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# The Simon Times

*The newsletter of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

## **"WHAT'S IN THE WATER IN ILLINOIS?" ETHICS AND REFORM SYMPOSIUM**

Scholars and reformers from around the country gathered in Chicago in September for a symposium on ethics and reform issues in Illinois.

The gathering, sponsored by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, was titled "What's in the Water in Illinois?" and sought to examine the causes of political corruption in the state and review options for solutions.

The symposium, co-sponsored by the Joyce Foundation and the Union League Club of Chicago, was the first of what Institute director David Yepsen said he hopes will be an ongoing series of discussions and

studies among experts and scholars into the problems facing the state.

"You all know the statistics," Yepsen said. "Two governors in prison. Prosecutors saying the state is the most corrupt in the nation. Jokes on late night talk shows. There is evidence this turmoil hurts the state's economic development. What business wants to locate here if they think they have to pay to play?"

He said while most public officials in Illinois are hard-working, honorable people, a few are spoiling the state's image. "Corruption and unethical behavior drive up the

cost of government at a time when Illinois' finances are among the worst in the nation.

"So what do we do? In the past, many people have just laughed saying, 'That's Illinois. That's the way business is done.' The premise here is we can't laugh about it anymore."

Among the options for reform discussed at the conference were:

- Improved civic education programs in the state's schools to help students understand citizens must play a more vigilant role.

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## **LAUREN CONNOR CHOSEN TO BE FIRST ALEXANDER LANE INTERN**

Lauren V. Connor, a senior from Maywood, Ill., has been awarded the first Alexander Lane Internship by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU Carbondale.

Connor, who is majoring in theater with a minor in political science, will receive a \$6,000 stipend to work for the Legislative Black Caucus at the Illinois Legislature in Springfield during the spring semester.

State Senator Toi Hutchinson, chair of the Senate Legislative Black Caucus, congratulated Connor on the award during a visit to the Institute. Connor will work under Hutchinson and other leaders. Her mentor during the program will be Dr. Linda Baker, university professor at the Institute, who works in Springfield during sessions.

Lane is the first black male student to graduate from SIU Carbondale and the internship was created to honor him. He was born a slave in pre-Civil War Mississippi, moved to southern Illinois as a child



*Lauren Connor and state Sen. Toi Hutchinson*

and used an opportunity for an education to change his life story. After graduating in the late 1800s from what would become SIU Carbondale, he then graduated from Rush Medical school and become a doctor in Chicago.

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## **2012 SIMON INSTITUTE POLL RESULTS**

Overwhelming numbers of Illinois registered voters believe their state is corrupt and support some sweeping measures to reform it, according to a poll released earlier this year by the Institute.

The survey found six in ten registered voters (58 percent) said Illinois' state government is more corrupt than governments in other states. A little over a third (36.6 percent) said it was about the same as in other states. Virtually no one (2.1 percent) thought Illinois was less corrupt than other states.

Chicago residents were much more likely than average to say their local government was more corrupt (41.2 percent) than other governments in the state compared with 16.9 percent downstate.

More than three-fourths (76.8 percent) of all respondents agreed that corruption in Illinois government was widespread.

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## A MESSAGE FROM DAVID YEPSEN



This is an exciting time for us. I can't think of a time when we've been busier doing the things Paul intended his Institute to do.

We held a two-day academic symposium in Chicago on ethics and reform issues facing Illinois. Thanks to support from the Joyce Foundation and the Union League Club, scholars and experts from across the country came to offer their insights, research and solutions to the state's ethical problems.

We completed a massive public opinion poll of Illinois' voters attitudes toward reform measures. Dr. Charlie Leonard's work on the poll will help guide policy-makers and reform groups grappling with these challenges. Charlie also led our first student trip to Washington D.C. so a group of our student ambassadors and honors students could have a chance to see the nation's capitol at work.

Dr. John Jackson completed his anthology of some of the senator's most insightful writings, a book that will keep Paul's fires burning brightly for future generations. (And, I might add, provide a nice holiday gift for the civic minded people on your list.)

Matt Baughman works hard raising funds for the Institute, but he's also found time to help launch three internship programs to provide real-world opportunities for our students.

