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SMARTER GOVERNMENT.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a great privilege it continues to be to serve as the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute! Paul's personal and professional commitment to courage, civility, and honesty has never been more relevant or essential.

In the past year, I have been honored to describe the Institute's work to a variety of audiences including the Rotary and Lions Clubs of Carbondale, the Peoria World Affairs Council, the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, Massachusetts.

Building on our founder's inspiring and enduring legacy, the Institute is working hard to sharpen our focus and rebalance our programs. We believe the theme of *Better Politics, Smarter Government* captures the essence of Paul's public service and his aspirations for the Institute. It describes long-standing Institute programs and new initiatives and gives our mission clarity, coherence, and force.

We launched three signature programs under the theme of *Better Politics, Smarter Government*: **Renewing Illinois**, **Best Practices for Town Hall Meetings**, and **Restoring American Statesmanship**. Each program is raising the Institute's profile while underscoring Paul Simon's commitment to elevated politics and effective government.

This past spring we began the **Renewing Illinois** program with a two-day summit of students from colleges and universities across Illinois. It was striking, even inspiring, to see smart and motivated students participate in wide-ranging and creative conversations about Illinois' future. The summit received considerable press attention and resulted in policy recommendations developed by the participants that were sent to the Governor and the leaders of the Illinois General Assembly. The summit also cast Southern Illinois University in a highly favorable light, catapulting SIU to the forefront of constructive efforts to revitalize the state.

As we refine and expand this annual summit, we envision additional programs under **Renewing Illinois**. The *Future of Illinois* project will bring together leading demographers, historians, journalists, and political analysts to look beyond the horizon and consider long-term challenges facing Illinois. We are also developing a project called *Prairie State*

Pioneers: Unsung Heroes, Forgotten Voices, and Consequential Moments. Drawing from the past for inspiration and wisdom, we will examine critical episodes in Illinois history and explore the stories of people who are often neglected in textbooks. This project will begin with an event in 2020 that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Illinois Constitution.

The Institute developed a plan of **Best Practices for Town Hall Meetings** as our contribution to the University Project for Bipartisan Collaboration coordinated by the Lugar Center in Washington, D.C. We presented recommendations on how to organize civil and constructive Town Hall meetings to the Illinois congressional delegation and will invite each member to Carbondale to participate in an Institute-moderated meeting. Senator Tammy Duckworth's Town Hall in July kicked off this initiative and generated rave reviews.

Our **Restoring American Statesmanship** program reflects Paul Simon's passion for principled leadership and is propelling the Institute into the national debate at a critical time. We have hosted compelling speakers to address the challenges of statesmanship including Illinois State Historian Sam Wheeler, former State Representative and Cabinet Director Jim Nowlan, former American Ambassadors Ira Shapiro and Harriet Elam-Thomas, U.S. Senate Historian Betty Koed, and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Kennedy.

The Institute will soon publish *Restoring American Statesmanship: A Citizen's Guide* to promote inspired leadership in America. This document, which will provide the foundation for our statesmanship program, will be distributed widely to policymakers, business and civic leaders, and the media.

We are very excited about the *Better Politics, Smarter Government* agenda. On behalf of the entire Institute staff, we sincerely thank you for all you do to support and strengthen the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. We are determined that the Institute will reflect—and illuminate—Paul's loftiest values and help foster a new era of honorable politics and effective government.

John T. Shaw, Institute Director



Renewing Illinois



**Best Practices for
Town Hall Meetings**



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INSTITUTE STAFF



Institute Staff (l-r) Dr. John Jackson, Dr. Linda Baker, Assistant Director Shannon Schroeder, Director John Shaw, Associate Director Victoria Gajc and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Cary Day

Victoria Gajc joined the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute in April 2019 as the Associate Director.

In this role, she serves as the Institute's fundraising and development officer working closely with the SIU Foundation; builds relationships with dedicated partners of the Institute; and works on program development, communication, and implementation.

Prior to her work at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Gajc worked as the membership officer at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs focused on increasing membership contributions, digital fundraising communications, and stewarding Council members.

Gajc graduated with an M.S. in International Public Service and B.A.s in Islamic World Studies and International Studies from DePaul University.

Shannon Schroeder joined the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute in July 2019 as the Assistant Director.

Prior to her work at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Schroeder worked in Student Affairs as the Coordinator of New Student Programs at SIU Carbondale. Here she focused on orientation, transition, and retention events for new and returning students. She has also spent time in Academic Affairs at SIU as an academic advisor in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Schroeder is a two-degree Saluki with an M.S. in Education with a focus on College Student Personnel and a B.A. in University Studies with minors in History and Psychology. She continues to work on her Ph.D. in Higher Education, specializing in Educational Administration.

