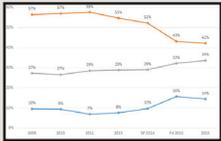
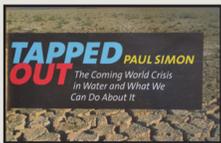


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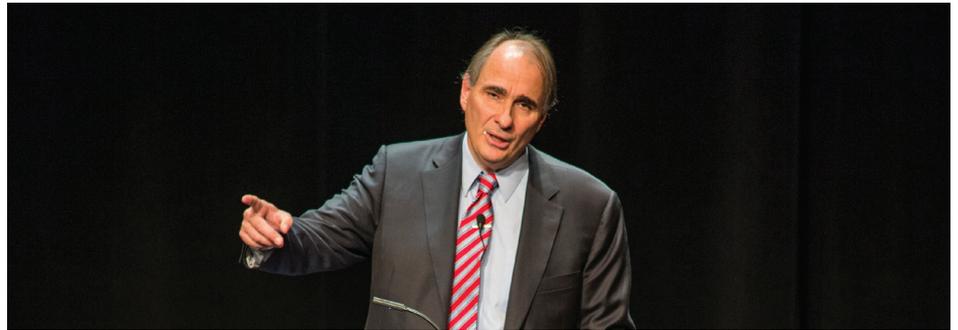
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Axelrod to students: "Steer us to a better place."

David Axelrod, former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, spoke on April 13.

Former senior presidential adviser David Axelrod told Southern Illinois University students this spring: "If you don't like what's going on, you only have one option and that is to get in there and try to change things."

"Democracy has certain responsibilities attached to it," he said. "Help steer us to a better place."

Axelrod made his comments before a crowd of more than 700 who attended the Morton-Kenney Public Affairs lecture sponsored by the institute.

The Chicago political strategist got his start in politics when Paul Simon

persuaded Axelrod to leave his job as a political reporter with the Chicago Tribune to work for Paul's 1984 campaign for the U.S. Senate.

"To Paul, politics was not a game. This is the way we grab the wheel of history and steer it in the right direction," Axelrod said.

Axelrod also advised Simon during the senator's 1988 presidential campaign and later fashioned a successful career as a political strategist. He helped pilot Barack Obama's successful campaigns for the U.S. Senate and the presidency before leaving the White

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SIMON FAMILY



Though I have been involved with the institute's board since Dad's passing almost a dozen years ago, I recently had a unique experience that served as a reminder of how wonderfully well the folks at the Simon Institute are doing at keeping my father's spirit alive.

While on an institute fundraising trip to Chicago this spring, I detoured down to Springfield to take in the annual Youth Government Day festivities. "YGD" is one of the institute's most popular programs Dad initiated and has flourished in the years since.

For the unfamiliar, YGD brings a diverse group of high school students from across the state to the Capitol building each year for an inspirational day of face-to-face interaction with lawmakers and policy stakeholders, providing these youths with the opportunity to truly feel what it is like to sit in the seats of power. This year's bunch totaled nearly 200!

Many of the schools and their chaperones have been bringing groups

each year since the beginning – a solid endorsement!

I had the honor of giving this large group some early morning welcoming remarks in the House chamber. Though they all seemed a bit sleepy and shy at the start, what I witnessed over the course of the morning and into the afternoon was a group of interested and articulate young people that embraced the opportunity to see up close how their government really works (or is at least supposed to work!).

Perhaps equally important, if not more so, I witnessed the oblique lessons learned as girls from a Catholic school on Chicago's north shore sat side-by-side boys from the Metro-East area near St. Louis, all focused on the remarks being made by a young legislator from rural, central Illinois – people from very different worlds, joined in common interest and purpose, learning together.

The institute's mission statement references three areas of focus, the last of which is, "Promoting responsible citizenship for all Americans – but particularly for young Americans."

Youth Government Day hits that nail on the head!

**Martin Simon, chair,
Board of Counselors**

STAFF NEWS: COMINGS AND GOINGS

In 2015, the institute welcomed one new addition to the staff, while seeing two others move into new university roles.

In May, Shiloh Deitz filled the coordinator/researcher position vacated by Vanessa Sneed, who became the director of the Office of University Events and Protocol for the Office of the Chancellor at SIU Carbondale.

Deitz holds a Master of Arts in sociology and is working on a Master of Science from the SIU Department



of Geography and Environmental Resources.

Previously, she worked as the Celia M. Howard Fellow at the institute and as the Master's Research Fellow at SIU, where she has conducted work on community development, disaster management, immigration, environmental health and walkability.

She and her husband, Thomas, also an SIU student, reside in Carbondale.

Sandy Lanzi, our part-time accountant, has also moved into a new university position. Lanzi now works in the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

**2015-2016
CELIA M. HOWARD
FELLOW NAMED**

Sarah Miranti has been named the 2015-16 Celia M. Howard Fellow at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Miranti has spent the past five years providing direct services to youth throughout the southern Illinois region - most recently

working as an outreach specialist with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. She is now

pursuing a master's in public administration to further her ability to serve the region. She received her bachelor's degree *cum laude* in 2010 from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin, with a degree in peace, conflict and global studies.

