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The Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service



Washington's Politicians on State Issues

In a tough budget year, state politics took center stage as politicians in Olympia attempted to balance needs, taxation, potential healthcare demands, and a massive state budget deficit.

Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna visited the campus to discuss the landmark health care legislation passed by Congress and why 13 state attorneys general, including himself, decided to bring suit against the federal government. Over 160 people attended the event, just two days after the landmark health care bill was passed in Washington, D.C.



Lisa Brown

Washington State Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown visited Pullman in April 2010 following the conclusion of a special session in the Washington State Legislature where tough decisions were made about the state budget. Senator Brown participated in a round table discussion with students about budgetary challenges facing the state and the impact on universities, litigation over health care reform as the state moves to implement the federal health care bill, and other pressing issues confronting the state legislature.



Rob McKenna



Pam LeLoup and Danielle Morrison

LeLoup Congressional Scholarship

Thanks to the generous support of many who knew Lance LeLoup, previous director of the Foley Institute and WSU Regents Professor of Political Science, the institute was able to offer the first LeLoup Congressional Intern Scholarship this year to **Danielle Morrison**.

Danielle is a junior political science major who interned in U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell's Washington, D.C., office (you can read about her internship on page 9). Danielle is pictured with Pam LeLoup in Tacoma.

An appreciation of the life and work of Lance LeLoup appears on page 14.





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Director's Update

"A year is a lifetime in politics" was perhaps never truer than this past year. The mood of the nation, one of hope after the election of an optimistic young president a year ago, has seemingly soured. American politics have become more divided and the political discourse more bitter. With outbursts at town-hall meetings, cable television hosts comparing political opponents to Hitler, and members of Congress hollering "you lie" to the president, the fabric of civil democracy appears to be fraying.



Cornell Clayton

This is not the first time that American politics have been marked by raucous and uncivil behavior. During

the election campaign of 1800 the political supporters of both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson printed ugly lies and half-truths about their opponents in party controlled newspapers. In the years before the Civil War it was not uncommon for political arguments to devolve into fist-fights or even deadly duels. The women suffragettes in the early part of the twentieth century were accused of offending the manners of civilized society, as were African Americans who sought to change the political structures of the South during the 1950s. Indeed the predecessor of today's bombastic radio talk-shows was Father Charles Coughlin, who used radio appearances in the 1930s to stoke anti-Semitism and inveigh against President Roosevelt as a socialist tyrant.

The norms of political discourse have fluctuated over time and the style of democratic discourse is never far removed from the substantive issues that divide the public. During periods of deeper political disagreement (such as prior to the Civil War in the 19th century, the New Deal in the 1930s, or the counter-culture era of the late 1960s), political discourse will usually move beyond technical questions of policy and efficiency to focus on fundamental values such as the meaning of freedom or equality—raising deep questions about political identity, citizenship, and what it means to be an "American." These are critical periods for democratic self-governance but they also understandably provoke a more emotional, even violent style of political discourse.

These and other factors are undoubtedly shaping today's political debate and the attendant concern that there is a civility deficit. The country is undergoing important economic, social, and demographic changes that raise fundamental questions about American values and our national identity. New media—the Internet, YouTube, the blogosphere, 24-hour cable news networks, Facebook, and Twitter—have also radically changed the way Americans communicate with each other, altering the norms of discourse. A better appreciation of these factors may help us to understand what lies behind the anger and bitterness in some of today's political discourse. Placing today's raucous political behavior into a broader historical context may also help us realize that it is neither unique nor part of a general decline in manners and civility, but is part of a more cyclical process in democratic governance.

A series of programs initiated by the Foley Institute are aiming at more critically exploring the relationship between civility and democracy. As part of the institute's programming last year it partnered with Secretary of State Sam Reed's office to host a forum in Olympia that examined changing attitudes about partisanship and civility in the state legislature.

