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Annual *Participation* Newsletter Now Available

The annual *Participation* newsletter features articles on Hinckley programs, internships and commemorates the 20 year anniversary of Assistant Director, Jayne Nelson. The 2008 *Participation* newsletter is being mailed and available online- <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/publications/newsletter/index.html>.

If you would like to receive a copy go to-

<http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/alumni/update/index.html> and indicate in the comments section you would like to request a *Participation* newsletter.

G8 Magazine

The Hinckley Institute of Politics is pleased to present the online version of the *G8 Magazine*, the official magazine of the G8 Summit that boasts an online distribution of over 19 million and is featured on Forbes.com during July and August. The Hinckley Institute of Politics under the direction of Kirk Jowers and Courtney McBeth have partnered with the Diplomatic Courier and the S.J. Quinney Law School to serve as the executive editors of this prestigious publication. In this capacity, Hinckley Director, Kirk Jowers will attend the 2009 G8 Summit in L'Aquila, Italy.

This year's edition of the *G8 Magazine* focuses on crisis areas plaguing the international political arena and provides analysis and solutions to the world's leading issues. The Hinckley Institute features articles from Former Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and Governor of Utah Michael O. Leavitt and the Minister of Social Development for the Kingdom of Jordan Minister, Hala Lattouf and four former Hinckley interns, Dustin Gardiner, Joseph Vandette, Jr., Tyler Anderson and Andrew Jensen, on topics such as the environment, international oil industry, and the politics of Africa.

The online version is available at –

<http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/publications/G8Magazine/index.html>

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Former Hinckley Intern Zach Howell to head College National Republicans

Former Hinckley Intern Zach Howell has been elected to head the College National Republicans. Zach is a recent graduate of the University of Utah where he received his degree in Political Science. While at the U, Zach was the State Chairman of the Utah Federation of College Republicans and later the Western Region Vice-Chair of the College Republican National Committee. He interned through the Hinckley Institute in 2006 with Congressman Chris Cannon and also interned in the White House Office of Strategic Initiatives in 2007. Zach is the second former Hinckley Institute intern to hold this position. Karl Rove, former Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, held the position from 1973 to 1977. For media coverage on Zach's election click here: <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/events/media/index.html>

The Hinckley Institute of Politics is pleased to feature Zach Howell as the Hinckley Institute Alumni Spotlight for July 2009. To visit the Hinckley Institute's Alumni Spotlight webpage, click

<http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/alumni/spotlight/spotlight.html>

Hinckley Institute of Politics 2009 Fall Class Catalog

Fall semester, the Hinckley Institute is again offering several classes, including:

Political Management: Political Science 3160

3 credit hours, meets Tuesday's 2:00-5:00pm

http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/classes/Syllabus_2009_Campaign_%20Managementwebsite.pdf

This class fulfills the Campaign Management Minor core requirement.

Political Forums Series Political Science 3910

2 credit hours, times and dates are flexible

http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/classes/Fall_2009_Syllabus.pdf

A pre-requisite for most internships.

Legislative Intern Prep Political Science 3900

3 credit hours, meets Monday's 12:55-3:55pm

<http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/classes/2009PoliSci3900syllabus.pdf>

A prerequisite to serve an internship with the 2010 Utah State Legislative Session.

Hinckley Journal of Politics: Featured Article

Blind v. Colorblind: The Injustice of State Felon Disenfranchisement Schemes by Lauren Carpenter

Abstract: *State policies which disenfranchise ex-felons, those who have served their complete sentences, have a long history. While "civil death" was a common punishment for convicts in Europe prior to the colonization of North America, ex-felon disenfranchisement statutes were adopted by several states, primarily in the South after the Civil War. There is substantial evidence that these statutes were created to*

exclude racial minorities. These discriminatory effects can still be seen today. Racial minorities in the United States, primarily African Americans, are incarcerated at a much higher rate than their white peers. Once convicted, these persons are often subject to disenfranchisement. Because of the racial disparities in conviction and incarceration, minority communities are often left with a diminished voice in the electoral process. Under the Voting Rights Act, as amended in 1982, any voting qualifications established by a state that result in disproportionate disadvantages for minorities are illegal. As a result, African American voters, who consistently vote for Democratic candidates 90% of the time, suffer from vote dilution due to felon disenfranchisement. Precedent suggests that courts analyzing such state statutes should consider a totality of circumstances, including the historical reasons for enactment and other harms suffered by the community. Because of this, ex-felon disenfranchisement schemes are not only a bad policy, but also are incompatible with equal voting rights as embodied in the 15th Amendment, and therefore invalid under law. http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/publications/journal/2009_Hinckley_Journal.pdf

Internship Opportunities

The Hinckley Institute is currently accepting applications for **fall 2009 international, local, and Utah State Legislative** internships. For more information, click www.hinckley.utah.edu

Hinckley Institute in the News

The Hinckley Institute appeared in over 60 media stories in May and June and is a central source of discussion and commentary surrounding many local, national, and international issues. To read media coverage of Hinckley Forums, interns, and events, as well as articles featuring the insight and commentary of Hinckley Institute Director Kirk Jowers, click <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/events/media/index.html>.

Giving Back to the Hinckley Institute of Politics

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