Emily Burke, our program coordinator, worked with the McCormick Foundation to put together the second annual "best practices" civic education conference for educators.

Linda Baker spearheaded our 10th annual Leadership Weekend for young African American men from the Metro East area of St. Louis.

And, we continued other ongoing work providing leadership training and inspiration for students interested in careers in politics and public service. Carol Greenlee joined our staff as project coordinator and works overtime putting together opportunities. These include the popular "Pizza and Politics" sessions to give students a chance to talk up close with political figures; leadership training for local high school students, Youth Government Day in Springfield for high school students and the Youth Leadership Weekend.

In addition, we worked on two of our regular initiatives: The "Women in Politics" program sponsored a showing of the documentary film "Miss Representation" to illustrate how women are stereotyped and trivialized in politics. State Senator Toi Hutchinson, an Olympia Fields Democrat, packed the Institute lobby with students as she outlined ways women and minorities can overcome hurdles to enter politics. Our "debt series" speakers continued our work discussing the effects of state and federal red ink. And, as always, several of us are in the classroom teaching SIU students each semester.

There's a lot on our plates - Paul had a broad mission for this Institute - but it's great to come to work each day knowing we are making a difference in public policy and in the lives of so many young people.

We couldn't do any of it without your financial help and for that I say - thank you.

## "PAUL SIMON DEBATER" SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and SIU Carbondale's Department of Speech Communication have established a scholarship program to honor the University's championship debate team.



Benjamin W. Campbell, a senior in political science from Springfield, Mo., is the first recipient of the \$5,000 scholarship.

The "Paul Simon Debater" award will come from the Institute's privately raised funds in honor of Paul Simon's commitment to debate and civil discourse. The Institute is seeking donations to support the effort.

Campbell said "For the last few years I have taken great pride in being a member of the debate team. Today, I take even further pride in knowing that I have been privileged to continue the legacy of Senator Simon. The Institute has done tremendous things for this campus. Seeing these feats from the perspective of a student has given me a greater appreciation for all that the Institute does."

Donations to the Paul Simon Debater fund are being accepted through the Institute. You can simply designate your gift for this purpose on your check or return envelope.

For more information, contact Institute associate director Matt Baughman at (618) 453-4001 or [Baughman@siu.edu](mailto:Baughman@siu.edu).

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## CELIA M. HOWARD FELLOWSHIP ESTABLISHED

A three-year grant program will create opportunities for women interested in government and public service, thanks to a partnership between the Institute and the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund. The grant will allow a student to gain real world experience in public service, government and public policy through a graduate assistantship based at the Simon Institute.

Candidates for the Howard Fellow can come from any major, but must demonstrate a serious commitment to working in government to be considered. A preference will be given to female students. In addition, the selected student must be a U.S. citizen, domiciled in the State of Illinois, and have lived there for a minimum of two years. They must also have received a bachelor's degree and maintain an overall "B" grade point average or better.

"For more than 50 years, the Celia M. Howard Fellowship has worked to assist Illinois women in obtaining educational opportunities and training in the fields of government and diplomacy. We are excited for the opportunity to partner with the Simon Institute in achieving these goals," said Fayrene Wright, chair of the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund Committee.

The program was established in 1948 by the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Celia M. Howard (1876-1950) was respected for her distinguished service, including 40 years in the U.S. District Court in Chicago. A graduate of John Marshall Law School, Howard was admitted to practice before the Illinois Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the U.S. Supreme Court. She was also known for a sincere devotion to humanitarian and civic work, particularly the American Red Cross.



*Jarrod Echols on the U.S. Capitol Dome Tour during his internship. Very few get the opportunity for this tour, as it is typically only allowed if your U.S. Senator accompanies the group.*

## INSTITUTE HELPS STUDENT GAIN D.C. INTERNSHIP

Jarrod Echols had one thing on his mind when he met the U.S. Senate's Sergeant at Arms, Terry Gainer, at an Institute visit in the spring of 2011: an internship.

