Institute Hosts U.S., South African Civil Society Leaders

A distinguished group of South African and American civil society leaders participated in the inaugural Binational Forum on Civil Society Dec. 2–4 at the Sanford Institute. The event was sponsored by the Sanford Institute’s U.S.-Southern Africa Center for Leadership and Public Values, directed by former U.S. Ambassador to South Africa James A. Joseph. Joseph is also a Professor of the Practice of PPS in the Sanford Institute’s Hart Leadership Program.

Attendees discussed how best to assist South African nonprofit organizations in addressing critical challenges facing that nation. These include making headway against the HIV/AIDS epidemic; moving the agenda of reconciliation and restorative justice forward; rebuilding communities through participatory self-help; and encouraging the growth of community-based philanthropy, especially among the newly wealthy.

“The Binational Forum on Civil Society is patterned after the U.S.-South Africa Binational Commission co-chaired by Vice President Al Gore and Deputy President Thabo Mbeki during the Clinton and Mandela Administrations,” said Joseph. “It will meet annually in plenary sessions at Duke University, but most of its work during the year will take place through Working Groups co-chaired by distinguished American and South African nonprofit sector leaders. While at the Terry Sanford Institute, each Working Group developed its own agenda of initiatives to be launched in 2003.”

Among the U.S. organizations represented were the National AIDS Fund, National Conference for Community and Justice, National Center for Family Philanthropy, Ford Foundation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and International Human Rights Law Group. South African organizations represented include the Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation, AIDS Counseling Care and Training, Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund and the University of South Africa.

The center works in conjunction with its counterpart in the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town to develop programs aimed at strengthening public leadership, extending the reach of civil society and promoting those values essential to the health of democratic societies.

Internship Auction Set April 4

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4, for the 4th Annual Internship Fund Dinner & Auction, at the Sanford Institute. You can bid on fabulous vacation getaways, great gifts and tickets to exciting sporting events. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by a buffet dinner and a live auction. Admission to the auction is free; dinner tickets are available by emailing Dale Baker at baker@pps.duke.edu.

The event is open to the public. All proceeds go to the Sanford Institute Internship Endowment Fund, which supports public policy students who seek internships with nonprofit and other organizations that do not offer a salary or living expenses. Please contact Baker if you have an item to donate for the auction, or would like to make a contribution to the Internship Fund. Information about the auction will also be on the Institute’s Web site in March, www.pubpol.duke.edu.

Upcoming Events

February 11 Journalism and Civil Rights
5:30 p.m. Lecture Hall 04

April 3–4 Sanford Institute Board of Visitors Meeting

April 4 Annual Internship Dinner & Auction
6 p.m. Silent Auction
6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
8 p.m. Live Auction
PPS Senior Wins Rhodes Scholarship

Congratulations to Dave Chokshi (PPS/Chemistry ’02), who was one of 32 students in the U.S. selected as winners of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarships. The scholarships provide two or three years of study at Oxford and are selected based on academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and other attributes. Two other Triangle students received the scholarships, one at Duke and one at UNC-CH.

Chokshi’s interests include bioethics and equitable healthcare. He has done AIDS work in India and is a student of PPS Professor Kathryn Whetten, whose own work focuses on health inequalities and HIV/AIDS. (See Issues for her latest research.) Chokshi also has studied with PPS faculty Elizabeth Richardson Vigdor and Bruce Payne. At Oxford, Chokshi plans to pursue a degree in philosophy, politics and economics, and later to go to medical school.

‘Conversation with William Raspberry’ at National Press Club Draws 150

“A reporter’s job is to bring you facts. A columnist’s job is to bring you truth,” said William Raspberry during a standing-room-only event Nov. 21 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. More than 150 Sanford Institute alumni and friends attended the program “Community, Civil Society & Public Policy: A Conversation with William Raspberry,” which was aired live on C-SPAN.

Raspberry is Knight Professor of the Practice of Journalism and Public Policy Studies at the Sanford Institute’s DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism and Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist for The Washington Post. He was interviewed by Susan Tifft, Eugene C. Patterson Professor of the Practice of Journalism and Public Policy Studies at the DeWitt Wallace Center and co-author of the award-winning book, The Trust: The Private and Powerful Family Behind The New York Times. Sanford Institute Director Bruce W. Jentleson moderated.

Tifft talked with Raspberry about what shaped his journalism career, including his hometown of Okolona, Miss., and his parents. “Mom was my English teacher when I was growing up. … My Dad was a high school shop teacher,” Raspberry said. “Between them, they gave me some pretty decent values.” He also credits his mother with giving him “a sense of grace in my writing.” Raspberry discovered journalism in college and described it as “a career better than anything I could have dreamed up on my own.”

On students and teaching, Raspberry said, “My students have taught me patience. They’ve taught me the danger of jumping to false conclusions, of jumping too quickly to conclusions.”

Hart Addresses Corporate Ethics

Mitch Hart, corporate leader, philanthropist and Hart Leadership Program benefactor, addressed “What Happened to Ethics in Corporate Governance?” Oct. 22 as part of the Hart Leadership Program’s Distinguished Speaker Series. “The basis of everything I believe in about leadership is based on ethics. We have had one of the worst misuses of ethics in corporate America,” he said, referring to Enron and other corporate scandals.

