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## Carl Hulse: "Washington Politics in the Age of Trump"

New York Times Correspondent Carl Hulse spoke in April at SIU Carbondale

Carl Hulse, the chief Washington correspondent of *The New York Times*, visited SIU on April 23 as a guest of the institute and provided a perceptive, provocative, and amusing account of Washington D.C. politics in the era of Donald Trump.

Hulse, a native of Ottawa, Illinois and a graduate of Illinois State University, has worked for *The New York Times* since 1986. He has been the paper's chief congressional correspondent, Washington editor, and now is its chief Washington

correspondent.

Hulse began working for newspapers in LaSalle-Peru and Kankakee before moving to Florida and then to Washington, D.C.

During his visit to SIU, Hulse met with the institute's student ambassadors. He discussed his career and offered observations about Washington politics. He later spoke with students, professors, and staff at SIU's School of Journalism and described his path from Illinois to Washington, D.C.

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## WELCOMING JOHN SHAW TO SIU!



*SIU Chancellor Carlo Montemagno introducing John Shaw as the institute's new director.*



*Martin Simon and John Shaw*



*Dr. Linda Baker and institute interns welcoming Shaw*



*Shaw, Phil Gilbert, Sheila Simon & Perry Knop*



*John Shaw making remarks at Carbondale Meet & Greet*

## STAFF NEWS: COMINGS AND GOINGS



*Carol Greenlee*

In December 2017, Carol Greenlee left the institute to join the SIU Foundation as the corporate secretary to the SIU Foundation Board.

Prior to joining the SIU Foundation, she was the assistant director at the institute, overseeing office operations and student programs.



*Sandy Lanzi*

In June 2018, Sandy Lanzi returned to the institute as its accountant. She also works in the SIU Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.



*Jordee Justice*

Jordee Justice joined the institute as its assistant director in June 2018. Prior to being hired as the assistant director for the institute, she was the coordinator for the Saluki Cents Financial Literacy Program.

During her time as financial literacy coordinator, Justice contributed to strategic educational enrollment retention and graduation goals of undergraduate and graduate students.

Justice has a MBA ('13) from SIU Carbondale, as well as a B.S. ('12) in Business Economics with a Minor in Finance from SIU Carbondale.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW INSTITUTE DIRECTOR, JOHN SHAW

Paul Simon was a singular and ubiquitous figure for those of us who grew up in Illinois in the 1960s and 1970s. Singular in that he was a distinctive and authentic public official who was ethical, idealistic and practical. Ubiquitous in that he seemed to be everywhere. He traveled Illinois relentlessly and joyfully, wrote prolifically, and appeared frequently on TV and radio. Everyone felt they knew Paul Simon. And everyone respected him.

I first met Senator Simon in 1991 in Washington, D.C. when I was a congressional reporter. I found him gracious and approachable, combining policy substance with personal civility. Most striking was his humanity. He treated Senate elevator operators and restaurant workers with the same respect and cordiality he extended to the Senate Majority Leader. This is a rare quality in Washington—and in Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale.

Many in Illinois and Washington were disappointed by Senator Simon's decision not to run for re-election in 1996, but his determination to return home and create a public policy institute was wise and generous. I am privileged to serve as the director of the institute he created. My central goal is to keep the institute rooted in Southern Illinois and focused on Illinois issues while also giving it a national voice.

The institute will continue the excellent lectures, fellowships, internships, and other programs that have been familiar for more than two decades. We will also bring high quality speakers to campus for discussions about state and national politics, diplomacy, and journalism.

Additionally, the institute is participating in an important state initiative. We will work with other partners next year on programs to "Rethink Illinois." With the 50th anniversary of the Illinois Constitution approaching in 2020 and bitter fiscal crises hopefully behind us, it is important to learn the lessons of history, but especially to look ahead and consider how our state can be better governed in the future.

The institute is also embarking on several national programs. Early this year, the institute was asked by the Lugar Center in Washington, D.C. to participate

in its University Project for Bipartisan Cooperation. Our contribution was to develop a set of best practices for the conduct of congressional town hall meetings. These recommendations have been shared with the Illinois delegation and released to the public. They reflect Paul Simon's idealism and transparency and will hopefully encourage more civility and respect in our public discourse. The Lugar Center will use the institute's report as the basis of a national town hall project.

The Paul Simon Institute is launching an initiative to study, teach, and celebrate statesmanship which we define as inspired leadership characterized by vision, courage, compassion, and effectiveness. The institute is committed to studying statesmanship at all levels of government and imagining what a re-birth of such leadership could look like in contemporary American politics. Several of our speakers this fall will discuss this topic and the institute will publish a primer on statesmanship next year.

The institute created an advisory committee to help formulate this initiative. We are proud to be working with Richard Lugar, former chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Lee Hamilton, former chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Jan Eliasson, former Swedish Foreign Minister and former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, and Jim Edgar, former Governor of Illinois.

We undertake this project on a hopeful note. Our aspiration is to identify under what conditions statesmanship is likely to reemerge and to show America's rising generation that our nation has had--and now urgently needs--leaders of stature, skill, and wisdom. We aim to elevate the debate and illuminate the way toward better governance and more responsible citizenship in the United States.

The institute's overarching commitment is to demonstrate that there is a better



way to participate in politics and develop public policy than what is now in danger of becoming acceptable in the United States. At a time of rampant public anger and deep polarization, the institute is determined to champion an approach to public affairs that is based on civility, rigor, respect, and transparency. That is the Paul Simon way.

### ABOUT JOHN SHAW

John T. Shaw joined the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute in January 2018 as institute director.

Shaw was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, the second oldest of six children. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois and his master's in History from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. He began his career working for the Governor of Illinois then participated in a training program with the European Union in Brussels before segueing to journalism with a position at the Wall Street Journal Europe.

Shaw lived in Washington, DC for more than twenty years, covering Congress for Market News International, a global financial wire service. He is the author of five books.

# STUDENT spotlight

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS SINCE 1997

## 2018-2019 CELIA M. HOWARD FELLOWS NAMED

Southern Illinois University and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's 2018-2019 Celia M. Howard Fellows are Seyi Amosu and Yahaira L. Heller. The fellows will assist in the planning and execution of the institute's multiple civic education events, community outreach and public policy programs. In addition to these duties, the fellows also select a research topic of personal interest that draws upon both their work with the institute and state policymakers.



*Seyi Amosu*

Seyi Amosu is a doctoral candidate in the Counseling Psychology program at SIU Carbondale. She completed both her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology and

does clinical work alongside her academics. As a therapist, Amosu has found a passion in working with sexual assault survivors.

Her research interests include understanding attitudes toward seeking mental health care in minority populations and gender responsive youth programming.

During her time at SIU, Amosu has lectured/instructed several psychology courses. She plans to conduct research on attitudes toward sexual harassment and its policy implications both nationally and throughout Illinois. She is currently working on the Human Trafficking Report to present to the Illinois legislature.



*Yahaira L. Heller*

Yahaira L. Heller is the year's second Howard Fellow. Yahaira is a non-traditional transfer student who completed her degree in political science at SIU after attaining her

associates degree in art. She is currently working on her master's degree in public administration at SIU. Born in Chicago and raised in Puerto Rico, Yahaira credits her upbringing and experience with giving her an insight into the collective experiences of the Latino community.

As a result, her interest in research concentrates around migrant education, the lived experiences of Latinos in American politics and issues impacting LGBTQ-identifying people. As a McNair Scholar, she conducted research around the migrant education program honing in on Cobden, Illinois as a case study. Heller has

participated in SIU's peer mentor program, improving Latino student retention rates, and has served as president of the Latino Cultural Association, building friendships with the Black Affairs Council, NAACP chapters, the student government association and Graduate and Professional Student Council.

Dr. Linda Baker provides academic support and supervision to the fellows during their research. "The fellowship gives the fellows unique insight into the public policy formation process, informing their research. I am happy to be there to assist them and provide them with historical and institutional context," Baker noted.

