NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE SENIORS WERE AWARDED B.A. DEGREES IN POLITICAL ECONOMY AT THE MAY 2010 UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

Several received high academic honors: **KIRSTEN HILL** and **CORY KING** graduated *summa cum laude*; **MEGAN COX** and **SARA SANDS** graduated *magna cum laude*.

Other members of the class of 2010 include **ALENA ANDERSON**, **AMNA BAJWA**, **EILEEN COLLINS**, **CAITLIN CONLEY**, **JAMES CRONVICH**, **PATRICK ESTILL**, **JOHN FABROS**, **BRENDAN FINKE**, **SAMANTHA FOX**, **AMY HSU**, **ANDREW KHOSROFIAN**, **KATHERINE LEBLANC**, **JOSEPH LUFT**, **JOHN MCCLAM**, **ERNESTO POSADAS**, **ALI SKAIFE**, **LAURA TAKADA**, **JANE ALICE TAYLOR**, **JING JIA ZANG**, and **CAROLINE ZINSER**.



Murphy Prize winners Cory King (L) and Kirsten Hill (R)

The Charles H. Murphy Prize in Political Economy was awarded to **KIRSTEN HILL** and **CORY KING**. The Murphy Institute Award for Public Service was presented to **KIRSTEN HILL**.

CORY KING graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Economics. He was recognized as a Senior Honors Scholar. His honors thesis was "Medicaid and Long-term Health Care". Cory participated in the undergraduate PPE Colloquium hosted by Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

KIRSTEN HILL graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Philosophy. She was recognized as a Senior Honors Scholar and she was the winner of the Oak Wreath award, bestowed by the Newcomb Memorial College Institute upon seniors who have distinguished themselves through an engaged pursuit of learning, leadership in student activities, and contribution to the Newcomb/Tulane community. Kirsten was an undergraduate Public Service Fellow for the past two years and she was a reading tutor at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School for the past four years. She also created and facilitated a reading program for Lafayette Charter

Academy and she is the founder of SILA (Students Improving Literacy Abound), an educational non-profit devoted to reading instruction and educational reform. Kirsten is the national Lead Policy Strategist for education for the Roosevelt Institute and served on the advisory boards for Tulane's Center for Public Service and the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives. Kirsten's honors thesis was "All Children Move Forward: Reconstructing Education Policy through Experiential Learning". She will pursue a master's degree in Education Policy at the University of Pennsylvania.



At the Murphy Institute Senior Dinner. Caroline Zinser (l), Eileen Collins (c) and Sara Sands (r)

SARA SANDS graduated with a double major in Political Economy and English. She also won the Oak Wreath award. Her honors thesis was "Composing in Codes: White Teachers, Black Students, and the Role of Black English in the Composition Classroom". She will attend Cambridge University in the UK to pursue a master's degree in Education Policy.

MEGAN COX graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Political Science. Her honors thesis was "Non-partisan Primaries and Candidate Platforms in Louisiana and Mississippi" for which she won the S. Walter Stern 1905 Memorial Medal presented by the Department of Political Science. Megan was a member of Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society. She will attend law school at Willamette University.

AMY HSU and **ALI SKAIFE** will attend law school at Cornell University.

KATHERINE LEBLANC has accepted an executive management position with Abercrombie & Fitch.

JANE ALICE TAYLOR will attend law school at Tulane University.

JING JIA ZANG will work as an energy trader for ConocoPhillips in Houston, Texas.

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN POLITICAL ECONOMY CONTINUES TO FLOURISH.

In May 2010, there were eighty-six majors in the program; fifty-five finished the year with grade point averages above 3.4; thirty-two with 3.6 or higher; seventeen with 3.8 or higher. Four seniors graduated with grade point averages of 3.6 or higher.

CLAIRE DRAKE '11 is a member of the 2010 Newcomb Daisy Chain and was a public service intern at the World Affairs Council of New Orleans. She is the president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

LUKE GALFORD '11 is the vice-president of Social and Economic Rights Advocates (SERA), a New Orleans non-profit organization.

ANN DAVIS '12 is the Executive Director of Wild and Water Swimming, a regional non-profit founded by **laura white '12**.

JACK MELAMED '12 is a political columnist for the *Hullabaloo*.

ASHLEY MOTTA '12 is the volunteer coordinator for Homeless and Hunger Action Team at Tulane (HATT).

