Dear Friends,

As we reflect on yet another highly productive year for the Paul Simon Institute, I'd like to commend John Shaw and the Institute’s staff for not only surviving a second year of pandemic-related challenges, but also for raising the bar higher still over 2020’s impressive output. And though this publication is aimed primarily at looking back, I am most excited about looking ahead to this, our Silver Anniversary year!

It’s hard for me to believe that it’s been 25 years since my parents returned home to southern Illinois and launched what they called their “Do Tank.” I’m proud to say that the Paul Simon Institute, over these past two and a half decades, has done a great deal of “Doing”—none of which could have happened without you, our supporters. So, on behalf of the Simon family and the Institute’s Board of Counselors, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to celebrating with you throughout this special year ahead!

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Dear Friends,

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute not only survived another tumultuous year, but also expanded its reach and deepened its influence, even as the pandemic persisted and disquieting threats to our democracy became shockingly evident. Never has the Institute’s mission of civil and fact-based discourse been more important, nor has our focus on “Better Politics, Smarter Government” been more urgent.

Last year was challenging, busy, and productive. We continued our commitment to support American democracy, strengthen Illinois, and inspire students.

Even with the considerable constraints imposed by COVID-19, we have been able to elevate the Institute and expand our reach. We hosted 34 live events via Zoom as part of our Understanding Our New World, Meet the Mayor, and Illinois Authors series. These programs attracted thousands of live viewers and tens of thousands of viewers on YouTube. In the last year, our virtual programs have been watched throughout Illinois and in 11 countries and 42 other states and territories.

While I enjoyed all of our conversations in 2021, some of my favorite guests were:

- John Allen, president of Brookings Institution
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In 2021, we launched the Paul Simon-Jim Edgar Statesmanship Award, the Future of Illinois Project, and a podcast called Simoncast. The Simon-Edgar Award celebrates statesmanship in state and local government in Illinois. The Future of Illinois Project is designed to help policymakers, scholars, and Illinois residents take a long-term view of the Prairie State. Simoncast is the official podcast of the Institute and allows us to share our virtual programs in a format that is most convenient for many who are interested in public policy.

We will celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2022 by honoring our past and looking to the future. We will continue high-level discussions, including those that focus on threats to our democracy in the United States. The Institute will also deepen our commitment to Illinois during our anniversary year, refining programs such as the Renewing Illinois student summit, the Meet the Mayor and Illinois Authors conversations series, and the Simon-Edgar Statesmanship Award.

We are very proud of the work and accomplishments of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute during its first 25 years. Your support keeps the legacy of Paul Simon alive and vibrant. We are deeply grateful.

John T. Shaw, Institute Director
Representatives from Ameren Illinois visited the Institute in October after we received a grant from the company's Ameren Cares program to expand the Illinois Authors series.
In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to drive global public policy as well as the way we work and gather on our Carbondale campus. We continued the Understanding Our New World series of virtual conversations to learn how fundamental political and cultural changes continue to shape our collective future.

We hosted 26 Understanding Our New World conversations this year with a diverse array of speakers covering a wide range of topics, including climate change, U.S. foreign and domestic policy, global diplomacy, cybersecurity, philanthropy, racial justice, higher education, and poetry.

We are continuing this series in 2022. Visit paulsimoninstitute.org/events to see who we’ll be speaking with and register to join us.

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MEETING THE WRITERS THAT BRING THE PRAIRIE STATE TO LIFE

We launched Illinois Authors in August to create a statewide venue for book events and author discussions. This past year, we hosted three author discussions virtually over Zoom.

As the series develops, we envision it will consist of both virtual and in-person conversations, with public events in Carbondale, Edwardsville, Springfield, Chicago, and other Illinois communities. A grant from Ameren Illinois will be instrumental as we expand the series.

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MEET THE MAYOR

Illinois Authors

Want to dive deeper into Illinois history, culture, or politics? Download Illinois 101, a collection of essential reading recommendations from state leaders, at PAULSIMONINSTITUTE.ORG/ILLINOIS101

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PAUL SIMON-JIM EDGAR STATESMANSHIP AWARD

The inaugural Paul Simon-Jim Edgar Statesmanship Award recognized 11 Republican members of the Illinois General Assembly who supported a critical budget package in July 2017 in the interest of fiscal solvency for Illinois.