Our annual Media and Politics Forum, held in conjunction with the Murrow College of Communication, also explored the role of the media in the coarsening of political discourse and the polarization of political attitudes. The institute has received a grant of \$212,735 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop and host a national conference, "Civility in American Democracy: Where Have We Come and Where Are We Headed?"

Staff Changes

Richard Elgar—Assistant Director

After three years as program coordinator, Richard Elgar has been promoted to assistant director, with additional responsibility for managing internship programs and Foley Institute budgets. Richard is also pursuing a doctorate in political science, focusing on the causes and consequences of the rise of the left in South America.



Richard Elgar



Chloe Beardsley, Kara Johnson, and Clark Menkes

Kara Johnson—Administrative Assistant

Kara started with the Foley Institute as its new administrative assistant in February 2010. After a particularly busy semester, Kara said her favorite event was the visit by Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna.

Work Study Students

Chloe Beardsley, a senior majoring in political science and broadcast journalism, enjoyed giving away copies of the U.S. Constitution for Constitution Day on September 17, 2009. **Clark Menkes** is a senior majoring in political science and history. His favorite event was the Media and Politics Symposium in March (see page 7).



James Simpson

James Simpson—Affiliate Professor with the Foley Institute

James R. Simpson was appointed affiliate professor in fall 2009. Professor Simpson is professor emeritus in the food and resource economics department at the University of Florida, and professor emeritus at Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. Dr. Simpson has worked professionally in and visited over 35 other countries, including more than 25 trips to China. He is the author of nine books on international agriculture and more than 400 articles, monographs, and book chapters. He has consulted extensively with organizations such as the World Bank, the Latin American Development Bank, and many private companies.

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One of the most effective ways to foster a more civil democratic culture and constructive political dialogue is to encourage young people to experience firsthand the rewards and honor of public service. We do this through our internship programs, which continue to grow and offer many students the opportunity to participate in public service. The impact this experience has on the lives of students is clear from the internship profiles found in this newsletter. If you would like to see more students benefit from such experiences, I encourage you to consider donating to the institute's internship development fund.

One of Speaker Foley's most lasting legacies was the dignity and civility with which he conducted himself in public office. He treated political opponents with respect and maintained deep and lasting friendships with people on both sides of the political aisle. During the upcoming year the institute will continue to celebrate that legacy with more programs focused around understanding the role of civility in American political life.

—Cornell W. Clayton

Coffee and Politics Series

The Foley Institute's Coffee and Politics Series connects WSU students and faculty with local and national members of government, political scholars, and experts in public policy. The meetings are small and informal, giving students and faculty the opportunity to interact with visitors directly.

Ambassador Ryan Crocker

Ryan Crocker, a Spokane native and the former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait, Lebanon, and most recently Iraq, visited the Pullman campus on January 19, 2010, to discuss the conflict in the Middle East.

Ambassador Crocker discussed the current situation in Iraq and suggested that an understanding of cultural differences was a key factor in any attempts on the part of the West to resolve the ongoing conflict.

Crocker has been a career diplomat since 1972 and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in January 2009. In January 2010, he began an appointment as dean and executive professor at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, where he also holds the Edward and Howard Kruse Endowed Chair.



Ambassador Ryan Crocker



Irene Sacristan Sanchez

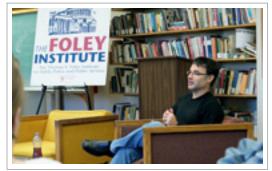
EU and Swine Flu

Irene Sacristan Sanchez, deputy head of unit of the pharmaceuticals sector of the enterprise and industry branch of the European Commission, visited WSU on February 25, 2010, to discuss how the European Union confronts pandemics such as swine flu with regard to its regulatory powers over the pharmaceutical industry.

She also gave a lecture to comparative politics students on the implications of the European Union's Lisbon Treaty.