KATELYN SMALLEY '12 is a member of the AshokaU Changemaker Campus team sponsored by the Office of Social Entrepreneurship Initiatives.

LAURA WHITE '12 is a member of the AshokaU Changemaker Campus team sponsored by the Office of Social Entrepreneurship Initiatives and a policy strategist for the Roosevelt Institute.

ZACHARY SCHREIBER '13 is a student manager for the Tulane men's basketball team and the president of the Tulane student chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM '10]

THE JUDITH KELLEHER SCHAFFER SUMMER INTERNSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Funds from the Judith Kelleher Schaffer Summer Internship Grant program were used to endow 14 fellowships in the amount of \$2,000 each for summer 2010. The students receiving the funds, along with their graduating class, hometown and internship placements are:

ANN DAVIS '12 from Pewaukee, WI will intern at Wild & Water Swimming, in New Orleans, LA.

WILLIAM D'AVELLA '11 from Farmington, CT will intern at the Office of the District Attorney in New Orleans, LA.

BRENNAN FOXMAN '12 from Linwood, NJ will intern as a research assistant for Dr. Jim Walsh at MIT.

WANRU JING '12 from Shanghai, China will intern at IBM in her home town.

NAOMI MARTIN '11 from Newton, MA will intern at The Daily Get Up in Washington, DC.

THOMAS NEWHOUSE '11 from Alexandria, VA will intern at the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, DC.

WILLIAM NEWTON '11 from Philadelphia, PA will intern in the Office of Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-PA), in Washington, DC.

ERIC PETERSON '12 from Woodstock, IL will intern at the Office of the Governor for the State of Illinois in Springfield, IL.

YINGJIA WAN '12 from Nanjing, China will intern at the Bank of China in her home town.

STEPHANIE STEFANSKI '12 from Fishkill, NY will intern as a research associate for Dr. Julio Bardi at the Universidad del Salvador and Payson Center of Tulane University in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

MARK STRELLA '12 from Bethesda, MD will intern at Bethesda Green in his home town and at the District Department of the Environment in Washington, DC.

PAUL ST. CLAIR '12 from Fayetteville, AR will intern at The Parquet Group in Orlando, FL.

LAURA WHITE '12 from Johns Creek, GA will intern at The Roosevelt Institute in Washington, DC.

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1987

ERIC TOWELL will be leaving his post as an International Baccalaureate economics and theory of knowledge teacher at The Prem Tinsulanonda International School in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He will spend the next year traveling in Asia.

Class of 1990

BRENDA THROWER works for the Ybor City Development Corporation, a division of the City of Tampa and a non-profit organization that manages Ybor City, Tampa's National Historic Landmark District and its two community redevelopment areas.

Class of 1993

ROBIN FEINBERG lives in Los Angeles and works as an Executive Producer for a variety of Reality Television shows. **LARA GELLER** is now the new Director of Planning and Fiscal Management for the Macon Police Department and has relocated from South Florida to Macon, GA. After 12 years as the President of the Tulane Alumni Club of South Florida she hopes to start up a Tulane Alumni Club of Middle Georgia.

Class of 1995

DAVID J. SAS is a Pediatric Nephrologist on faculty at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Class of 1996

PAUL GREENSPAN is a Director with the Dispute Analysis & Forensic Services practice of Alvarez & Marsal, a leading international professional services firm.

Class of 1997

SUZANNE TAYLOR is Senior Vice President of Public Policy for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Arizona's leading business advocacy organization at the state capitol.



Suzanne Taylor '97



Paul Greenspan '96

Class of 1999

ZARA WATKINS practices commercial and bankruptcy litigation as an Of Counsel Associate at a variety of small law firms around New York City. She also regularly teaches yoga to private students, group classes, and groups of employees at law firms.

Class of 2000

REUBEN HALPER lives in London and works for Google as a Program Manager in their Creative Services group.

TYLER HOLM completed his MBA from The College of William & Mary in August 2009 while serving as the Supply Officer at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team Two in Norfolk, VA. He has since departed military service and works as a senior consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in the Washington DC metro area. **CHRISTOPHER PIETERSEN** has joined First Reserve Corporation as a Vice President for Co-Investment and Fundraising. He will work out of the firm's London office, and previously was a Senior Vice President at Eaton Partners in London where he was responsible for Private Equity for Europe.

DANIEL J. ERSAMER joined State Policy Network as the organization's Vice President for Development. He and his wife, Emily (Law '04) and daughter Olivia live in Murfreesboro, TN. **VIKRAM VIJ** is an Assistant Criminal District Attorney in Galveston County, Texas.

