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In 2009, the Hinckley Institute of Politics celebrated its 5,000th internship—a milestone representative of the immense growth in local, Washington, D.C., and international internship programs since the Institute’s inception in 1965.

When Robert H. Hinckley founded the Hinckley Institute, he preached “Participation” for all students, with the belief that “our young, best minds must be encouraged to enter politics.” Founding Director J.D. Williams jumpstarted the Hinckley internship program just months after the Institute was launched, when four students were assigned as interns for candidates running for the Salt Lake City Commission. In 1966, the Hinckley Institute sent its first Washington, D.C., intern to work for Utah Senator Wallace F. Bennett, and more than 12 interns worked in the Utah State Legislature. The year 1970 marked a student-motivated program called “Participation ’70” that emphasized student’s political power. During that year, University of Utah students represented one in every nine delegates at the summer Democratic and Republican county conventions. By 1971, there were 24 Hinckley interns working on campaigns, and the number of interns serving in the Utah State Legislature had grown to 65, with other students working in state and local offices. Those numbers grew exponentially every year. In 1976, the total number of interns reached 600, and by 1998, the Hinckley Institute had an intern alumni base of more than 3,000.

Since 2005, the Hinckley Institute has doubled the number of interns providing internships to approximately 300 students each year, not only sending students to work at the state and national levels, but in every populated continent of the world. “It has been amazing to witness Hinckley interns work across the globe, and see how this launches them into successful careers and competitive graduate schools,” said Courtney McBeth, Hinckley intern manager.

The Hinckley Institute’s international internship program was founded in 2006 and has been greatly expanded in recent years through generous donations from the Li Ka Shing Foundation, Jim and Lyn Hinckley, and other supporters. The Institute now sends students to 35 countries worldwide. Internships stretch from Mexico City, Mexico to Melbourne, Australia, to Amman, Jordan, and Chiang Mai, Thailand. This year, the Hinckley Institute is opening internship opportunities in Bonn, Germany, Rwanda and sending students to participate in the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, China.

As international internships have expanded, so have the number of students participating in local and Washington, D.C. internships also has increased, due to additional scholarship opportunities and the requirement that students desiring to serve an international internship must first complete a domestic internship. “In spite of this growth in the last four years, the Hinckley Institute has more than tripled the number of non-political science majors serving internships. Accordingly, the Hinckley Institute now draws elite students from all over the U campus, which in turn produces interns from an increasingly higher caliber” said Kirk Jowers, Director of the Hinckley Institute.
Representative World Leader Visits 2009

Chinese Ambassador
On October 5, 2009, the Hinckley Institute of Politics, Policy Impact Strategic Communications, The Sam Rich Program in International Politics and the Tanner Humanities Center were pleased to host Zhou Wenzhong, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, in a Hinckley forum entitled, “The Future of U.S.-China Relations.”

The year 2009 was significant, as it marked three decades of fruitful diplomatic relations between China and the United States. Ambassador Zhou spoke to a standing-room only audience, discussing the anniversary of U.S.-China Relations. Ambassador Zhou examined the evolution of this important relationship and provided details surrounding how the relationship may develop in the years to come. Ambassador Zhou’s visit to the Hinckley Institute and the University of Utah generated national and global headlines.

Ambassador Zhou said former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. has been productive as U.S. ambassador to China, and he is confident his work will help the relationship between the two nations. The ambassador said Huntsman is a “good friend of mine and I really appreciate his interest and dedication and commitment to U.S.-China relations. With him being ambassador to China, I know we’ll be able to make more progress in our relations,” he said.

Sudanese Ambassador
“Don’t believe everything the media and the Internet tell you about what’s happening in Darfur,” the Sudanese ambassador to the United States, Ambassador John Ukec Lueth Ukec, told students at the Hinckley Caucus Room on March 23, 2009. “Media reports are superficial and the situation is complex,” he told an overflow crowd at the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

Ukec defended his government’s position that the crisis can’t be resolved until Darfurian rebel factions lay down their arms. The ambassador said, “My government doesn’t agree that what’s going on in Darfur is a genocide.” He also argued that it would be a mistake to bring in U.N. peacekeepers.

As ambassador, Ukec represents the Sudanese government, currently run by fundamentalist Muslims in North Sudan. He himself is a Christian from South Sudan, became a soldier defending the South at age 15, and has spent two decades studying and teaching in the United States.