Middle East Dispatches

Journalist, author, blogger, and social commentator Dahr Jamail spoke in the Bundy Reading Room on October 9, 2009, about issues raised in his book *The Will to Resist*, which examines the military resistance movement and soldiers who return to Iraq and Afghanistan to take a stand against the war in those countries—often at huge personal cost.



Dahr Jamail



Brian Gunn

The Obama Administration and American Indians

WSU alumnus and practicing lawyer Brian Gunn spoke in the Smith Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE) on April 7, 2010, on issues involving the development of renewable energy resources on Indian land, the "fee-to-trust" process, and the relationships between Indian tribes, Congress, and the Obama administration.

In a well attended session, he explained the challenges facing tribes in the Northwest and across the United States, and indicated that some progress has been made in settling long-standing issues between Indian tribes and the United States government.

Coffee and Politics Series

Orville Schell

Orville Schell, director of the Asia Society's Center on U.S.–China Relations in New York City, followed his lecture in Pullman on March 4, 2010 (see page 6), with a lively coffee and politics discussion on Sino-American relations. Issues discussed included censorship of the Internet and the limits of the Chinese government's attempts to control information.

Schell spoke about the difficulties U.S. companies such as Google have encountered when implementing government censorship policies and the situation surrounding the decision of Google to change its compliance policies in January 2010.



Orville Schell



Matt Sutton

God and Politics

Professors David Domke (University of Washington) and Matt Sutton (WSU) spoke to students on March 25, 2010, about the connection between religion and electoral politics.

Sutton's presentation focused on historical background, charting the rise of southern evangelicals and how that movement became a force in politics beginning in the 1920s.



David Domke

Domke's discussion highlighted the use of religion in contemporary politics from the 1980s and the unprecedented partisan use of faith in American politics. His talk charted the rise of explicit connections to country and God, which had been fairly non-existent prior to the election of Ronald Reagan.

Both professors signed recently published books on these issues after the event.

Chris Hedges

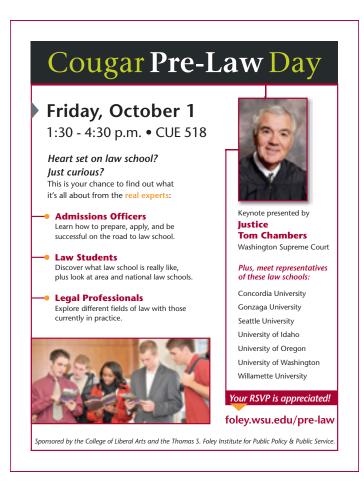
Chris Hedges, Pulitzer Prize-winning American journalist, author, and veteran war correspondent specializing in American and Middle Eastern politics and societies, spoke to students on September 25, 2009, in the Bundy Reading Room. A mixed audience discussed his book, *Collateral Damage*, which focused on U.S. involvement in the Iraq War.

The previous day, Mr. Hedges gave an evening lecture in the Compton Union Building centered around his new book, *Empire of Illusion*, on the declining state of American culture (see page 7).



Chris Hedges

Events



Pre-Law Day

Approximately 80 students attended the annual Cougar Pre-Law Day on October 2, 2009.

The first panel of presenters, newly-minted lawyers, discussed their experiences transitioning from law school to careers in the legal profession. They provided insights into the application process and discussed landing the first job.

A second panel on law school admissions provided hopeful students information about general admission requirements, tips for improving an application, and how admissions boards determine whether an applicant is a good fit. Panel presentations were followed by a Q&A session, an admissions fair, and an informal reception. Participating law schools included Gonzaga University, Seattle University, University of Idaho, University of Oregon, University of Washington, and Willamette University.

The 2010 Pre-Law Day was held on Friday, October 1, as this newsletter was going to press. WSU alumnus and Washington Supreme Court Justice Tom Chambers delivered the keynote address. Details will appear in next year's newsletter.



From left to right: David Pietz, Brad Owen, David Bachman, Orlin Reinbold, and Jerman Rose.