Echols, then an MPA student in need of internship credits to graduate, aspired to combine his experience in computer information technology with his desire to work in law enforcement, and he was hoping Gainer's visit would open a door in Washington.

A year later, thanks to his persistence and a little help from Institute associate director Matt Baughman, Echols was working in the inner sanctum of Information Technology Security in the U.S. Senate.

"This internship was an eye-opening experience into the world of federal government work," said Echols. "Throughout my graduate studies, I was taught that information sharing is critical for federal agencies to fully serve the public. My internship showed

me first-hand how agencies accomplish this."

Echols' work ranged from focusing on protecting the security and integrity of information systems and data to plans for addressing disaster recovery, and he even had the chance to help the Sergeant at Arms prepare his budget request to the Senate Appropriation Committee.

After completing his internship in May 2012, Echols was offered a job as a junior threat analyst with a major federal contractor whose responsibilities include working with the U.S. Senate.

"I can honestly say that if it were not for the Institute, I would have never been able to secure my internship, which has allowed me to begin my career in the field of IT security for the federal government," Echols said. "I am grateful for the help it provided me and for what it does for other students."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Southern Illinois Youth Leadership Day  
January 8, 2013

Youth Government Day 2013  
April 13, 2013

For more information on both events, please contact  
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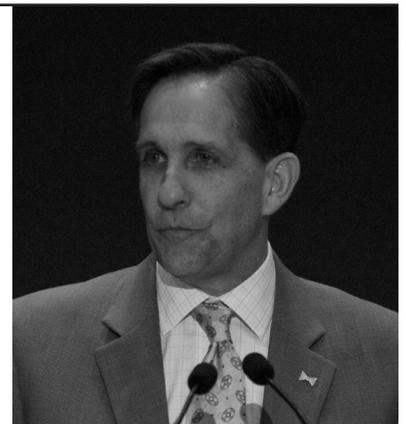
# Events in Review

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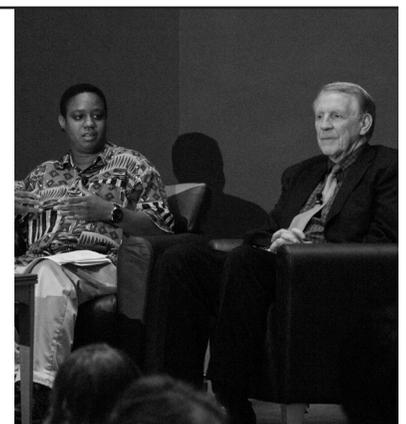
**Charlie Cook**, one of the nation's leading non-partisan political experts, spent a day on campus during the spring 2012 semester to visit with students and share his thoughts on the 2012 elections. The publisher of "The Cook Political Report" and a political analyst for NBC News, Cook had lunch with a group of students, talked to a class of political science students studying "Campaigns and Elections" and presented an evening public lecture.



**Rupert T. Borgsmiller**, a southern Illinois native and executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections, visited campus to discuss how the agency assures the integrity of elections while coordinating with 110 independent election authorities throughout the state. Borgsmiller did post-graduate study in the Master of Public Administration program at SIU Carbondale and has spent his career with the elections board. He's been an instrumental part of the changing political process since beginning in the agency's campaign disclosure division in 1976. His visit was sponsored by the John White Lecture Series.

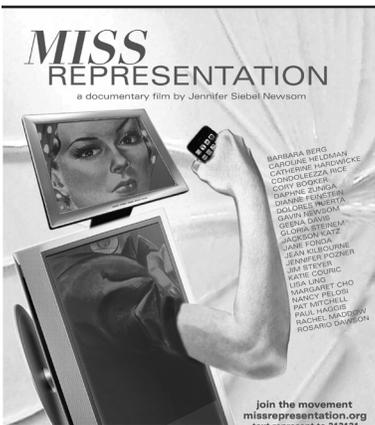


Two leading political scientists who also have practical political experience discussed race, politics and the 2012 election during a two-day campus visit that included lunches with faculty and students, class visits and a free public event. Former U.S. Rep. **Glen Browder**, D-Ala., and **Artemesia F. Stanberry**, an assistant professor of political science at North Carolina Central University, are authors of the 2010 book, "Stealth Reconstruction: An Untold Story of Racial Politics in Recent Southern History," which examines the biracial cooperation of some white politicians and black leaders in the aftermath of the Civil Rights movement. Stanberry was a former staff assistant to Browder in Congress. Browder also served as the Alabama Secretary of State.



