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Sam Rich Program in International Politics

More details will be released in the coming months about a significant donation, but the Hinckley Institute would like to thank Sam and Ruth Rich for their vision and generous support of The Sam Rich Program in International Politics at the Hinckley Institute.

Professor Emeritus Sam Rich is a longtime friend of the Hinckley Institute and the University of Utah. He joined the UU Political Science Department faculty in 1949 where he served until retiring in 1980. By the mid 1950s he had become internationally recognized for his research and teaching in foreign policy and international security. Rich published in a number of leading American and European journals and was frequently invited to lecture at home and overseas. Rich received his B.A. degree from the University of Utah in 1941 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University.

Governor's Commission on Strengthening Democracy

The Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy met on Thursday, October 1, 2009 in the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. The meeting was well-attended by students, University employees, and members of the public and media.

Governor Gary Herbert addressed the Commission, sharing his perspective on campaign finance reform, voter participation, and other issues. Following the Governor's address, the Commission deliberated on creating an independent commission to deal with elections and lobbying disputes. The Commission also discussed and passed an official recommendation calling for a flat one-year ban on legislators lobbying their former colleagues. The next meeting will be held on November 5th, at the Utah State Capitol and the Commission plans to discuss further reforms to Utah's election, campaign finance and lobbying rules.

All meetings of the Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy are open to the public and the media. We encourage your attendance. Together, we can create a stronger democracy, with greater participation by the people of Utah. For more information on the Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy, or to share your ideas with the Commission, please visit www.strengthendemocracy.org. For related media coverage, click [here](#).

Hinckley Journal Call for Papers

The Hinckley Journal of Politics is accepting submissions for the 2010 Hinckley Journal of Politics. The Journal publishes papers of exceptional caliber, promoting the intellectual talents of University of Utah undergraduate students in the fields of politics, government, international relations, and humanitarian aid. Politicians contributing to the 2010 Journal are Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Utah Congressman Jason Chaffetz and Salt Lake City Council member Luke Garrott. Papers are due by December 18, 2009 and must adhere to specific guidelines found [here](#).

Hinckley Intern Photo Contest Summer 2009 Winners

India Interns Emily Bennett and Katie Calvert were first place winners of the HIP Intern photo contest for summer 2009 for their photo in front of the Taj Mahal. Runners up for the contest were Thailand intern Stanley Lloyd, Jordan intern Brady Nord, and Mexico intern Eduardo Reyes-Chavez.



First Place Winner



Runner-up



Runner-up



Runner-up

Internship Highlight: Mexico City, Mexico

The Hinckley Institute has international internships on six continents across the globe and recently expanded opportunities in Mexico City, Mexico. Internships are with [ProMexico](#), a governmental institution whose goal is to strengthen Mexico's role in the international economy and [Grupo Estrategia Politica](#), Mexico's top lobbying firm.

Summer 2009 Mexico interns Brayan Nava-Solorzano worked for ProMexico and Eduardo Reyes-Chavez with Grupo Estrategia Politica. Both had a great experience and helped build and solidify the Hinckley Institute's reputation of providing outstanding interns across the globe. The internship is available for the spring semester. For more information click [here](#).

November 2009 Hinckley Forums

The Hinckley Institute of Politics will host a wide variety of informative and intriguing Hinckley Forums this month. All forums take place in the Hinckley Caucus Room (Orson Spencer Hall Room 255) unless otherwise noted and are free and open to the public. For more information regarding upcoming Hinckley Forums, click [here](#). Also, check out the [online audio](#), [podcasts](#), [video on demand](#), [pictures](#), and [media coverage](#) of past Hinckley Forums.

**Tues. Nov 3
9:10 a.m.**

Utahns for Ethical Government

Kim Burningham, Chair, Utahns for Ethical Government; former Republican state legislator, **Representative Lorie Fowlke** (R) District 59

Senator Lyle Hillyard (R) District 25, **David Irvine**, attorney for Utahns for Ethical Government; former Republican state legislator

LaVarr Webb, Moderator

**Thurs. Nov 5
10:45 a.m.**

Rich Democracies, Poor People: How Politics Explain Poverty

David Brady, Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Duke University; author and widely-published author of articles on poverty, inequality, and globalization

**Thurs. Nov 5
Noon**

The Fight to Reform College Football's Postseason

Matt Sanderson, co-founder of [Playoff PAC](#)

Hans Olsen, a sports host of "The Manly Morning Show" at Sports Radio 1280 *The Zone*, invited

Brian Johnson, 2009 Sugar Bowl Most Outstanding Player, invited

**Mon. Nov 9
10:30 a.m.**

U.S.-Iran Relations: Should the International Community Engage with Iran and How?

Ambassador R. Nicholas Burns, Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and International Politics, Harvard Kennedy School

Co-sponsor – Middle East Center

**Thurs. Nov 12
12:25 p.m.**

Freedom of Religion – Rights and National Security

Amos N. Guiora, Professor, The S.J. Quinney College of Law, U of U; Research Fellow, International Institute on Counter-Terrorism, The Interdisciplinary Center, Herzeliya, Israel

**Wed. Nov 18
9:10 a.m.**

What's Burning? Immediate National Priorities

Cynthia A. Watson, Chair, Dept of Security Studies, National War College

**Wed. Nov 18
Noon**

Access to Health Care

Dianne Fuller, MS, APRN, FNP-C from the college of Nursing

Jessie Olyer, Director of Health Access Project

TBA, Student Health

Hailey Skinner, Bennion Center Leader

Presented by – The Lowell Bennion Community Service Center

**Mon. Nov 23
10:45 a.m.**

Washington Update

Congressman Jim Matheson (UT-D)

Alumni Spotlight: Lt. Governor Greg Bell

The Hinckley Institute of Politics is pleased to feature Lt. Governor Greg Bell as the Hinckley Institute Alumni Spotlight for October 2009. To visit the Hinckley Institute's Alumni Spotlight webpage, click [here](#).

Hinckley Journal of Politics: Featured Article

The Iowa Debacle by Cody Rogers

Abstract: As the lead-off state in the nominating process, Iowa has come to occupy a very powerful position in American politics and in the nominating process of our presidential candidates. The huge resources, time, energy, and press coverage dedicated to this obscure state every four years deserves a critical analysis as to the necessity of having a single state hold this position year after year. Through this scrutiny, the limitations of having Iowa hold this position will be shown using standards for an effective democratic process. A system based on voter turnout is proposed as a possible solution to the dilemma. To read the Journal click [here](#).

Hinckley Institute in the News

The Hinckley Institute 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 [here](#).

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