Annual Foley Institute/College of Business Economic Policy Forum

The Foley Institute and the WSU College of Business held their second annual economic policy forum on September 24, 2009, on the subject of U.S.–China Relations.

Led by Brad Owen, lieutenant governor of the state of Washington, a panel of experts from WSU and the University of Washington discussed the impact of strategic changes in the U.S.–China relationship on world economic growth, including a focus on possible effects for the state of Washington.

This panel is one of many that can be viewed at **foley.wsu.edu/events/videos.asp**.

China's New Development Model

The Foley Institute collaborated with WSU's Chinese Language Program and the Asia Program to bring noted China expert Orville Schell to Pullman on March 4, 2010.

Professor Schell discussed how the Chinese path of develoment has become something of a model for many nations, while the U.S. model of economic development is increasingly seen as outdated.

Schell noted China's growing role as a global leader due to successful economic development and China's response to its new leadership role. Schell also emphasized the changing political relationship between the United States and China and the problems that may confront Chinese politics in the future.



Orville Schell

Events



Austin Ienkins and Dietram Scheufele

Media and Politics Symposium

The Foley Institute and the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication initiated the first annual Media and Politics Symposium on March 25, 2010.

A distinguished panel consisting of David Domke (University of Washington), Erica Austin (WSU), Austin Jenkins (Northwest News/NPR), and Dietram Scheufele (University of Wisconsin-Madison) examined how discourse is shaped by the media in the United States and the role of mass media and new media (such as blogs) in the decline of civility in politics.

The panelists agreed that the current political climate is not particularly new, but has evolved in part due to technological changes that allow for immediate responses to political events that can be targeted to specific audiences via the Internet. This event can be viewed at foley.wsu.edu/events/videos.asp.

Census 2010

A panel of community leaders, census workers, and an advisor to the Census Bureau discussed the importance of the census and why students should complete the 2010 form. The panel included Foley Distinguished Professor Don Dillman, Pullman City Supervisor John Sherman, and Pullman Census Supervisor Ellie Perkins-Rust.

The panel discussed how the census works and how government programs are based on its results. Although Washington state usually has a high response rate, some areas in Pullman near the University had recorded a response rate of less than 50% at the time of the panel.



Don Dillman and John Sherman

Slavery and the Constitution

Albany law professor Paul Finkleman visited Pullman on February 1, 2010, to discuss the historical and legal context of the decisions that recognized and protected slavery in the earliest years of American Constitutional history. He used examples such as *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857) to illustrate how some slaves and their descendents were not granted citizenship and protection under the Constitution.



Paul Finkleman

Empire of Illusion

Pulitzer prize-winning author Chris Hedges presented a lecture on September 24, 2009, that detailed his view of a post-literate America. Based on his book *Empire of Illusion*, he explained his thesis that American society has become polarized with people divided into those who have a realistic view of the world and those who are unable to separate reality from fantasy. The latter group, he said, retreat into a world of illusion and unattainable happiness.



Chris Hedges

Civility in Politics

Grant From NEH for Public Forum in Spokane

The Foley Institute has received a grant of \$212,735 from the National Endowment for the Humanities' "Bridging Cultures" initiative to develop and host a national conference, "Civility in American Democracy: Where have we come and where are we headed?"

In partnership with Humanities Washington, the Idaho Humanities Council, and the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, the Foley Institute will bring internationally recognized humanities scholars together in Spokane this coming March to explore the role of civility in democracy from five distinct humanities perspectives: history, religion, art and architecture, philosophy, and communication and media.

Foley Director Cornell Clayton said, "These specific humanities disciplines were chosen because of their importance to any meaningful discussion of ideas of civility and civilization, and because each one has produced important, relevant bodies of scholarship that address the role of civility in democracy."