"The institute is a great place to learn more about public service right here in southern Illinois. The Celia M. Howard Fellowship gives me the opportunity to research and learn about important issues while I continue my education at SIU," Miranti said.

Institute Director David Yepsen sees the fellowship program as furthering the institute's mission. "At the institute we seek to provide groups of young people that are underrepresented in politics with opportunities to become engaged citizens. This fellowship is important because it gives women experience with policy and political issues while they are still in school," he said.

The Celia M. Howard Fellowship is made possible through the generosity of the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund and the Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc.



THE ALEXANDER LANE INTERN - BRIONE LOCKETT

The Alexander Lane Internship Program was developed at the institute to honor the contribution and legacy of Alexander Lane, SIU's first African-American male graduate. Brione Lockett is the third Alexander Lane intern and worked with Speaker of the House Michael Madigan on his issues development staff during the spring session. He is also a recipient of the Mike Lawrence Scholarship.

During his internship, he met regularly with a host of legislators and researched legislation that included topics such as education, incarceration and health care.

"With the opportunities provided to me by the internship, I had a great hands-on experience to learn more about the

political process, and communicate and network in an environment at all levels of state government," Lockett said.

Lockett said he enjoyed learning about the public health field and the challenges it faces in state politics. "I was given the opportunity to help out with the Illinois Department of Public Health Women's Conference in Peoria, Illinois," Lockett explained. "I learned about public health subtopics such as domestic violence, cancer, air quality, disease and infant mortality rates. So in the future I plan on studying more about public health and possibly working in this field." Lockett is a senior at SIU Carbondale from Rolling Meadows, Illinois, majoring in history.



(l-r) Brione Lockett and Adrian Miller on the first day of their internships.

THE GENE CALLAHAN INTERN - ADRIAN MILLER

Adrian Miller was the inaugural Gene Callahan Intern for the institute. During his internship, Miller also worked for Speaker of the House Michael Madigan on his issues development staff.

Miller assisted in staffing the 71 state representatives in the Democratic Caucus by performing tasks that included writing press releases and working on legislation. He also worked on a variety of projects for the issues staff, including assisting legislators with constituent outreach.

"Working on several projects for the legislators and the speaker allowed me the opportunity to see how the work behind the laws is done," Miller said.

Out of all his time in Springfield, Miller said that his opportunities to meet with legislators were by far some of the best experiences. "Getting to see the legislators in action and working on the tough

issues that impact Illinois gave me great insight into what it's like to be an elected official," Miller said. He plans to attend graduate school for a master's of public administration. Miller is a senior at SIU Carbondale from Carbondale, Illinois, majoring in political science.

The program has been renamed in honor of the late Gene Callahan by Jerry Mileur, a southern Illinois native who holds two degrees from SIU Carbondale and endowed the Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture Series at SIU. Like Callahan, Mileur served on the institute's Board of Counselors. Interns live in Springfield and work directly with agency leaders within Illinois state government while developing papers based on their work experiences and preparing policy recommendations.



(l-r) Students at the award ceremony: Adrian Miller, Gabrielle Smock, Kayce Gibbs, Josh Rivera, Alex Hutchinson, Wyatt Humrichous, Jacob Trammel, Luke Nozicka and Brione Lockett.

2015 STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

This year's student award ceremony recognized all of the institute interns, the Paul Simon Debater (Josh Rivera), and awarded other deserving students.

Two outstanding students who work with the institute are the recipients of the **2015 Mike Lawrence Scholarship**.

Brione Lockett, a graduating senior from Rolling Meadows, Illinois, and Kayce Gibbs, a senior from St. Louis, each received the scholarship at the ceremony on April 13.

The award honors Lawrence, who retired as institute director in November 2008. The veteran newsman, press

secretary and political analyst joined the institute in 1997 as associate director and became director in 2004. Scholarship recipients are students involved with the institute and active in the university community.

This year's recipient of the **Director's Award** was Jacob Trammel, a freshman from Elkhart, Illinois, studying physiology with an emphasis on pre-med. Trammel, a student worker for the institute, has shown excellence in research, problem solving and a great work ethic in all institute projects and events.



15 YEARS OF YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY

In April, several of Illinois' leading young legislators shared their perspectives about politics and public service at the 15th annual Youth Government Day, sponsored by the institute.

"Youth Government Day is an opportunity for Illinois high school students to learn about state government and President Lincoln," said David Yepsen, institute director.

"Students visited the state capitol, toured the offices and heard from experts about how state government works and where the decisions get made," he said. "They also had the opportunity to tour the Lincoln Museum and learn about his history."

Martin Simon, son of Sen. Paul Simon, gave the opening welcome remarks. Lance Trover, a two-degree SIU alumnus and communications director for Gov. Bruce Rauner, presented the keynote address. Trover was involved with the institute during his time at SIU.

Other speakers in breakout sessions include state Reps. Avery Bourne (R-Litchfield), Carol Ammons (D-Champaign) and C.D. Davidsmeyer (R-Jacksonville).

Nearly 200 students participated in this year's program. The program is free and open to any Illinois high school student.

SIU MEDICAL STUDENT FOCUSES ON IMMUNIZATION PUBLIC POLICY

As part of their third- and fourth-year medical education, medical students at SIU complete an array of clinical rotations and electives.

This spring, fourth-year student Rustin Meister focused on school immunization policy as part of his policy research elective.