**Ralph Martire**, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, visited campus this fall to address the state's budget situation. Martire spent the day visiting with students and faculty as well as making a luncheon presentation on options for the state legislature to consider while taking action on budget matters. His visit was sponsored by the John White Lecture Series.





As part of its Women in Politics Series, the Simon Institute hosted a screening and panel discussion of the documentary film, **Miss Representation**, which explores how the mainstream media portrays women in positions of power and influence in America. The panel included SIU Chancellor Rita Cheng; SIU Radio-TV associate professor Lisa Brooten; Melinda Yeomans, coordinator of the University Women's Professional Advancement; and Institute director David Yepsen. It was moderated by Janet Fuller, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies director.



State Sen. **Toi Hutchinson** (D-Olympia Fields) visited campus to spend time encouraging students to be engaged citizens and to share her story of her start in politics. Hutchinson, who has served in the Senate only since January 2009, is the chairwoman of the Senate Revenue Committee and is credited with passing numerous pieces of legislation aimed at protecting women and children. She participated in Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Executive Management Fellow Program and was in the inaugural class of Edgar Fellows at the University of Illinois in August 2012. Her visit was part of the Women in Politics Series.



In addition to co-sponsoring a number of debates between those vying to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, the Simon Institute hosted the three candidates individually on campus for students to meet this fall. Costello, the only downstate Illinois Democrat in Congress, has a seat that has never been represented by Republicans. In a race that garnered national interest from the two major parties, retired Illinois National Guard Adjutant Gen. **Bill Enyart**, bested the two other candidates, Jason Plummer, the 2010 GOP nominee for Illinois lieutenant governor, and the Green Party's Paula Bradshaw. Enyart (left) visited with students during a Pizza & Politics event at the Simon Institute to talk about his campaign. He is an SIU Law School graduate.

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## INSTITUTE BENEFACTOR JACK HAYWARD DIES

John F. “Jack” Hayward, a Harvard classmate of John F. Kennedy and long-time supporter of Paul Simon’s political campaigns and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, passed away in September. He was 94.

The Jack and Muriel Hayward Lecture Series was established at the Institute to bring speakers on politics and religion and the arts to campus.

Hayward, who held a PhD from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, helped launch SIU Carbondale’s religious studies department in 1968. He retired in 1984.

The Simon Institute offers its condolences to his widow Lois and the extended Hayward family.

## JEROME MILEUR INTERN NAMED

Margaretmary Emefiele, a junior from Chicago majoring in political science, has been awarded the Jerome Mileur Internship by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

The internship will send at least one student each spring to Springfield to gain experience working in state government. Priority is given to students majoring in political science, history and journalism. Students who have reached junior status are eligible.

“Internships cannot replace the classroom, but the practical experience they provide can enrich and add value to a student’s education,” said Jerry Mileur.

Emefiele said she wants to do public policy analysis dealing with health care issues in a state agency. These agencies are now involved in implementing new federal health care legislation and trying to manage rising costs in the state’s Medicaid health care program. Dr. Linda Baker, a visiting professor at the Institute, will serve as her mentor in Springfield.

Emefiele is a native of Nigeria who moved to the U.S. at the age of eleven. During a study abroad trip to Ghana she visited Parliament and “I realized even more that governance is what I wanted to participate in for a lifetime. Although I support grassroots movements, lobbying and such, decisions that impact lives are



*Dr. Linda R. Baker and Margaretmary Emefiele*

ultimately made by people who hold higher positions within institutions.”

After completing her Mileur internship, she hopes to attend graduate school to earn degrees in public administration as well as diplomacy and international relations.

Mileur is a southern Illinois native who holds two degrees from SIU Carbondale. A lifelong educator with a passion for teaching, politics and baseball, Mileur retired as chairman of the political science department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He also owned a minor league baseball team for many years.