ANDREW GALL is a Democratic candidate for Congress in Maryland's Fifth District. **JULIE NIEMCZURA DE CARVALHO** lives in Charlottesville, VA. She is a Research Specialist for Western Hemisphere Affairs with Concepts & Strategies, Inc. and is pursuing a Masters degree in Global Health at the University of Virginia.

PAUL KELLOGG graduated with honors from the University of Chicago Law School. He will be participating in a one-year fellowship at the Orleans Public Defenders office in New Orleans before returning to his law firm in Boston, Ropes and Gray. **AARON MARTIN** graduated from American University with a Masters degree in International Affairs, Comparative and Regional Studies in September 2009. **CHEA MATHERNE** has been with PricewaterhouseCoopers since September 2009, after graduating from DePaul University's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business with a Masters in Accountancy. **EMILY MCRAE** is spending the summer based in Suva, Fiji, as the Financial Competency Building Intern for the United Nations Pacific Financial Inclusion Program. She has completed the first year of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Masters degree program in Bologna, Italy, and in the fall she will begin the second year of the program in Washington, DC.



LUCAS CARLSON will start medical school at the University of Maryland in the fall. He coordinated Operation Smile's volunteer disaster relief teams in Haiti and also led surgical programs in Cambodia, Egypt, and India.



Lucas Carlson '08

THOMAS BARONE teaches at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans. After spending a year as a 4th grade co-teacher, he will spend the 2010-2011 year as the director of the after school program in the lower school. **DARIA KESTER** is with the Peace Corps and teaches English and Mathematics in a small village in eastern Namibia. **ERIC LAVIN** is with Teach for America and is a 9th grade Civics teacher in Helena, Arkansas. **JACQUELINE MABRY** is a Research Analyst in the Development Department at Tulane University.



Ronna Burger's book *Aristotle's Dialogue with Socrates: On the Nicomachean Ethics* and Eric Mack's book on John Locke

RONNA BURGER, Professor and Chair of the Philosophy Department, was awarded the School of Liberal Arts Faculty Research Award for 2009-2010. Her book, *Aristotle's Dialogue with Socrates: On the Nicomachean Ethics* (University of Chicago, 2008) received a PROSE Book Award Honorable Mention in 2009.

MARY OLSON, Associate Professor and Chair of the Economics Department, was invited to present a paper at a special conference at Harvard University Law School called "Legal and Regulatory Issues in Pharmaceutical Research and Development," on June 12-13, 2009. Her paper was titled "First Drug Launches in the U.S. and Drug Safety." In addition, her article "PDUFA and Initial U.S. Drug Launches," was published in the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review* 15 (2009).

ERIC MACK, Professor of Philosophy, published a book on *John Locke* (Continuum Publishing, 2009) as well as "What is Left in Left-Libertarianism?," in *Hillel Steiner and the Anatomy of Justice*, Steve DeWijze, Mathew H. Kramer, and Ian Carter, eds. (Routledge, 2009), and "The Natural Right of Property," *Social Philosophy and Policy* 27 (2010).

ALISON DENHAM, Associate Professor of Philosophy, has an edited volume, *Plato on Art*, forthcoming in 2010 from Palgrave MacMillan. She also published "The Future of Tonality," *British Journal of Aesthetics* 49 (2009).

DOUGLAS NELSON contributed "The Political Economy of Protection" to the *Princeton Encyclopedia of the World Economy* (Princeton University Press, 2009) and published (with David Greenaway) "The Politics of (Anti-)Globalization: What Do We Learn from Simple Models?" *Globalization and Economic Integration: Winners and Losers in the Asia-Pacific*, Noel Gaston and Ahmed Khalid, eds (Edward Elgar, 2010).

The Tulane Honors Program designated **JOHN LOUIS HOWARD**, Associate Director of the Murphy Institute, as the 2009-2010 Honors Professor of the Year. Howard was nominated by Political Economy graduating senior Kirsten Hill.



