



Martin Luther King Jr. and President Lyndon Johnson

Presidential Recordings Program Releases New Digital Editions, Tackles LBJ’s Role in *Selma* Movie

In every presidential administration from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Richard Nixon, tape recorders hidden in the Oval Office secretly captured audio of meetings, phone calls, and important moments in history. As the only institution comprehensively transcribing and annotating these tapes, the Miller Center and its Presidential Recordings Program have played a key role in making the tapes comprehensible and accessible to audiences around the world. In recent months, that role has gained greater prominence, with the Center releasing new digital editions of the tapes and transcripts of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson; publishing a book with new insights about the Vietnam War based on the Nixon tapes; and even helping sort out fact from fiction in an Oscar-nominated movie. [Continued on page 11](#)

Caplin Conference Convenes on Both Sides of the Atlantic

Audiences in Washington, DC and London gathered in December and January for the public portions of the 2014-2015 Mortimer Caplin Conference on the World Economy.

The conference, “Life After Zero: The Implications of Unconventional Monetary Policy, Foreign and Domestic,” focused on how public and private stakeholders should govern with interest rates near zero, and the impact that this rare period in monetary policy has had on the global economy. [Continued on page 8](#)

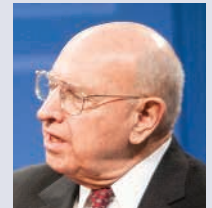


Mervyn King, former Bank of England governor (left), and John W. Snow, former U.S. Treasury secretary (right), participated in a keynote conversation at the Miller Center’s 2014 Mortimer Caplin Conference on the World Economy.

Ambassador Thomas Pickering Named Schlesinger Professor

Thomas Pickering, former under secretary of state and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has been named the 2015 James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professor at the Miller Center.

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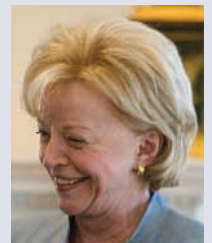


Thomas Pickering

Lynne Cheney Discusses James Madison Bio at Governing Council Retreat

The Miller Center Governing Council’s recent retreat at Montpelier, the home of James Madison, concluded with a very special and fitting guest speaker – former Second Lady Lynne Cheney, author of *James Madison: A Life Reconsidered*.

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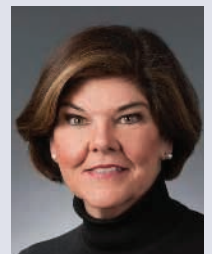


Lynne Cheney

ABC’s Ann Compton Joins Miller Center Governing Council

Former ABC News White House Correspondent Ann Compton is the newest member of the Miller Center’s Governing Council. Compton attended the council’s spring retreat in April at James Madison’s home, Montpelier, and will formally begin her term on July 1.

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Ann Compton

Listening, Learning, and Looking Ahead



Since I arrived at the Miller Center in January, I've been on a listening tour.

The Center's terrific staff and scholars have conveyed — in words and deeds — their commitment to top-shelf public policy research, and especially to presidential history, where the Miller Center leads nationally. I am particularly impressed by how important the Center remains to several key audiences and partners: alumni of Republican and Democratic presidential administrations alike, members of the media (particularly those who have covered the White House), and a wide range of political leaders.

The Center's informed and engaged Charlottesville-based supporters also have taught me much about what the Center means to them and to this community. And top officials at U.Va. have made clear how vital the Center is in the life of Mr. Jefferson's University.

As we look ahead to the future, the Center is working to achieve a number of aims:

- To expand the national and international recognition of the Miller Center as the preeminent institution for the study of the American presidency, public policy, and political history
- To promote the impact of the Center's scholarly and public affairs programs
- To integrate Miller Center units into a cohesive and coordinated whole
- To bring greater focus to issues of global significance as they impact the United States
- To develop collaborative partnerships with other schools in the University and beyond

Next year, Americans will head to the polls to choose our next president. The long campaign (which has already begun) will be a time of national debate about many important issues. The Miller Center aims to be there all along the way, bringing lessons of history and the best of U.Va.'s policy-relevant scholarship to contemporary policy issues. I know our research will be of great value to the candidates, our future president, and the country.

In the coming months, we will be giving more detail about the distinct and unique role the Center will play in the upcoming national conversation. I hope you will join us on this journey.