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RENEWING ILLINOIS SUMMIT

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute hosted a summit of students from Illinois colleges and universities on March 28 - 29, 2019 to consider how to rebuild and renew Illinois.

Thirty-five students from nine Illinois schools—both public and private—attended the inaugural summit, *Renewing Illinois: Ambitious Dreams and Practical Steps to Revive the Prairie State*. Students came from every corner of the state and brought wide-ranging backgrounds and penetrating insights. Eastern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, McKendree University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, The University of Chicago, Western Illinois University, and Wheaton College sent delegations to the summit.

Participants reviewed background materials and listened to keynote speeches and policy briefings. They spent several hours in small group discussions, pondering solutions on the best way forward for Illinois. Several themes became apparent and were summarized in a report that was sent to the Governor and Illinois’ legislative leaders for their consideration.

The students see enormous potential in Illinois, but are concerned the state has fallen into bad habits and failed to position itself for the long-term. The next generation wants their state to solve long-festering problems and build a strong foundation for the future.

The students are wary of temporizing, evasions, partial solutions, political Band-Aids, and flimsy half-fixes. They are willing to make sacrifices, including paying more in taxes, if it would help the state operate more effectively, create jobs, clean up the environment, and revitalize a higher education system that was once the envy of the rest of the United States.



The summit participants concluded that fundamental rethinking is imperative. The state’s colleges and universities must once again be viewed as the launching pad to the middle class. Policymakers must boost funding and find new ways to make in-state higher education attractive to Illinois high school students. Smoother pathways are needed between high schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities.

Finally, Illinois needs better politics and smarter government. Once the home to iconic political leaders, including Abraham Lincoln, John Peter Altgeld, and Paul Simon, Illinois’ political culture has become badly tarnished. We need more forward-looking leaders and responsible citizens who will reward courageous policymakers and rebuke timid ones.

SAVE THE DATE

Renewing Illinois Summit
April 2-3, 2020
Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
Southern Illinois University

Online registration will open on
February 3, 2020 at
paulsimoninstitute.org/renewingIL



RENEWING ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED



Poshard gift announcement (l-r) Glenn Poshard, Institute Director John Shaw and Jo Poshard

On December 3, The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute announced it received a \$100,000 gift from Glenn and Jo Poshard for the Institute's annual *Renewing Illinois* summit for college and university students in Illinois.

The donation will establish an endowment for the *Renewing Illinois* summit which brings together students from across the state to generate new ideas. These ideas transcend conventional thinking and give a voice to the next generation of leaders who will determine the future of Illinois.

"This generous gift by Glenn and Jo Poshard provides a strong financial foundation to ensure the long-term future of the summit," said John T. Shaw, Institute director. "It helps continue Paul Simon's legacy, fosters opportunities for students, and inspires young minds to take part in public service. The gift will also help provide a unique opportunity for policymakers to connect with the leaders of tomorrow," Shaw added.

In a statement, Glenn and Jo Poshard said the *Renewing Illinois* summit is an exceptionally constructive project which they enthusiastically support.

"Ten years ago, based upon a study completed for the Illinois Board of Higher Education called 'Illinois, A Tale of Two States,' the stark contrasts between 'two Illinois' was made clear. To quote the study, one Illinois is 'prosperous and well educated with unlimited economic opportunities.' The other Illinois 'struggles to make ends meet, lags in educational attainment, and is economically stagnant.' Some in the public arena, for these and other reasons, seek to divide the state, calling for literally two states to be formed," the Poshards said.

"Rather than dividing the state, the Paul Simon Institute and SIU, through a creative approach utilizing the best and brightest of our higher education students, seek to find the solutions to close this 'prosperity gap' in economic and educational attainment, thus creating

'One Illinois.' No other Institute or university in Illinois is more qualified to undertake this task and we want to be a part of it. We feel this is an important investment in the future of our state and SIU," the Poshards added.

The 2020 *Renewing Illinois* summit will be at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3. The theme is *One Illinois: Noble Aspiration or Impossible Dream?*

The Institute expects to host sixty to seventy students at the 2020 summit from Illinois community colleges and four-year universities. After the summit's conclusion, the Institute will invite participants to Springfield to brief the press and policymakers.