These Republican lawmakers joined with Democrats to override then-Governor Bruce Rauner’s veto of a budget compromise. The vote ended a two-year stalemate that tarnished Illinois’ reputation, damaged schools, battered the state’s credit rating, and led to about $15 billion in unpaid bills.

The budget that emerged allowed Illinois to avoid further downgrading of its debt and ensured that the state government would resume regular operations. The 2017 budget paved the way for subsequent fiscal progress as reflected in the upgrades in 2021 to Illinois’ credit rating by Moody’s Investor Service and S&P Global Ratings.

The decision to support this agreement was courageous, consequential, and effective. While several of the Republican lawmakers received accolades from their constituents in response to their votes, many were sharply criticized and later faced primary opposition. Several opted to retire after casting the critical budget vote in 2017.

The Republican lawmakers who cast the decisive votes in 2017 were:

• Representative Steve Andersson of Geneva
• Representative Terri Bryant of Murphysboro
• Representative Mike Fortner of West Chicago
• Representative Norine Hammond of Macomb
• Representative David Harris of Arlington Heights
• Representative Chad Hays of Catlin
• Representative Sara Wojcicki Jimenez of Springfield
• Representative Bill Mitchell of Decatur
• Representative Reggie Phillips of Charleston
• Representative Mike Unes of Pekin
• Senator Dale Righter of Mattoon

We invited Illinois residents, including political, academic, and business leaders, to submit essays that outline the state’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We are seeking input from constitutional officers, members of the General Assembly, mayors, academics, business and labor leaders, philanthropists, and residents including high school and college students. We will compile these responses in a State of Illinois Report that will provide an important benchmark for discussions about the future.

Institute Director John Shaw attended the August meeting of the Edgar Fellows Program to join former Governor Jim Edgar to announce the recipients of the first Simon-Edgar Award. Pictured from left to right are Shaw, award recipients Sara Wojcicki Jimenez and Chad Hays, and Governor Edgar.

FUTURE OF ILLINOIS PROJECT

We launched the Future of Illinois Project to address a serious problem that affects government at all levels: the difficulty of focusing on the future. We are convening demographers, historians, political scientists, social activists, futurists, and business leaders to peer out over the horizon and assess fundamental challenges facing Illinois from now until 2050.

We have invited Illinoisans to submit essays that outline the state’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and offer a specific action agenda for the state. We are seeking input from constitutional officers, members of the General Assembly, mayors, academics, business and labor leaders, philanthropists, and residents including high school and college students. We will compile these responses in a State of Illinois Report that will provide an important benchmark for discussions about the future.

We published three Simon Review research papers this year.

• The Politics of Public Budgeting in Illinois (Second Edition): John Jackson and John Foster updated their important treatise on the Illinois budgeting process. New research reinforced their original findings that despite political messaging, downstate receives more from the public coffers than it gives.
• The Effects of Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Illinois: Stephanie Chambers-Baltz, 2020-2021 Celia M. Howard Fellow, investigated the impact of the state’s recreational cannabis legalization on public health and social equity.
• Exit Essay: A Reflection on More Than 50 Years of Media Coverage in the Illinois Statehouse: Steve Brown, the longtime spokesman for former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, wrote a personal account of his 50-plus years working in Statehouse news reporting and public relations.

For more information, visit PAULSIMONINSTITUTE.ORG/RENEWINGIL

SNEAK PEEK: THE RENEWING ILLINOIS SUMMIT RETURNS IN 2022.

Is the notion of “One Illinois” a reasonable hope, a noble aspiration, or an impossible dream?

We are inviting college students to help us examine this theme and other important questions later this year at the Institute’s Renewing Illinois Summit.

For more information, visit PAULSIMONINSTITUTE.ORG/RENEWINGIL
Institute Ambassadors have remained active throughout the pandemic, although this photo was taken in 2020 before COVID-19 came to southern Illinois. The Registered Student Organization of Institute-affiliated students hosts annual events and helps spread the word on campus about the Institute and its programs.
INTERNSHIPS

2021 SPRINGFIELD INTERNS

Dashae Newell
Alexander Lane Intern
Major: Political Science
Illinois Senate

Stephon Belt
Gene Callahan Intern
Major: Paralegal Studies
Illinois House of Representatives

Lauren Davis
Barb Brown Intern
Major: Political Science
Illinois Senate

Isaac Ludington
Barb Brown Intern
Major: Political Science
Illinois Senate

Isaac Shaw
Gene Callahan Intern
Major: Political Science
Illinois House of Representatives

Jerry Dominguez
Latino Heritage Intern
Major: Political Science
Illinois Senator Terri Bryant’s Office

Dashae Newell, Alexander Lane Intern, Stephon Belt, Aarayn Ludington, and Isaac Shaw are pictured in the capital.