The conference is scheduled as a two-day public forum, followed by a day-long workshop where invited scholars, librarians, film-makers, and K-12 educators will meet to generate ideas for future development of curricula, museum exhibits, library programs, and online resources around the theme of civility.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The NEH launched the "Bridging Cultures" initiative this year with the aim of revitalizing intellectual and civic life through the humanities. Structured around two themes, "civility and democracy" and "the Muslim world and the humanities," the program encourages projects that explore the ways in which world cultures and the myriad subcultures within the United States have influenced American society. This was one of only eight grants awarded out of more than 90 proposals.

Civility in Politics Forum in Olympia, Washington

The Foley Institute sponsored a public forum in the Cherberg Building on the capitol campus in Olympia to discuss attitudes about partisanship, cooperation, and civility in politics and how they have changed over time. A starting point for the discussion was the question "Is more civility and bipartisanship good for Washington?"

The distinguished panel consisted of Washington's Secretary of State Sam Reed and leaders of Washington's two major political parties (Luke Esser and Paul Berendt), as well as Nicholas Lovrich, WSU Regents Professor and associate chair of the Department of Political Science.

They discussed research conducted by WSU scholars about the changing attitudes toward civility and bipartisanship in the Washington state legislature. The panel was moderated by Olympia correspondent and political reporter Austin Jenkins, and is available at foley.wsu.edu/ events/videos.asp.



From left to right: Austin Jenkins (at podium), Luke Esser (Washington Republican Party chair), Nicholas Lovrich (WSU), and Sam Reed (Washington Secretary of State).

Internship Program

The Other Washington

-by Danielle Morrison

Before coming to Capitol Hill to intern in the office of Senator Maria Cantwell this summer, I felt a little intimidated. However, I quickly realized that people are just people, and whether a senator, representative, president, or staff member, the idea that I am "just an intern," does not mean my work goes unnoticed. The office of a senator would not function effectively without the help of interns.

From my first day, I felt at home. Fellow interns mentored me as I learned the ropes of the office. I took part in every task imaginable—answering phones, writing constituent letters, giving capitol tours, researching bills, writing bill sign-on requests, logging mail, placing flag orders, attending briefings, and sitting in on committee hearings.

There were many magical moments. In my first week I was able to sit directly behind Henry Kissinger and Madeleine Albright while listening to a hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee headed by Senator John Kerry. The committee was discussing the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, and transparency issues with Russia and nuclear weapons.

Interns working for Congress members also attend regular lectures. One lecture was given by the newly sworn in U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor, whose speech gave me goose bumps; it was truly an honor to attend.

This internship provided me with opportunities that just six months ago I never would have thought possible. Before this experience I did not have a true grasp of the legislative process. I had no idea how much work senators and their staff put into proposing legislation. I have a newfound respect for the work and dedication that members of Congress devote to crafting the new legislation that molds our country.

After completing my internship, I headed back to Pullman a new person and began my senior year with an entirely new perspective on government, particularly the U.S. Senate. What I have transformed into is someone who knows, without a doubt, that public service is for me.

I am grateful for the opportunity the LeLoup Internship provided me. I cannot wait for the day when I will return the favor by supporting an intern in Washington so that person can experience the inspirational moments I have had!

Photos from top to bottom: Danielle with Senator Maria Cantwell; with fellow WSU intern Monica McAllister; with then Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan; Danielle on "The Hill."



Internship Program



Jaron with Governor Christine Gregoire

In the Governor's Office

—by Jaron Robinson

It was finals week of the fall 2009 semester when I received the call from a staff member in the Washington State governor's office offering me an internship position for the 2010 legislative session. As a political science major, I was excited to accept that opportunity. And what an opportunity it was!

The 2010 session can be summed up in two words: budget gap—a \$3.2 billion budget gap more precisely. While the gut reaction to such a problem is to cringe, I found there is never a more exciting time to be an intern than when government is trying to solve tough problems and history is being made.

Olympia is the center of state politics and draws many groups and demonstrations—I will not forget the time I was bustling through the office and caught a glance of the governor watching a Tea Party rally outside of the window on April 15, Tax Day.