The fellowship is made possible through the generosity of the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund and the Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs. The graduate assistantship comes with a stipend and a tuition waiver.

**Apply for the 2019-2020 fellowship at:**  
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## STOELZLE USES DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION AS RESEARCH TOOL

2017-2018 Celia M. Howard Fellow Lauren Stoelzle has demonstrated a interest in linking visual arts and film to public policy. "Sometimes you look for research and sometimes research finds you," said Stoelzle.

During her fellowship, Stoelzle received awards at the Women Gender and Sexuality Studies Conference and the Graduate Professional Student Council Research Awards for the research and

production of a documentary on human trafficking. Her documentary serves as a training tool aimed at arming hospital personnel with the tools to recognizing victims of human trafficking.

"I truly believe we are reaching a moment in time where media literacy is very important and will only become more crucial to public policy. Documentary production and the ways it can contribute to the policy process are endless. It has

been both humbling and simultaneously encouraging to watch how the documentary practice, within the context of research, can provide a voice for those normally silenced, whether silenced intentionally or unintentionally, and its' abilities to navigate policy and protocol change public policy," said Stoelzle.

**View Stoelzle's work at:**  
<http://bit.ly/combatting-ht>

## 2018 HOWARD FELLOW RESEARCHES STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL WATER POLICY



Download Lawrence's paper via OpenSIUC at:  
<http://bit.ly/simon-review-52>

Kara Lawrence is no stranger to tackling new problems. When presented with the chance to study a policy issue at the state capital in Illinois, Lawrence jumped at the opportunity. She took on a question that hasn't been addressed by any institute intern in recent memory – water policy.

Lawrence, who just completed her Master's of Public Administration from SIU, was a Howard Fellow at the institute where she researched state, national, and global water policies and published her findings in *The Simon Review*. The title of her work is, "Illinois as a World Provider of Virtual Water and Advocate for Clean Water: How Does Illinois Fit into the Global Water Crisis/Solution?"

Lawrence's paper examined how Illinois, through its natural resources and agricultural capacity, as well as its legacy in advocating awareness of the lack of clean water worldwide through the work of the late Sen. Simon, could expand on that ability to provide sustainable and equitable water policy solutions in the future. Her research was comprehensive, drawing upon use of not only traditional academic journals, but also interviews of water policy experts and practitioners in Illinois, including representatives, news agencies, lobbyists, and academics.

Through the opportunities given by the institute, she was able to conduct water opinion polling as well for the Simon Poll™ in Illinois. The Simon Poll™ is a regularly taken comprehensive poll on specific policy questions of importance to

Illinois whose findings are subsequently reported to the media and public officials to inform decision-making. Her poll questions explored the nature of trust Illinois citizens had towards local, state, and federal government in providing clean water.

Lawrence was able to present her water research at two events: Women and Water: A Global Burden Unequally Carried at the 6th Annual Cross-Disciplinary Conference Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and at a community and campus collaboration entitled Water for the World: Bringing Campus and Community Together to Address the Future of Water for the United Nations Association of Southern Illinois.

Her professional interests include public and non-profit administration and particularly the issue of how the political environment influences public managers' decisions in providing equitable public service delivery and how non-profit organizations fill in the service gaps both in national and international contexts.

Kara also prioritized helping others on her campus and local community. During her time as an English as a Second Language Lecturer at SIU, she was chosen as an exchange teacher to help develop a new English program at Yunlin University of Science and Technology in Taiwan.

Her on-campus involvement also included work as a student representative on the COLA Council, serving as an observer on the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking, and an organizer for institute civic education events.

## 2018-2019 SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Ashanna Hodge is this year's social work intern in SIU's Social Work internship program in Springfield, Illinois.

Hodge is a native of Bridgetown, Barbados and came to the United States to study at SIU with a major in university studies and a minor in sociology. Prior to arriving in the United States, Hodge worked as an assistant and substitute teacher in Barbados.

In her internship, Hodge will perform research on critical issues facing state child welfare agencies, assessing the current state of the Illinois child welfare system, and comparing and contrasting its operation, successes and shortcomings relative to similar public sector responses in her native Barbados.

Following graduation, Hodge's career aspirations include representing her nation at the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), a regional integration forum promoting greater economic, political and social integration and shared development across the Caribbean. Hodge is focused on representing the Humanities Division where she would like to apply her sociology and social work background in the Council for Human and Social Development (COFHSD) and Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFFC) to assist in the development of a more effective policy and public safety community response to combat incest and child abuse in the Caribbean.

Dr. Linda Baker, a university professor with the institute and long-time public policy and legislative consultant, mentors program interns and helps supervise their activities. "Ashanna Hodge's international experience and perspective on these policy questions informs her work and provides an important counterpoint to the practices utilized in Illinois, providing opportunities to learn and improve on both approaches," Baker noted.



## ON THE FRONT LINES: THE INSTITUTE'S INTERNS IN GOVERNMENT:



The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's 2018 Springfield interns included (l-r) Joshua McCray, Michael Smith, Oneida Vargas, Sarah Farwick, Gabby Robles, and Darrin Reinhardt. These interns served on different legislative staffs in the Illinois Capitol and gained valuable hands on experience with state policymakers.

### THE 2018 GENE CALLAHAN INTERNS

The institute named two students this past spring as Gene Callahan Interns for the student internship program at the state capitol in Springfield, Ill. The SIU Carbondale students selected were Michael Smith and Darrin Reinhardt.

Smith is a native of Chicago, Illinois, majoring in political science with a minor in psychology. In his internship, Smith served as a member of the Senate Democrat staff under Senate President John Cullerton. Smith is active in public policy issues, having previously served on the Black Male Roundtable and in a previous internship with the Chicago City Council.

Reinhardt, of Carbondale, Illinois, majors in history and agriculture business economics, and served on the Illinois House Issues staff. Already experienced in agricultural issues from his prior experience at his family-owned farm, Reinhardt has worked at the Collegiate Farm Bureau as a government affairs representative, and plans to pursue a career working on state and local agricultural policy.

Dr. Linda Baker, a university professor with the institute and long-time public policy and legislative consultant, mentors program interns and helps supervise their

activities in Springfield. "This internship provides students with direct experience in the legislative process and important networking opportunities."

The institute renamed the internship to honor the late Gene Callahan, who passed in August 2014.

A Milford, Illinois native, Callahan graduated in 1955 from Illinois College in Jacksonville, where he majored in English. After serving two years in the army, he went on to work in the political arena, first as a journalist with the Illinois State Register (Springfield) from 1957 to 1967, then as assistant press secretary for Gov. Sam Shapiro, and Lt. Gov. Paul Simon's press secretary until 1972. In 1974 he began his long association with Alan Dixon, when Dixon served as Illinois state Treasurer, then Illinois Secretary of State.

When Dixon moved to the U.S. Senate in 1981, Callahan became his chief of staff and most trusted political advisor. After Dixon's loss to Carol Mosley Braun in 1992, Callahan worked as the chief lobbyist for Major League Baseball, fighting to preserve its exemption from the Sherman Antitrust Act.

### THE ALEXANDER LANE INTERN

The institute named Joshua McCray as the 2018 Alexander Lane Intern.

The Alexander Lane Internship was created to honor the legacy of Alexander Lane, SIU's first African-American male graduate. The internship gives students an opportunity to work on public policy issues within state government, and directly with public officials and their staff.

McCray is a double major in history and political science, with an interest in the study of law and politics, as well as the impact of race on both history and contemporary politics and society. His interest in the issues of equality, civil rights, and law in longstanding, with him serving on mock trial teams even as a high school student.

Despite being an undergraduate, McCray has already held summer positions as a clerk at Efron & Efron P.C., a northwestern Indiana legal firm, and as an executive assistant at McCray Consulting. After graduation, McCray plans to attend law school and pursue a career in public service.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT APPLYING FOR OUR INTERNSHIPS, VISIT [PAULSIMONINSTITUTE.ORG/STUDENT-OPPORTUNITIES](http://PAULSIMONINSTITUTE.ORG/STUDENT-OPPORTUNITIES).**

Institute Springfield internships eligibility: SIU students from all academic backgrounds who have reached junior status (completed at least 56 hours of course work). The Barb Brown Internship is only awarded to SIU Political Science majors. The internships require the student to live in Springfield during the spring semester. Maintaining student status during the internship is also required. Interns will receive a stipend to help cover housing and travel expenses and other needs.