While doing this, Meister observed the formation of health and education policy up close, meeting with legislators and state agency staff.

"As medical educators grapple with the 'who, what, when and how' of teaching health policy to medical students, this course affords students the opportunity to interact with policymakers firsthand," said Dr. Linda R. Baker, university professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute who teaches the course.

Meister is pictured following his meeting with state Sen. Kimberly Lightford, vice chair of the Senate Education Committee. Lightford has been a major force behind much of the educational policy reform in recent years.

Meister has graduated from SIU School of Medicine and has settled into his new home in Nashville, Tennessee, where he is a pediatric resident at Vanderbilt University. He will be there for three years while training at Monroe Carroll Children's Hospital.

"It's such a beautiful and professional place to be! I received a solid foundation at SIU, and I am really excited for the things to come," Meister said.

WHAT IS THE VINCE DEMUZIO GOVERNMENTAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM?

The institute is a proud sponsor and administrator of the Vince Demuzio Internship Program at SIU Carbondale. These internships place undergraduate students in state agencies or legislative offices for a paid work assignment of either 15 or 20 hours a week.

The program is named after Sen. Vince Demuzio of Carlinville, who died in 2004. A champion of downstate Illinois, Demuzio was elected to the Senate in 1974 and was serving as majority leader of the Illinois Senate at the time of his death at age 62.

Interns get real-world, hands-on experience working in the agencies, and the state gets the assistance of young and highly motivated students who are considering public service careers.

Several Demuzio interns have entered jobs in the same state agencies as their internships. Others have been accepted into law or graduate schools throughout Illinois and nationally.

The institute also cooperates with the SIU Office of the President in recruiting and placing these interns in the offices of state legislators. This option is particularly attractive to students who may want to pursue a career in elected office or in staff positions in the legislative branches of government.

The Demuzio Internship program started in 2006 with state funding. The institute usually places eight to 10 interns in the state agencies during a school year. To date, there have been more than 100 interns involved with the program.

Undergraduate students from any major with the requisite credentials are encouraged to visit our website or get in touch with either Dr. John Jackson or Carol Greenlee at the institute to find out more about qualifying for one of these attractive internships.



Demuzio intern Alex Hutchinson at the SIU's Small Business Development Center with supervisor Dr. Kyle Harfst.

DEMUZIO INTERNSHIPS IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"I was the Demuzio intern and primary office organizer for the Jackson-Union Counties Port Authority in Carbondale. This program allowed me to gain confidence in my assets and to network with individuals. I feel very lucky for having the opportunity. This program has provided me with the knowledge base necessary to enter work in the public sector. I know the work ethic I developed will translate nicely into my professional or academic future, and that ethic began with this internship."

Wyatt Humrichous - Senior, political science - Hometown: Chrisman, Illinois

"My internship took place at the Illinois Attorney General's Office in Carbondale. I worked with the workers' compensation paralegal, the consumer advocate, and did tasks around the office. The Demuzio internship gave me skills that have given me an edge in the competitive workforce. It furthered my knowledge beyond what is capable in a classroom and gave me real-life experience. The knowledge and experience gained in the Demuzio Internship Program is invaluable."

Gabrielle Smock - Senior, paralegal studies - Hometown: Bethalto, Illinois

"I interned in the [SIU] President's Office under the executive assistant for external affairs. My role was to consistently keep track of legislation that dealt with education, mainly the higher education committees. As a Demuzio intern, I now have changed my educational plans. Instead of going to law school, I now plan on pursuing my master's in public administration and then later pursue my Ph.D. in African studies. I want to be of service to more than just myself, but to the nation, and what better way to do it than serving the people through charity work, public policy and education?"

Kayce J. Gibbs - Senior, political science - Hometown: St. Louis

"My internship was at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, Illinois. I was able to work alongside doctors, social workers and psychiatrists as an active participant on treatment teams. The treatment team helps make decisions based on a patients' current needs and helps the patients to work toward discharge. This internship has been a very multidimensional position that was extremely eye opening into the mental health arena. After actually working in this field, I have decided to pursue my MSW with my concentration being health/mental health. This experience gave me a drive to continue my educational goals, and I am forever thankful of that!"

Brittney Dillon - Senior, social work - Hometown: Anna, Illinois

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED.



Randy Dunn, SIU president (center), with SUSI participants at their welcome reception.

STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTE PROGRAM

In June and July, SIU Carbondale hosted 20 undergraduate students for five weeks to study the U.S. political system.

Students from Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia visited as part of the “Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders (SUSI)” program.

The program directors were John L. Foster, emeritus faculty in the Department of Political Science; John S. Jackson, a visiting professor with the institute; and Barbara Brown, a statewide political party leader.

“The U.S. State Department has a long-term commitment to educational and cultural exchanges, and this program is one of the best examples of that commitment,” Jackson said.

“It seeks to increase the understanding of American political systems and culture among the younger generation of emerging student leaders in countries that are important influences in their part of

the world. We are glad to welcome these students to Illinois and to introduce them to our area,” he said.

The students participated in a variety of classroom activities and lectures featuring university officials and faculty, plus toured city government operations, participated in volunteer activities, spent a weekend with families in Chester, Illinois, and participated in the Kaskaskia Fourth of July celebration. The students also participated in cultural trips to St. Louis, Chicago and Springfield, where they met with policy makers.