Thank you for your warm welcome and your continued support.

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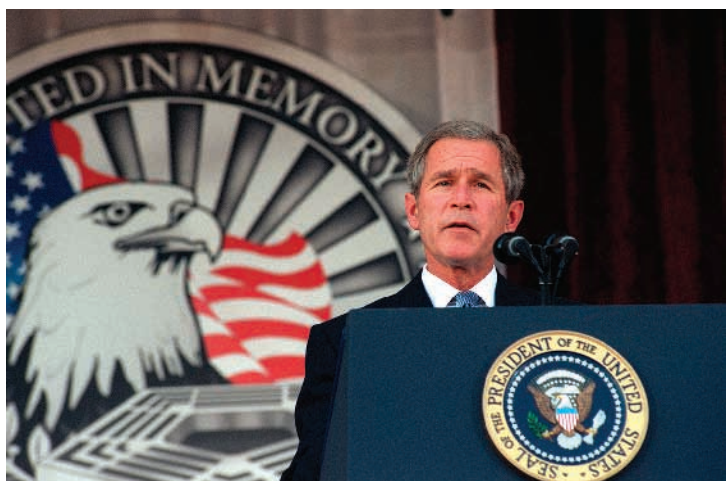
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President George W. Bush

Oral History Program Focused on Completing George W. Bush Project

Following last fall's release of the William Clinton Presidential History Project, scholars with the Presidential Oral History Program are now focused on completing the George W. Bush Project. Led by co-chairs Barbara Perry and Russell Riley, teams of scholars have conducted about two-thirds of the interviews they plan to do with Bush administration officials, political advisers, and members of Congress, among others. Recent interviewees have included General Tommy Franks, who led American and coalition troops in campaigns in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and David Addington, former legal counsel and chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney.

Oral History Program scholars are also working on several publications, including a book featuring excerpts from the Edward M. Kennedy Oral History in preparation for its release. Perry is working closely with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate on that project and was a guest at the institute's March 30 dedication ceremony, which was also attended by President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Three New Partners Join Connecting Presidential Collections Project

The Miller Center's Connecting Presidential Collections (CPC) project has added three new partners: the Indiana Historical Society, the Ohio History Connection, and the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. CPC provides a centralized website where researchers can search across presidential collections. The CPC website directs users to partner websites in order to view the original records. The new partners will join 11 other partners, including the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, the Sixth Floor Museum, the Theodore Roosevelt Center, the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, the University of Virginia Press's Rotunda, and the Miller Center's Presidential Oral History Program. CPC is partially funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and based at the Miller Center. You can follow CPC on Twitter @pres_collection.

Historical Presidency Series Turns To 20th-Century Crises

The Miller Center's 2015 Historical Presidency series, "The American Presidency and the Crises of the Twentieth Century," is exploring presidential leadership during a century of war, economic crisis, and American global expansion. Noted scholars have discussed Woodrow Wilson and World War I, Herbert Hoover and the Great Depression, and Franklin Roosevelt and World War II.



Margaret MacMillan, professor of international history at the University of Oxford, discussed President Woodrow Wilson in war and peace during a Historical Presidency series event in January.

Upcoming lectures include:

- **Franklin D. Roosevelt: An American Life in the "American Century"**
September 18, 12:00 p.m.
David M. Kennedy, Stanford University
- **"What it's worth to this country": LBJ and the Agony of Vietnam**
October 27, 3:30 p.m.
Fredrik Logevall, Cornell University
- **The Reagan Paradox: How the 40th President Baffles His Biographers**
December 2, 3:30 p.m.
Tom Blanton, George Washington University

The Miller Center's Melvyn Leffler and William Hitchcock organized this year's series. The 2014 series tackled the presidency and 19th-century crises and was organized by the Center's Gary Gallagher. Video is available for all Historical Presidency series programs at millercenter.org.

Miller Center Releases Report on How Entrepreneurship Can Help Rebuild the American Dream

The Miller Center began 2015 by releasing the final report of the Milstein Commission on Entrepreneurship and the Middle Class, which focused on the role of startups in creating and sustaining middle-class jobs.

The commission was co-chaired by former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina and AOL founder Steve Case. They, along with ten other thought leaders from the public and private sectors and the academy, convened for a series of meetings in the spring of 2014.