The *Renewing Illinois* summit is a signature program at the Institute that reflects and embodies Paul Simon's best values and optimism about the future. To learn more about the Institute's *Renewing Illinois* summit please visit our website at www.paulsimoninstitute.org/renewingIL.



Contribute to the Poshard Endowment for
Renewing Illinois Summit at:

www.paulsimoninstitute.org/support

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Institute is committed to providing the next generation of leaders with opportunities to interact with experts, gain hands-on experiences in government, and inspire them to make positive contributions to the political process.

The Institute offers multiple internships and scholarships to SIU students and two Celia M. Howard Fellowship positions to graduate students interested in public policy. Internships and fellowships allow students to gain enriching career experiences, work directly with policymakers in Springfield and southern Illinois, and network for future job opportunities. The Institute also recognizes and rewards outstanding students who display leadership qualities through a variety of scholarship opportunities.



Nekya Hall

Alexander Lane Intern

Placement: Illinois House of Representatives Democratic Staff, Springfield, Illinois
Major: Criminology and Criminal Justice
Hometown: Chicago, Illinois



Mikayla Cain

Barbara Brown Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Major: Political Science
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Barbara Brown Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Major: Political Science
Hometown: Carterville, Illinois



Morgan Christie

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Research Focus: Policy Implications of Midwifery
Major: Counseling Psychology
Hometown: Mansfield, Ohio



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Research Focus: Impacts of the Disposable Bag Tax
Major: Public Administration
Hometown: Griffin, Georgia



William "Joe" Locher

Director's Award Scholarship Recipient

Major: Political Science
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Placement: Illinois House of Representatives Democratic Staff, Springfield, Illinois
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in the Illinois Delta Region
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ANNUAL STUDENT PROGRAMS

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DAY - APRIL 2019

Participants: 25 SIU students

Location: Illinois State Capitol

Year Established: 2013

The participants were introduced in the gallery of the Illinois House of Representatives by Illinois State Rep. Terri Bryant (115th District) and the gallery of the Illinois Senate by Illinois State Sen. Paul Schimpf (58th District).

Participants also attended two panels discussions: *Internships: Ladder to Success* and *Women Leading the Way: the Pathway to Success*.

The day culminated with a reception attended by SIU alumni and interns currently serving in Illinois government. Remarks were given by SIU alumna Steve Brown, communications director for Speaker Michael Madigan.

Speakers:

- Former Illinois State Sen. Pam Althoff (32nd District), Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois
- Jessica Pickens, director of policy and government affairs, Next Level Health
- Illinois State Rep. Celina Villanueva (21st District)
- Illinois State Rep. Mary Flowers (31st District)
- Former Illinois State Sen. Toi Hutchinson (41st District), president, National Council of State Legislators
- Paris Ervin, director of communications, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs
- Janelle Gurnsey, community outreach coordinator, Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton
- Lori Reimers, president, Government Consulting, Inc.



- Nicole Magalis, vice president of member advocacy, Illinois Health and Hospital Association
- Tangela Feemster, vice president of legislative affairs, IlliniCare health
- Ashley Munson, legislative affairs manager, Illinois Network of Charter Schools
- Liz Brown, president, Liz Brown Consulting, Inc.

METRO-EAST YOUTH LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 2019

Participants: 50 Metro-East high school students

Location: Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Year Established: 2003

Theme:

Leadership and Civic Engagement: Preparing Young Men for Success

Activities included:

- SIU Resource Fair
- STEM-related activities
- SIU Saluki football game
- Team building exercises at SIU Touch of Nature
- Pathway to Success panel discussion
- Saluki Step Show

Speakers:

- Illinois State Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Centreville
- Marc Morris, interim director and associate professor, SIU School of Accountancy
- John Frost, director, SIU Admissions
- Randolph Burnside, professor, SIU Department of Political Science
- Jeff McGoy, director, Exploratory Student Advisement



Panelists:

- Briane Lockett, SIU graduate student studying education
- Joshua McCray, SIU senior studying political science
- Cordaro Thomas, SIU graduate student studying education
- Jamall Mitchell, group mentor

EVENTS IN REVIEW

All lecture series events are available for viewing via the Institute's YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/user/PaulSimonInstitute



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EMANUEL "CHRIS" WELCH (7TH DISTRICT)**

PIZZA & POLITICS - JANUARY 2019



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BETTY KOED**

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RAY LAHOOD**

OCTOBER 2019

THE SIMON REVIEW

The latest papers in *The Simon Review* series:

The 2018 Race for Governor of Illinois: Rauner vs. Pritzker, by John S. Jackson, January 2019, Paper #54

John S. Jackson tells the story of the campaign between the incumbent Republican governor, Bruce Rauner, and his Democratic challenger, J.B. Pritzker. It was an intriguing race between two wealthy businessmen who had never held public office before running for governor.