The state department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs sponsor the program. This is the 17th SUSI program SIU has hosted dating back to the mid-1990s. The initiative began with hosting international faculty members, with the focus switching in 2003 to students. More than 320 students and faculty have participated in SIU’s SUSI program.

SUPPORTING SIU STUDENT GROUPS



Dolores Huerta, left, with Edith Ortiz-Ruiz, right, president of SIU’s Latino Cultural Association.

In keeping with Simon’s tradition of promoting civic engagement for young Americans, the institute has been fostering relationships with some of SIU’s registered student organizations.

In October, we offered guidance and our resources to help the Latino Cultural Association bring Dolores Huerta, a civil rights activist, to campus for Hispanic Heritage Month (see page 10).

We also are partners with the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism in promoting the Women’s Civic Institute, a special leadership and development program for female SIU students (see page 10 for picture).

In March, we partnered with the SIU Black Law Student Association to bring Congressman James E. Clyburn to campus (See page 12).

We also serve in a mentoring role to the SIU chapter of the National Organization of Black Journalists (NABJ).

THE PAUL SIMON JOURNALISM AWARD

Luke Nozicka has been chosen as this year’s Pittsburgh Post-Gazette intern. The Paul Simon Journalism award recognizes a student of the SIU Carbondale journalism program that is selected for a journalism internship with a major news organization.

Nozicka, a native of Grayslake, Illinois, is a junior at SIU Carbondale studying news-editorial journalism with a minor in political science.



At the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, he was selected to be a breaking news intern reporting on the major daily news for the paper. As a sophomore, Nozicka served as the managing editor of the Daily Egyptian, SIU Carbondale’s 99-year-old student-run newspaper. At the Daily Egyptian, he covered the university administration, police and spot news beats.

“Thanks to the award from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, I’m learning the ropes of how to be a reporter at a major daily news organization. I’ve had the chance to cover everything from shootings to sentencings, plus working side by side with some amazing reporters and editors. Learning from the ‘veterans’ has made me a much better writer and more diligent researcher,” Nozicka said.

Nozicka is also a 2015 student fellow for the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. In December, he traveled to the Dominican Republic to report on the country’s flourishing number of teenage pregnancies.

Upon graduation, Nozicka looks forward to the opportunity to work at a major news organization.

PIZZA AND POLITICS FOR STUDENTS



“Pizza and Politics” sessions are primarily targeted at students to engage in a free-flowing discussion led by an expert, professor or political/media figure on an important issue or careers in politics, public service or advocacy. Pizza is provided; these events are informal.



Former U.S. congressman and adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard, **Bill Enyart** (D), joined us in February for spring 2015’s first “Pizza and Politics.” He spoke candidly with students about his time in Congress and about current issues facing the United States.

Small-business owner and national committee woman in the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, **Gloria Campos**, also stopped by in February to discuss the future of the GOP from a Latina perspective. She encouraged all the students to start now and become involved in politics.



Newly elected state Rep. **Terri Bryant** (R) came by in March for Women’s History Month. She was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in November, taking the seat held by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost. She spoke about her new experiences and challenges in government.

Congressman **Mike Bost** (R) was sworn in in January to the U.S. House of Representatives. He stopped by in April to interact with students and talk about issues they are interested in, plus he gave insight into his first four months in Congress.



Illinois Treasurer **Michael Frerichs** (D) also stopped by in April for a “Pizza and Politics” session with students, where he discussed the budget situation facing Illinois and a performance review of the treasurer’s office.

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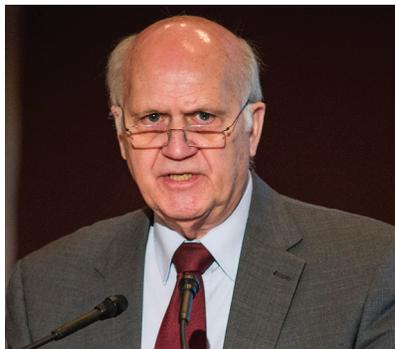
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THE GIL AND JEAN KROENING LECTURE WITH JOHN BECKER

In November, John A. Becker, SIU alumnus and former senior policy adviser in the U.S. Agency for International Development, joined us for the Gil and Jean Kroening Lecture Series.

Becker recently completed an assignment in the Bureau for Food Security, where he provided policy and program guidance on agricultural development and collaboration with U.S. universities, including support to President Obama's Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

Becker presented his thoughts on the evolving role of U.S. university collaboration in U.S. foreign assistance.



The event included open discussion about the key factors that are driving changes in the collaborative relationships between U.S. universities and the federal government.

WHAT IS YOUTH LEADERSHIP WEEKEND?

The institute is scheduled to host another installment of its annual Youth Leadership Weekend Oct. 24-25, on the SIU Carbondale campus. The event is now entering its 12th year.

The weekend is a regular gathering of African-American students from across southwest Illinois and Metro-East regional schools. Participants include students from East St. Louis Senior High School, Upward Bound of Edwardsville, Belleville East and Belleville West high schools.

The annual conference brings 35 to 50 junior high and high school youths to campus for two days of leadership and motivational training activities.