## THE INAUGURAL LATINO HERITAGE LEGISLATIVE INTERN

Oneida Vargas, a senior in political science at SIU, was selected as the institute's first Latino Heritage Legislative Intern.

Vargas worked during the spring legislative session with the Illinois senate Democrats communications staff on policy issues with members of the General Assembly. Dr. Linda Baker, a university professor with the institute, was her mentor.

"I congratulated Oneida Vargas for her selection as the 2018 Latino Heritage intern. Oneida's story is a powerful and courageous one that all of us at the institute applaud," John Shaw, institute director, said. "I am confident she impressed and inspired all of those who work with her in Springfield."

Vargas, who is from Chicago, was born in Mexico and came to the United States with her parents when she was one-year old. In her internship program application, she recounted her experiences as a new American and the importance of public policy on her own life and experience.

Vargas said she and her brother have personally benefitted from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, the current federal initiative designed to provide protection from deportation for children brought to the country by their parents who were undocumented at the time of arrival.

She is active in organizations that work to improve conditions within the Latino community in the Chicago region.

She served as the president of the Latino Cultural Association and a mentor for the Chicago Scholars organization. Vargas previously worked with the Cook Community Public Defender's Office and helped support her family financially since receiving her work permit through DACA.

Rescinding DACA means that Vargas will have no more extensions available once her visa expires in April 2019, exactly one month before her expected graduation from SIU Carbondale.

Vargas plans to complete her under-

graduate studies, attend law school and practice immigration law in the future. Her life experiences have instilled in her a commitment to help the immigrant and undocumented communities and the disadvantaged.

Baker noted Vargas' commitment, experiences and work ethic. "Oneida's background provides her with an excellent understanding of the challenges faced by the undocumented community. She was a strong advocate and an excellent addition to the internship program," Baker said.

The Latino Heritage Legislative Internship provides a student the PAID opportunity to work with the Illinois General Assembly during the spring legislative session.

Students gain valuable experience throughout the internship. All majors may apply. Applicants must have junior status (56+ hours) at the time of the internship, plus live in Springfield during the internship.

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## THE INAUGURAL BARB BROWN SPRINGFIELD INTERNS

Sarah Farwick and Gabby Robles, two SIU Carbondale political science majors, were the recipients of the inaugural Barb Brown Springfield Internship.

Farwick is a senior from McHenry, Ill., and plans to attend law school after she graduates in May 2018. She is interested in both law and government. Robles, a junior studying political science and economics, is from Chicago and will graduate in May 2019.

The institute and Department of Political Science selected Farwick and Robles for the paid internship during the spring 2018 legislative session in Springfield.

Farwick worked with the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Robles worked with Liz Brown & Associates, a government affairs consulting firm. Robles' specializations include public policy, law and economics.

Dr. Linda Baker, university professor with the institute, mentored Farwick and

Robles while they were in Springfield.

"Students of Professor Brown's were among the best prepared for their legislative internships. I enjoyed working with both interns during the legislative session," Baker said.

Students can receive up to 15 hours of academic credit. Interns perform a variety of tasks, including legislative and policy research, committee monitoring, and other activities focused on lobbying.

"I join many others in Springfield who tout their internship programs as helpful stepping stones to careers in government. These internships are definitely a way for young people to get a crucial first step in the door to state government," Baker said.

The internship honors Brown, an SIU alumna and former political science lecturer for more than 30 years, who passed away in May 2016. Brown earned her doctorate from SIU Carbondale in 1985 and is remembered for her intellectual curiosity

and dedication to students.

She served as Randolph County circuit clerk for 12 years. She taught American government and democracy classes to international students through a summer program funded by the U.S. Department of State.

She was very active in politics, including as a nine-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention, a two-time candidate for 58th State Senate District, and roles in the presidential campaigns of President Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama.

Brown helped establish the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Randolph County, served on the Chester Public Library Board of Trustees, started and led Chester Aces 4-H club, and was a long-time Rotary International member and an organizing member of the Daughters of the American Revolution Liberty of the West chapter.

## CELEBRATING 15 YEARS - LEADERSHIP WEEKEND BRINGS METRO-EAST STUDENTS TOGETHER

Nearly 40 high school students from the Metro East area came to SIU to learn more about lifelong learning and leadership roles at the institute's 15th annual Youth Leadership Weekend.

The leadership weekend, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2017 featured William R. "Bill" Norwood, SIU alumnus and pioneering African-American pilot, and Michael Rashid, IlliniCare Health CEO and plan president and CEO. Workshops and panel discussions focused on enhancing the leadership qualities of African-American young men reinforcing positive qualities, building skills and increasing career awareness education.

In a selection by their peers, two participants, Willie Robinson, Jr. (Omega Psi Phi Project Manhood) from O'Fallon Township High School, and Mahlik Good (Alpha Phi Alpha Lights of Alpha Mentoring Program) from Belleville East High School, earned the event's Paul Simon Leadership and Character Award. Robinson and Good each received a plaque and new iPad.

Many of the students who have attended previous conferences have gone on to enroll in colleges and universities and returned to leadership roles in their communities. Oliver Keys, an East St. Louis native, participated for four years and earned his degree in automotive technology from SIU Carbondale. Keys is a service and parts area manager with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) and helps plan and participate in the annual event, inspired by institute founder, the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Illinois.

Simon and Mike Lawrence, who succeeded Simon as institute director, used a 1994 report by the Illinois Commission on African-American Males as an inspiration for the leadership weekend. Former Illinois Attorney General and SIU Carbondale alumnus Roland W. Burris chaired the commission.

"When Mike Lawrence and I first sat down with Paul, his goal at the time was to find a way of building African-American male leadership in the Metro East area," Dr. Linda Baker, university professor and project director, said. "We certainly believe



we have met and exceeded those expectations because we have been tracking these students over the past 15 years and we can see the impact this program has had in helping them chart successful careers and meaningful lives."

The event planning team consisted of local educational institutions, fraternal organizations and other community-based agencies, Baker said. Those groups include Alpha Pi Alpha, Top Ladies of Distinction, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, SIU Edwardsville Charter School and the East St. Louis Community College Center.

Cedric Mitchell has helped plan and chaperone the event since its beginning in 2003.

"I can't think of a better gift than helping to develop youth, exposing them to opportunities, and shaping their thoughts of self, community, and humanity," Mitchell said. "Today's young males are bombarded with negativity, unfavorable temptations and disillusionment while Youth Leadership Weekend spurs dreams, plants the seeds of possibility, and helps secure the promise of a better future."

Norwood, a retired United Airlines

captain, veteran, and former SIU Board of Trustees member, stressed the importance of self-discipline and hard work, saying "success in life results when preparation meets opportunity." Each student received an autographed copy of Norwood's book, "Cleared for Takeoff: A Pilot's Story of Challenges and Triumphs." Norwood, a Centralia native, served in the U.S. Air Force, had a 31-year career with United Airlines where he was the company's first African-American pilot, and was the first to achieve the rank of captain. He is a founding member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots and is a Lincoln Laureate in the Lincoln Academy of Illinois -- the highest honor for outstanding achievement given by the state to people who were born or who lived in Illinois.

Rashid, meanwhile, urged students to strive for success while remembering to help others.

"There is no better way to spend a life than in service to others," he said.

Check out the Leadership Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/PSPPIMetroEastLeadership>

## 5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S GOVERNMENT DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Former Rep. Patty Bellock (47th District) discussed her career in politics and public service on March 6, 2018, during the opening session of the Women in Leadership, Public Service and Civic Engagement Day. The event, an annual initiative of the institute, brings women students to Springfield and promotes the contributions of women legislators and public sector leaders. It is designed to encourage and foster the continued development of women's leadership and involvement in public affairs.