John Louis Howard, the 2009-2010 Honors Professor of the Year

JONATHAN RILEY, Professor of Philosophy, published “Mill’s Extraordinary Utilitarian Moral Theory”, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* 9 (2010) and “The Interpretation of Maximizing Utilitarianism,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* 26 (2009). The latter was also published in *Utilitarianism: The Aggregation Question*, E.F. Paul, F.D. Miller, Jr., and J. Paul, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

RICHARD CULBERTSON, Professor of Health Services Management, was named 2010 Faculty Member of the Year by the graduating masters’ class in Health Services Management. He published (with S. Chiou, S. C.R. Campbell, and R. Horswell) “Use of the Emergency Department for Less-Urgent Care among Type 2 Diabetics Under a Disease Management Program,” *BCM Health Services Research* 9 (2009) and (with J.M. Naessens, C.R. Campbell, J.M. Huddleston, B.P. Berg, J.J. Lefante, and A.R. Williams) “A Comparison of Hospital Adverse Events by Three Widely Used Detection Methods,” *International Journal for Quality in Health Care* 21 (2009).

DAVID SHOEMAKER, Associate Professor of Philosophy, completed a book, *Personal Identity & Ethics: A Brief Introduction* (Broadview Press, 2009) and published “Self-Exposure and Exposure of the Self: Informational Privacy and the Presentation of Identity,” *Ethics and Information Technology* 12 (2010), as well as “Responsibility and Disability,” *Metaphilosophy* 40 (2009). The latter was reprinted as “Responsibility, Agency, and Cognitive Disability,” in *Cognitive Disability and its Challenge to Moral Philosophy*, Eva Feder Kittay and Licia Carlson, eds. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

STEVEN M. SHEFFRIN, Executive Director of the Murphy Institute and Professor of Economics, contributed “Fairness in Market Value Taxation,” to *Challenging The Conventional Wisdom on the Property Tax*, eds. R. Bahl, J. Martinez and J. Youngman (Institute for Land Policy, 2010) and published “Tax Reform Commissions in the Sweep of California’s Fiscal History,” *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* 37 (2010).

MARTYN THOMPSON co-edited the seventeenth volume of *Politisches Denken Jahrbuch* (Duncker & Humblot, 2009) a series of annual collections of essays which plots change and continuity in German political theory since reunification in 1991.



David Shoemaker's book *Personal Identity and Ethics: A Brief Introduction* and Mark Vail's book *Recasting Welfare Capitalism: Economic Adjustment in Contemporary France and Germany*

Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg Institute for Advanced Study awarded a 2009-2010 Fellowship to **MARK VAIL**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, for the purpose of research in Delmenhorst Germany. Vail also wrote a book, *Recasting Welfare Capitalism: Economic Adjustment in Contemporary France and Germany* (Temple University Press, 2010) as well as “Left of Eden: The Changing Politics of Economic Inequality in Contemporary Germany,” *German Politics* 18 (2009) and “Bending the Rules: Institutional Analysis, Political Change and Labor-Market Reform in Advanced Industrial Societies,” *Comparative Politics* 42 (2009).

2010 YATES LECTURE

GLENN C. LOURY



*Tulane University Campus, Lavin-Bernick Center, Qatar Ballroom
Thursday, January 21, 2010*

"OBAMA IS NO KING: ON THE FRACTURING OF THE BLACK PROPHETIC TRADITION"

Professor Loury of Brown University, perhaps the most prominent African-American economist today, spoke on the tensions in Obama's presidency of representing the aspirational hopes of African Americans and the reality of governing. Although Professor Loury did not wish to "blame" Obama for not advancing more dramatic ideas in his presidency on topics such as civil rights or incarceration politics, his talk could be viewed as a critique of Obama from the left. It was also a sober warning to those who sought to portray Obama as a transformational and messianic figure.

Over 200 people attended the talk.

Attendees included faculty from all over campus, students from Tulane, including students in political economy, as well as faculty and students from other colleges in New Orleans.



seminars

MICHAEL MOEHLER

Center Faculty Fellow

The (Stabilized) Nash Bargaining Solution as a Principle of Distributive Justice

ALAN THOMAS

Center Faculty Fellow

The Neo-Marxist Critique of Rawlsian Liberalism

STEPHEN M. GRIFFIN

Interim Dean and Rutledge C. Clement, Jr. Professor in Constitutional Law, Tulane University Law School

War Powers and Constitutional Change

ANNE MARGARET BAXLEY

Center Faculty Fellow and Associate Professor of Philosophy, Washington University at St. Louis

Kant's Conception of Virtue and the Autocracy of Pure Practical Reason

RICHARD F. TEICHGRAEBER III

Center Faculty Fellow and Professor of History, Tulane University

The Arrival of Up-or-Out Tenure:

James B. Conant and the 'Tempest at Harvard,' 1937-39

GEOFFREY BRENNAN

Professor of Economics, Australian National University

The Context of Justice or 'Cooperative Venture for Mutual Advantage'?