The weekend focuses on enhancing the leadership qualities of African-American young men on topics ranging from personal development to the challenges they may face as they move toward adulthood.

The weekend was started by Sen. Paul Simon in response to concerns about the challenges facing young African-American men in society.

Local community organizations lend support and help with outreach, introducing area youth to the institute's programs as a part of their ongoing mentoring programs. Many of the students will be among the first in their families to attend college.

Supporting groups include the Top Ladies of Distinction, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi fraternities. Past speakers and supporters include several SIU alumni, including State Rep. Arthur Turner, Cook County commissioner Stanley Moore and retired United Airlines Capt. Bill Norwood.

"Senator Simon would be proud to know that so many Metro-East area youth continue to benefit from a program he strongly supported, which continues today to serve youth at the institute that bears his name. With the Youth Leadership Weekend, we are moving ever closer to realizing his goal of getting the academy and the community united in a shared vision for our young people," said Linda R. Baker, a professor of health care and public policy at the institute.

DOLORES HUERTA, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

In October, Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association, was the keynote speaker for SIU Carbondale's 2014 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

During her talk, Huerta stressed the importance of voting and worried how young people are "sitting out elections." Huerta said that everyone has a responsibility to get involved or learn about candidates and causes important to them.

Huerta was an organizer while serving in the leadership of the Stockton Community Service Organization, of which Cesar Chavez was the executive director.

Chavez and Huerta found common ground in a shared goal of organizing farm workers. In 1962 they formed the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers Union.

As the principal legislative advocate, Huerta, gifted at organizing, became one of the United Farm Workers' most visible spokespersons.

Huerta said one of the primary lessons she teaches is that each individual is inherently powerful, and there is even more power when people are united for a common cause.

Huerta is a 2012 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient. The award is the highest civilian award in the United States.

She is president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, which she founded, and continues to work on behalf of social justice, civil rights and equality.

Her awards and achievements include selection as one of the "100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century" by Ladies Home Journal magazine. There are six schools in California, Texas and Colorado named in her honor.

The institute co-sponsored the event in coordination with the Center for Inclusive Excellence and the Latino Cultural Association.



WOMEN'S CIVIC INSTITUTE - SPRINGFIELD TRIP

Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, center, stands with the Women's Civic Institute participants at the Illinois State Capitol this spring.

For the past three years, the Simon Institute has partnered with the group to give young women an opportunity to observe

government up close and think about careers in politics and public service.

Sponsors of the event included Paul Simon Public Policy Institute board member Howard Peters III of HAP Inc. & Associates, in honor of his late mother, a longtime community activist and social justice advocate.

COSTELLO, TROVER & TRASVIÑA NAMED TO SIMON INSTITUTE BOARD

Former U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, a Democrat, John Trasviña, dean of the University of San Francisco School of Law, and Lance Trover, a Republican and director of communications for Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, have been appointed to the institute's Board of Counselors.

The principal responsibilities of the board include making recommendations to the president of the university regarding the hiring (and, if necessary, the termination) of the institute's director. The board meets at least once per year to review the institute's programmatic and fiscal performance and its fidelity to Simon's mandate of a bipartisan approach to the institute's undertakings.

Costello was first elected to Congress in 1988 and served until 2013. He served on the Committee on Science, Space and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

"I had the privilege of serving with Paul in the U.S. Congress. Paul was a model public servant and a friend," Costello said. "I consider it an honor to be able to help further Paul's work as a member of the board of the institute."

Trasviña, a San Francisco native, graduated from Harvard University and Stanford Law School. He was appointed by President Obama and unanimously



Jerry Costello

John Trasviña

Lance Trover

confirmed by the Senate as the assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity in the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

In 1997, Trasviña was also appointed by President Clinton as special counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice. Trasviña is also a former president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Washington, and worked for Simon as general counsel and staff director for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution.

"I admired Sen. Simon in innumerable ways," Trasviña said. "It was a true honor to work for him, and I look forward to carrying on his legacy as a member of the Board of Counselors."

Trover is a native of Vienna, Illinois, and former communications director for U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk, (R-Illinois). Trover recently served as a communications adviser for Rauner's gubernatorial campaign.

Trover holds a bachelor's degree and law degree from SIU Carbondale. As a student, Trover was involved with the institute and was mentored by Mike Lawrence, former institute director.

"I am delighted to join the institute's board," Trover said. "As a Saluki who took advantage of the institute as a student and a longtime follower of its work, I am pleased to support Sen. Simon and Mike Lawrence's vision in this way."

The board consists of 16 voting members who are unpaid volunteers. There are nine at-large members are nominated by the board itself, two members of the Simon family are chosen by the family, one member is appointed by the chair of the Illinois State Republican Party, one is member appointed by the Illinois State Democratic Party, and the previous past director. The board also contains two voting ex-officio members: the chancellor and the vice chancellor for development and alumni relations of the university.

More information about the Board of Counselors can be found at: www.paulsimoninstitute.org.

HAVE YOU READ THE LATEST "SIMON REVIEWS"?