Mileur serves on the Institute’s Board of Counselors and is the author of books on the St. Louis Cardinals. He also endowed the Morton-Kenney Lecture Series at SIU Carbondale.

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- Also, more leadership training programs for public servants and elected officials and candidates to help them understand the laws already on the books.
- Changing the way legislative and congressional districts are drawn in the state to eliminate the practice of elected officials effectively choosing their constituents instead of the other way around. The result is a lack of competition in Illinois political races.
- Giving local prosecutors more authority to use wiretaps to ferret out public corruption in local jurisdictions.
- More audits of all governments. Illinois has thousands of different governmental jurisdictions, which not only raises the cost of government but also makes it difficult for citizens and auditors to hold

officials accountable.

- Campaign finance reform. Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions have changed campaign finance laws because of a fear these laws restrict free speech. At the same time, these changes open the political system to more anonymous money. Trying to find a balance between protecting free speech while limiting the influence of money in Illinois politics will be a challenge for reformers in the years ahead.
- Public funding of judicial elections, perhaps starting with state supreme court elections. Judges should not be beholden for campaign contributions to people or interest groups coming before them to practice.
- Moving Illinois’ primary from March to June. Better weather might improve turnouts. Citizens should have an opportunity to see how their officials are performing before deciding whether to

renominate them.

- Allowing voters the right to vote in primaries without having to say which party primary they are voting in.
- Term limits on state legislators and term limits on legislative leaders. Some reformers object to this saying it would give more power to lobbyists and staffers and effectively tell voters who can’t represent them. Others argue it may be the only option for ensuring some turnover in the Legislature if redistricting changes can’t be enacted.

Transcripts of the panel discussions at the September conference, the academic papers presented at it and selected panels on video can be found online at [www.paulsimoninstitute.org](http://www.paulsimoninstitute.org)

The Institute has scheduled an April 30, 2013 symposium in Springfield to discuss legislative redistricting changes in the state and whether reforms made in other states might work for Illinois.

## FORMER ILLINOIS GOVERNOR JIM THOMPSON RETURNS TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson made a much-anticipated appearance in southern Illinois to share his perspectives on the past, present and future of the state. He came to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Simon Institute and the 50th anniversary of WSIU public broadcasting.

As a Republican and the longest-serving governor in state history, Thompson offered the audience some candid conversation as part of the evening’s Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture series. He also provided his thoughts on the future of Illinois.

Thompson said the state needs to reform its tax structure and he noted the public’s lack of confidence in state leaders.

Although the last two Illinois governors are serving prison time, Thompson reminded the audience that thousands of public servants in the state are good, honest people whose deeds go unnoticed. But when criminal activity goes awry, he said, the politicians who think they can get away with it are ultimately caught.

“Here’s the sad part: It’s lives wasted,” said Thompson. “We get the wrong idea about public service.”

Thompson also said the state’s sales

tax system is too narrowly focused with high rates. He suggested expanding items included in the sales tax base to cover the service industry while lowering the tax rate as

During a luncheon with students, Thompson encouraged them to get involved in politics by volunteering with local campaigns in order to gain experience. He



*Former Gov. Jim Thompson poses with students after a luncheon.*

a way to help raise revenue.

“We have a tax system that does not coincide with the modern Illinois economy,” Thompson said. “It’s an agricultural and a manufacturing state tax system.”

He also lamented the severe cuts the Blagojevich administration made to the Department of Natural Resources and encouraged southern Illinois to find a way to regain funding for its state parks and recreational activities.

also noted some practical ways he operated to build strong relationships with Democrats and members of groups not naturally inclined to support a Republican, like the labor unions.

Thompson underscored the value of entry level opportunities for young people in government and public service, such as internships and fellowships that offer a chance for a recent college graduate to get a foot in the door to a career in politics.

## SIMON INSTITUTE POLL RESULTS 2012

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To correct the problems, voters agreed on a variety of reform measures, including more disclosure of personal income sources and a one-year ban on lobbying by former legislators.

Registered voters also favored term limits (78.7 percent), and six in ten voters surveyed supported limiting the amount of money that party leaders can transfer to other candidates in the general election.