Brazil Ambassador
On April 1, 2009 Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Brazilian ambassador to the United States, spoke at the Hinckley Caucus Room on the topic “Brazil-U.S. Relations: Bilateral, Regional and Global Agendas.”

The ambassador discussed in detail strategic relations between the United States and his country. As Brazil continues to develop as a global economic power, these relations will become even more significant. The ambassador noted that Utah has unique cultural, religious, and business ties to Brazil. In 2008, David Neeleman, founder of JetBlue and Azul airlines, endowed the Brazil program at the University of Utah in honor of his father, Gary Neeleman, the Honorary Consul of Brazil for Utah.

Hinckley Institute continues with G8 Magazine
The Hinckley Institute is pleased to continue its partnership with The Cat Company and the S.J. Quinney College of Law in the editing and production of the G8 Magazine. The G8 Magazine is the official publication of the G8 Summit and features stories on member nations and articles on issues facing the international community such as global warming and ethnic conflicts. Hinckley interns and University of Utah students Taylor Morgan, Ingrid Price, and Andrew Jensen were featured in the 2008 edition. Kirk Jowers and Courtney McBeth continue as editors of the magazine.
2009 Hinckley Fellows

The Hinckley Institute of Politics Fellows program invites distinguished elected officials, academics, commentators, and public servants to spend several days at the Hinckley Institute lecturing in university classes, meeting with select students, faculty, and community leaders, and speaking to the public at a Hinckley Forum.

Thomas Friedman: March 2009

Thomas Friedman, a world-renowned author of #1 bestsellers The World Is Flat and Hot, Flat, and Crowded, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, foreign affairs expert, and New York Times journalist was named a 2009 Hinckley Fellow. On March 10, 2009, with the support of the Sam Rich Program in International Politics, the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the Utah Museum of National History hosted New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman. Mr. Friedman spoke to a sell-out crowd of almost 3,000 people at Abravanel Hall and to a live radio audience. During his visit he was named a Hinckley Fellow, signed hundreds of books, spoke at a lunch that included Utah Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. and at a breakfast with students.

Governor Frank Keating: September 2009

In September 2009, the Hinckley Institute of Politics was pleased to host Former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating as a 2009 Hinckley Fellow. Governor Keating won national acclaim in 1995 for his compassionate and professional handling of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City. In the aftermath of the tragedy, he raised more than $6 million to fund scholarships for the nearly 200 children left with only one or no parents. Governor Keating spoke at a Hinckley Forum and gave the keynote address in the newly renovated Utah State Capitol Rotunda for the sixth-annual Dialogue on Democracy dinner sponsored by The Utah Coalition for Civic Engagement, The Sam Rich Program in International Politics, Character and Service Learning, the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Civic and Character Education, the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, and the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

In the past 40 years at the Hinckley Institute, 56 distinguished politicians, academicians, and professionals have served as Hinckley Fellows. Past Hinckley Fellows include former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Michigan Governor George Romney, New York Times Editor James Reston, National Review Editor William Buckley, Jr., NBC Nightly News Anchor John Chancellor, Prime Minister of Israel Yitzhak Rabin, current Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer, former Member of Congress and Chair of the Iraq Study Group Lee Hamilton, and former National Security Advisor Lt. General Brent Scowcroft.
Hinckley Journal of Politics

The Hinckley Institute continues its leading role as the only institute to publish an undergraduate journal of political science - the Hinckley Journal of Politics. As a student authored and edited journal, the Hinckley Journal Board selects 7 - 10 scholarly papers of exceptional caliber each year. Local political leaders also are invited to contribute articles that address salient state, national, and international issues.

The 2009 edition of the Hinckley Journal of Politics (Vol. 10), edited by Jonny Spendlove and Lauren Carpenter, features articles by US Senators Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett, and Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Christine Durham. Undergraduate articles address issues such as terrorism, veteran death benefits, gun control and Salt Lake County’s district courts. To view the 2009 Hinckley Journal of Politics as well as past editions go to www.hinckley.utah.edu

Campaign Management Minor

The Hinckley Institute of Politics is the only institution in the nation to offer an undergraduate minor in campaign management. Established in 2005, the interdisciplinary minor offers undergraduate students the opportunity to learn the theory and practice that will enable them to become effective leaders of election and advocacy campaigns.