JESSE PRINZ

Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Sentimentalism and Self-Directed Emotions



DAVID BRINK

Professor of Philosophy, University of California
Co-Director, Institute for Law and Philosophy,
University of San Diego Law School

Responsibility as Fairness

SUSAN SHELL

Professor of Political Science, Boston College

Are All Rights Human Rights?

CHARLES LARMORE

W. Duncan MacMillan Family Professor in the Humanities, Brown University

What is Political Philosophy?

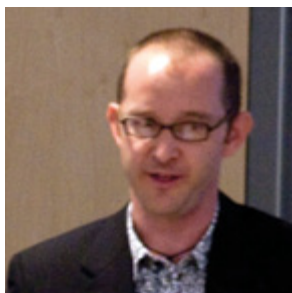


The Faculty Seminar is led by Bruce Brower, Associate Professor of Philosophy, and Chair of the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Event Advisory Committee. Brower notes that, "Despite busy schedules, our seminar participants read the papers carefully ahead of time, leading to very high-level discussions of the most recent thought about ethics."

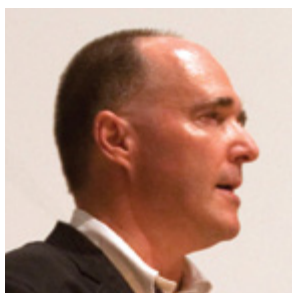
lectures



CHARLES BUTTERWORTH
Emeritus Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland
Alfarabi's Goal: Political Philosophy, not Political Theology



CAMPBELL GREY
Assistant Professor of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania
Urban Poverty, Charity and Conversion in Late Antique Asia Minor



ROBERT HANNA
Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder
Living with Contradictions: The Logic of Kantian Moral Principles in a Nonideal World



NINA SILBER
Professor of History at Boston University
Why Gender Matters for the Civil War

conferences

2010 PPE CONFERENCE: COMPLEXITY IN SOCIETY

SCOTT E. PAGE

Leonid Hurwicz Collegiate Professor of Complex Systems, Political Science, and Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

A Complexity Perspective on Institutional Design

STEVEN DURLAUF

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Complexity, Economics, and Public Policy

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Assistant Director, New England Institute for Cognitive Science and Evolutionary Studies

Cognitive Closure and Social Complexity

KEVIN ZOLLMAN

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Carnegie Mellon University

Social Network Structure and the Achievement of Consensus

ROBERT GEYER

Professor of Politics, Complexity and Policy, Lancaster University (UK)

Integrating Complexity into the Policy World



profiles of faculty fellows

RICHARD F. TEICHGRAEBER III, Professor of History at Tulane University, required no time to get acquainted with New Orleans. Well-known as one of Tulane's most dedicated and dynamic teachers, Teichgraeber joined the Tulane faculty in 1979 and served as Director of the Murphy Institute from 1984 to 2009.



Teichgraeber, who had not taken a sabbatical in a dozen years, was especially appreciative of the time his fellowship gave him to devote to his research: "Time may be the scarcest commodity in professional academic life, especially at institutions that prize scholarship. The most useful service the Center provides its Faculty Fellows is ample time to pursue their research and writing." A

Center Faculty Fellowship allowed Teichgraeber to finish a monograph, *Building Culture: Studies in the Intellectual History of Industrializing America, 1867-1910*, forthcoming from the University of South Carolina Press, and to write "The Arrival of 'Up-or-Out Tenure': James B. Conant and the 'Tempest at Harvard,' 1937-39," an essay which will eventually become a book. He also completed a review essay, "Beyond 'Academicization': The Postwar American University and Intellectual History" for the journal *Modern Intellectual History*. In speaking of his essays, Teichgraeber notes that they "represent efforts to fill in some big blank spots in our understanding of tenure... Most people outside of the academy think of 'tenure' simply as a matter of universities providing professors with life-long jobs, and as long as 'tenure' is understood in that way I am quite sure it will be subject to attack and criticism."

In the coming academic year, Teichgraeber will again direct his energies to teaching courses for the Murphy Institute's Political Economy Program, the Department of History, and the Honors Program.