He recommended several solutions to the crisis in confidence in corporate America, including separating the auditing and consulting sides of large accounting firms and separating the analyst function from other functions in brokerage firms. Hart is chairman of The Hart Group, Inc.; co-founder and former president, Electronic Data Systems Corporation; trustee emeritus, Duke Board of Trustees; and member, Sanford Institute Board of Visitors.

Department of Education Liaison Discusses ‘No Child Left Behind’ Act

Dr. S. Anne Hancock, U.S. Department of Education (DOE) Regional Representative, visited the Sanford Institute’s Center for Child and Family Policy Nov. 2 to present the Bush administration’s position on the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Education Act. Hancock serves as a liaison with DOE, responding to queries from the Southeastern United States about federal education policy.

Hancock answered questions from local educators and Duke scholars about the balance between state and federal roles in setting measurable education accountability standards. Under NCLB, she noted, each state establishes its own standards, but the states must meet federal approval for the state to receive federal education funding. A school’s failure to meet its standards,
Faculty Discuss Social Policy Issues at APPAM Annual Research Conference

A number of Sanford Institute faculty and research scholars participated in the annual research conference for the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, held in Dallas Nov. 7–9. This year’s conference theme was, “Asking ‘What if…’ Assessing the Public Policy and Management Implications of Social Science Research.”

Sanford Institute presenters and discussants were Domini Castellino, Research Scholar, Center for Child and Family Policy; Charles T. Clotfelter, Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of PPS and Professor of Economics and Law; Philip J. Cook, ITT/Terry Sanford Professor of PPS and Professor of Economics and Sociology; William Darity Jr., Research Professor of PPS, African and African-American Studies and Economics; Christina Gibson, Assistant Professor of PPS; Helen F. “Sunny” Ladd, Professor of PPS and Economics and Associate Director of the Sanford Institute; and Jacob L. Vigdor, Assistant Professor of PPS and Economics. They discussed a wide variety of social policy topics, including:

- Evaluating policies to reduce gun violence (Cook)
- “Acting White, Acting Black or Not Acting At All,” a report on ethnographic research conducted in North Carolina schools (Darity and Castellino)
- The effect of employment and income on domestic violence (Gibson)
- The effect of accountability systems on teacher recruiting and retention; school segregation and resegregation (Clotfelter, Ladd and J. Vigdor)
- Restructuring local government finance in South Africa (Ladd)

Ladd was also recognized for her contributions to the public financial management field with the 2002 Steve Gold Award. The award is given annually by APPAM, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the National Tax Association.

BOV Member Honored for Campaign Work

Peter D. Hart, member of the Sanford Institute’s Board of Visitors and visiting faculty member, has received the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution to Campaign Consulting from the American University’s Campaign Management Institute.

Hart has been one of the leading analysts of public opinion in the United States for more than 30 years. Since 1971, he has been CEO of Peter D. Hart Research Associates, which has conducted well over 5,000 public opinion surveys and has administered and analyzed interviews among more than 3,000,000 individuals. Hart built his reputation on his successful work in politics, but in 1996, he turned over most of this work to others in the firm in order to focus on public policy, cultural and social issues, and strategic consulting work for corporations. For the past 26 years, he has been a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, and has also taught Public Opinion and Public Policy at the Sanford Institute. Hart is also a Duke parent of Elizabeth, T ’99, and Aaron, PPS ’02.

Deviant Peer Contagion Group Meets

The Center for Child and Family Policy hosted the second of the Duke Executive Sessions on Deviant Peer Contagion in late October. The 40 scientists and policymakers participating continued to lay groundwork for a future research and policy initiative.

“Social scientists know there is a correlation between grouping troubled youth together in programs and poor future outcomes in terms of crime, education, mental health and other factors,” said Center Director Kenneth A. Dodge, also William McDougall Professor of PPS and Professor of Psychology-Social and Health Sciences. “Scientists don’t know the mechanisms behind peer contagion and don’t yet know if the troubled kids who are grouped together in the juvenile justice, special education, mental health or other systems would live more successfully in other environments.”

The answers could have significant consequences for communities. These youth not only “graduate” to troubled adult lives but often make their communities less safe and cost them in terms of taxes for various social, health and justice programs, Dodge noted. Participants are working to raise the issue of deviant peer contagion among research supporters, in hopes of expanding inquiry, and policymakers and practitioners, who are faced with limited and maybe counter-productive treatment options when dealing with these youth.
Journalists Cite Bush’s Popularity as Key to Mid-Term Election Results

Three veteran political journalists discussed “The Midterm Elections: What’s Changed?” Nov. 9, at the Sanford Institute during the annual John Fisher Zeidman Memorial Colloquium on Communications.

This year’s media participants were Aaron Brown, national political correspondent, CNN; Ron Brownstein, political columnist for the Los Angeles Times; and John Harwood, a Duke alumnus and national political editor for Wall Street Journal. Ellen Mickiewicz, director of the Institute’s DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, moderated the panel.

The Zeidman Colloquium is made possible by a gift to Duke from Philip and Nancy Zeidman in memory of their son, John, a former Duke student who died in 1982 after contracting viral encephalitis while studying in China.