The morning panel, entitled "Internships: the Ladder to Success," addressed the importance of internships and mentoring in developing professional contacts and experience. Participants met informally with a bipartisan list of women legislators and heard their varied approaches to public service and philosophies of leadership.

Participants included Reps. Terri Bryant (115th District), Patti Bellock (47th District), LaToya Greenwood (114th District) Mary Flowers (31st District), Camille Lilly (78th District), Natalie Phelps Finnie (118th District) and Toi Hutchinson (40th District). The ladies had the honor of being introduced in the gallery of the Illinois House of Representatives by Rep. Terri Bryant and Rep. Will Davis (30th District).



*Participants pictured with Patty Bellock, former Illinois representative from the 47th district.*

Attorney Vincent R. Williams spoke to the ladies about "Impact & Collaboration: Supporting Women in Public Service." He discussed the importance of male professionals in the policymaking arena affording women equal opportunities to develop experience and expertise. Howard Peters, III of HAP, Inc. has underwritten the institute's Women's Civic's Day for the past three years in memory of his late mother, Johnnie Peters - a trailblazer in the fight for women's rights.

The afternoon forum, "Women Leading the Way: Pathway to Success" featured women professionals in the governmental affairs field, from private and non-profit perspectives. Speakers included Lori Reimers, president of Governmental Consulting Group, Inc., Mona Martin, president of Mona Martin & Associates Consulting, Inc. and Leticia Dewitt Anderson, president

of Anderson Consulting, Inc. The ladies also met with Paris Ervin -Doyle, communications director for Illinois Treasurer, Michael Frerichs. She challenged them to get involved in public service and to take advantage of internship opportunities as an entry point into state government.

The afternoon concluded with a meet and greet with SIU alumni and students currently serving in Illinois government, including legislators, agency staff and interns. SIU alumnus Steve Brown, communication director for Speaker Madigan lead the discussion.

Dr. Linda Baker noted that the event serves to highlight the contribution of women to public service in Illinois and encourage engagement. "We know that if Illinois is to thrive in the future, the contributions of all Illinoisans must be valued and taken into account," Baker observed.

## LATINO LEGISLATIVE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY

On April 11, 2018, the institute sponsored its annual Latino Legislative Civic Education Day in Springfield, Illinois. The event gave students from SIU a chance to meet with legislators from the state's General Assembly, members of the Legislative Latino Caucus, legislative consultants, agency staff and other personnel.

Students were welcomed by Sen. Iris Martinez (20th District) and also recognized on the Senate floor by Sen. Paul Schimpf (58th District). In addition to these legislators, students also met with Sen. Martin Sandoval (11th District), Sen. Cristina Castro (22nd District), Sen. Omar Aquino (2nd District), Lt. Governor Policy Analyst Derek Cantu, Roosevelt Group Legislative Consultant\Lobbyist Matt Sanchez, and CNR Consulting founder and

political lobbyist Nancy Vazquez.

Former Gene Callahan intern and SIU alumnus Ryan Gougis, who now serves on the capitol staff, spoke on a panel discussion regarding the value of internships in developing networks and experience.

The institute is committed to placing interns in the state government. We provide opportunities that allow students to meet with elected officials and other legislative personnel. The event was planned as a way to raise awareness of internship opportunities among the Latino student community and the importance of civic engagement and participation.

"Nothing convinces students like seeing with your own eyes, and getting direct access to legislators, it makes the whole process more real, more concrete, and the

great response we got from our legislators really raised their interest," Baker noted.

"We are pleased to have the first SIU Latino Legislative Heritage working with us on the senate communications staff," said Iris Martinez. "I met Oneida Vargas, last year when she visited the capitol. During her visit, she remarked that her goal was to return to Springfield as an intern, and today Oneida's goal has become a reality," said Martinez. Vargas noted that this internship has been an amazing opportunity to learn first hand about the daily activities in the Illinois State Senate. "I'm so glad to have taken part in this experience. The process involves the legislature, the appropriations committees and meeting some of the most remarkable leaders from our community," said Vargas.

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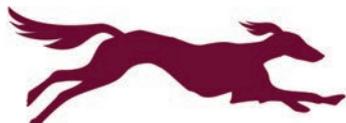
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## JERRY MILEUR'S LASTING LEGACY

SIU and the institute lost a treasured friend when Dr. Jerome ("Jerry") Mileur died on September 3, 2017 at age 83. Jerry was a two degree graduate of the Department of Government (Political Science) at SIU. Mileur grew up in Murphysboro, Ill. and among his earliest memories were the trips to St. Louis with his family to see the Cardinals play baseball. At that early stage in life he became an avid baseball aficionado and Cardinals fan, passions he carried for the rest of his life.

After leaving SIU with his Ph.D., Mileur joined the Department of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts where he enjoyed a distinguished career of more than 37 years, including service as graduate advisor, chair of the department, and an editor of one of the major journals in his field. He was widely respected by his colleagues for his detailed political knowledge and loved by his graduate students for the personal mentoring he gave them. He was the author or co-author of numerous books and articles in the fields of American government, political parties and political philosophy.

Mileur traveled widely both in the U. S. and overseas; however, in many ways he forgot his roots in Murphysboro and Southern Illinois. He often talked about his small town roots and had a particular love for baseball which grew out of trips to St. Louis with his family to see the Cardinals play. He published three books on various historic Cardinal teams. He went on to be the owner of a professional baseball team in the minor leagues, the Harrisburg Pennsylvania Senators. For many years he and a group of friends faithfully journeyed to Florida each February for spring training games and to enjoy great comradery mostly talking baseball and politics.

He took a special interest in SIU, the SIU baseball team and in the institute. He was one of the founding members of the external Board of Counselors for the institute and continued to be a strong supporter and benefactor. He endowed the Ward Morton-David Kenney lecture series in the Department of Political Science and the institute to honor his favorite two SIU professors. This series has been bringing

outstanding political leaders and academics to speak on the campus each semester since 1995.

He also endowed the Gene Callahan internships to support undergraduate SIU students in spending a semester working in state government in Springfield. Mileur was a political activist who got involved in state and local politics in Massachusetts as a leader of the Democratic Party. He wanted young people to learn the challenges and excitement of being a part of political campaigns or working in state, local, and federal government. This was all a part of his deep commitment to civic education and public service.

Over his lifetime Jerry assembled an extensive collection of political buttons and memorabilia which he later donated to the SIU Museum. He then provided the funds to pay for a curator in the museum to make the collection publicly available and to preserve them for future generations. The institute and the Department of Political Science will also benefit from generous bequests he made in his will.

The institute staff and the Chancellor's Office spent a part of the last two weeks of Jerry's life on plans for him to return to Carbondale and to be recognized at the Morton-Kenney lecture by Dr. Katherine Cramer on September 6th, 2017. Although his untimely death interrupted those plans, he was recognized at the lecture, and he will always be remembered by those who knew and worked with him in the institute and the SIU Political Science Department, as well as by former students and colleagues at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and across the country.



View the collection: <http://bit.ly/mileurbuttons>

## YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY 2018

The institute held its annual Youth Government Day in the Illinois capitol. The group of over 150 students from across the state heard a keynote address by Rep. Jewell Jones of Michigan, one of the nation's youngest state legislators. Jones, a current student at the University of Michigan Dearborn, was elected to represent the state's 11th House District. He is pursuing dual majors in political science and finance, and serves in the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps, the Black Student Union and the Student Veteran Association. His legislative priorities include strengthening the public education system and helping the state retain its young talent.

Participants were able to interact with SIU interns and alumni involved in public policy and civic affairs from a variety of perspectives. Former intern Ryan Gougis met with students and outlined his career path since his time as a institute intern. Gougis went on to moderate a panel on Government Affairs, with guest speakers Greg Cox (C&G Consulting Partners) and Ben Lazare (Ben Lazare Consulting,



LLC). Other featured speakers included Giovanni Randazzo (Senate Parliamentarian and Chief Legal Counsel), Barton Lorimor (SIU alumnus and Health Care Council of Illinois), Hannah Meisel (Law 360), Vicky Crawford (Illinois Commerce Chief) and Rikeesha Phelon (Phelon Public Strategies), Kelly Turner (Public Engagement Ameren Illinois).