Campaign Management Course

The Hinckley Institute is extremely fortunate to have Utah’s top political consultants, Doug Foxley and Frank Pignanelli, team up to teach University of Utah students the fundamental strategies and technique to campaign management. Foxley and Pignanelli continue the Hinckley Institute’s tradition of having the state’s foremost political experts instruct University of Utah students.

2009 Huntsman Seminar

In 2009 the Hinckley Institute resumed the Huntsman Seminar on Constitutional Government. The Huntsman Seminar seeks to improve the quality of civic education in Utah schools by providing teachers with an intense and interactive week with the state’s leading elected officials, academics, and public servants. Participants learn from experts in local, state, and national government as well as various commentators and professors. For more information about the 2009 Huntsman Seminar, visit www.hinckley.utah.edu
Governor’s Commission on Strengthening Utah’s Democracy

The Governor’s Commission on Strengthening Utah’s Democracy was established in January of 2009 by former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. and subsequently endorsed by his successor, Governor Gary Herbert. The Commission was a response to a worrying trend. Utah has historically boasted robust voter turnout, but Utahns are now less likely to cast a ballot than citizens of 47 other states.

The Commission, led by Hinckley Institute Director Kirk Jowers, was tasked with recommending revisions to Utah’s campaign finance, lobbying, and election laws that would bolster political participation in our great state. The Commissioners were a diverse group of respected community and political leaders from across the political spectrum.

The Commission held 12 meetings, open to the public, between February and December around the state. It recommended landmark reforms including: capping campaign contributions, providing more robust public disclosure of political fundraising and spending, making voter registration “portable,” allowing Utahns to register to vote online or when casting a ballot on Election Day, establishing an independent commission, and guaranteeing the military’s right and opportunity to vote.

Hinckley Institute staff and interns played a vital role in the success of the Commission. Hinckley alumnus Matthew Sanderson served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel and Hinckley Institute Political Programs Manager Taylor Morgan served as Senior Staff on the Commission. Acting Chair Kirk Jowers stated, “Utahns demand and deserve a government that works for the benefit of all and inspires its citizens to serve their community, state, and country. Together we can create a stronger, more vibrant Utah, with greater participation by Utah’s citizens and more transparency and accountability from Utah’s elected officials.”

Sam Rich Leaves his Legacy

In 2005, Sam Rich established and generously funded the Hinckley Institute’s Sam Rich Program in International Politics which brings national and international elected officials and prominent academics to the University of Utah to speak on a broad variety of international topics. Towards the end of 2009, as one of his last wishes, Sam secured the future success of his program and his legacy for generations to come.

The Sam Rich Program has already featured several prominent speakers, including Hinckley Fellows Dr. Dan Jones, Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong, Ambassador Wellie Ntlapo, Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Consul General Hesham Elnakib, Lee Hamilton and Thomas Friedman.

In addition to his establishment of the Sam Rich Program in International Politics, Sam’s example of a public servant in Washington, D.C., Utah and around the world will forever be an example to all of us of the potential impact one individual can make to better their surroundings.
Spring International Interns 2009

Front Row:
Amanda Chamberlain, Ecuador
Maranda Skoubye, Jordan
Aly Sosa, China
Erin Anderson, India
Paige Marquardt, India

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Jayne Nelson, Assistant Director
Ryan Richards, Belgium
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Carlie Burt, Scotland
Rachel Kellersberger, Scotland
Alyson Beall, Scotland
Maxine Marshall, India
Jared Kubly, Thailand
Corey Stilson, Peru
Courtney McBeth, Intern Manager

Third Row:
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Nate Walsh, Brazil
Greg Altom, Brazil
Jeoff Combe, Uganda
Kirk Jowers, Director
Tanner Folster, Peru
Jeremiah Hansen, Belgium
Shawn Strong, Jordan
Adam Bradshaw, Thailand
Not Pictured - Richard Royall, Peru

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Guadalupe Ochoa, Brazil
Chelsea Jones, Thailand
Kate Mecham, Australia
Diana Paredes, Peru
Annie Wiesenberg, Peru

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Rose Jones, Jordan
Brady Nord, Jordan
Eduardo Reyes-Chavez, Mexico
Stanley Lloyd, Thailand
Caleb Braley, Ecuador
Adi Ellassali, China
Katie Calvert, India
Emily Bennett, India
Jose Sgavioli, Brazil
Courtney McBeth, Intern Manager