“This election is framed by two events: the attacks of 9/11 and the prospect of war in Iraq,” said Brown. “That is why the economy didn’t resonate with the voters. Brownstein cited several factors in GOP victories, including the “fundamental failure of Democrats to make the economy work” as an issue. He also cited President Bush’s popularity. “The lesson, though it may overly simplistic, is that where Bush is strong, he is very strong. … He brought out Republicans in very large numbers.”

Harwood noted that, “Bush is a more powerful president today than at any other time in his presidency.”

Alum Creates Duke Journalism Award

Richard Melcher, a Duke alumnus and member emeritus of the Sanford Institute Board of Visitors, and the DeWitt Wallace Center have established The Melcher Family Award for Excellence in Journalism. The annual award, to be presented to a junior at Duke, will recognize undergraduate achievement in journalism. It will be administered by the DeWitt Wallace Center. Members of the Melcher Family Award Committee will evaluate submissions. Committee members are David Jarmul, Duke’s Associate Vice President for News and Communications, DeWitt Wallace Center Director Ellen Mickiewicz and faculty members William Raspberry, Kenneth Rogerson and Susan Tifft.


Melcher is co-founder and principal of Melcher+Tucker Consultants, a strategic consulting firm in Chicago. Prior to founding the firm, he was a writer and chief of the London and Chicago bureaus of Business Week.

‘Reporting from the Front Lines’

Chilling video footage of a terrorist training camp for journalists brought home the danger faced regularly by journalists who cover international conflict. The video was shown during two presentations at the Institute in November and featured panelists Thomas Seifert, international correspondent, NEWS Magazine, Austria; Hans-Peter Trojek, international correspondent, ZDF TV, Germany; and Elisabeth Rubin, international correspondent/writer, The New Yorker, The New York Times and The New Republic. The three discussed both harrowing and occasionally humorous experiences covering wars from the hills of Afghanistan and the forests of Chechnya to the jungles of Sierra Leone and the deserts of Iraq. Though covering conflict has always contained an element of danger, since the killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, Seifert said

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USAID Administrator Addresses U.S., International Development
Andrew S. Natsios, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, discussed “The U.S. and Challenges of International Development” on Nov. 7. He discussed poverty, the issue of governance, and the importance of education and civil society in helping countries develop stronger economies. His presentation was part of the “Rethinking Development” series sponsored by the Duke Center for International Development.

Natsios was sworn in on May 1, 2001, as administrator of USAID, the lead U.S. government agency providing economic and humanitarian assistance to transitioning and developing countries. He has said, “As a great power, I believe America’s foreign assistance both serves to accomplish our foreign policy objectives, and expresses the deep humanitarian instincts of the American people.”
State Gun Laws Can Reduce Domestic-Partner Homicides

States with laws prohibiting certain violent domestic partners from purchasing guns are able to reduce domestic-partner homicide rates up to 12 percent, provided the states also have the technical capacity to cross-check restraining orders with firearm purchases, says a new study co-authored by Sanford Institute researcher Elizabeth Richardson Vigdor. She presented the study in Dallas in November during the annual research conference of the Association for Public Policy Management and Analysis.

Nearly 1.5 million women and 834,700 men experience violence at the hand of their intimate partners each year in the United States. In 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated the annual costs of domestic violence totaled $23.5 billion in criminal justice outlays, medical and mental health care, and lost productivity.

Both the federal government and state governments have enacted laws designed to reduce domestic violence. As of 2000, 23 states had laws restricting access to guns by those under a court restraining order.

“These laws are designed to prohibit potentially violent partners who are under a restraining order from buying guns,” says Vigdor. “Our study clearly shows the laws are effective at reducing intimate-partner homicides, but the key factor is whether the state is able to check firearms applicants against a database of people under restraining order.”

State and federal definitions for domestic or intimate partners differ; for the purposes of this study, the researchers considered intimate partners to include spouse, ex-spouse, common-law spouse, boyfriend and girlfriend, and homosexual relationship.

In 1998, according to FBI Supplementary Homicide Reports, the national intimate-partner homicide rate (with and without handguns) was 0.7 homicides per 100,000 people. The rate was higher for women (0.9/100,000). Compared with states that had no prohibitive legislation, states that had firearm prohibitions on those with restraining orders saw a 9 percent reduction in both the rate of intimate-partner homicides and the rate of homicides committed without a gun.

The declines are larger when looking only at women. In states with laws restricting access to guns for those under restraining orders, homicides in general among women declined by 11 percent and homicides committed by a gun declined by 12 percent.

Vigdor and her co-author, James A. Mercy with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, compared intimate-partner homicide across states between 1982 and 1998. Data came from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Supplementary Homicide Report files for those years. The reports included information on sex, age, race, victim-offender relationship, circumstances of the homicide, weapon used, and location of the homicide.

The study also examined the impact of laws restricting access to guns by individuals convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor and found no significant impact on intimate partner homicides.

The paper will be included in a book of proceedings from a conference on gun violence held at the Brookings Institution, scheduled for publication in February.

Elizabeth Richardson Vigdor is Assistant Professor of PPS.
Researcher Warns of South’s HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Healthcare providers and policymakers need to take action to stop the spread of the disease in the American South, said Sanford Institute researcher Kathryn Whetten. “This epidemic in the South is a serious problem. It needs to be taken seriously, and it hasn’t been in the U.S.,” she added. Whetten is Assistant Professor of PPS and Community and Family Medicine at the Sanford Institute’s Center for Health Policy, Law and Management.

