New Members Join Board of Visitors

Four new members have joined the Institute’s Board of Visitors: J. Adam Abram, chief executive officer of Front Royal Inc., Morrisville, N.C.; Margery Kraus, president and chief executive officer of APCO Associates Inc., Washington, D.C.; Bruce E. Thompson, vice president and director of government relations, Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., Washington, D.C. (and father of Lesley Thompson, PPS ’01); and Michael “Buz” Waitzkin, partner in the law firm of FoxKiser, Washington, D.C.


The Lester Crown Lecture in Ethics was established to bring outside speakers to campus to discuss compelling ethical issues in the fields of arts, sciences, medicine, business and other fields. Crown is president of Henry Crown and Co., a family-owned and operated company that includes diversified manufacturing operations and real estate. Just prior to this year’s lecture, Duke President Nan Keohane announced the establishment of the Lester Crown University Professorship in Ethics with a $2 million gift from the Crown and Goodman families of Chicago.

Lester Crown and the Crown family are long-time friends, supporters and active leaders of the University. His grandson, Keat (son of Steve and Nancy Crown); daughter-in-law Paula Hannaford Crown; and son-in-law Gunnar Peterson are all Duke graduates. Steve and Nancy Crown have served as national co-chairs of the Duke Parents’ Committee; Paula Crown serves on the Steering Committee for the Campaign at Duke and on the board of visitors of Duke’s Trinity College of Arts and Sciences.

Parents Weekend Draws 150

Dozens of current and prospective PPS students and their parents gathered Oct. 28 in the Fleishman Commons to learn more about the Institute and the public policy major. Addressing the group were Bruce Jentleson, Institute director; Bob Conrad, director of undergraduate studies; and Donna Dyer, director of career services and alumni relations. PPS grad students sold t-shirts to raise funds for the internship program, and other faculty and staff were on hand to discuss the Institute and the PPS curriculum.

Cook Honored for Work in Criminology; Study Questions Impact of Brady Act

Phil Cook, ITT/Terry Sanford professor of public policy studies, has been selected as a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, in recognition of his “outstanding scholarly contributions to the field of criminology.” Earlier this year, Cook and co-author Jens Ludwig of Georgetown University published a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association analyzing the impact of the 1994 Brady Handgun Violence Protection Act. Despite the fact that the act was designed to curb violence by requiring background checks and waiting periods for all people buying guns from licensed dealers, Cook and Ludwig found there is no evidence it has lowered homicide rates in the U.S. But they said it may have saved lives by reducing suicide rates. The study continues to receive widespread media coverage.

Cook and Ludwig’s book, Gun Violence: The Real Costs, has been published by Oxford University Press. An article about the book appeared in the New York Times. The book will be serialized in the Milken Institute Review and the authors were scheduled to present a Congressional briefing on Nov. 13. Cook is a visiting scholar this semester at the Kennedy School of Government.
Op-eds Raise Caution Flag on School Vouchers

Edward B. Fiske and Helen F. Ladd advise caution when considering large-scale, publicly funded school vouchers in a Sept. 25 op-ed in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and an Oct. 18 op-ed in the *Los Angeles Times*. Fiske, an education consultant, and Ladd, professor of public policy studies and director of graduate studies at the Institute, are co-authors of the book, *When Schools Compete: A Cautionary Tale* (Brookings Institution Press). The book has been widely reviewed, including as part of a feature by Howard Gardner in the Oct. 19 edition of *The New York Review of Books*. Fiske and Ladd have been interviewed extensively since the book was published in the spring of this year; a feature on the couple and their work appears in the September/October issue of *Duke Magazine*.

Hersh: ‘Ethics & the Big Story’

Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh, who wrote the first account of the My Lai massacre in South Vietnam, delivered the James D. Ewing Lecture on Ethics in Journalism, “Ethics and the Big Story,” Oct. 24 at the Sanford Institute. In the 1970s, Hersh worked at *The New York Times* and, since then, has joined the paper two other times on special assignment. He has won numerous major journalism awards, including the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. The Ewing lectures are annual events sponsored by James D. Ewing, publisher emeritus of *The Keene Sentinel* in New Hampshire and vice chairman and co-founder of the Center for Foreign Journalists.

U.S. Ambassador to the UK: Technology Affecting Diplomacy


Lader became ambassador to the United Kingdom in 1997. He previously served as administrator of the Small Business Administration and as White House deputy chief of staff and assistant to President Clinton. He also is a member of the Institute’s Board of Visitors.

Center for Child & Family Policy Publishes ‘State of Durham’s Children 2000’

There is good news and bad news concerning the children of Durham, N.C., according to a new report prepared jointly by the Institute’s Center for Child and Family Policy and the Durham Youth Coordinating Board. Alcohol use and teen pregnancy are relatively low, but child abuse and school drop-out rates are major community problems. The study received significant coverage by local media.

Healy Heads Center for North American Studies

Robert G. Healy, professor of resource and environmental policy and public policy studies, has been named director of Duke’s Center for North American Studies. The center, created in 1997, is believed to be the only center at a major United States university that deals with Canada, Mexico and the U.S. as a single, increasingly connected region. Healy has been an active participant in the Institute’s Center for International Development Research.

Jentleson Participates in Foreign Policy Debate


Jentleson recently has discussed Gore foreign policy issues in the *Washington Post*, *Columbus Dispatch*, *World News Connection* and other news media outlets. He also has been interviewed about growing tensions in the Middle East. While in London, Jentleson spoke at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) on “Coercive Prevention: Normative, Political and Policy Dilemmas.”
Is U.S. the World’s Standard Bearer of Democracy?