The day's events concluded with McCormick Foundation Director Shawn Healy, Ph.D. leading participants in an interactive session, in which students sent letters to the legislature discussing specific policy concerns they had. Director Healy emphasized the power of youth advocacy

and civic engagement.

Shirley Vaughn, a metro east educator who has attended Youth Government Day with a group of students for the last 10 years, noted that the young speakers were impressive and certainly role models for students. "They challenge the students to step up and get involved in their local communities," said Vaughn. "The students not only meet elected officials, they meet with a variety of officials and learned about their roles in government," said Lana Turley, Illinois Education Association. The students concluded their day with an informative visit to the historic Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library.

## BARB BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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In spring 2018 the institute announced the 2018 Dr. Barbara Brown Memorial Scholarship winners. The endowed award is named in memory of Barb Brown who was an elected official in Randolph County and a widely respected



*Barbara Brown*

political leader in southern Illinois and statewide. Barb was a three degree graduate of SIU and taught for eighteen years in the Department of Political Science. There were two winners of the award this year. They were Kara Lawrence of Vienna, Illinois and Gabrielle (Gabby) Robles of Bloomington, Illinois.

Kara Lawrence is a May 2018 graduate of SIU's Master of Public Administration program. She holds a B. A. from Murray State University and in the fall term she

was admitted to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Political Science on the Graduate Dean Fellowship. During the 2017-2018 academic year she was Celia M. Howard Fellow and under the auspices of that program worked and did research at the Paul Simon Institute. While working on her MPA, she was also a graduate assistant in the University Museum Archive.

She was an assistant coach for the Vienna High School girls and boys track team. She also volunteered for extensive work with the Marion Medical Mission where she worked on grant writing and other staff support. Her research on water policy reflects that experience and it continues a long-standing commitment to water issues which Paul Simon pursued during his entire career in congress.

Gabrielle (Gabby) Robles is majoring in political science and economics and minoring in Spanish at SIUC. She has received the Daisy Powell Memorial Scholarship and

the University Excellence Scholarship to help support her undergraduate education. During the spring of 2018, she was the Latino Heritage Intern in Springfield where she worked for the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus.

Gabby was a student worker at the institute during the spring of 2016. She has also been very active in the institute's Student Ambassador Program and the Hispanic Student Council on campus. She was a volunteer for the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign in 2016. She also worked for the Illinois Victory Campaign sponsored by the Illinois Democratic Party in 2016 and she worked on the campaigns of U. S. Senator Tammy Duckworth and State Comptroller, Susana Mendoza. Gabby has also been active in support of the Dreamers, or DACA, movement. She plans to graduate in May of 2019 and then hopes to go into governmental service or politics.

## JEANNE HURLEY SIMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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[www.jeannesimon.org](http://www.jeannesimon.org)

Kelli Tilford of Normal, a senior in political science and pre-law at SIU, was the 2017 recipient of the Jeanne Hurley Simon Memorial Scholarship. The institute awards the scholarship to assist undergraduate women seeking careers in public service.

"I feel incredibly honored to receive a scholarship dedicated to a woman who was passionate and fearless in her pursuit to better the lives of those around her," Tilford said. "As an elected member of the Illinois House of Representatives and through her actions as a private citizen, Jeanne Hurley Simon is truly a role model for me as I continue a career in politics and law. Living up to her legacy in any small way would be the highest honor." Twilford demonstrated extraordinary leadership ability in revitalizing the ambassadors program at the institute and successfully establishing it as a registered student organization at the university.

The \$3,000 award will be applied to tuition, fees, and other expenses for the recipient.

Carolyn Wagner Snyder, a local supporter of the institute and former dean of SIU Library Affairs, worked tirelessly to create and fund the scholarship.

"I was pleased to work with the institute to establish the Jeanne Hurley Simon Memorial Scholarship to honor Jeanne's

significant accomplishments throughout her life and especially her work at SIU," Snyder said. "Because of the generosity of the founding donors, a significant endowment was established to support the scholarship in perpetuity. I hope that the success and contributions of the scholarship recipients add to Jeanne's legacy and immortalize her through time."

Jeanne Hurley Simon was born in 1922 in Chicago to Ira W. Hurley and Margaret Reilly Hurley. She graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka and attended Barat College, which was later absorbed by DePaul University in Lake Forest. She earned her law degree at Northwestern University. She was one of the first two female assistant state's attorneys for Cook County, serving from 1953 to 1956.

In 1956, she was elected to the Illinois General Assembly as a state representative from Illinois' 7th statehouse district, the 18th woman to serve in the state legislature. While serving in the Illinois House of Representatives she met then-state Rep. Paul Simon.

Simon left her position as an Illinois state representative when she married Paul Simon but was deeply engaged in public service throughout her life. She helped



*Carolyn Wagner Snyder and Kelli Tilford*

found the Public Policy Institute, while serving as an adjunct professor in Library Affairs.

She also chaired the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, an appointment made by President Bill Clinton in recognition of her advocacy of literacy. She held these positions until her death in February 2000. Jeanne Simon is commemorated in two ways: this scholarship, which will help deserving students pursue their goals; and the Jeanne Simon Fellowship, which inspires students by bringing accomplished women in public service to campus.

## MOSS EARNS INSTITUTE'S PHILLIPS DEBATE TEAM SCHOLARSHIP



*(l-r) Todd Graham, director of debate, Zach Moss, and Susie Phillips*

Zach Moss, a SIU doctoral student from Burbank, Calif., is the recipient of the institute's 2017 Edwin D. Phillips Debate Team Scholarship.

"I would like to thank Susie Phillips for this extremely generous gift. It is especially meaningful to me because her husband Ed coached the SIU team to a national championship, and I sit by the trophy case where it resides while I'm researching in the office. So, to receive this honor is a reminder to me of SIU's storied history in debate and my place in that continuity," Moss said.

While attending Central Michigan University, Phillips was on the debate

team and received national honors in both debate and speech.

Prior to his time at SIU, where Phillips earned his doctorate in speech communication and then taught airline management, he had a long career in the U.S. Navy, retiring after 22 years and attaining the rank of captain. He left active duty and was hired by United Airlines in 1966. Phillips worked for 29 years in management -- first in flight and then as head of facilities for their corporate headquarters.

Phillips was one of the assistant coaches for the SIU Debate Team in 1995-96 while working on his master's degree in speech communication.

## INSTITUTE TOWN HALL MEETING REPORT

The institute is delighted to work with the Lugar Center on its University Project for Bipartisan Collaboration. We are eager to promote productive and non-partisan public discourse by examining the role of town hall meetings in American politics and by recommending “best practices” for town hall meetings for consideration by the Illinois congressional delegation.

Congressional town hall meetings have been an important feature of America’s culture of representative democracy for more than two centuries. In their ideal form, town hall meetings allow lawmakers to describe their work at home and in Washington and to listen to the concerns of their constituents. Open and vigorous dialogue benefits policymakers and the public.

Town hall meetings were an essential feature of Paul Simon’s political life during the nearly four decades that he served in the Illinois House of Representatives, the Illinois Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate.

In his memoir *PS*, Simon recalled that during his two terms in the U.S. Senate he returned to Illinois regularly and held town hall meetings in every county in the state at least twice and in almost all of the wards and townships of Cook County--more than 600 meetings in all. “I did it both for political purposes, obviously exposing my views to many who would never come to a Democratic political rally, and for philosophical reasons,” he wrote. “I wanted to make sure that people who are unemployed or facing a huge hospital bill had access to their senator, and not simply the big contributors or those who could afford a trip to Washington.”