The six-state region including North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana has had the highest proportional increase of HIV and AIDS from 1990 to today. The southern region—stretching from Delaware to Texas—has the largest number of people with AIDS in the country, she said, and the unique problems posed by this silent, rural epidemic make it more difficult to combat in the South than in other areas of the country. These factors include:

- It is a rural disease. Seventy-five percent of the infected people live in rural areas, which poses transportation and other problems.
- The stigma is greater. The disease is “spreading silently” because people are afraid to admit they have HIV or AIDS. In some areas, people believe there is a cancer epidemic because people with AIDS tell friends and family they have cancer.
- Patients are less likely to have a community support system and more likely to distrust the medical system and, therefore, miss appointments or refuse treatment.
- The gay community is different from that of large urban areas. There is an underground community of gay men who are often married and don’t want to talk about the fact they are having sex with other men.
- The South has a higher proportion of AIDS patients with mental health and substance abuse problems.
- Prevention messages designed for urban populations don’t work well in the rural South.

Partly because of these factors, there has never been a drop-off in the rate of infection as there was in the urban areas, Whetten said. “We’ve never had a handle on the epidemic in the South,” she said.

Whetten is co-author, with Trang Quyen Nguyen, of You’re the First One I’ve Told: New Faces of HIV in the South (Rutgers, 2002). They interviewed 25 men and women infected with HIV living in rural eastern North Carolina. They are now following up with a six-state study following 900 AIDS patients.

In November, Whetten took part in a conference in Charlotte, N.C., that brought together former Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher, state IDS directors, legislators, federal health officials and community advocates in a “Southern States Summit on HIV/AIDS & STDs.” She was interviewed by USA Today and WUNC, the Research Triangle area’s NPR affiliate, about AIDS in the South, in conjunction with World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. She also was interviewed by ABC Nightly News.

Kathryn Whetten is Assistant Professor of PPS and Community and Family Medicine and Director of the Health Inequalities Program in the Sanford Institute’s Center for Health Policy, Law and Management.
International Development Discussed

The Institute’s Duke Center for International Development held two seminars in its fall series on Rethinking Development Policy. The first seminar was conducted by Dr. Bernhard Liese, Director of International Health Programs at the School of Nursing and Health Systems at Georgetown University. Liese is also a public health consultant at the Onchocerciasis Coordination Unit to the Africa Region at the World Bank and specializes in public health policies in developing countries.

Dr. Peter deLeon conducted the second seminar, “New Public Management and Political Corruption.” DeLeon, a Professor of Public Policy at the University of Colorado at Denver Graduate School of Public Affairs, specializes in researching technology development, assessment, and utilization policy issues, with an expertise on national security and energy.

Class of ’02 Pursuing New Careers

Members of the Master of Public Policy Class of 2002 have assumed a wide variety of positions all over the country. Two members of the class are Javits Fellows working in the Senate and four are Presidential Management Interns working in various federal agencies, both prestigious fellowships that will benefit the participants, the offices they occupy, and the Sanford Institute. Following are placements as of December 2002:

- Susan Barnidge, Office of U.S. Senator Carnahan (Javits Fellow), Washington, DC
- Kevin Bourgault, Skokomish Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources, Gig Harbor, WA
- Rob Buschnann, Congressional Research Service (PMI), Washington, DC
- Laura Carter Whiteley, Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, Richmond, VA
- Lee Cochran, Baltimore Planning and Community Development Department, Baltimore, MD. Lee and his wife, Natalie, and daughter, Lucy, were happy to welcome Samuel Richard Cochran on June 21, 2002.
- Kevin Corcoran (MPP/MBA), Officer, U.S. Navy, Crete, Greece
- Adam DiVincenzo (MPP/JD), Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, LLP, Washington, DC
- Scott Douglas, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Emerging Leaders), Washington, DC
- Kirsten Fairall, Maryland State Legislature, Annapolis, MD. She attended a bill-signing ceremony recently during which President Bush signed legislation continuing a wetlands program. Fairall worked on the bill while with Ducks Unlimited.
- Delvecchio Finley, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA
- Josh Fowkes (MPP/JD), Galfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, Cleveland, OH
- Chloe Gossage, NC Fiscal Research Division, Raleigh, NC
- Heather Holsinger (MPP/MEM), U.S. General Accounting Office, Chicago, IL
- Melanie Kadlic, U.S. Department of Education (PMI), Washington, DC
- Lisa Kahl, Chesapeake Treatment Center, Baltimore, MD
- Susan Lorenz Smith, Summerbridge of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- Jennifer Loukissas, National Institutes of Health (PMI), Washington, DC
- Faye Miller, The Scrap Exchange, Durham, NC
- Roberto Obando, Office of the President, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Karen O’Donnell, U.S. Agency for International Development (PMI), Washington, DC
- Elizabeth Pika, Office of U.S. Senator Lincoln (Javits Fellow), Washington, DC
- Eric Sapp, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (Javits Fellow), Washington, DC
- Margaret Smith, U.S. General Accounting Office, Chicago, IL
- Trip Stallings, Program in Education, Duke University, Durham, NC
- John Taylor, Consortium for Energy Efficiency, Boston, MA
- Zoya Trofimenco (MPP/MBA), Employment Law Section, City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Aparna Venkatraman, Doctor of Management Program, Fuqua School of Business, Durham, NC
- D.J. Vogt (MPP/MBA), U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC. D.J. was married on October 12, 2002, to Jill Naughton in Portland, OR.
- Younghong Wang, Association for Children of New Jersey, Newark, NJ. Her Master’s Project on China’s gender imbalance problem has been selected to be published by Carleton University’s Norman Patterson School of International Affairs.
- Juliette White (MPP/JD), Law Clerk, Salt Lake City, UT
- Kristin Wunschel, American International Group, New York, NY
- Shidong Xu, Esquel Apparel, Cleveland, OH