Simon Review Paper No. 40, "The 2014 Illinois Governor Race: Quinn vs. Rauner," examines Dr. John Jackson's research on the 2014 governor's race in Illinois that featured two candidates who were the epitome of campaigns for high office in America today. In addition, the race illustrated the major trends, driven by big money and big media, that are shaping our politics in the 21st century. Paper No. 40 examines and analyzes the governor's race to learn what it teaches us about politics in Illinois and in the United States midway through the second decade of this century.

Simon Review Paper No. 41, "Disaster and Gender in Southern Illinois," by

institute coordinator/researcher Shiloh Deitz, takes a closer look at the unique needs of women in the context of disaster that have been largely overlooked in disaster management. Paper No. 41 shows that, by learning from mistakes, the negative effects of disasters on women may be mitigated through disaster management that is sensitive to the different needs and experiences of women and men.

Simon Review Paper No. 42, "Unsupervised, Ensnared, Relational, and Private: A Typology of Illinois' Corrupt Women," by Ryan Ceresola, is an examination of the types of corruption that occur when looking at women in

public positions and the corrupt acts in which they engage. Illinois ranks highly on several factors that measure the number of women in political positions of power, and so the question is raised: What is the role of women when it comes to corruption?

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THE 2015 SIMON POLL RESULTS

Illinois voters are showing increased support for same-sex marriage and the idea that the state's budget crisis has to be solved with spending cuts and tax increases, according to the Simon Institute's polling.

"This is the seventh year the institute has done polling, and we are now getting enough data to be able to chart important trends on some issues," said David Yepsen, director of the institute.

Earlier polls showed overwhelming numbers of registered voters supported only cuts to spending to balance the budget. Now more are willing to support tax increases. The polling also found growing support for same-sex marriage, a finding that mirrors changes in national attitudes.

"These things are important for policy-makers and scholars to know," Yepsen said. "They need to know how people feel so they can either reflect public opinion – or develop leadership strategies for changing it." The institute surveys attitudes of registered voters statewide and, in separate surveys, polls

attitudes in Illinois' 18 southernmost counties. The research provides opportunities for graduate students working on papers and dissertations.



Public opinion data from the institute has been accepted for online access at institutional repositories at SIU, the University of North Carolina and the University of Michigan. Over five years of data collected from the annual Simon Institute Poll™ and the Southern Illinois Poll™ is now available at OpenSIUC at SIU Carbondale, The Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and OpenICPSR at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan.

"We conduct polls to high standards and are excited scholars and people around the world will now have easy, free access to our research for their own use," Yepsen said. "This research is a growing part of our mission because it serves both public policy as well as academic research needs."

In the institute polls, live telephone interviews are conducted by Customer Research International (CRI) of San Marcos, Texas. The firm reports no Illinois political clients. Cellphone interviews account for 30 percent of the sample. A Spanish-language version of the questionnaire and a Spanish-speaking interviewer are also made available.

No touch-tone or "robo" polling is included. The survey was paid for with non-tax dollars from the institute's endowment fund.

More results of the polls can be found at www.simonpoll.org.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES E. CLYBURN AND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Assistant House Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.) reflected on his years in politics and the civil rights movement during an SIU lecture this spring, saying, "I think my job is to work as hard as I possibly can to correct those wrongs but not waste all my energy and emotion being angry or demonstrating anger."

Clyburn discussed the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and the recently released movie, "Selma." He said the film has prompted many younger African-Americans to register to vote, including his granddaughter, who took a group of friends with her to register.

"I don't know why people don't vote," Clyburn said. "I do believe that we have to change our method of voting. I think voting without a paper trail is not really voting, because there is no way for some of the results I've seen to have been reached unless something was breached."

Critics of computerized and touch-screen voting say that, without a paper trail to audit and confirm the returns, it is too easy for fraud or computer glitches to miscount the votes.



SIU Black Law Student Association with Congressman Clyburn (center)

"We all know how easy it is to hack into machines," he said. He noted Ohio officials got rid of their voting machines because of so many problems with accurate tabulations. Ohio had "some studies that concluded the machines were unreliable, and they got rid of all of them."

"South Carolina bought them," he said. "Those are the machines we are using in South Carolina today, and there have been odd returns as a result."

SIU law student Willie Lyles, who worked in Clyburn's office, helped arrange Clyburn's visit to campus. Lyles said, "I'm

here as a student at SIU law because of Congressman James E. Clyburn. He is the political father of many more through his mentorship, counsel and provision of opportunities to people like me."

"Congressman Clyburn's legacy is not just embodied in the legislation he has passed, but in the people he gave a chance," Lyles said.

Cong. James Clyburn's presentation is available with online audio via www.paulsimoninstitute.org/news, and then by clicking past event presentations.

THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN WORKER SERIES

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute began the “State of the American Worker” lecture series this year to examine problems of income disparity in the United States.

“There’s not much doubt there are growing wealth and income differences in our society,” said David Yepsen, institute director. “There are different ideas for solving the problems, and the series will be offering a variety of speakers and perspectives for fixing it.” Speakers included:

Sarita Gupta, executive director of Jobs With Justice and co-director of Caring Across America.

“We’ve seen an increase in privatization and deregulation, coupled with corporate-driven globalization that’s resulted in the slashing of wages and working conditions,



Doug Whitley

Sarita Gupta

John Tillman

the loss of jobs, the decimation of small businesses and the rising gap between the super rich and the rest of us here and around the world,” Gupta said.