In a 1986 essay, Simon said that town hall meetings were a critical aspect of his public service. “What do you learn in all of these meetings? Perhaps as important as any specific thing you learn, people understand that government is not some distant creature, that they can express their opinions, ask questions, let people in positions of decision-making know what’s on their minds. But it is more than that. For me, it is a chance to sense what people feel. To best serve the people of Illinois, I should not be

sitting in Washington simply listening to what the highly paid lobbyists have to say. I need to touch the public pulse, to sense the public mood. And I need to talk to people about their specific problems, some widely known...but some unusual.”

He added: “It’s one thing to read about the farm problem, much different to talk to flesh-and-blood people whose agony is written on their faces and in what they say. It’s one thing to know unemployment statistics, another to talk to a mother who is worried about the mental health of her son because he can’t find a job. The people who took time to attend town meetings held in every corner of the state helped me to become a better senator.”

Simon approached town hall meetings as listening and learning sessions. He would often sit at a desk in the front of the room with a notebook. He would make a brief opening statement and then invite questions or comments. He took careful notes as did an assistant. He did not profess to be omniscient and would often ask audience members for their views on issues.

The nature of the town hall meetings that Paul Simon experienced for most of his career has changed dramatically, driven by intensifying political polarization and advances in technology, especially the revolution in social media. Some conservative and liberal activist groups regard town hall meetings largely as opportunities to challenge lawmakers they oppose and to create embarrassing moments that can be captured on camera and then disseminated via social media.

An article about town hall meetings by Russell Berman in *The Atlantic* refers to “the cacophony of boos, jeers and deprecatory chants that make up the 21st century congressional town hall.” Berman declares: “Town hall meetings have long since lost their innocence as the purest incarnation of American representative democracy. In the post-Tea Party era, they are largely performative events, set pieces for the pre-ordained political backlash. Activist groups mobilize attendance, ensure television coverage and live-streams, prepare talking points and detailed questions for constitu-

ents to ask. Citizens confront their legislators with increasing and perhaps slightly rehearsed passion, sometimes reading their questions from a script or shouting a monologue aimed as much at the cameras in the back as the congressman in front of them. In response, congressional offices are trying harder to ensure the event hall is filled with actual constituents, not outsiders bused in from districts far and wide.”

A *US News & World Report* article by Keith Lee Rupp questions if town halls can survive. “Blame it on social media that makes organizing flash mobs relatively simple. Blame it on our polarized politics that makes tolerance for other points of view seem like a quaint notion from long ago. Blame it on cable television and talk radio for teaching people that hyperbole and hyperventilation are acceptable substitutes for reasoned debate. There’s plenty of blame to go around, and there’s little evidence that political social behavior is going to change any time soon.”

In response to this highly charged environment, a number of lawmakers have turned almost exclusively to virtual town hall meetings. These meetings can be conducted over the phone, Tele-town hall meetings, or over the internet, online town halls. Virtual town hall meetings allow the policymaker to communicate with a much larger audience than in-person town halls. However, they preclude face to face interaction and many constituents believe they are carefully constructed to prevent such direct contact.

The institute believes that in-person town hall meetings can remain a constructive part of our political discourse but we urge lawmakers and the public to approach them differently in the future. Respectful discussions cannot be mandated, but they can be encouraged, and civility should be the coin of the realm in town hall meetings.

Learn more about this initiative at  
[www.paulsimoninstitute.org](http://www.paulsimoninstitute.org)

## PAUL SIMON INSTITUTE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. There is continuing value for both lawmakers and the public in regular, in-person town hall meetings. While virtual town hall meetings and other types of meetings are also important ways for lawmakers and constituents to exchange views, they should not serve as substitutes for in-person town hall meetings. Face to face encounters are more powerful experiences for both policymakers and the public and are an essential feature of our democracy.
2. The current structure of town hall meetings should be reassessed and careful consideration given to organizing them differently. Specifically, they should be recast as listening and learning sessions in which lawmakers are there to hear the views and concerns of constituents. This might be aided by having lawmakers sit in a chair or behind a desk rather than standing before a podium. Creative ways should be examined to configure the room so the meeting does not have an adversarial feel and also less of a “sage on stage” appearance. It might be helpful to devote some town hall meetings to a single topic and focus the discussion into generating ideas to address this issue.
3. Town hall meetings should be well advertised and held in easily accessible and comfortable accommodations. There is a need to balance venues that are large enough to allow for broad participation with the reality that large auditoriums often foster a more combative and adversarial atmosphere. Aggressive and creative efforts should be undertaken to broaden the range of people who attend town halls so the audience is more diverse and includes both partisans and independents. Most Americans reside in the center of the ideological spectrum and virtually all analysts agree this vast group is significantly underrepresented in current town hall meetings.
4. Town hall meetings should be open to the public and the press. Streaming the event live should be done if possible. At a minimum, town hall meetings should be recorded (preferably video), and this recording should be put on the policymaker’s website so that constituents who are unable to attend can view the full meeting. Attendees should be invited to sign in and a summary of the meeting should be provided to all who register.
5. If possible, town hall meetings should be moderated by a non-partisan community leader who explains the procedural guidelines and sets the tone for a respectful discussion. The public should be encouraged to behave with civility and decorum.
6. The policymaker should give a brief opening statement of no more than ten minutes, reserving the vast majority of time in the town hall for questions and comments from the audience.
7. During the question and comment session, participants should identify themselves and present a brief question or statement. Strongly stated opinions are appropriate; rudeness or badgering are not. Shouting, interruptions, or demands for one word answers are not acceptable and should be ruled out of order by the moderator.
8. Those attending town halls should prepare for these sessions like they would for a professional meeting. Participants should strive to be factual and to tell personal stories rather than recite the talking points prepared by advocacy groups. Ideally, participants should provide a written statement of their views or concerns to the lawmaker or a staffer after the meeting.
9. The policymaker should hold a session with the press after the meeting, outlining areas of agreement, disagreement, and additional study. The policymaker should also respond to questions from the press.
10. Virtual town hall meetings can be an important tool for policymakers, allowing for communication with larger groups. When well-organized, they can reach large and diverse audiences, including constituents who may not be able to travel to in-person town halls. Virtual town hall meetings should have a neutral moderator and allow for unscripted and real time exchanges. While an excellent supplement to in-person town halls, they should not replace them.

**The Paul Simon Institute believes that town hall meetings can be productive and valuable for policymakers and the public. However, the ultimate success of town hall meetings requires the commitment of all who participate to be professional, civil, and respectful. Civility and respect can’t be mandated, but they can be encouraged.**

**Legislators and district staff should experiment with formats and share best practices across state delegations and political affiliation. Effective town halls meetings benefit the public policy making process. As such, it is in the policymakers’ interest to widely disseminate models that prove successful.**

## HULSE CONTINUED:



In his public lecture on “Washington Politics in the Age of Trump,” Hulse said the national capital has never before experienced anything like President Trump. “I’ve never, ever, ever seen anything like this before,” Hulse said, referring to unending volatility and the almost daily shattering of presidential norms. He added that virtually all previous American presidents have tried to project a sense of calm and control, but Trump takes the opposite approach. “Trump is the storm... Nothing is predictable,” Hulse said.

Trump, Hulse said, is driving the nation’s political agenda and has reshaped the GOP. “The Republican Party in Washington has been overtaken by Trump,” he said.

Hulse argued that the president’s attacks on his opponents, the press, and the intelligence community have been harmful to the nation. “Real damage is being done to our institutions,” he said, but added that he remains optimistic the United States will survive the Trump presidency. He said there is no indication that Trump will change his behavior while he remains in the White House, adding that it is possible that Trump will be re-elected in 2020.

Covering the Trump administration as a Washington reporter has been both exhausting and exhilarating, Hulse said, describing the competition between The New York Times and the Washington Post as highly intense. “We all know each other. It’s a friendly rivalry, a rivalry in which the Post is trying to grind us into the dust,” he quipped.