Their report, *Can Startups Save the American Dream?*, was released in January in Washington DC, in front of an audience of practitioners and opinion leaders. Fellow commissioners Ross Baird, Lenny Mendonca, and Brian Meece joined the co-chairs on stage for a roundtable moderated by *The Atlantic's* Steve Clemons.

The report outlines six action ideas, including the proposed creation of a national K-12 entrepreneurship contest, the expanded use of innovative and oft-overlooked financial mechanisms, better navigation of regulation, and the building of local ecosystems.



Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina and AOL founder Steve Case served as co-chairs of the Milstein Symposium's commission on entrepreneurship.

Publicity and advocacy efforts are ongoing. Commission members and Miller Center staff are meeting with key stakeholders from across the country and regularly publishing materials to gain greater traction within the policymaking community.

Miller Center staff and commissioners have held numerous meetings on Capitol Hill and across the country. Work promoting the report has been published in a wide array of outlets, including *Forbes*, *Time*, *Inc.*, *Bloomberg*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Funding for the symposium was provided by philanthropist and business and civic leader Howard P. Milstein. More information about the symposium is available at millercenter.org/conferences/milstein.

New Great Issues Website Presents Scholarship in the Public Interest

The Miller Center's Great Issues program works to connect leading scholarship in political and presidential history to a wider audience. To further this mission, this winter, the Great Issues program launched its new website where viewers can browse short segments from interviews with the program's speakers. The clips featured on the website provide an accessible way for journalists, educators, policymakers, and the public to gain key insights of leading scholars in a digestible, easy-to-access format.

In its inaugural year, the Great Issues program examined topics ranging from the history of capitalism to the legacy of Ronald Reagan's grand strategy. In January, Miller Center National Fellow Adam Goodman, a PhD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, presented his research on the history of deportation policy in the United States during the mid-20th century. Goodman argued that the history of immigration often fails to account for the impact of self-deportations and other informal removal processes when considering the extent of deportation operations. Goodman's historical analysis of



The Miller Center's Ken Hughes, Brantly Womack, William Hitchcock, and Marc Selverstone participated in an April Great Issues event about the Vietnam War.

deportation in the 1950s contextualizes the perennial problem of immigration reform in the United States.

This February, the Great Issues program tackled another pressing issue – the Senate Report on the CIA's detention and interrogation program. The event featured insights from Governing Council member and former CIA Inspector General Frederick Hitz, Temple University Professor Richard Immerman, and

Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Benjamin Wittes. The speakers addressed the many consequences of the report's findings, including the effects on the future of American foreign policy in the Middle East.

The interviews, as well as more information on past and future events, can be found at millercenter.org/academic/great-issues. For news and featured videos, follow Great Issues on Twitter @Great_Issues or on Facebook.

Two Special *American Forum* Series: On War; On Race

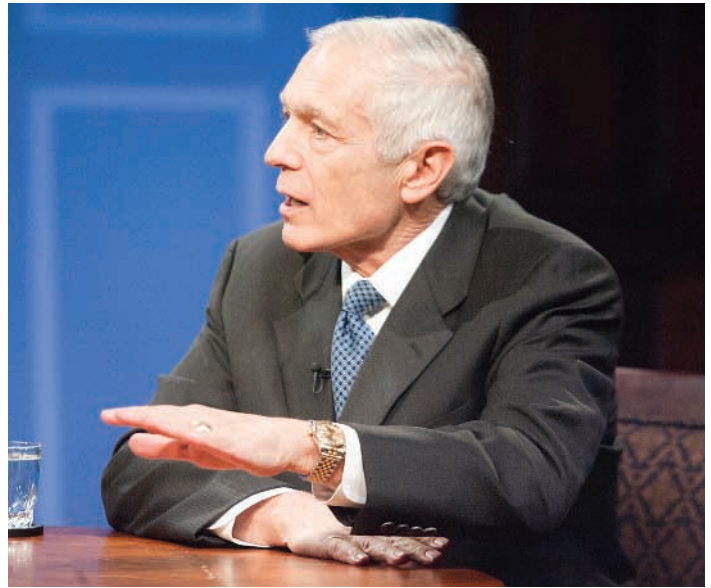
This spring, two special *American Forum* series invited leading experts to share their wide-ranging experiences and perspectives and to help figure out how to best approach two seemingly insurmountable challenges – the issues of war and of race.