On a sunny day in April 2010, MICHAEL MOEHLER took a rare break from writing to discuss his fellowship experience, and the conversation shifted towards Kant. Kantians, Moehler explained, experience freedom by imposing rules on themselves. Such is Moehler's personal philosophy—a philosophy that he noted both New Orleans and the



Center share. New Orleans, he said, allows residents to lose themselves in a myriad of cultural activities, to become completely engrossed in work, or to seek their own balance between work and play. Moehler was pleased to find the dynamic at the Center to be very much in the same vein. "I was free to attend reading groups, or not, free to have lunch with the Fellows and other Tulane faculty on some days, and on other days to devote every hour to research."

Moehler, who proved one of the Center's most enthusiastic Faculty Seminar members, also took part in the weekly Kantian reading group organized by Oliver Sensen and attended by Faculty Fellows Anne Margaret Baxley and Alan Thomas, and Graduate Fellow Brian Walters. A Hobbesian who seeks a Kantian conclusion in his latest research, Moehler found that both the reading group and the seminar benefited his work. His main research project, entitled "Minimal Morality," comprises several journal articles. One of these articles, "The (Stabilized) Nash Bargaining Solution as a Principle of Distributive Justice," originally presented as a paper at the Center Faculty Seminar, is forthcoming from *Utilitas*. During his stay at the Center, Moehler also published (with Geoffrey Brennan) an entry entitled "Neoclassical Economics," in volume II of *Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (ed. Mark Bevir, Sage Publications, 2010), as well as two journal articles: "Justice and Peaceful Cooperation," *Journal of Global Ethics*, 5 (2009) and "Why Hobbes' State of Nature is Best Modeled by an Assurance Game," *Utilitas*, 21 (2009).

Moehler will continue his scholarly career at Virginia Tech, where he is appointed Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy.

FELLOWS 2009-2010

FACULTY FELLOWS

ANNE MARGARET BAXLEY
Associate Professor of Philosophy,
Washington University in St. Louis

MICHAEL MOEHLER
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During her fellowship year, ANNE MARGARET BAXLEY, an expert on the work of Immanuel Kant, completed a book, *Kant's Theory of Virtue: The Value of Autocracy* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), and began a new book project, "Happiness and its Value in Kant's Ethics." Few scholars, according to Baxley, pay attention to what Kant had to say about the relationship between ethics and happiness, and yet for Kant, all human beings have two ends—one is to be morally good, and the other is to promote your own happiness.

Happiness seems an especially apt topic for Baxley, who brimmed with excitement whenever she discussed her research, living in New Orleans, and the intellectual life at the Center. While at the



Center, she particularly welcomed the chance to connect with another leading Kant scholar, Tulane's Oliver Sensen. Baxley and Sensen, along with Lara Denis of Agnes Scott College, now plan to edit a book of twelve articles which focus on Kant's Lectures on Ethics.

Baxley especially enjoyed discovering New Orleans: "New Orleans is full of surprises, and

you don't need to enter the French Quarter to experience these. You can encounter a local character at the grocery store or a genuine Jewish deli on Magazine St. with one of the best Reubens you have ever eaten."

As her fellowship ended, Baxley felt "reinvigorated" and "ready to teach and take part in faculty life" at Washington University in St. Louis where she is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of Undergraduate Studies.

When ALAN THOMAS arrived in New Orleans from the UK in the autumn of 2009, he made a prediction: The Saints would win the Super Bowl in 2010. "Careful," the Murphy Institute staff warned him, "The Saints will break your heart. No other team can snatch defeat from the jaws of victory like the Saints." Thomas, who has been a Saints fan since 2008 when the team played in London's Wembley Stadium, was as delighted to be proven right as we were to be proven wrong.



Football aside, Thomas thoroughly enjoyed his year in New Orleans "a city unlike any other in the US." Above all, he valued the research atmosphere provided by the Center and his colleagues shared an especially high opinion of him. His seminar presentation on the "Neo-Marxist Critique of Rawlsian Liberalism" displayed a truly penetrating intellect. Thomas relished the opportunity to interact with so many faculty working in ethics and moral and political philosophy, and noted that few departments can boast so many faculty members in these areas. Especially important was the time his fellowship gave him for research on his project, "Ethics in the First Person" a monograph study of first personal thinking in ethics. The topics covered range from the individual's involvement in practical decisions to whether or not it matters whether a particular person is the individual who performs a moral action.

After completing his fellowship, Thomas took up a new position as Professor of Ethics and Director of the Tilburg Hub for Ethics and Social Philosophy at Tilburg University in the Netherlands.



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