Faculty & Staff Notes

On Nov. 14, John Ahearn, Visiting Professor in PPS, chaired a session on radiological terrorism at the annual Washington, D.C., meeting of the American Nuclear Society. He has been appointed vice chair of the Department of Energy Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, and as a member of the Department of Energy Office of Science Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

Hart Leadership Program faculty members Alma Blount, Bruce Payne and Tony Brown attended the fourth annual International Leadership Association (ILA) conference in Seattle in November. This year’s ILA theme was “Bridging Boundaries and Borders in Leadership.” Blount participated on a panel titled “Assessing Leadership Program Impact: Survey Results from the Consortium of Universities.” The ILA is a global network for people who practice, study, and teach leadership, and is housed at the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership at the University of Maryland.
A new book, *Evaluating Gun Policy* (Brookings Institution Press, 2003), edited by Jens Ludwig of Georgetown and Philip J. Cook, ITT/Terry Sanford Professor of PPS and Professor of Economics and Sociology, is due out in February. The book is a collection of original research articles on various aspects of gun policy, most written by economists. The book includes two articles by Cook and Ludwig: “Pragmatic Gun Policy” and “Do Guns Deter Burglars?” The book includes an article by Elizabeth Richardson Vigdor, Assistant Professor of PPS, on domestic violence. Please see Issues for more information on the Vigdor article.

William Darity Jr.’s paper on “Passing on Blackness: Latinos, Race and Earnings” coauthored with Derrick Hamilton and Jason Dietrich appeared in the October 2002 issue of *Applied Economics Letters*. Darity is a Research Professor of PPS, African and African-American Studies and Economics. He also presented a paper coauthored with Hamilton and Dietrich titled “Bleach in the Rainbow” on a related theme at a conference on color and identity held at Bucknell University in October. With Dania Frank from Harvard, Darity gave a presentation on “Reparations for African-Americans as a Transfer Problem” at the October 2002 conference on reparations sponsored by Columbia University and held at the Schomburg Institute in New York. He also presented a more technical version of the paper at the Southern Economic Association meetings in New Orleans in early December.

Donna Dyer, Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations, served with other Duke volunteers as a facilitator of several focus group sessions for women employees at Duke. She was selected as a result of her participation in a recent course on Peer Mediation, a new program initiated by the Staff and Labor Relations Department. The focus groups are a part of the work of Duke President Nannerl O. Keohane’s Women’s Steering Committee, which expects to report in April 2003.

James T. Hamilton, Oscar L. Tang Family Associate Professor of PPS and Associate Professor of Economics and Political Science, has been appointed to the National Research Council’s Committee on Improving Practices for Regulating and Managing Low-Activity Radioactive Waste. The committee will produce a report on policy options for managing the generation and disposal of low-activity radioactive waste.

Institute Director Bruce W. Jentleson spoke on “Iraq, Terrorism, and the Bush Doctrine: Right Threat, Wrong Strategy?” in November at Michigan State University. An interview with Jentleson about the program appeared Nov. 13 in the City Pulse newspaper in Lansing. Also in November, Jentleson addressed lessons learned regarding prevention of international crises during the second Duke Environmental Leadership Forum in November. He addressed several groups in New York on U.S. foreign policy and was interviewed in December on historical aspects of the U.S.-Iraq relationship for the BBC’s “The World” program.


Helen F. “Sunny” Ladd, Professor of PPS and Economics and Sanford Institute Associate Director, published an invited paper titled, “School Vouchers: A Critical View” in the Fall 2002 issue of the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

Francis Lethem, Professor of the Practice of PPS and Director of Graduate Studies, Program in International Development, gave two one-week intensive seminars in Tokyo in December. One was on managing the Project Cycle; the other was on Human Resources Development.

The Public Finance Group in the Institute’s Duke Center for International Development completed a three-week intensive seminar in South Africa on the Management of Foreign Aid. Participants were Professors of the Practice Fernando Fernholz and Graham Glenday, as well as Frederick W. Mayer, Associate Professor of PPS and Political Science and Director of Graduate Studies.

Ellen Mickiewicz, James R. Shepley Professor of PPS, Professor of Political Science and Director of the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wenner-Gren Foundation in New York on Oct. 25. She also attended Washington, D.C., meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Research and Exchanges Board Oct. 31–Nov. 1 and a meeting of the Board of Directors of Intermedia, a major non-profit audience research for international media, on Oct. 31.

Natalia Mirovitskaya, Visiting Research Scholar in PPS, spoke at Myers Park, a magnet high school in Charlotte, as part of a series titled “Opening Doors and Opening Minds.” She addressed international environmental security. Her appearance was noted in the *Charlotte Observer*.