Sexual Harassment in Illinois: Public Opinion and Legislative Action, by Seyi Amosu, April 2019, Paper #55

This paper outlines best practices regarding sexual harassment, specifically focusing on how Illinois is addressing public sector sexual harassment. Seyi Amosu offers recommendations on how Illinois can be a national leader combating sexual harassment.

The Climate of Opinion in Illinois 2008-2019: Gridlock Broken?, by John S. Jackson, Charles W. Leonard, and Shiloh L. Dietz, July 2019, Paper #56

This paper analyzes the last eleven years of public opinion in Illinois based on research collected by the Simon Poll™.

Most popular paper of 2019

The Politics of Public Budgeting in Illinois, by John L. Foster and John S. Jackson, July 2018, Paper #53

John L. Foster and John S. Jackson consider one of the classic questions of political science and public finance: how and where tax revenues are raised and who benefits from expenditures on public programs and services. **(4,389 Downloads)**

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The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's public opinion polling measures Illinois voters' opinions on important policy topics, with a focus on the state budget, political and electoral reform, politics, and social issues.

In spring 2019, the Simon Poll sampled 1,000 registered voters across the state. This year's poll focused on a variety of issues. Kristen Dunlap-Berg, Institute social work intern, submitted questions on health policy, specifically health coverage and quality of, and access to, health care. Additional polling questions included various tax reform proposals, increasing the minimum wage, expanding gambling and legalized betting on sports, and legalized recreational marijuana.

The 2019 Simon Poll also provided data on the direction of the state as well as assessments of President Donald Trump, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker, U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Mike Madigan, and Illinois State Senate President John Cullerton. Additionally, respondents weighed in on several term limit proposals.

All poll data is available for download at www.paulsimoninstitute.org/opinion-polls

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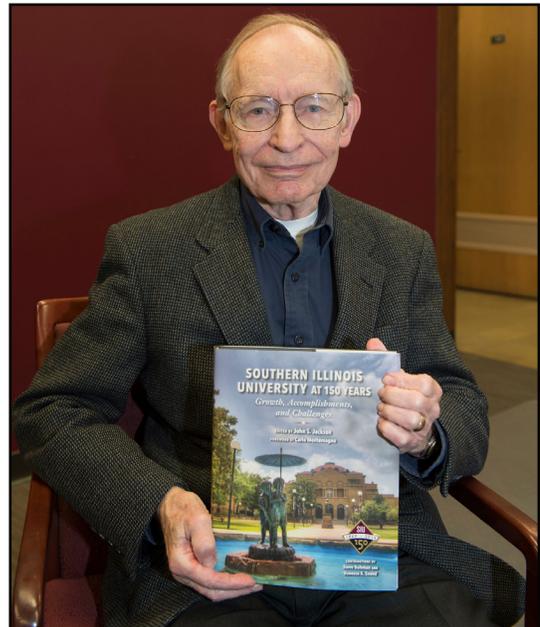
Southern Illinois University Carbondale kicked off the celebration of its 150th anniversary on March 1, 2019.

An important component of the celebration was the publication by the SIU Press, *Southern Illinois University at 150 Years: Growth, Accomplishments, and Challenges*, edited by Dr. John S. Jackson. Jackson is an emeritus political science professor and staff member at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

The book was presented at a variety of events related to the 150th anniversary and at SIU Alumni Association meetings in Carbondale, Springfield, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C.

Learn more about SIU 150th anniversary events and where to purchase the book:

<https://150.siu.edu/book/>



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- **Friends of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Fund**

To assist with expenses for operations, programs, and special initiatives as needed.

- **Alexander Lane Internship Endowment**

Supports a scholarship to be awarded each year to at least one student every spring to work with a minority member of the Illinois General Assembly, providing the student with challenging and rewarding assignments.

- **Barbara Brown Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

This fund was established by family and many other donors to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Barbara L. Brown, Ph.D., who taught at SIU Carbondale for more than 30 years. Proceeds of the fund will be used to continue the service and teaching of her legacy to SIU students and promote the principle that public higher education shares a responsibility to encourage public service and serve the public good.

- **David Yepsen Director's Award Endowment**

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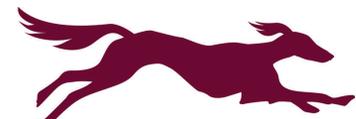


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