There was strong support for changes to the system of drawing legislative district lines so that legislators aren't drawing their own districts to favor their re-elections. Seven in ten (70.2 percent) respondents in our 2012 survey favored turning the drawing of district lines over to an independent citizens commission.

The Institute poll also measured Illinois opinion on other issues including:

### **Photo ID**

Almost one out of ten (9.4 percent) of registered voters in Illinois said they do not have "a current, unexpired Illinois-issued ID with your picture on it."

Many states have laws—some stricter than others—that require voters to present some form of identification at the polls. Proponents of strict voter ID laws say it prevents fraud by ensuring voters are who they say they

are. Opponents say it unfairly keeps those without identification, who tend to be poorer and minority voters, away from the polls.

Opponents also say recorded instances of voter fraud are rare, but proponents argue any fraud is too much.

"This is a delicate issue," said David Yepsen, director of the Simon Institute. "We all want clean elections, yet no one should inadvertently disenfranchise voters either. This poll shows Illinois policy makers need to tread carefully if they want to pursue voter ID laws."

If Illinois were to adopt a "strict" voter ID policy, the Simon Poll results show, roughly one in 11 voters might no longer be able to easily cast their ballot. With roughly 7.3 million registered voters in the state, potentially 685,000 might be effected by such a law—a number almost equal to the population of Will County in suburban Chicago.

### **Distribution of wealth**

Illinois voters are concerned about the growing concentration of wealth in the country. There are 46.0 percent of Illinois voters who said "Most rich people are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born into wealthy families" while 40.4 percent agreed "the rich are wealthy mainly because of their own hard work, ambition or education." Another 7.8 percent said both

factors were at work equally and 2.2 percent who said neither.

A majority of voters - 57.8 percent - said there should be a more even distribution, 34.5 percent felt that today's distribution was fair, and 7.7 percent who don't know.

Asked if the federal government, "should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans," 52.1 percent said the federal government should take action to reduce the gap between the wealthy and other people; 41.1 percent were opposed to such income leveling action, and only 6.8 percent said they did not know.

### **Influence of interest groups**

There are 34.6 percent of registered voters who said the Tea Party had too much influence, 32.0 percent said the Tea Party influence was "about right" and only 15.9 percent said their influence was too little.

Voters rated a comparable group from the other side, the Occupy Wall Street Movement, as follows: 34.0 percent said it had too much influence, 27.4 percent said the group's influence was about right; and 17.4 percent said their influence was too little.

For complete details about the poll, go to [www.paulsimoninstitute.org](http://www.paulsimoninstitute.org)

## LAUREN CONNOR CHOSEN TO BE FIRST ALEXANDER LANE INTERN

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Later, he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives where he became one of the first African Americans to serve in that chamber. He is buried in Carbondale.

"The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus is pleased to honor our former colleague, Alexander Lane, by hosting the first intern awarded in his name," said state Rep. Will Davis (D-Chicago), who is also an SIU alumnus. "Our desire will be for this internship to enhance and enrich the life and education of a student from SIU Carbondale. We would especially like to thank the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute as well as Matt Baughman and Dr. Linda Renee Baker for bringing forward this opportunity and seeing it to fruition."

In her letter of application, Connor said "I have always had the desire to use theater and performance art as a vehicle for social change and justice. I personally feel that both theater and political science are closely related in their attempt to better mankind by empowering people to be the change they want to see in the world."

She said the arts have a positive impact on the educations of children and "one of my career goals is to create an entertainment company that focuses on expanding arts programming for at-risk youth."

The endowment fund to honor Lane and finance the annual stipend is accepting continued donations. More than \$125,000 in gifts and pledges have been raised to date toward an initial goal of \$150,000.

"Lane's perseverance in overcoming barriers and achieving his goals serves as an inspiration to today's students," said Lane biographer Pam Smoot, an assistant professor at SIU.

For more information about the internship, contact Baughman at (618) 453-4001 or [baughman@siu.edu](mailto:baughman@siu.edu).