I began my duties in the governor's communications office, assisting the staffers with daily operations. The most exciting part of this position was helping to set up press conferences

for the governor. I then transferred to the constituent services unit, helping to process incoming mail and communications from all over the state and assisting staff members in addressing constituent concerns and questions.

The internship was an incredible way to end my undergraduate career. To be in Olympia during a time of political contention and pressure, working with political insiders to find solutions to these problems, was an incredible experience. I learned much about the practical aspects of state government.

Reflecting on my experiences, I now better understand the important role of state-level government. Closer to individual citizens than the federal government, state policymakers must confront pressures from other states, companies, groups, and organizations, as well as mediate between local government and the federal government. I can readily say that I would relish the opportunity to work in a state government career because I had such a great experience as an intern, helping our state officials do their jobs.

Internship Program

Interning at WSU's Student Legal Services

—by Asti Gallina



Asti Gallina

In fall 2009, I heard from a fellow student who had interned at WSU Student Legal Services and found the experience to be very enjoyable and rewarding, so I applied. The interview process was highly competitive. The questions concerned my personality, my career plans, and my ability to honor confidentiality. Within two days I received a call telling me I got the job and I was ecstatic.

The main role for interns is to greet incoming clients, listen to their problems, and then determine the most appropriate course of action. If the client's case does not involve other persons connected with the University, we can schedule an appointment to meet our attorney, Wynn Mossman, free of charge. If the case does involve the University, this is viewed as a conflict of interest and we refer the client to another attorney in the area.

Acquiring hands-on work experience was a great part of the internship, but my favorite part was getting to know the other interns. It was a unique opportunity to be surrounded by likeminded peers. The experiences I had and the connections I made through my internship at Student Legal Services have been a truly enriching part of my academic career. I look forward to additional opportunities to learn, grow, and make new friends as I continue my internship at Student Legal Services in the future.

Asti Gallina continued interning at SLS as summer director and is lead intern for the 2010-2011 school year.

Internship Update

In addition to the internships featured here, the Foley Institute placed numerous students in Olympia. James Holbrooks interned at the Washington State Department of Transportation. Brandon Lorenz and Amelia Mendenhall received paid internships in the Washington State Legislature during fall semester, while Taylor Phares spent the legislative session as an intern with the Washington Labor Council. Jaron Robinson's experience in the governor's office is described on the opposite page, and Sam Shaddox spent spring semester as a WSU Student Lobbyist at the capitol.

Students who interned in Washington, D.C., include Eloise Court, who spent fall semester with the lobby firm Book Hill Partners, and Will Pitzler, who interned with the U.S. Department of Justice, also in fall 2009. In summer 2010 Monica McAllister interned in the Washington, D.C., office of Senator Patty Murray, Danielle Morrison was in the Washington, D.C., office of Senator Maria Cantwell (story on page 9), and Charles 'Kurt' Parrish interned with the Heritage Foundation.

The WSU Police Department continues to be an excellent source of internships for criminal justice majors. This year Ryan Blum, Ryan Coman, Margaret Cornell, Blake Gould, Eric Larson (who acted as lieutenant of the internship program), Heather Prigger, Alexander Spangler, Erin Westfall (captain of the program), and Brandon Wilson all completed internships successfully.

Another opportunity for interns looking for pre-law experience on campus is WSU Student Legal Services. Last year, Foley interns **Brian Cobb**, **Brent DeBeaumont**, **Asti Gallina** (whose story appears to the left), **Elliot Kettler**, **Alexa Nemeth**, **Cameron Pardon**, **Erik Running**, **Gordie Verhovek**, **Kim Weidenaar**, and Foley Institute work study student **Clark Menkes** had successful internships with SLS.