The series “Aftermath of the Endless War” examined the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and featured conversations with several military, political, and diplomatic experts, including former Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering and former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Wesley K. Clark.

A second series, “What Now? Dialogues on Race and Turmoil in America,” explored both historical and current race-related issues that have troubled the nation. Guests included civil rights icon Julian Bond and University of Virginia History Professor Phyllis Leffler, who discussed *Black Leaders on Leadership*, an oral history project and book featuring interviews with prominent African Americans.

American Forum is the Miller Center’s weekly public affairs television program, which airs on PBS stations nationwide. The host is Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist Douglas Blackmon.

Video of *American Forum* episodes is available at millercenter.org/americanforum.



Retired General Wesley K. Clark participated in the *American Forum* series “Aftermath of the Endless War.”



Douglas Blackmon, host of the Miller Center’s *American Forum* (left), moderated a conversation with civil rights figure Julian Bond (center) and historian Phyllis Leffler (right) as part of the “What Now? New Dialogues on Race in America” series.



Daniel Bolger, retired three-star Army general (left), and John Nagl, retired Army lieutenant colonel (right), discussed lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan during an episode of *American Forum*.

National War Powers Commission Impacts Debate About ISIS

As *American Forum* was discussing American military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, another Miller Center initiative was influencing the debate over how the United States should handle the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

In February, President Barack Obama sought congressional authorization for military action against ISIS. His actions came in response to a bipartisan request from Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Tim Kaine (D-VA) that was shaped by the Miller Center’s National War Powers Commission.

In 2008, the commission issued a report recommending ways to strengthen the consultative process between the president and Congress on whether and when to engage in military action. The commission was co-chaired by former Secretaries of State James Baker and Warren Christopher.

William Antholis, Miller Center director and CEO, and Jeff Chidester, Miller Center director of policy, co-wrote an op-ed for *Politico*, which explained the Miller Center’s role in this important debate.

Planting a Walnut: Gift Planning at the Miller Center

Most of us want to leave a lasting legacy, to be able to contribute our gifts in ways that benefit the lives of future generations. The author George Orwell described legacy as a walnut: something we plant, not for ourselves to enjoy but for the generations we will never meet. There is no better way to do this than by supporting an organization committed to the scholarly study of the presidency, policy issues, and future governmental challenges.

The Miller Center Foundation invites you to plant your legacy with us through a planned gift. You have shown us through your current, generous support that you value the work of the Miller Center and believe in its impact. In turn, we take pride in providing you with the most relevant programming and access to those shaping policy and government today through our exclusive events. Unlike providing immediate support through an outright contribution, planned gifts provide a future stream of support that allows the Miller Center to plan for future programs and projects with assurance. Additionally, planned gifts often provide you and your family significant tax benefits, greater financial flexibility, and even lifetime income.

Whether through a simple bequest or more intricate planned giving, we will walk with you through the gift process and ensure that your wishes are fully realized. To begin your legacy through bequests, lifetime income gifts, or other planned gifts to the Miller Center, contact Renee Branson at 434-924-7249.

Presidential Cabinet Event: *American Forum* with Greek Ambassador to the U.S. Panagopoulos

The Miller Center Foundation was delighted to offer its Presidential Cabinet access to a private taping of *American Forum* with Christos Panagopoulos, Greek ambassador to the United States. By joining the Presidential Cabinet, the Miller Center's giving society, donors gain access to similar invitation-only events. Panagopoulos and Douglas Blackmon, host of *American Forum*, had an in-depth discussion of the current fiscal crisis in Greece, austerity measures, Greece's role in the European Union, and how to stabilize the crisis moving forward. This episode aired on PBS as part of the current season of *American Forum*.



Christos Panagopoulos, Greek ambassador to the United States (left), and William Antholis, the Miller Center's director and CEO (right)

Miller Center Foundation Welcomes Renee Branson as Associate Director of Development

Renee Branson has joined the Miller Center Foundation's team as associate director of development. Before coming to the Miller Center, Branson worked at the Charlottesville non-profit ReadyKids and was a high school teacher and counselor in Missouri and Colorado. She holds a BS from The Ohio State University and an MA from the University of Colorado. Branson has served as a speaker coach for TEDxCharlottesville since its inaugural season in 2013.