*Alexander Lane  
(Illinois Blue Book, circa 1906)*

## SECOND ANNUAL CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Simon Institute partnered with the McCormick Foundation to host its second annual Civic Education Conference to help southern Illinois teachers and administrators prepare students to become more involved in their communities.

Presentations covered what it takes to be a “civically-engaged” school, how to incorporate a school-wide civic assessment exercise, the McCormick Foundation’s “Democracy School” application process and other action plans educators can put right to work in the classroom.

Noting that Illinois doesn’t require teaching civics like most other states do, Shawn Healy of the McCormick Foun-

ation said, “Teaching civics directly is important, but there are civic lessons embedded across the curriculum, embedded in extracurricular opportunities for students...and in the way a school functions, the climate of a school teaches lessons about democracy.”

Healy, a keynote speaker at the program, said that civics includes everything from political engagement and voting to community volunteering and being aware of the news. “It’s important to get young people engaged and involved,” he said.

Breakout sessions focused on school improvement grants, opportunities for student involvement in programs like the

YMCA Youth in Government weekend and an example of a strategic partnership between a local school and the SIUC College of Education and Human Services.

“We are not only trying to offer professional development for teachers, but are working to raise awareness and support in our area for civic education in our schools,” said Emily Burke, a coordinator of the conference. “The health of a democracy is directly related to the engagement of young people,” Burke said. “What is being learned today affects tomorrow. Math and science are critical, but a quality civics program as a part of an overall education will help us raise effective citizens,” she said.

## STAFF NEWS: COMINGS AND GOINGS

More changes have taken place at the Simon Institute this year, bringing new ideas and fresh faces to our staff.

Following the retirement of Christina Rich at the end of 2011, former Institute graduate intern Carol Greenlee was brought back to the staff as its project coordinator. Just days into her new position, Greenlee pulled together the Institute’s 2nd annual leadership day program for area high school students and things haven’t slowed down yet. Greenlee, a two-degree alumna from SIUC Carbondale, previously worked at the Illinois



Carol Greenlee

tute, joining us in November as a part-time accounting associate. Lanzi has previously worked in similar roles in the university

Student Assistance Commission. She and her husband, Sean, also an SIUC graduate, reside in Carterville.

Sandy Lanzi is the latest addition to the Insti-



Sandy Lanzi

the College of Liberal Arts.

provost’s office and student center. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Carbondale. Lanzi replaces Melody Meadows who moved to a full-time position in



*The 2012-2013 class of Vince Demuzio interns are deployed in a number of state agencies in southern Illinois gaining valuable work experience in such areas as human services, transportation, technology, employment security and higher education, as well as the Attorney General’s office. The interns include (left to right): Tyler Diers (Rolling Meadows, Ill.), Talila Young (Chicago), Endreco Amos (Tampa, Fla.), Taylor Bryant (Murphysboro, Ill.), Jamie Franklin (Carbondale, Ill.), Ekateryna Bondareva (Marion, Ill.), and Zach Green (Beckley, West Va.). Also pictured are John Jackson and David Yepsen. Not pictured is Caitlin Williams (Du Quoin, Ill.).*

## SIMON DIGITAL ARCHIVES COMPLETE

The project that began in August 2010 to convert of hundreds of aging video tapes to high-quality digital files has recently been completed. The 500 hours of video of the late Senator Simon took about 1,500 hours to process, and is now preserved in a format recommended by the Library of Congress, thanks to students Dylan Damien, Josh Hrdlick and Leah Williams.

Morris Library’s Special Collections Research Center is currently setting up the first on-demand selection that will include footage from Simon’s ‘88 presidential campaign. Archivists will then work on a plan to make the entire collection of approximately 700 videos available online.

## METRO-EAST LEADERSHIP WEEKEND 2012

In October, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute celebrated its 10th anniversary hosting the motivational “Leadership Weekend” for young African-American men from the Metro East area of St. Louis.

The program focuses on leadership development and community service. “We focus on building these strengths now, so that these young people can contribute and give back later,” said faculty advisor Linda Baker. “Assuring they make good choices and stay focused is the key to their future success.”