Doug Whitley, former president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, called for an increase in the Illinois motor vehicle fuel tax.

“What makes Illinois a great state is where we’re located,” he said. “We’re the largest inland port in the world.

With its central location in the United States, governments need to invest in infrastructure, which creates construction jobs and builds economic assets that, in turn, provide an asset for future economic growth.”

John Tillman, CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute, a free-market think-tank, said that to grow the state and national economy, governments needed to reduce taxation, spending and the burden of excessive regulations.

The appearance of Gupta at the institute was supported by Edward M. Smith, president and CEO of Ullico Inc., a labor-owned insurance and investment company.

AXELROD CONT.

House staff to lead Obama’s 2012 re-election campaign. He started and now heads the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago, which has a mission similar to the Simon Institute’s.

Axelrod’s book, “Believer,” a memoir about his career, was released in February.

“To the young people who are in this room, I would tell you: it is easy to be skeptical, even cynical, about politics today and you ask the question about whether it’s worth it, if whether you can actually make significant change through the political system,” he said.

“There are things we can only do together through government. Whether you like what’s going on now or not, Congress is going meet with or without you and people should get involved in the political process,” Axelrod said.

“One of the reasons I’m so proud to be here is that the mission of the Simon Institute is to encourage young people to assume those positions of leadership and grab that wheel of history. . . . There’s no better work than that. I’m here to urge you on. We need you. Your country needs you and your future demands it.”

A YouTube video of Axelrod’s speech can be found at www.paulsimoninstitute.org/news, under past event presentations.

THE JEANNE HURLEY SIMON LECTURE WITH FELICIA NORWOOD

Felicia Norwood, director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, told an SIU audience this spring that more preventive care and managed care programs are the keys to providing help to low-income Illinoisans during a time of state budget austerity.

“Our state is facing a big fiscal crisis,” she said. “We have a huge hole that is one of the biggest we’ve ever confronted. We have an overriding policy question we now need to answer: How do we best care for the most vulnerable and those in need when the money just isn’t there?”

Norwood made the comments at the Jeanne Hurley Simon Lecture sponsored by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The lecture series honors Simon’s late wife by highlighting successful women in politics and public service.

Norwood, a Yale law school graduate and a former Aetna Insurance executive, is now serving her third Republican governor. Prior to being appointed to her current position by Gov. Bruce Rauner, she served as a health care policy adviser to Govs. Jim Thompson and Jim Edgar.

“We need Illinois to be competitive, but we also need to be compassionate,” she said. With the arrival of new federal health care laws, the number of low-income

Illinois residents being served by the Medicaid program has increased by more than 500,000, with the prospect of an additional 100,000 being added soon.

“Real people are getting real care, but there are real expenses that need to be faced,” she said. “A third of the Illinois state budget now goes for these health care expenses, and the state budget deficit can not be fixed without looking at health care spending.”

She said she is working to build “a robust plan around prevention and a healthy lifestyle” for Medicaid recipients. “How do we make sure that individuals get the care they need on the front end, as opposed to showing up in costly emergency room settings?” she asked.

Norwood, a Georgia native, was first introduced to Illinois state government when she won a prestigious Dunn Fellowship that places students in internships throughout state government. She urged students who want to pursue careers in public service to seek internships early in their college careers.

Audio is available at www.paulsimoninstitute.org/news, and then by clicking past event presentations.

CREATIVE ECONOMY IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UPDATE

The institute continued its series “Building a Creative Economy in Southern Illinois” with a variety of speakers this past year.

The institute hosted Dr. Ann Markusen, the director of the Arts Economy Initiative and the Project of Regional and Industrial Economics at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs.



The institute also hosted Cody Sokolski, futurist and CEO of One Main Development, one of the most successful development companies in



Illinois. Sokolski is largely responsible for implementation of the revitalization of downtown Champaign, Illinois.

In February, Gary Shafer, airport manager of Southern Illinois Airport Authority, was invited to present the idea of direct commercial flights to Chicago from southern Illinois.

In July, Mike Brown, SIU alumnus and founder of the Brainzooming™ Group, spoke about collaboration and the creative power of diversity related to the “gigabit city.”

THE 2015 ALUMNI COMMUNITY SURVEY



Note: A “word cloud” is a textual analysis that involves identifying the most common words within a given text and weighting the words by size according to the frequency they occur. In the case of the above word cloud, “fun” was the most common single word to describe Carbondale, so it is largest.

During the year, the institute conducted a survey of SIU alumni to measure their attitudes toward Carbondale. The results were a mix of good and bad impressions.

The Alumni Community Survey was a collaboration between the SIU Alumni Association, the Downtown Advisory Committee, the Daily Egyptian student newspaper and the Southern Illinoian. It was part of the “Building a Creative Economy in Southern Illinois” series, an ongoing effort at the institute to support local efforts to revitalize small towns in southern Illinois.

When asked what one word they would use to describe downtown Carbondale, the most common word SIU Carbondale alumni used was “fun” – no doubt reminiscing about their college days.

Other words were not so positive. In this “word cloud” above, few positive descriptors of Carbondale stand out after “fun.” Notably, many alums, given only one word to describe the city, would call it “old,” “small,” “rundown,” “boring,” “quaint” or “dead.”