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Samantha Starr, Australia
Robert Collard, Peru
Delcie Parker, Cambodia
Kirk Jowers, Director
Collin Hafen, Cambodia
Taylor Wetzel, Peru
James Egan, India
John Johansen, Brazil

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Nicholas Musso, Switzerland
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Timothy Marti, Peru
David Holtkamp, Scotland

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Dave Heyborne, India
Artur Zinkevich, Russia
William Thompson, India
Jared Rawlings, Peru
Daynie Skinner, China
Salleh Matthews, Ascend Alliance
Jayne Nelson, Assistant Director

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Stephanie Hansen, Australia
Timothy Marti, Peru

Laurel Morrison, Thailand
Bradley Nicholson, Belgium
Sheldon Wardwell, Rwanda
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Amie Richards, Rep. Jennifer Seelig
Lupe Aguilera, Reps. Wiley, Wheatley and King
Lisa Welch, Rep. James Dunnigan
Camille Buffenmeyer, Rep. Carol Moss
Amy Gale, Political Programs Coordinator

Second Row:
Quinn Kendall, Reps. Watkins, Chavez-Houck and Poulson
Thomas Jarvis, Senators Hinkins and Urryhart
Matt Jacobson, Rep. James Gowans
Shana Mecham, Reps. Fisher and Oda
Emily Bennett, Senators Goodfellow Morgan
Blair Myrick, Rep. Kory Holdaway
Rose Jones, Reps. Stegmiller, Beck and Fisher
Matt Beckstead, Sen. Scott McCoy
Saan Bryan, Rep. Brad Dee
Joseph Mammona, Reps. Bisupsky and Cosgrove
Emily Dunn, Representative Sheryl Allen
Krissy Nielsen, Senators Christensen and Madsen
Dan Jones, Professor, Leg Intern Prep

Third Row:
Jerry Howe, Office of Legislative Research
Travis Pickup, Rep. Stephen Clark
Drew Martinez, Sen. Luz Robles
Mark Nelson, Governor's Office
Rachel Pilts, Rep. Lorie Fowlke
Reid Luzzader, Sen. Gene Davis
Scott Sizemore, Sen. Ross Romero
Simon Runolfson, Reps Daw and Wallis
Jessie France, Sen. Karen Mayne
Lamont Robinson, Rep. Steven Marcus
James Williams, Reps. Wimmer and Lipson
Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute

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Annie Wiesenber, Ascend Alliance
Anne Marie Traore, Catholic Community Services
Katie Kivisto,
Emily Rodriguez-Vargas, Dep. of Community & Culture
Joseph Taggart, Disability Law Center

Second Row:
Daniel Smart, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Josh Irvine, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Collin Hafen, Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office
Caitlin McDonald, U of U Government Relations
Shiho Inomata, International Rescue Committee
Katie Kornakia,
Kim Evans, International Rescue Committee
Jill Poe, Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office
Amy Gale, Political Programs Coordinator

Third Row:
Daniel Houp, Governor’s Office of Economic Development
June Hiatt, CHOICE Humanitarian
Brady Nord, Foxley & Piganelli
Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute
Jascha Clark, ACLU
Keith McKay, Ascend Alliance
Artur Zinkevich, Office of Senator Hatch
James Park, Association of Special Districts
Taylor Morgan, Political Programs Manager
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Jordan Imani, Governor’s Commission on Strengthening Democracy
Christine Hall, Ouelssibougu-Utah Alliance
Haeoun Kim, Saar for Mayor
Nicole Rasmussen, Ascent Alliance
Melissa Aldape, Synergy in Action
Erin Ohrenberger, Planned Parenthood Action Council

Second Row:
Dylan Kaminiske, Salt Lake City Mayors Office
Amber Minagro-Condie, Ascent Alliance
Rachel Pitts, David Andeason, Ouelssibougu-Utah Alliance
John Hagan, Shurtleff for Senate Campaign
Stephen Chatwin, Choice Humanitarian
Tim Marty, Ascent Alliance
Brandon Layton, Office of Lt. Governor
Laura Lingeman, Crossroads Urban Center
Katelyn Keuhl, Lisa Alcott for Salt Lake City Council
Elise Jorgensen, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Devon Spika, Utah Rivers Council
Jordan Rock,