Renee Branson

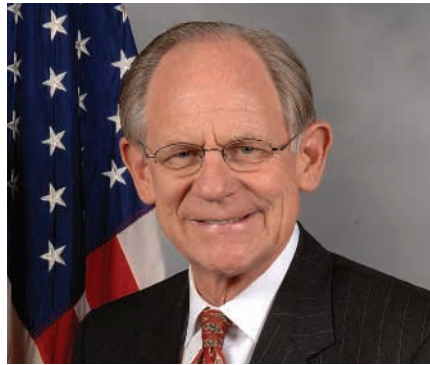
Miller Center Creates Commission on Financing of Higher Education

In March, the Miller Center launched the National Commission on Financing 21st Century Higher Education. The bipartisan panel of state leaders, college administrators, and private-sector CEOs will develop innovative policy proposals aimed at providing sustainable finance models for U.S. higher education that will allow more students to earn degrees.

The project director is Raymond Scheppach, an economic fellow at the Miller Center and senior lecturer with U.Va.'s Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE:

- **Governor Mike Castle**, Former Governor of Delaware and U.S. Congressman (Co-Chair)
- **Governor Bob Graham**, Former Governor of Florida and U.S. Senator (Co-Chair)
- **Andrea Ayers**, President and CEO of Convergys
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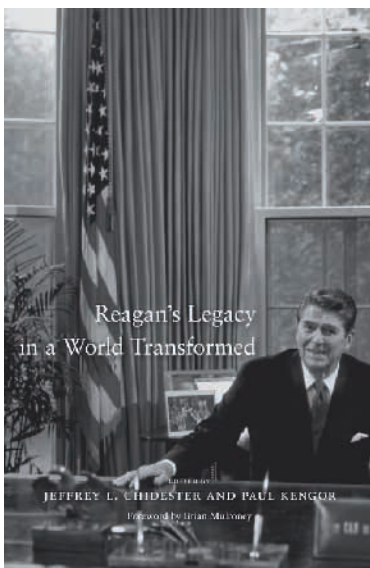


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- **Mildred Garcia**, President of California State University, Fullerton
- **Bernadette Gray-Little**, Chancellor of the University of Kansas
- Indiana State Senator **Luke Kenley**, Chairman, Appropriations Committee
- Maryland State Senator **Richard S. Madaleno Jr.**, Vice-Chair, Budget and Tax Committee
- **Gail O. Mellow**, President of LaGuardia Community College
- **David Nelms**, Chairman and CEO of Discover Financial
- **Edward B. Rust Jr.**, Chairman and CEO of State Farm Insurance Companies
- **Lou Anna K. Simon**, President of Michigan State University

Funding is provided by Lumina Foundation, an independent, private foundation committed to increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates, and other credentials.

New Reagan Book Co-Edited by Jeff Chidester



In April, Harvard University Press published a new book on President Ronald Reagan, co-edited by the Miller Center's Jeff Chidester. *Reagan's Legacy in a World Transformed* brings together scholars from diverse disciplines and perspectives to assess the 40th president's policies and offer a retrospective on his complex legacy. Essays cover Reagan's respective strategies as well as influence on domestic policy, international relations, defense policy, the Cold War, and economic globalization. Paul Kengor, political science professor and executive director of the Center for Vision and Values at Grove City College, served as co-editor. Brian Mulroney, prime minister of Canada from 1984 to 1993, contributed a forward to the book.

Scholars Share Research During Workshops

In May, the Miller Center completed its 2014-2015 Scholars Workshop series. The series, which is held throughout the academic year, enables Center and University of Virginia faculty members to informally present their works-in-progress to peers. This spring's presentations included:

- Risa Goluboff, Miller Center, "People Out of Place: A Legal History of the Sixties"
- Eric Patashnik, U.Va.'s Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, "Unhealthy Politics: Professional Authority, Partisan Polarization, and the Battle Over Evidence-Based Medicine"
- Sarah Milov, U.Va.'s History Department, "Growing the Cigarette: Tobacco Production, Consumption, and Regulation From the Grassroots"

Faculty Notes



William Hitchcock, director of research and scholarship at the Miller Center, gave the Foreign Policy Distinguished Lecture at Cornell University in

March. He discussed ways that the pre-1914 international system correlates with the world order today, and suggested that certain key policy questions, such as the ongoing upheaval in the Middle East, the conflict in Ukraine, and the U.S.-China relationship, can be evaluated with reference to the World War I era. Hitchcock also wrote an article, "The Rise and Fall of Human Rights? Searching for Narrative from the Cold War Era to 9/11," published in the journal *Human Rights Quarterly*.