The spring 2021 Illinois legislative session was like no other. Our interns arrived in Springfield in January, in the middle of a statewide COVID-19 surge. They started the session tele-legislating, attending virtual committee hearings while staff had limited access to the Capitol. After vaccines became widely available and cases decreased in the spring, the interns joined their colleagues at the Capitol.

The interns were present to see the once-a-decade redistricting process and watch the election of a new Speaker of the House for the first time in nearly 40 years—a made even more historic as Chris Welch became Illinois’ first Black House Speaker. By the time the session ended at the beginning of June, the interns had witnessed the General Assembly consider more than 7,500 bills and resolutions, more than 640 of which were sent to the governor.

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“... the [internship] helped me enter rooms and shake hands with people who gave me great advice and words of encouragement about a future career in public policy.”

—DASHAE NEWELL
ALEXANDER LANE INTERN

VINCE DEMUZIO GOVERNMENTAL INTERNS

Spring 2021
Tabitha Koch
Tabitha Koch was the spring 2021 Vince Demuzio Intern. She continued working in the Carbondale City Manager’s Office in the spring after serving in that office as the Demuzio Intern in the fall of 2020. She graduated in May 2021 with a degree in political science.

Tabitha Koch
Spring 2021

Tabitha Koch

Fall 2021
Francesca Burkett
Francesca Burkett was the fall 2021 Vince Demuzio Intern. She worked in the Jackson County State’s Attorney’s Office, helping to research and write policy regarding juvenile delinquency and truancy. She is majoring in history and in geology with a specialization in geophysics. She was selected as the 2021 SIU Lincoln Academy of Illinois student laureate and received the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award.

Francesca Burkett
Fall 2021
CONVERSATIONS WITH A COUNCILMAN

The Institute’s Student Ambassadors host an event every spring semester. In 2021, Ambassadors Tabitha Koch and Selenka Mortenson hosted a virtual conversation with Carbondale City Councilman Jeff Dougherty. They talked about Dougherty’s career and his insights into the workings of city government.

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2020-2021 FELLOWS

Stephanie Chambers-Balz and Jerricha Griffin were the Institute’s 2020-2021 fellows. Chambers-Balz, from St. Paul, Minnesota, is a doctoral candidate in counseling psychology. Griffin, from East St. Louis, Illinois, is pursuing a master’s in social work and a law degree.

Both fellows worked with Institute Professor Dr. Linda Baker on the Rural Health Summit, a collaborative project with the SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy, SIU Medicine Center for Rural Health, and the University of Chicago School of Public Health. Their work in 2020 and 2021 built on the 2018 Rural Health Summit and investigated how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted rural Illinois.

Policy briefs and public forums focused on public health systems, child development, housing, nutrition, economic development, mental health and addiction, and aging populations. Chambers-Balz published a research paper in the Institute’s Simon Review series titled “The Effects of Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Illinois.” Griffin researched how racism and misogyny in the child welfare system affect Black mothers.

2021-2022 FELLOWS

Chloë Goldbach and Hannah Crane joined the Institute in the fall as Celia M. Howard Fellows.

Goldbach is from Gainesville, Florida and is a PhD candidate in counseling psychology. She has a B.A. and an M.A. in psychology, a B.A. in mechanical engineering, and an M.S. in biomedical engineering. Her research is looking at legislation related to criminalization, legalization, and decriminalization of sex work. She is reviewing current and proposed legislation in Illinois, the U.S., and other countries, and is using U.S. public opinion polling to assess how support for legalization or decriminalization of sex work has changed over time. Goldbach’s research paper will explore the financial and public health implications of sex work legislation, including impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Crane is from Martinsville, Illinois and is a doctoral student in sociology. She has a B.A. in psychology and an M.S. in counseling with a specialization in school counseling. She is researching voluntary sterilization policies and has been reviewing the history of voluntary sterilization. She is also looking at how Illinois’ policies compare to those in other states, and seeking to identify reasons behind policy differences, including types of hospital systems and rural/urban differences.

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The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization focused on promoting better politics and smarter government and preparing students for careers in public service. We hope you will join us in 2022 as we celebrate the Institute’s 25th anniversary and honor Paul Simon’s legacy as a public servant, journalist, and teacher.