**Watch the event coverage:**  
<http://bit.ly/carlhulse>

## THE MORTON-KENNEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS LECTURE SERIES WITH DR. KATHERINE CRAMER & DR. MARIE GRIFFITH

On September 6, 2017 the institute, along with the SIU Department of Political Science played host to the Morton-Kenney Lecture for the fall term. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Katherine Cramer, professor of Political Science and Director of the Morgridge Center for Public Service at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dr. Cramer's lecture was entitled, "The Politics of Resentment," which is the same title of her widely acclaimed book published in 2016. In the book and the lecture she explored the causes and consequences of a feeling of "resentment" held by rural people toward the more prosperous and more powerful areas of the state of Wisconsin. In the case of Wisconsin, the "upstate" area is mostly small town and rural, and their economies and populations are declining. Cramer's research found that the voters there often believed that their areas did not get their "fair share" of resources when compared to the "downstate" urban areas centered in Milwaukee and Madison. She credits this rural resentment as a key factor in the rise to power of Governor Scott Walker.

She also offered empirical evidence which demonstrated that the alleged maldistribution of state resources in Wisconsin is not necessarily supported by the facts; however this does not change the perception of disadvantage widely shared by the upstate voters.

Dr. Cramer then went on to explore how this same dynamic was an essential part of the urban rural divide which was so marked in the 2016 elections and a key explanation for Donald Trump's presidential victory. She also briefly observed that the same urban versus rural divide seems to be a long standing feature of Illinois politics with Chicago and the urban five "Collar Counties" often divided against the other ninety-six "downstate" counties. A lively question and answer period followed as Cramer interacted with the audience of almost two hundred.



In April 2018 the institute joined forces with the SIU Department of Political Science again for guest speaker Dr. Marie Griffith, who is the John C. Danforth Distinguished Professor at Washington University in St. Louis, where she directs the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics.

Generically Dr. Griffith discussed religion and politics. More specifically she discussed her recent book, *Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics*. In this book, Griffith provided a detailed account of the long history of the relationship between religion and politics in the U. S. and the attempts of the Founders of the U. S. Constitution to manage the relationship by providing the guarantees of the First Amendment. From the Civil War, to the Jim Crow era to the suffragettes to the fights over religion in the schools and in the public arena this conflict has raged, but the modern era of the 21st Century has seen the conflict become more intense and a major contributor to our politically polarized society and polity.

Recently the conflicts have centered on abortion and the rights of gay people especially as regards the same sex marriage. The conflict has particularly centered on prospective appointments to the

U. S. Supreme Court and lower courts in the federal and state systems. The conflicts were particularly on display in the 2016 presidential election which she discussed in some detail.

The Morton-Kenney Lecture Series was established in 1995 by Dr. Jerome Mileur a native of Murphysboro and an SIU graduate to honor two of his Political Science professors, Ward Morton and David Kenney. This series has sponsored a formidable list of outstanding speakers from the academic and political worlds who have participated in it since its establishment.

Mileur had a long and distinguished career as a professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He was actively planning to return to southern Illinois and attend the Fall 2017 lecture until he unexpectedly died the weekend before.

Jerry Mileur was one of the PSPPI's most faithful supporters as a founding member of its Board of Counselors and one of its largest individual donors.

Watch this event video at:  
<http://bit.ly/katherinekramer>

## THE 2018 SIMON POLL RESULTS



In February 2018 the institute conducted a statewide poll on political and public policy issues. The poll included 1001 registered voters from across Illinois and was conducted between February 19 and February 25, which was just under four weeks before the March 20th primary which picked the nominees for both major parties.

On the Democratic side, the poll found that J. B. Pritzker led all opponents in the governor's race; Senator Daniel Biss was second, and Chris Kennedy was third. When the votes were counted almost a month later this was the order in which the candidates finished although the percentages for each candidate had changed somewhat. On the Republican side the poll found Governor Bruce Rauner leading his challenger, Representative Jeanne Ives, by 20 points although this margin tightened considerably by election day when the



governor only beat his challenger by three percent.

In the Attorney General race, Senator Kwame Raoul led former Governor Pat Quinn by four percent which is very close to the final count where Raoul beat Quinn by three percent. On the Republican side, Champaign Attorney Erika Harold led DuPage County board member Gary Grasso although her final margin was considerably higher than our poll anticipated.

The poll also included several issues related to public policy issues including the prospects for criminal justice reform and water resources policy. The water resources policy questions were done in support of Kara Lawrence's research for her paper reviewed elsewhere in this newsletter. The results showed a high level of public support for governmental actions and policies

designed to ensure the safety of our water supplies and widespread access to clean and safe water. The results also showed strong public support for various reforms of the criminal justice system including increased funding for education and treatment as alternatives to incarceration and removing barriers to former offenders finding employment after prison.

The results of these polls gained major media and public attention in the run up to the primaries and continue today to receive attention and constitute a significant part of the public dialogue and help set the agenda in Illinois. The next statewide poll will be conducted in fall 2018.

To learn more, visit [www.simonpoll.org](http://www.simonpoll.org)

## INSTITUTE HELPS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE UPCOMING 2020 CENSUS CHALLENGES

In May 2018, the institute helped start an initiative to alert the public about the importance and challenges of the 2020 U. S. Census. The census is constitutionally required to be held each new decade and is one of the oldest functions of the federal government. It requires that each eligible person be enumerated and the census is the basis for the subsequent reapportionment and redistricting process which will happen in 2021. The formulas used in many federal and state revenue sharing programs are determined by the population count so it is imperative that each state, city, and county receive a fair and accurate count.

This is always a massive undertaking and the problems looming for 2020 are particularly daunting. There are always problems with locating and counting hard to find populations and more transient people. This next census may be more challenging because of a heavy reliance on

electronic rather than personal interviews, problems of mistrust of the government and the large number of undocumented immigrants who may be particularly concerned by the use of a citizenship question in the regular census form. In addition, it is always difficult to find and count college and university students.

The institute joined with Forefront, a non-profit organization out of Chicago which is working on this problem. Forefront sent a team of three members, led by Cindi Canary, a long-time leader in Chicago and two of her colleagues, plus a representative of the U. S. Census Bureau from Springfield to hold a series of meetings with local governmental officials, opinion leaders, and community leaders to discuss how the census will be conducted and the problems as they pertain especially to rural and university communities.

They spoke at a luncheon at the

Carbondale Civic Center hosted by the institute where these topics were presented and discussed in detail. The luncheon was opened by an address by former U. S. Congressman Glenn Poshard who discussed the challenges of adequately representing a very large geographical area in the U. S. House as he did for ten years. These congressional districts are only expected to grow even larger if Illinois loses either one or two seats in the upcoming census.

Public officials and other responsible leaders were encouraged to start now in their planning for how to mobilize and organize for the 2020 event and how to get the public's attention regarding how important it is to get a fair count in rural areas like southern Illinois and throughout the state.

To learn more, visit [www.myforefront.org](http://www.myforefront.org)

## RURAL HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE - AUGUST 2018

The institute joined SIU School of Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy, UIC School of Public Health, SIU School of Medicine, Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development and the Illinois Department of Public Health to host a group of rural health experts and stakeholders at the 2018 Illinois Rural Health Summit in Springfield, Illinois, on August 6-7. The two-day event was inspired by the 2003 The Health Care Summit conducted by the institute and SIU School of Medicine. The late Sen. Paul Simon moderated the 2003 summit and it was his last major event as the founding director of the institute.

“Many rural communities have been hit hard by the opioid crisis. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services knows there is not a federal solution to this issue. That is why we are working with state and local governments, providers and academic institutions to support and share the successful community-based innovations that are already making a huge difference in this



(l-r) Executive Director of Population Science and Policy Sameer Vohra, SIU School of Medicine's Dean Jerry Kruse, Illinois Rep. Terri Bryant, Interim SIU President J. Kevin Dorsey, Illinois DHFS Director Patricia Bellock, Dr. Linda Baker and Institute Director John Shaw

battle. The Illinois Rural Health Summit is a perfect example of the collaboration necessary to combat rural health challenges such as the opioid crisis,” said Douglas O’Brien, regional director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Over the next few months, summit participants and organizers will work to analyze the gathered information to find patterns and draft a set of sustainable and scalable solutions and policy

recommendations for rural Illinois.