Kathy Neal, Director of Communications, facilitated a media retreat for officials with the Durham Police Department and local reporters and editors. The goal was to improve communications between the two groups. Neal received Duke’s Teamwork Award for her work with the team of Duke communicators and others who created eDuke, the University’s monthly electronic newsletter.

Bruce L. Payne, Lecturer in PPS and Director, Leadership in the Arts program, hosted a lecture and discussion on the Duke campus Oct. 30 on “Community Service Successes and Failures: A Historical Perspective.” The event was sponsored by the Sanford Institute, the Hart Leadership Program, and Duke’s Community Service Center.

Frank Sloan, J. Alexander McMahon Professor of Health Policy, Law and Management and Director of the Sanford Institute’s Center for Health Policy, Law and Management, has been named to the Health Sector Advisory Council, a new group at Duke’s Fuqua School of Business. The council was formed by Fuqua’s Health Sector Management Program to provide faculty, students and staff with an outsider perspective on healthcare. It is composed of senior executives from various healthcare companies as well as faculty and students from several areas of Duke. They will review new trends, emerging technologies and research-grounded insights into the fast-changing health care environment.

Susan Tiff, Eugene C. Patterson Professor of the Practice of Journalism and PPS, and co-author of *The Trust*, about the powerful family that owns the *New York Times*, was referenced in two articles about the NYT buyout of the *International Herald Tribune* and other expansion plans. The articles appeared in the *New York Sun* and the *Sunday Telegraph* (London).

Jacob L. Vigdor, Assistant Professor of PPS and Economics, published a study, “Locations, Outcomes and Selective Migration” in the November issue of the *Review of Economics and Statistics*. He also received a two-year grant from the Smith Richardson Foundation to study whether college graduates, particularly whites, reap economic benefits from attending a racially diverse university. Peter Arcidiacono (Duke Department of Economics) is the co-Principal Investigator. Vigdor also presented a new study on the effects of easy mortgage credit on housing prices at the Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference in Chapel Hill.
MPP Alumni Notes

Brian Hickey (‘01) has a new position as Health Policy Advisor with the U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee in Washington, DC.

Alex Kennaugh (‘01) is engaged to Christian Schniewind, with wedding plans in Munich, Germany, on Sept. 27, 2003.

Gordon Wilson (‘01) has a new position at O’Neal, Inc., an engineering, economic analysis, and project management consulting firm in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Carolyn Forno (‘00) graduated from the DCD/ASPH Institute on HIV Prevention and Leadership in September 2002, receiving the faculty award for excellence.

Kirsten Petrocine Pennington (‘00) has moved to Seattle while her husband, Mark, pursues an MBA at the University of Washington.

Amy Raslevich (‘00) was recently promoted to Senior Director for Strategic Analysis at Community Care Behavioral Health in Pittsburgh.

Tanya Scobie (‘00) was married on June 18, 2002, to Wolfgang Kohling in Sudtirol, Italy. Both now work in Washington, DC, at the World Bank Group.

Eve Veliz (‘00) has begun her Ph.D. studies in Sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Stephanie Walsh (‘00) and her husband, Randy, have a new baby girl, Piper Aspen Walsh, born Aug. 27, 2002.

Kim Zimmerman (‘00) has a new position as healthcare legislative assistant for Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE) in Washington, DC.

Mireya Bustamante Brogan (‘99) was married to Christopher Brogan on April 6, 2002, in Dallas, TX. Mireya has started a new job for the Las Vegas PBS affiliate, Channel 10, in development.

Krista Enns (‘99) has a new position as an Associate in the law firm of Winston and Strawn in Washington, DC.

Marcelo Fava (‘99) and his wife welcome Julia Carolina Fava, born on Dec. 12, 2002.

Evan Fuguet (‘99) and his wife, Tracy, have a new son, Benjamin Jacob Fuguet, born on Feb. 24, 2002.

Ginger Martin (‘99), her husband, Tom, and son, Evan, announce the birth of Grace Anne Martin on Oct. 8, 2002.

Christy Lynn Wilson (‘99) has a new position as a Public Relations Director with the DeMoss Group in Atlanta, where she’ll be representing such clients as the Bill Graham Evangelistic Association, Promise Keepers and Women of Faith.

In May 2002, findings from the Spring Consulting Project Report written by Rob Faggart (‘99), Jacob Laubach (‘99), Amy Raslevich (‘00), and Silvia Shin (‘99) were featured in a National Employment Law Project report titled, “Unemployment Insurance and Domestic Violence: Learning from Our Experiences” by Rebecca Smith and Richard McHugh.

Mindy (‘98) and William (‘97) Bowman welcomed a daughter, Lucy Madelaine, on Sept. 25, 2002, at home and healthy in Fairfax, VA.

Justin Brown (‘98) and his wife Teresa are happy to welcome Grady Alexander Brown, born on Oct. 24, 2002, in Arlington, VA.

Rebecca Gau (‘98) has been included in the 2002 Who’s Who of American Women. Rebecca is Senior Research Analyst at the Morrison Institute for Public Policy, Arizona State University, Tempe, and has a new report coming out in January titled “Is There A Teacher Shortage? Demand and Supply in Arizona.”

Laura Haltzel (‘98) has a new position as Social Security Specialist with the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, in Washington, DC.

Kristin Cozza (‘98) recently moved to Charlotte, NC, where she is still working with the N.C. Wetlands Restoration Program.