Slow progress and repeated setbacks in the establishment of voting rights in the U.S. suggest we need to rethink the all-American image. The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States is a new book by Alex Keyssar, professor of history and public policy studies (Basic Books). “Most Americans take for granted their right to vote, whether or not they choose to exercise it,” Keyssar said. “We tend to forget that the history of suffrage in this country has been a succession of hard-fought battles and inconsistent progress, with people working relentlessly over the years to deny others this fundamental right.” Press coverage of the book includes articles in the Chicago Tribune and the Denver Post.

PIDP Fellows Tackle Eco-tourism, Central Asia Economy

The June issue of French monthly Trek magazine praised first-year Program for International Development Policy Fellow Eliana Pauca from Peru for her initiative in launching an eco-tourism program with the inhabitants of Anapia Islands of Lake Titicaca. She had succeeded, says Trek, “in ensuring that tourism would turn into an engine of balanced development, thus preserving the ecological environment.” Pauca is former manager of All Ways Travel Agency.


CIDR Faculty Speak in Armenia

Jerry VanSant and Panagiotis Karamanos, faculty members at the Institute’s Center for International Development Research, participated at the international conference “Towards Good Governance Through Regional Cooperation” in Yerevan, Armenia, Oct. 26-29. VanSant was a guest speaker and discussed the role of nongovernmental organizations in promoting better governance. Karamanos led the two-day discussions of the working group on “Restructuring and Reforming Government.” The conference was organized by Amalia Kostanyan (PIDP ’00).

Leader-in-Residence Joseph Addresses Ethics, Leadership

James Joseph, a former U.S. ambassador to South Africa and professor of practice at the Institute, drew a capacity crowd for his lecture, “The Changing Role of Ethics in Public Life” on Oct. 27. The lecture, part of the Hart Leadership Program’s Distinguished Speaker Series, was one of many activities held during Parents Weekend. Joseph, also leader-in-residence for the Hart Leadership Program, is at work on a book that focuses on public values and ethics. He joined the faculty in March.

Whetten-Goldstein Leads Multi-State HIV/Stress Study

Kate Whetten-Goldstein, assistant professor and acting director at the Center for Health Policy, Law and Management, is primary investigator for a major new study that looks at the connection between life stress and the pursuit of health care. The $2.9 million study, funded primarily by the National Institute of Mental Health, will follow HIV patients in six Southern states that Whetten-Goldstein says buck the national trends of slowing HIV spread and mortality: North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia. The study’s data may lead to new approaches to breaking down barriers that hinder efforts to reduce the spread of HIV in the South and the mortality rate. Whetten-Goldstein also was profiled in the May-June issue of Duke Magazine.

Journalist Rose Receives ’00-’01 Futrell Award

Television journalist and talk show host Charlie Rose received the annual Futrell Award, given to Duke University alumni who have demonstrated excellence in the field of communications and journalism. After receiving the award, he delivered a public lecture on “The Art of the Interview,” in which he discussed insights from his years of experience as host of his nationally syndicated “Charlie Rose” talk show.

The Futrell Award, presented by the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, is made possible by a gift from Ashley B. “Brownie” Futrell Jr. in tribute to his father, Ashley B. Futrell Sr., for his career contributions to Duke and to the profession of journalism. The Futrells are Duke alumni who won and operate the Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington (N.C.) Daily News. Past Futrell Award recipients include editor and publisher Clay Felker, CNN Senior Anchor Judy Woodruff and New York Times staff writer Jason DeParle.
Mickiewicz Joins Advisory Boards; Meets with Carters

Ellen Mickiewicz, director of the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, attended her first meeting in New York as a new trustee of the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Mickiewicz was recently appointed to the Governing Board of the International Research and Exchanges Board and also attended her first meeting with Rosalynn Carter and her Advisory Board for the Mental Health Journalism Fellowships. She also met with former President Carter, with whom she has worked for many years, while at the Carter Center.

Other Faculty News


Upcoming Events

Dec. 15: Leadership & the Arts in New York Benefit

LANY, a part of the Hart Leadership Program, will hold a benefit in New York on Friday, Dec. 15. The event begins with a reception and “sumptuous repast” catered by Andy King Events at the Good Morning America studios, followed by a benefit performance of “Jane Eyre, the Musical,” produced by Annette Nientzow. Tickets are $350 each and may be purchased in advance by emailing Jewel Wheeler at wheeler@pps.duke.edu, or calling her at 919/613-7350.

Student Notes

Sara Jewitt (PPS ’00) was featured prominently in the Oct. 26 issue of Rolling Stone. Jewitt’s work with community documentary programs in Nicaragua and a South African township was done through the Hart Leadership Program’s Service Opportunities in Learning. … Alisa Nave (PPS ’01) was selected by Glamour magazine as one of the “Top 10 College Women 2000” in the October issue. Nave was selected based on her SOL internship with New York’s Victim Services organization. … Stephanie Grice (MPP ’00) is participating in a two-year fellowship in the N.C. Department of Commerce as part of the Governor’s Public Management Fellows Program. For more information about the program, visit the Web site at www.osp.state.nc.us/GPMFP.htm.

‘The Trust’ Wins Sperber Award for Journalist Biography

The Trust: *The Private and Powerful Family Behind the New York Times*, co-authored by Susan Tifft, Eugene C. Patterson professor of practice, and her husband, Alex Jones, has won the 1999 A.M. Sperber Award for best biography of a journalist. The award, administered by Fordham University, was established by Mrs. Lisolette Sperber in honor of her daughter, Anne, who wrote the definitive biography of Edward R. Murrow, *Murrow: His Life and Times*. Tifft and Jones spoke Nov. 2 at the University of Las Vegas as part of the university’s fall lecture series. Their topic: “The New York Times and American Journalism: Biography, the Ochses, the Sulzbergers and Modern Media.”