Third Row:
Carlos Trujillo, International Rescue Committee
Alex Iorg, Utah Governor’s Office
Ben Williams, Richard Conkie, Shurtleff for Senate Campaign
Hannah Jones, U.S. District Court
Lauren Hansen, Utah Open Lands
Dane Leary, Ascent Alliance
Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute of Politics
Spencer Horton, Bennett for Senate Campaign
Kyle Cloward, Paul Hewitt, Shurtleff for Senate Campaign
Alex Crum, Utahns Against Hunger
Mark Pittman, Mark Shurtleff for Senate Campaign
Collin Halliday, Salt Lake County Mayor
Jeremiah Hansen, U.S. District Court
Matt Holton, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch

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Caryn Butler, Ouelssibougu-Utah Alliance
Jessica Augustus, Planned Parenthood Action Council
Christine Hall, The Canyon
Erin Kendall, Utah Penfold for City Council

Second Row:
Yandary Zavala, Mark Shurtleff for Senate Campaign
Cody Bradford, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Dara Kanner, Ascent Alliance
Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute
Brad Kendricks, U.S. District Court
Brad Kasteler, Salt Lake County Mayor

Third Row:
Taylor Morgan, Political Programs Manager
Francine Groth, Utah Governor’s Office
Jeffrey Wall, Exoro Group
Chase Everson, Mark Shurtleff for Senate Campaign
Taylor Wetzel, Watkins Global
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Rachel Pitts, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah
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Christyn Costley, RESULTS
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Amy Gale, Internship Coordinator

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Robert Axson, Office of Congressman Rob Bishop
Tyler Ryan, Office of Congressman Jason Chaffetz
Jennifer Lang, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, P.C.
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Adil Elsaffi, The Mitchell Group
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Ben Eggert, Policy Impact
Charles Smart, Office of Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)
Brad Nicholson, Office of Senator Bennett

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Caitlin McDonald, Committee on Foreign Affairs
Claire Gorton, Mitchell Group
Heather Berg, GOPTV
Ashley Peterson, U.S. Conference of Mayors
Courtney McBeth, Internship Coordinator

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Kristen Bushnell, Ambassador of Mali to the US
Morgan Sorensen, GOPTV
Kaitie Williams, Caring Institute
Jennifer Buhler, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Stephanie Hansen, Office of the Surgeon General
Adrienne Jones, U.S. Conference of Mayors
Jacob Lindsay, Medical Care Development
Basim Motiwala, HHS - Office of the Secretary
Brendon Gehrke, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Third Row:
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Zan Favero, US Ambassador to Oman Cook
Nicholas Peterson, Policy Impact
Rob Davis, Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Lauren Bartsch, Caring Institute
Kelly Henrid, Office of Congressman Matheson

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Brandon Patterson, ACLU
Matt Hatch, College Republican National Committee
Steve Glaser, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Peter Robson, Woodrow Wilson International Center
Mark Ericson, Policy Impact Communications
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Chelsea Winegar, Medical Care Development
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Jake Frischknecht, US Trade Office of China Affairs
Carlyle Harris, Mitchell Group
Dave Glauser, Republican National Committee
Daniel Houp, Woodrow Wilson International Center
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Braden Parker, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Jeff Henrid, Office of Senator Robert Bennett
Daniel Leifson, State Department
Matt Thoms, Federal Judiciary Center
Niccolo Barber, Campaign Legal Center
Jonathan Evans, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Capital Encounter 2009

Front Row (L-R)
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Huan Yuan
Autumn Orme
Huling 'Morning' Lin
Melissa Minton
Kevin 'Chance' Clyde
Zhile 'Lok' Chen

Second Row
Samantha Sargent
Joseph Mammon
Bryan Rodgers
Michael Gillis
Representative Jason Chaffetz
Professor Tim Chambless
Hingano Tonga
HINCKLEY INTERNS AROUND THE WORLD

MEXICO
8 students have interned in the Mexico Senate, Korea of Mexico firm, ProMexco, and the American Chamber of Commerce.

SCOTLAND
The Hinckley Institute has sent 20 students to work with Members of Parliament in the Scottish Parliament. The current intern coordinator for the Scottish National Party is former Hinckley intern, Haley St. Dennis.

BELGIUM
11 students have served in Brussels with the European Parliament and US Mission to NATO, working in an environment immersed in relevant European International Politics.