Randy Chambers (‘97) and his wife, Heather, adopted a daughter, Maya Barbara Chambers, born June 4, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and arrived in the United States on Oct. 16, 2002. Randy is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Self Help in Durham, NC.

Patrick Garvey (‘97) has been selected to be a Professional Staff Member for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by incoming Committee Chairman Richard Lugar (R-IN). Patrick has been Lugar’s Legislative Assistant for Military Affairs for the past four years.

Brady Goldsmith (‘97) has left GAO and is working in the Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget in Rockville, MD.

Advising Russian Courts

Bruce Johnson (JD/MPP ’77) serves as Budget Officer and Chief of the Budget Division for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. He recently went to Moscow for a week to talk with judges and administrators in the Russian Federation judiciary about budgeting and financial management issues. He provided this update on his trip:

US AID [Agency for International Development] has funded a program called the Russian-American Judicial Partnership. [The Russians] are in the process of revising their system of judicial administration and needed advice on how to put a budget together, sell it to their Congress (the Duma), and then ... manage the use of those resources wisely and efficiently. ...

...The people I came in contact with were quite friendly and curious about Americans. Some remarked how unthinkable it would have been even 10 years ago to be sitting around talking to Americans... The signs of capitalism are everywhere, from billboards to ads in the paper, to banks and ATMs, to stories of apartments for rent at fantastic prices, even in U.S. dollars as opposed to rubles.
Tim Johnson ('97) has a new job as Manager of the Domestic Capital Markets Staff of the Open Markets Trading Desk, Markets Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Wan-Ying Lin ('97) is pursuing a Ph.D at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California, in Los Angeles.

Petrea Moyle ('97) is now Legislative Director for Assemblyman Joe Canzianamilla in the California State Legislature, working on energy, water, and land use issues.

Heidi Recksiek ('97) is now the Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator for the National Marine Protected Area Training and Technical Assistance Institute at the NOAA Coastal Services Center in Charleston, SC.

Jim Retew ('97) recently became engaged to Alicia Hare, agreed to produce a TV show to get young kids involved in the democratic process, and accepted a position at the University of Colorado at Boulder to teach Political Communications.

Prabha ('97) and Eric ('95) Rollins are the proud parents of Asha Preston Rollins, born Jan. 16, 2002, in Falls Church, VA.

Danny Werfel ('97) returned to the Office of Management and Budget in April after a short stay at the Department of Justice. He and his wife, Beth, welcomed their first child, Sean Caleb Werfel, in February 2002.

Kevin Cook ('96) and his wife, Linda, have a son, Elijah Edgar, born Oct. 15, 2002. They live in Springfield, VA.

Cassandra Hanley ('96) completed her MBA at Harvard Business School and is now a Senior Associate at The O’Gara Company, a homeland security advisory firm in Washington, DC.

Tracy Hollister ('96) has a new position as Research Associate at Best Practices, LLC, in Chapel Hill, NC, conducting Internet benchmarking exchange surveys and qualitative research on large consulting projects.

Peter Kant ('96) was recently promoted to Vice President for Government Relations at the Jefferson Consulting Group in Washington, DC, where he manages the lobbying practice. He was interviewed by the Baltimore NBC affiliate on Nov. 5 about the balance of power in Congress.

Kelly Opheim Gordon ('96), and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of James Nicholas Gordon, on Feb. 18, 2002.

Russel Rothman ('96) has a new position as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Vanderbilt Center for Health Services Research.

Rebecca Rund ('96) was married to Roger Placer on Oct. 19, 2002.

Scott Bauer ('95) and his wife, Meg Michel, welcome Graham Bauer, born on August 4, 2002.

Edie Dulacki Sonn ('95) has started her own public relations firm, Strategic Policy Communications, focusing on projects at the intersection between public policy and mass communication.

Ted Slaflsky ('95), his wife, Diane, and daughter, Rachel, are pleased to announce the birth of Adam Jared Slaflsky on July 30, 2002.

Jeannette Tuminiclf Goldsmith ('95) and her husband, Andy, welcomed James Mason Goldsmith, born Aug. 19, 2002, in Greenville, SC, where Jeannette works as a site location consultant.

Laura Barton ('94) spent the last three years working at the United States Military Academy at West Point as an Information Technology Business Analyst, and recently left USMA to join Affiliated Computer Services, Inc.


Leena Nanda ('94) has a new position as Group Systems Analyst at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago, IL.

Seth Blum ('93) was married to Rebecca Daw on May 4, 2002, and is a partner with Kurtz & Blum Attorneys at Law in Raleigh, NC.

Mike Brogioli ('93) is the new Executive Director of the Autism Coalition of New York, raising funds for and public awareness about autism research.

Mary Arndtson ('92), her husband, Phil Dahlin, and son, Nils, announce the birth of Annelse Caroline Arndtson Dahlin on July 1, 2002.

Sheila White Chavis ('92) has recently joined Hall & Messick, a new law firm in Raleigh, NC.

Esther Alonso ('91) is a family medicine physician in South Florida focusing on the Hispanic elderly population.

Kelly Colopy Watson ('91) has a new position as Electronic Product Manager for the Utah Department of Human Services, making sure that business needs drive technology instead of the other way around.

Laura Hankin Lewin ('91) and her husband, Marc, announce the arrival of Kate Rose Lewin, Sept. 13, 2002.