Other interns included **Kari Sandoval**, who spent a year with Schweitzer Engineering as a university relations intern, and **Morgan McClincy**, who spent the spring interning as director of finance for ASWSU and Student Involvement. **Starcia Ague** interned with WSU's Division of Governmental Studies and Services, **Erik Hess** worked on the "Denny Heck for Congress" campaign, **John Petrie** interned with the Thurston County Sheriff, and **Alexander Smith** was at the Evergreen Freedom Foundation. **Ryan Martin** spent the summer with the National Marine Fisheries Office of Law, and **Steven Orme** interned at the federal defender's office in Tacoma.

Fellowships



Pictured left to right are Kyle Knight (sociology), Mary Jo Klinker (American studies), Director Cornell Clayton, Katie Searles (political science), Jenny Holland (political science), and Season Hoard (political science).

Foley Graduate Fellowships

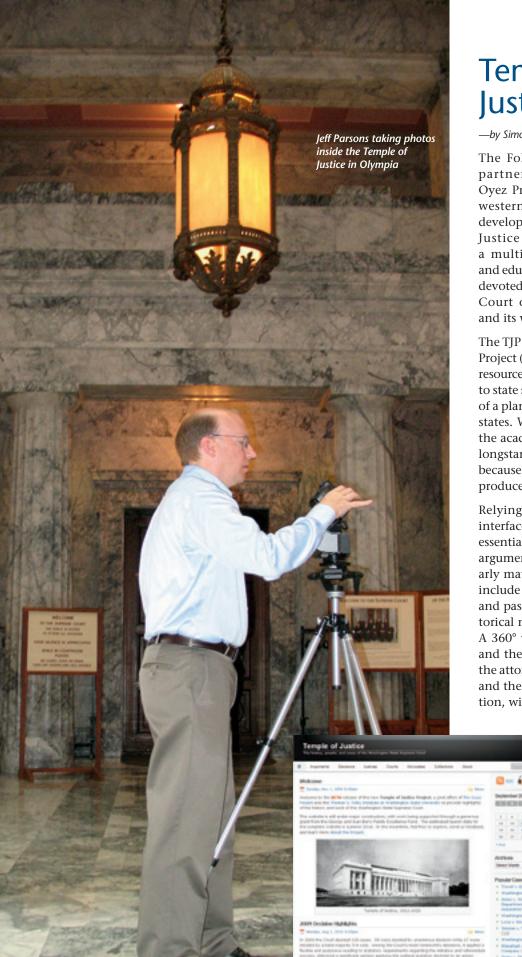
Following a competitive application process, the Foley Institute awarded a total of six graduate fellowships for the 2009-10 academic year.

The winner of the Scott & Betty Lukins Fellowship is **Season Hoard** (political science), whose research focuses on feminist expertise in the policy process. The runner-up prize was awarded to **Emma Jean Stamm Mueller** (anthropology), who is examining the process of incorporating an American Indian group in the repatriation of ancestral cultural items.

The winner of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation Fellowship is **Kyle Knight** (sociology), whose research examines the social factors that influence a country's environmental efficiency of well-being. The runner-up prize was awarded to **Mary Jo Klinker** (American studies), who studies the political activities of U.S. women aiming to create peaceful alternatives to war.

Katie Searles (political science), whose research examines the differential effects of anger and fear on attitudes towards political institutions, was the winner of the Alice O. Rice Fellowship in Political Institutions and Democracy.

The Summer Fellowship was awarded to **Jenny Holland** (political science) to attend the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Jenny's work focuses on political preferences and voting.



Temple of Justice Project

—by Simon Zschirnt

The Foley Institute is partnering with the Oyez Project at Northwestern University to develop the Temple of Justice Project (TJP), a multimedia archive and educational website devoted to the Supreme Court of Washington and its work.



Temple of Justice

The TJP is the first to extend the concept of the Oyez Project (which is the most frequently accessed online resource relating to the United States Supreme Court), to state supreme courts. TJP represents the prototype of a plan to eventually extend the concept to all fifty states. Washington State University was selected as the academic home for this pilot project because of longstanding ties to the court and its members, and because of the large body of scholarship on the court produced by former Professor Charles H. Sheldon.