“We continue to serve as a proud partner and supporter of this efforts to improve and transform the way health care is delivered in rural and underserved areas, said Dr. Baker. We are excited to be part of achieving the collective goal of combating the health challenges of our rural populations.”

## HAVE YOU READ THE LATEST 'THE SIMON REVIEWS?'

In the spring 2018 the institute published two research papers in The Simon Review series. The following is a brief synopsis of each of those papers:

**LaShonda M. Stewart, John A. Hamman, and Brian Chapman, “State Oversight and Local Government Savings: An Analysis of Illinois County Fund Balances Policies” Paper #51, January 2018.**

Each of the three authors teaches in the Department of Political Science’s Master of Public Administration Program. The paper’s results are especially interesting to county level administrators and local government officials as well as students, faculty and researchers who study budgets.

The paper focuses on unreserved funds in county government and the policies related to how those funds are treated by local officials. In an era of very tight budgets, it is useful to find that there are funds that are not restricted to one budget category and committed to a single function of government. These funds represent

some slack in the budget and afford the protections of a “rainy day fund”. Some counties in Illinois have such funds and many do not. This paper analyses the differences between the counties who have adopted official policies on the funds and those who treat the funds more informally.

**Kara Lawrence, “Illinois as a World Provider of Virtual Water and Advocate for Clean Water: How Does Illinois Fit into the Global Water Crisis/ Solution?” Paper #52, March 2018**

Kara Lawrence was a Celia M. Howard Fellow at the institute for 2017-2018. Agriculture is a major component of the diverse economy in Illinois. The state has highly productive farms and rich land that produce an abundance of corn, soybeans and livestock for export all over the world. It may not be widely recognized that those exports are also a form of using and exporting our “virtual water” supplies. Thus conserving and protecting the water supply is a significant issue in Illinois as it is all over the world.

Kara Lawrence’s paper covers the issue of water utilization and water policy both from an Illinois and a world-wide perspective. This paper continues a major interest of Senator Paul Simon who was an early and effective proponent of rational water policies designed to protect this precious natural resource and to devise rules for its use.

All the papers in the Simon Review series can be accessed through; OpenSIUC ([opensiuc.lib.siu.edu](http://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu)).

The OpenSIUC service at Morris Library has supported well over twenty-thousand downloads of papers in the Simon Review series filling requests originating from all over the U. S. and the world and from governmental agencies, academic institutions and individual researchers.

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[www.thesimonreview.org](http://www.thesimonreview.org)

## PIZZA AND POLITICS WITH SUSANA MENDOZA, ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza gave a detailed assessment of the Illinois's fiscal health during a Pizza and Politics presentation at the SIU Student Center on November 14, 2017. The Chicago Democrat applauded overwhelming bipartisan votes in the House and Senate to overturn Governor Bruce Rauner's veto of the Debt Transparency Act that will require state executive agencies to issue monthly reports on their overdue bills.

Prior to the Act's passage, state agencies were only required to send the Comptroller a list of their overdue bills once a year at the end of October based on what was owed to vendors at the end of the state's previous fiscal year on June 30th. "By then, the information was basically meaningless," said Mendoza. It was not required that the agencies to take note of how old the bills were and how much the state owed in interest and penalties.

Mendoza said the state owed as much as \$16.7-billion in overdue bills to creditors



during fiscal year 2018 resulting in more than \$900-million in interest and penalties that could have been spent on other programs, such as education and health care. Mendoza recounted her first months in office when she discovered that state employees, including an SIU Carbondale professor that she had met during a visit to campus were being denied much-needed medical treatment because medical providers were requiring payment in advance. As a result, she implemented a triage-type system of sending what cash

she could to the providers that were in the most financial trouble.

Responding to questions from the audience, the comptroller said that she did not think that the income tax increase passed in July would solve the state's fiscal problems anytime soon, noting that the current state budget is at least \$1.5-billion dollars short of the revenue needed to fund the \$35.1 billion budget for fiscal year 2018.

## PIZZA AND POLITICS WITH ILLINOIS REPRESENTATIVE DAVE SEVERIN



In November 2017, Illinois Rep. Dave Severin (117th District) visited the institute for "Pizza and Politics."

He met with SIU students, faculty and community members to hear their concerns and issues with the current economic situation in Illinois. Severin is serving his first term in office and is a life-long resident of the 117th District where he represents Williamson County, Franklin

County, and a portion of Hamilton County.

He is also a small business owner in Benton, where he operates All Stars-n-Stitches, a screen-printing and embroidery shop. Prior to becoming a state representative, Severin served on the Benton Grade School board for over 29 years, as well as the Board of Directors for Centerstone for over 16 years.

## SIXTH ANNUAL CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

In June 2018, the institute in partnership with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, hosted its sixth annual civic education training designed to show teachers how to use resources that incorporate simulations of democratic processes, current and controversial issues and service learning into current practice.

This year's conference was titled: "Putting the Pieces Together-Civics, Standards, and Curriculum Design." Southern Illinois educators came to the table with different experiences and worked collaboratively with others in a active workshop to explore the implementation of the new Illinois Civics requirements and social studies standards.

This year's program was held at the University Museum on the SIU Campus with a new political and civic foundations exhibit designed by the museum's curator.

Learn more: <http://bit.ly/civicedu>

## “A LASTING LEGACY, THE PAUL SIMON INSTITUTE” WITH U.S. SENATOR RICHARD DURBIN

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin warmly remembered his friend and mentor Paul Simon as a visionary who left an enduring legacy of helping others during a keynote speech honoring the 20th anniversary of the institute at SIU Carbondale.

“He (Simon) was a college drop-out who wrote 22 books and hundreds of weekly newspaper columns,” recalled Sen. Durbin, who was legal counsel to Lt. Governor Paul Simon from 1969 to 1973. “He wore a bowtie despite repeated pleas to ditch it and owned the world’s largest collection of bad taste bowties donated by friends.” The Springfield Democrat said Simon “gloried in visiting the smallest towns in Illinois to speak to a lady’s supper in the basement of a Methodist church. As his scheduler, I had to keep a giant floor to ceiling size state map with red pins to warn him not to open his talk at that supper with the same well-worn chicken joke that he’d used at the town’s Lion’s Club just the year before. He really had no other joke.”

Sen. Durbin told the audience that Simon was deluged with offers to teach when he retired from the Senate, but decided to come to SIU Carbondale to bring the issues of the day to students and to inspire them to consider public service. Durbin said he was similarly inspired by Simon who “mentored and inspired scores of candidates, including a young lawyer from East St. Louis who lost three straight



elections before he finally won. And his last political act, two days before he died in surgery, was to endorse Barack Obama for United States Senator from his hospital bed in Springfield.”

Durbin, who succeeded his mentor in the U.S. Senate in 1997 after serving 14 years as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Springfield, Illinois, called Simon a visionary who sought answers to problems that most people overlooked like the looming global shortage of clean drinking water. He noted that Simon’s 1998 book “Tapped Out: The Coming World Crisis in Water and What We can do about it,” was years ahead of its time in recognizing that fights over water could be flashpoints for conflict in places like the war-torn Middle East.

Durbin also described his work help pass the Paul Simon Water for the World Act which built on “Paul’s leadership to bring reliable, clean, affordable, access to clean water and basic sanitation to tens of millions.” He said he saw evidence of the act’s

impact during a recent cholera epidemic in Haiti that was claiming thousands of lives. He was shown a well built with funds from the Act that provided clean water to over 10,000 people in the nation’s capital city of Port-au-Prince and spared them from the ravages of the epidemic.

Sen. Durbin believes the Paul Simon Water for the World Act is an important part of his friend’s enduring legacy. “Paul Simon and I had a mutual hero in a fellow named Paul Douglas. Paul Douglas made it clear just as Paul Simon made it clear, that he didn’t want a statue after he’d served in Congress. But I thought to myself what kind of lasting memorial would Paul Simon would have wanted and I think it would be the Water for the World Act, things just like that that address the issues and the values that this man brought to so many of us. Simply helping others was all that Paul ever wanted.”

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