Elana Varon ('91) and Andy Eschtruth ('91) hosted an impromptu class reunion in August 2002 in Natick, MA, occasioned by a visit from Daniel Blume and his family from Paris, and including Mary Lange, Julie Allaire-MacDonald and Gretchen May (25 percent of their class).

Amar Bhat ('90) received his Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Washington University in Dec., 2002, specializing in science and technology policy. Amar lives in Bethesda, MD, with his wife and two children and is Director of the Office of Asia and the Pacific and the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Brad Furber ('90), recently joined Holland & Knight LLP as a capital partner. He is a member of Holland & Knight's National Corporate Governance Practice Group in Bellevue, WA.

Margaret Rowlett ('90), her husband, David Gilbert, and their daughters, Katie and Anna, welcomed Jinnie Lyn Gilbert Rowlett (Jenny), who was born Oct. 2, 2001, in China and arrived in Greensboro, NC, to join her new family on Sept. 28, 2002.

Chris Stoneman ('90) and his wife welcomed Olivia Stoneman, born on July 27, 2002.

Sarah Dahlgren ('89) welcomes a new baby, Spencer, born in May 2002, who joins big sister Victoria in helping Sarah with her work at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Rene Mendez ('89) welcomes Alexander Miguel Mendez, born in April 2002.

David Alexander ('88) just celebrated his second year as President of The Law Firm of David B. Alexander, P.C., in Durham.

Mark Carlson ('88) is taking a sabbatical from the Department of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University to be a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in Washington, D.C.

John Drescher ('88) has been named Managing Editor of the News & Observer of Raleigh (NC).

Jim House ('87) completed the Senior Executive Fellows program at the Kennedy School in April 2002, where he ran into former faculty member Bob Behn. In September 2002, he became Director of the Credit Enhancement for Charter Schools Program at the U.S. Department of Education.
A Super Job

Professor Phil Cook received the following update from Maria Mendiburo (PPS ’02), Events Assistant for the Orange Bowl Committee:

My exciting news is that I was hired by the NFL to work in San Diego for the month before the Super Bowl. I will be working for the Super Bowl Youth Football Clinics for two weeks and then for the NFL Community Relations office for the week of the game. One of the Youth Football Clinics is in Tijuana, Mexico, and half of the community relations projects are in Hispanic communities, so both departments needed a Spanish speaker. I will be the only translator on hand from the NFL side so it could get pretty interesting, especially when we have to come back across the Mexican border! I have never been to San Diego so I am very excited.

Raffael Stein (‘87) and his wife, Susan, welcomed Gabriella Fiore Stein on April 1, 2002. Raffael was recently promoted to Director of the Analysis Staff in EPA’s Office of Chief Financial Officer.

Leslie Takahashi Morris (‘87) is now living in Charlottesville, VA with her partner, David, and children Garner and Liam. She is studying to become a Unitarian Universalist minister.

Chuck Zeugner (‘87) has been appointed to the Board of For The Love Of Christi in Austin, Texas, a non-denominational, non-profit organization providing help and support to individuals and families adjusting to the death of a loved one.

Jenifer Heath (‘86) has moved from Denver to Albany, NY, as part of an expansion of her environmental consulting firm, Woven Egg Consulting.

David Liebschutz (‘85) was recently appointed a “Public Service Professor” at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Administration at the University at Albany (SUNY) where he teaches public budgeting and finance. He is also the Executive Director of the SUNY Albany Hillel.

Bonnie McFarlane (‘85) has a new position as the Director of Fiscal Sponsorship at Third Sector New England in Medford, MA, that provides technical assistance and other management services to nonprofit organizations.

Rick Berzon (‘84) reached the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the highest mountain in Africa at over 19,000 feet, at 11 a.m. on Aug. 4, 2001. Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro had been a late-life goal for Rick, who lives in Killingworth, CT, with his wife, Irene Vangsness, and two children.

Paul Sperduto (‘84) was recently honored by the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and the Society of Neuro-Oncology for his research on the use of stereotactic radiosurgery for brain tumors.

Sylvia Malm (‘83) has a new position in the Prevention Branch of EPA’s Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, and is organizing the first National Source Water Protection Conference, June 2–4, 2003.

Sandy Strauss (‘83) will receive an M.Div. from Lancaster Theological Seminary in PA in May 2005 and hopes to find a new position within the Presbyterian Church (USA) this spring.

Ken Thorpe (‘80) has a new position as Robert W. Woodruff Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, at Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. He is also Director of the Emory Center for Health Outcomes and Quality.

Sharon Stucker Weir (‘80), Research Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, has been elected a Population Fellow at the Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Bill Price (‘78) is currently working with the high-tech entrepreneurial community, designing a business start-up education program which he will help teach at the Illinois Institute of Technology starting next year.

Other Sanford Institute Alumni

Elizabeth Rees (PPS ’01), has left the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer to become a defense reporter for a print defense publication, a subsidiary of Inside Washington Publishers.

Indrani Banerjee (PIDP Fellow ’01) is heading the Anti-Money Laundering Cell in the Reserve Bank of India. The cell aims to prevent the misuse of the financial sector for funds derived from criminal activity.

Former Media Fellow Donna Wright wrote an op-ed reflecting on 9/11 that was published Aug. 11 in Florida’s Bradenton Herald.

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