JORDAN
Broadening the internship horizon, the Hinckley Institute has sent 4 students to assist the Ministry of Social Development in Amman, Jordan, dealing with welfare, human rights, and combating domestic abuse.

CHINA
15 students have had the opportunity to serve as Hinckley Interns in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hainan. Working with for-profit, governmental, and non-profit organizations while associating with students from Peking University.

THAILAND
The Hinckley Institute has sent 4 students to work in Bangkok with King Prajadhipok’s Institute, working on the development of democracy to achieve sustainable peace. The institute now sends students to Chiang Mai to work with NGOs and teach English.

PERU
Working closely with Ascend, a Humanitarian Alliance, the Hinckley Institute has sent 41 students to Peru and neighboring states to work as interns, overcoming some of the region's leading challenges including health care, microenterprise, and education.

BRAZIL
Hinckley students have been with Azul Airlines in Brazil since its establishment in 2008. 17 students have experienced the critical relationship between the business sector and government as they have helped Azul become one of the leading domestic airlines in Brazil.

RWANDA
The Hinckley Institute has begun sending students to Rwanda to play a role in documenting and commemorating the 1994 genocide.

ETHIOPIA
Several students have had the opportunity to work with Ascend Alliance in Ethiopia, confronting the challenges of humanitarian work with the developing Ethiopian Government.

INDIA
The Hinckley Institute has sent 33 students to work in impoverished communities in Delhi, working with Matra, an international NGO. Interns have experienced the challenges and joys of humanitarian work.

AUSTRALIA
13 students have traveled down under to work with the Australian Parliament focusing primarily on the process of developing social policy.
Outstanding Interns 2009

Heather Berg - Rob Bishop Internship
Heather recently graduated from the University of Utah in May 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and plans to pursue a law degree. As a student at the University of Utah, Heather was the Chair of College Republicans during the 2008-2009 school year and greatly enjoyed the travel, campaign and leadership experience during the 2008 Presidential election. Immediately following graduation, Heather served as a Hinckley intern with the Republican National Committee—GOP-TV division in the summer of 2009 and had a great experience learning about broadcast media, political strategy, meeting various politicians and making lasting friendships with other RNC interns. Reflecting on her experience, Heather stated, "the Hinckley institute was such an incredible asset to my college experience. The opportunities given to me were so valuable and I feel the worth of my education was amplified immensely through my internship, forums, a scholarship and many others."

Katie Calvert - Ted Wilson Internship
Katie Calvert is an International Studies major with a minor in Chinese. She spent her Summer 2009 semester in Delhi, India interning for a non-profit NGO called "Maitri". This organization focuses on different public health issues along with children's education and women's empowerment. Katie assisted in the process of implementing clinics and health camps to aid those most affected by India's health problems including rickshaw drivers, military personnel, and women and children. She taught and interacted with children from the slums on a daily basis, giving them an opportunity to get off the streets and be in a positive and healthy atmosphere. She also helped educate teens about the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle. This was an amazing cultural experience that allowed her to better understand NGOs and the important role they play in developing nations.

Carlos Trujillo - Pete Suazo Internship
Carlos Trujillo graduated from the University of Utah in August 2009 with a B.S. degree in Political Science. He is from Venezuela; he migrated alone to the United States when he was eighteen years old, leaving his family behind. In a similar way Utah welcomes many refugees through the International Refugee Committee. He felt it was a privilege to intern with them. The work done by this organization is life saving to all the refugees who are introduced to a new world, a new language, and a culture that most of the time is completely different from what they know.

Kaite Williams - Frank Moss Internship
Kaite Williams is happy to be associated with the Caring Institute, located in Washington, D.C. where she interned this past summer. One of Kaite's favorite "jobs" at the Caring Institute was meeting Caring Award nominees such as John Dau and Paula Lucas, and listening to their interviews with Val Halamanardis. The interviews revealed the inner spirit of these exemplary people who have conquered major obstacles in life and kept their focus on others who are facing those same obstacles. It was also a treat for Kaite to attend the annual Caring Awards ceremony held this fall in L.A., where she met and listened to the youth and adult winners tell their inspiring stories. Most of all, Kaite is grateful for the friendship extended to her by the others at the Caring Institute.