Melvyn Leffler, Miller Center faculty associate, contributed an article to the November 2014 issue of *Foreign Policy* magazine, "The Free Market Did

Not Bring Down the Berlin Wall."



John Owen, Miller Center faculty associate, lectured about his new book, *Confronting Political Islam: Six Lessons from the West's Past*, at the

Treasury Executive Institute and Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC, and the Channel City Club in Santa Barbara, California. He was also a guest on the *Research on Religion* podcast at the University of Washington.



Brantly Womack, the Miller Center's C. K. Yen Chair, recently presented his work at events throughout Asia, including China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Taiwan. He also published articles in several Asia-related journals.

Caplin Conference Convened on Both Sides of the Atlantic *Continued from page 1*

It marked the second successive year the Miller Center has structured the event as a two-part conference in concert with an international partner. This year, the Center partnered with the Financial Markets Group at the London School of Economics (LSE).

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Wessel opened the Miller Center's Washington event with a talk on the present state of global monetary policy. Two academic panels followed, comprised of leaders from the public and private sectors as well as the academy. Jon Hilsenrath of the *Wall Street Journal* and Binyamin Applebaum of the *New York Times* moderated. A keynote

conversation between former Bank of England Governor Mervyn King and former U.S. Treasury Secretary John W. Snow, moderated by Wessel, closed the conference.

The U.K. component featured public lectures by King and Sir Alan Budd, a prominent British economist. This is notable as it marked King's first U.K. public appearance since stepping down from his post in 2013.

Scholars from LSE and the Miller Center are currently collaborating on a summary report, along with a series of editorials and briefs aimed at the policymaking community.



Journalist David Wessel delivers the opening remarks at the 2014 Mortimer Caplin Conference on the World Economy.

Ambassador Thomas Pickering Named Schlesinger Professor

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Throughout the year, Pickering is taking part in Miller Center initiatives, including meeting with faculty and students as well as speaking, writing, and advising on foreign policy and national security matters.

In February, Pickering visited Miller Center Faculty Associate Melvyn Leffler's University of Virginia undergraduate seminar to discuss grand strategy and decision making at the end of the Cold War. The Miller Center and the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy co-hosted a conversation on U.Va. Grounds with Pickering for faculty, students, and the Center's Governing Council.

In addition to serving as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Pickering has also



Thomas Pickering, the Miller Center's 2015 James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professor, met with students in Miller Center scholar Melvyn Leffler's undergraduate seminar.

served as U.S. ambassador to Russia, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and Jordan. He holds the rank of career ambassador, the U.S. Foreign Service's highest rank. In 2012, he helped lead a State Department panel investigating the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi.

National Fellowship Program Announces New Class and Launches New Fellowships, Professional Development Program

The Miller Center National Fellowship Program, which supports young scholars who are completing dissertations that use history to explore domestic and foreign policy issues, has had an extraordinary year. In addition to announcing its 2015-2016 fellows, the program launched two new fellowships and a professional development program.

The fellowship program launched a yearlong pilot program this past summer to fund a broad range of individualized, flexible professional development opportunities. These opportunities are designed to enhance current fellows' scholarship. Ultimately, this new initiative aims to encourage and enable fellows to take advantage of the full range of Miller Center resources, including its strong base of alumni fellows. With Center support, fellows have workshopped their dissertations with leading scholars across the country and internationally.

The annual spring fellowship conference was held in Charlottesville on May 7 and 8, providing the 2014-2015 fellows with an opportunity to present their scholarship before an important audience. The four panels were well attended by Miller Center faculty, University of Virginia faculty and graduate students, and fellowship supporters and alumni. The intellectual centerpiece of the conference was a manuscript review of Miller Center Director of Research and Scholarship William Hitchcock's new work, "The Age of Eisenhower."



Brian Balogh, chair of the Miller Center's National Fellowship Program, at the 2014 spring fellowship conference

The Miller Center announced the 2015-2016 fellows in April (see sidebar for a complete list). This year, the fellowship program welcomed applications for two new fellowships: the Charles W. McCurdy Legal History Fellowship (offered in partnership with the U.Va. Law School) and the Miller Center/Hagley Library Dissertation Fellowship in Business and Politics (offered in conjunction with the Hagley Library).