The retreat provides youth from eighth to twelfth grades with mentoring and networking opportunities, workshops, discussion groups and help in navigating the challenges young people face. They come to the SIU campus for a weekend of motivational speakers and introspection about the problems in their lives. Young men who have participated have gone on to attend institutions of higher education throughout the nation, including SIU, Baker said.



*Past participants and chaperones gathered at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville, Ill. for the 10 Year Reunion of the Paul Simon Metro East Youth Leadership Weekend.*

Founded by Paul Simon in response to reports about the special hurdles faced by young African American men, Baker said it has been a successful partnership with community organizations in the area.

She said the secret to the weekend is a group of strong partnering organizations in the Metro East who work with the Institute. Partners include prominent area organizations, including Pan-Hellenic and

service organizations that identify young men who are ready to take a next step in leadership development.

Community collaborators include Alpha Phi Alpha -Lights of Alpha, the East St. Louis Ladies of Distinction - Top Teens, the East St. Louis Parent Teachers Association, Kappa Alpha Psi -Guide Right Program, and Omega Psi Phi-Project Manhood.

## DO YOU HAVE ARTIFACTS FOR THE PAUL SIMON ARCHIVES?

One of Paul Simon's early Senate staff members—Laurie Westley, who served as his first Chief Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee—recently contacted the Institute with an offer that couldn't be refused:

She had the original briefing book Simon used during the federal Balanced Budget Amendment debate and wanted to know if the Institute would be interested in having it.

Institute associate director Matt Baughman has been on the receiving end of such historic pieces before from former staffers and volunteers so he knew it was something of great value for the Simon archives.

“It was a kind offer and when it arrived we learned it held a wealth of background information Simon used as he championed the legislation, including his own personal notes about the proceedings,” Baughman said.

David Yepsen, director of the Institute, said the book was valuable because “Paul Simon showed political courage in that debate. Most Democrats were opposed to the idea. Had the country heeded him then, we wouldn't be in the fix we're in now.”

He said “this is the sort of thing the archives should house. I hope all of Paul's many

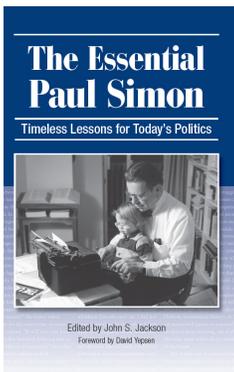
friends and former staffers will cull through their attics, basements and old storage boxes for items – letters, documents, photographs, video – that might be useful to the archives. Even copies will be helpful to historians.”

## WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP



*Simon Institute students Tyler Chance, Katrina James, Odessa Green, Sylvester Woodhouse, Jamie Franklin, and Lari Dierks in front of the White House on their Washington D.C. trip.*

## THE ESSENTIAL PAUL SIMON: TIMELESS LESSONS FOR TODAY'S POLITICS



Paul Simon is back. Well, at least in book form.

A rollout this fall of a compilation of Simon's "greatest hits" kept editor and long-time Simon friend John Jackson busy with book signings and media interviews,

including this excerpt from the Bernie Schoenburg column in the Springfield State Journal-Register:

*"There's a new book out dealing with timely issues like state pensions, the need to get health insurance to more people, trouble with how campaigns are financed*

*and the need for more good press coverage of Statehouses across the country."*

*And the author? The late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill.*

*The book brings together highlights from years of Simon's writings, from his days as a crusading southern Illinois newspaper publisher fighting local gambling and prostitution to columns and stories he wrote about his experiences in the state legislature and Congress.*

*It also has short summaries of Simon's 22 books.*

*"We had hoped to introduce a newer, younger audience to his writings and to his views of the world, while at the same time reminding his old friends why they appreciated him," Jackson said in an interview. "He was almost uniquely gifted in his ability to take complex public policy matters and*



(Photo Courtesy of the Union League Club)  
*U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (right) visits with John Jackson during a book signing at the Union League Club of Chicago this fall.*

*bring them right down to where people live and explain them."*

The book is available online, in stores or through the SIU Press at [www.siupress.com](http://www.siupress.com) or (800) 621-2736 where you can use the code SIMON12 for a special discount.

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