Relying on audio and video and a user-friendly interface, the TJP will compile and store the court's essential documents, decisions since 1889, taped oral arguments, and other historical, archival, and scholarly materials on a single website. The site will also include in-depth biographies of the court's current and past justices, case abstracts, and additional historical materials relevant to its landmark decisions. A 360° virtual tour of the Supreme Court building and the justices' chambers, and information about the attorneys who have argued cases before the court and the law firms that have been involved in litigation, will also be available.

The TJP will perform an important public service by making it far easier to access court documents, and in general by helping Washington residents better understand the court and its role in government.

The project is currently supported by a \$25,000 Berry Family Fellowship from the WSU College of Liberal Arts, and has received official support from members of the court and the Washington State Courts Historical Society.

Prior to the website's official launch, the work in progress may be viewed at templeofjustice.org.

Lance Theodore LeLoup 1949-2009



Lance LeLoup, who retired in June 2009 after a distinguished career at WSU, died July 23, 2009 at his home on Whidbey Island. He was 60 and had been suffering from cancer.

Lance served as director of the Foley Institute from 1998 to 2001. He came to WSU in 1996 to serve as chair of the department of political science, a position he held until 2001. In 2009 he was promoted to the rank of Regents Professor, the first faculty member from political science to achieve that

distinguished rank. Most recently he served as vice provost of international programs.

In 2007, Lance received the Aaron Wildavsky Lifetime Achievement Award for Research on Public Budgeting. In accepting the award, LeLoup said: "A lifetime achievement award almost by definition forces one to go back and retrace the journey that led to this moment. It has been a journey of starts and stops, of insights and dead ends, a journey of passion and discovery."

He earned his bachelor's degree in government from Georgetown University and his master's and doctoral degrees from The Ohio State University. He worked as a legislative assistant to the minority leader of the Ohio state senate before becoming a faculty member at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. After serving as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Public Policy at Hungary's

Budapest University, LeLoup accepted the position of professor of political science at WSU in 1996.

His in-depth knowledge of the political process, as well as his quick and ready wit, led to his being frequently quoted by reporters seeking insight into current political events in the state of Washington.

"Lance's colleagues will remember him as a true friend, the first to celebrate the successes of others and to offer his support when things did not go well. Even as he accepted heavy administrative responsibilities he offered his time unselfishly to others, sharing his vast experience and knowledge with younger colleagues and graduate students," said Foley Director Cornell Clayton, a long-time colleague and friend.

"I have received countless phone calls and email messages from former students and colleagues from around the world, each with a story of how Lance had touched their lives or altered their careers. The university community lost not only a respected scholar but an exceptional colleague and true friend who enriched the lives of all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be dearly missed," Clayton said.

LeLoup died surrounded by family and friends. His wife Pam works for the WSU Foundation. Survivors also include his mother Jean, one daughter Molly, two step-daughters Jennifer and Rebecca, brother Leif, and two sisters Laurel and Lynn.

In 2009 an appeal for an endowment in his name was made, and the first LeLoup Congressional Intern Scholarship was awarded to Danielle Morrison in summer 2010 (see page 9). To contribute to the LeLoup Internship Endowment, please complete and return the form below or contact the Foley Institute directly at 509-335-3477.

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Local Legislators Visit WSU

State Senator Mark Schoesler and Representatives Joe Schmick and Susan Fagan visited Washington State University in the Honors Lounge on December 1, 2009.

They discussed the budget cuts and how they will affect higher education across the state. The students' main concerns were the constant rise in tuition and the affordability of a university education.

The legislators responded that Washington would face cuts in all areas of funding due to the poor economic conditions in Washington. They also emphasized that as the minority party, their influence on the policy and budget-setting elements of the state legislature was limited, despite their support for the institutions of higher education in eastern Washington.



(From left to right) Susan Fagan, Mark Schoesler, and Joe Schmick.