Both current and alumni Miller Center fellows continue to publish important op-eds on both print and web platforms. These op-eds cover a wide range of issues. Notably, Judge Glock contributed a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed on mortgage policy, while Joy Rohde wrote about police militarization for *The Conversation* blog. Alumni fellows have also appeared in the media to offer a scholarly perspective on current events. Chris Jones talked about the history of pipelines on NPR's *All Things Considered*, and Beverly Gage discussed the 2015 State of the Union address on PBS.



2014-2015 Miller Center Fellow Adam Goodman spoke at a Great Issues event in January on immigration crisis and reform.

THE 2015-2016 MILLER CENTER NATIONAL FELLOWS

- **Noel Anderson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
"The Geopolitics of Civil War: External Military Aid, Competitive Intervention, and Duration of Intrastate Conflict"
- **Sarah Coleman, Princeton University**
"Redefining American: The Shifting Politics of Immigration Policy at the End of the 20th Century"
- **Jonathon Free, Duke University**
Free is the Miller Center/Hagley Library Dissertation Fellow in Business and Politics.
"Redistributing Risk: The Political Ecology of Coal in Late-Twentieth Century Appalachia"
- **Boris Heersink, University of Virginia**
"Beyond Service: National Party Organization and Party Brands in American Politics"
- **Benjamin Holtzman, Brown University**
"Crisis and Confidence: Reimagining New York City in the Late Twentieth Century"
- **Elizabeth Ingleson, University of Sydney**
"The End of Isolation: Rapprochement, Globalisation, and American Trade with China, 1972-1979"
- **Nora Krinitsky, University of Michigan**
"The Politics of Crime Control: Race, Policing, and State Power in Modern America"
- **Shannon Nix, University of Virginia**
"The Soul of our Foreign Policy: Human Rights Politics, U.S. Foreign Policy, and the Struggle for Central America, 1976-1984"
- **Sarah E. Robey, Temple University**
Robey is the Ambrose Monell Foundation-Funded Fellow in Technology and Democracy.
"The Atomic American: Citizenship in a Nuclear State, 1945-1963"
- **Sarah Seo, Princeton University**
Seo is the Charles W. McCurdy Fellow in Legal History.
"The Fourth Amendment, Cars, and Freedom in Twentieth-Century America"

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Cheney shared numerous stories from her biography about the fourth U.S. president, including how he was the intellectual driving force behind the Constitution. There would not have been a Constitution without Madison, she said, adding with a smile, "I'm also interested in the fact that Madison created the vice presidency."

Cheney discussed Madison's relationship with the other Founding Fathers, including how he wrote George Washington's first inaugural address as well as the congressional response but went on to have a strained relationship with the first president and how he worked with his best friend, Thomas Jefferson, to double the size of the United States with the Louisiana Purchase.

She revealed nuances about Madison's personal side. The man some have called sickly was not sickly at all but rather suffered from seizures from time to time. She also came to understand that Madison was not shy but instead was reserved.

Cheney also talked about Dolley Madison. She said Aaron Burr introduced Madison



Lynne Cheney greets guests for her talk at James Madison's home, Montpelier.

to his future wife, with Martha Washington weighing in that it was a good match. She said Madison had much political advantage over others because of Dolley, whom she called "such a light, extravagant, a writer's dream."

In the book's prologue, Cheney explains why she chose to write about Madison. "It is a promising time to clear away misconceptions about Madison, brush off cobwebs that have accumulated around his achievements, and seek a deeper understanding of the man

who did more than any other to conceive and establish the nation we know," she writes.

At the retreat, council members also learned about Madison and the War of 1812, as well as the lessons that both can teach us today. William Antholis moderated a conversation with Kat Imhoff, president of the Montpelier Foundation, Benjamin Wittes, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and Pietro Nivola, senior fellow emeritus at Brookings.

ABC's Ann Compton Joins Miller Center Governing Council Continued from page 1

A 40-year veteran of the White House press corps, Compton covered seven presidents, from Gerald Ford to Barack Obama, as well as numerous world-altering events, including reporting from aboard Air Force One on 9/11.