On a more positive note, the changes alumni would like to see in Carbondale fit well with the progress and goals of Carbondale’s various downtown revitalization efforts. The respondents like living in places where one does not have to rely on cars, streets are walkable and bike lanes are present. They also think Carbondale could increase the presence of local businesses and local food establishments.

In terms of arts and entertainment, the group surveyed thought the city should hold more street fairs and markets and encourage more live entertainment.

The negative view of Carbondale may in part have to do with the city’s aesthetic appeal. The overwhelming majority of alums remember the SIU campus and southern Illinois as beautiful locations (about 90 percent), but only 11 percent would call downtown Carbondale beautiful.

The full survey report can be found at paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu/focus-initiatives/alumni-community-survey.php.

THE JOHN AND MURIEL HAYWARD LECTURE WITH RANDALL BALMER

In April, Dr. Randall Balmer joined us for the John and Muriel Hayward Lecture focusing on politics and religion.

Balmer’s lecture was titled “His Own Received Him Not: Jimmy Carter, Progressive Evangelicalism and the Religious Right.”

Balmer, a prize-winning historian, Episcopal priest and Emmy Award nominee, taught as a professor of



Department of Religion at Dartmouth College. Balmer has also been a

American religious history at Columbia University for 27 years. He is the chair of the

visiting professor at Princeton, Yale, Northwestern, Columbia and Emory universities.

Balmer has been published widely in scholarly journals and newspapers around the country. Balmer has published more than a dozen books, including “Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter.”

EVENTS IN REVIEW

Judge Staci M. Yandle

History was made this year when President Obama nominated Staci M. Yandle to serve as a federal judge for Illinois' Southern District. Last September, she shared her perspective on growing up in southern Illinois and in becoming an accomplished attorney. Yandle is the first African-American judge to serve in this position.



Dan Long, executive director of the Illinois Council on Government Forecasting and Accountability, delivered a lecture last October examining the state budget and Illinois' business climate. The event was sponsored by the **John White Fellowship**.

In February, Assistant U.S. Senate Historian **Dr. Katherine Scott** opened up the Simon archive with her talk, "Dear Senator Simon: Letters on the Clarence Thomas Nomination."

With the help of an institute travel grant and Morris Library, Scott thumbed through some of the 17,000 letters that Simon, then one of Illinois' U.S. senators and a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, received from constituents during and after the hearings. The institute is seeking support to make this travel stipend permanent.



As part of the SIU Carbondale's celebration of Women's History Month, **Wendy Davis**, former Texas state senator, spoke about gender equality. After skyrocketing to fame following a 13-hour filibuster, she ran last fall for governor of Texas, a race she lost. The institute co-sponsored the event with the Women's Resource Center.

Michio Kaku, a best-selling author and theoretical physicist whose work includes predicting trends affecting business, commerce and finance, presented "The Future of the Mind," the second SIU Chancellor's Distinguished Speaker Series lecture in April. The Distinguished Speaker Series brings influential speakers to southern Illinois to discuss ideas and issues of significance to the region, state and world. The SIU Foundation, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Office of the Chancellor and the College of Science co-sponsored the event.



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ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR RURAL VETERANS – POLICY, LAW AND HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE

In June, the institute co-sponsored the “Access to Justice for Rural Veterans: Policy, Law & Health Care” conference, motivated by results of the last Simon Poll™ that found almost half of Illinoisans believe that health care or access to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits are veterans’ greatest challenge.

Speakers included institute associate director, Delio Calzolari, a Navy veteran, presenting the institute’s latest public opinion poll data, and SIU School of Law associate dean and Army veteran Chris Behan, presenting the law school’s efforts to expand legal services to veterans.

Director Brian Clauss of the John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center and Clinic in Chicago spoke about dynamics rural veterans confront that are different than those in urban areas. Other speakers included retired U.S. Navy JAG Corps Cmdr. David Myers, executive director of the Veterans Pro Bono Consortium in Washington, and Iraq conflict Army veteran Ed Farmer, an attorney.

Other sponsors of this well-attended event were the SIU School of Medicine Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development, the Illinois State Bar Association Section on Health Care Law, Illinois Institute on Continuing Legal Education and the Center for Health Law and Policy at SIU School of Law.

SENATOR PAUL SIMON WATER FOR THE WORLD ACT

In December, President Obama signed into law the Sen. Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2014.

The act won support during an SIU fall lecture from Simon’s widow, Patti Derge Simon, and John Oldfield, CEO of WASH Advocates, a nonprofit, nonpartisan initiative dedicated to helping solve the world’s drinking water, sanitation and hygiene challenges.

The group was one of several pushing for passage of the act in Congress. It won overwhelming bipartisan support.

Oldfield said the bill appropriated no money, but would better target existing dollars so they are aimed at those most in need around the world.

Many experts believe world water shortages contribute to destabilizing disease and conflict over scarce supplies. Improving the quality and supply of the world’s water will improve health and reduce international tensions, they say.

Paul Simon wrote a 1998 book, “Tapped Out: The Coming World Crisis in Water and What We Can Do About It.” The book resulted in “Running Dry,” a 2005 documentary film that examined the world’s worsening water crisis.

The documentary played a major role in bringing the issue to Capitol Hill and passage of the Sen. Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2005. The 2014 legislation updated that act.