"We are delighted to have Ann join the council. Her years as ABC's White House correspondent give her a unique perspective, valuable insights, and first-hand knowledge of many presidents. These will go far in guiding us as we all seek to make the Miller Center better than ever," said Gene Fife, chairman of the Governing Council.

Compton, a graduate of Hollins College, began her broadcasting career at the CBS affiliate in Roanoke. ABC News hired her in 1973, and the next year, she became the first network woman to cover the White House on a full-time basis.

She served as a panelist in the 1988 presidential debate between George H.W. Bush and Michael Dukakis and in the 1992 debate between Bush, Bill Clinton, and Ross Perot. She was assigned as a floor reporter at the 1976 Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

On September 11, 2001, Compton was the only broadcast reporter allowed to remain aboard Air Force One during the dramatic hours when President George W. Bush was unable to return to Washington.

Before retiring last year, she served as president of the White House Correspondents' Association, coordinating coverage of access issues with White House staff. She is a member of Museum of Broadcasting's Radio Hall of Fame and the Society of Professional Journalists' Journalism Hall of Fame.



Compton discussed her illustrious career in a recent episode of *American Forum*.

Presidential Recordings Program Releases New Digital Editions, Tackles LBJ's Role in *Selma* Movie

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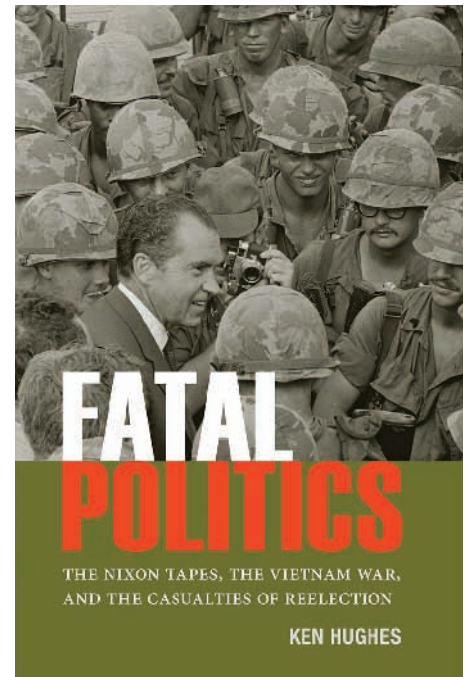
When released in January, *Selma*, a movie about the 1965 voting rights marches led by Martin Luther King Jr., stirred controversy for portraying Johnson as not being supportive of King's efforts. A January 15, 1965 phone conversation transcribed by Miller Center scholars, in which Johnson encourages King to bring attention to racial justice, was

used by the *CBS Evening News* and former Johnson aide Joseph Califano (in a *Washington Post* op-ed) to demonstrate LBJ's support for voting rights. The Center's Marc Selverstone and Kent Germany wrote essays for the *Washington Post's* "Monkey Cage" blog and the American Historical Association's blog. The Center also produced a webpage featuring excerpts from Johnson's tapes, which shed new light on Johnson's relationship with King and his support of voting rights legislation.

Audio and transcripts of many White House tapes are readily available on the Miller Center's website. The Center recently took a major step to make the tapes even more accessible to a wider audience. In April, the University of Virginia Press's digital imprint Rotunda, in partnership with the Center, released comprehensive digital editions of Kennedy and Johnson tapes that were previously only available in print. The new editions include all Kennedy tapes recorded between July 30 and October 28, 1962,

and all Johnson tapes recorded between November 22, 1963 and July 4, 1964. These tape transcripts were previously published by W.W. Norton and Company in 11 volumes comprised of more than 6,500 pages.

Also in April, Ken Hughes, a researcher with the Presidential Recordings Program, released a second book examining Nixon's role in the Vietnam War. In *Fatal Politics: The Nixon Tapes, the Vietnam War, and the*



Casualties of Reelection, Hughes argues that Nixon kept the United States in the war into the fourth year of his presidency because he was afraid that the pre-election fall of Saigon would scuttle his chances of a second term. *Fatal Politics*, published by the University of Virginia Press, is available in print as well as a special e-book that allows the reader to move from the book to transcripts and audio files of Nixon conversations.

More information about *Fatal Politics* and the new Kennedy and Johnson digital editions is available at upress.virginia.edu/rotunda.



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