Niccolo Barber - Rocco Siciliano Internship
Niccolo Barber graduated from the University of Utah in August 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Prior to his tenure at the U, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Classical Languages from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. In Fall 2009, Niccolo completed a Hinckley Internship in Washington D.C. with the Campaign Legal Center, where he conducted research and drafted reports on federal and municipal campaign finance laws and voter registration modernization legislation.
Outstanding Interns 2009

Francine Groth - Calvin Rampton Internship
Francine will soon graduate with a Bachelors degree in Art History. Her interest in the political realm afforded her an internship with the Governor’s office, which will conclude at the end of Fall semester. During her internship, Francine had the opportunity to photograph the Governor at numerous speaking engagements and events. Her experience served as an exceptional learning environment in the political world, for which she is truly grateful. Concerning her internship, Francine said, “Each student at the University of Utah should take advantage of the incredible opportunities afforded by the Hinckley. I believe a deeper look into the political sphere would help one to become a more contributing member of society, no matter what his/her area of study happens to be.” At the completion of her internship she was offered the opportunity to stay on for the 2010 legislative session, which she accepted.

Basim Motiwala - Wayne Horiuchi Internship
Basim recently graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelors degree in Behavioral Science and Health. This past summer he interned at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. His primary focus was working on the personalized health care initiative. Upon completion of his internship he was offered a position to continue to work for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Basim plans to start law school in the fall of 2010.

Jennifer Buhler - R.J. Snow Internship
Jennifer Buhler is a recent graduate of the University of Utah. She graduated in Elementary Education with an emphasis in English as a Second Language. During summer 2009, Jennifer had the opportunity to intern in Senator Orrin Hatch’s Washington, D.C. office. She had the opportunity to work with Senator Hatch’s press secretary as their press intern. She was able to attend and photograph many press conferences, as well as prepare news and sound clips for local new stations. Jennifer currently is a third grade teacher at an inner-city school in downtown Salt Lake City.

Ben Dailey - Robert F. Bennett Internship
Ben is a recent transfer student to the University of Utah and is pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in International Studies. As an undergraduate, he has been extensively involved with international humanitarian work throughout Africa and Latin America. Ben recently completed an internship with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington, D.C. Ben plans to graduate and begin law school in 2010.

Ellesse Sorbonne - Bae B. Gardner Internship
Ellesse Sorbonne completed her undergraduate degree in English with Honors this spring and has been interning with the Diplomatic Courier. Initially taken on as a blog contributor, Ellesse was promoted to contributing editor and eventually art director. She will be remaining with the publication.
2009 Scholarship Recipients

John & Anne Hinckley Scholarship - Ben Dailey
Ben is a recent transfer student to the University of Utah and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies. As an undergraduate, he has been extensively involved with international humanitarian work throughout Africa and Latin America. Ben recently completed an internship with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington, D.C. Ben plans to graduate and begin law school in 2010.

Dan Jones Future Leaders Scholarship - Joshua Irvine
Joshua Irvine recently graduated from the University of Utah with an Honors degree in Exercise and Sport Science. His unique education equipped him with a fresh perspective on much of the political process. Having been introduced to the Hinckley Institute of Politics late in his educational career, he applied for and was selected as an intern in Senator Orrin Hatch’s Salt Lake City office. While there, Joshua worked on various projects related to immigration. His experiences culminated in a research-based approach to the impact of illegal immigration on Utah’s economy.

Suazo Leadership Foundation Scholarship - Nancy Vu
Nancy is currently in her second year of medical school at the University of Utah and hopes to incorporate global health into her career as a future physician. She completed the Hinckley Institute of Politics International Summer Internship position with Maitri, a non-governmental organization based in New Delhi, India in 2008. During her internship, she evaluated the current health system of India and the use of HIV/AIDS prophylaxis in rural communities. She continued her interest in global health in Kenya where she rotated at Nakuru Provincial General Hospital and learned about other neglected diseases with Medicins Sans Fronteres (Doctors Without Borders) team in Kacheliba, Kenya.

Dan Jones Future Leaders Scholarship - Autumn Orme
Autumn, a graduate from the University's Social & Behavioral Science College, attained her Political Science degree last May. During her time at the University, she interned for the Utah State Senate with Senator Patricia Jones in 2008 and with Lt. Governor Gary Herbert in 2009. "The Hinckley Institute's intern program is an amazing feature of the University of Utah. It helped me gain foundational knowledge that is unattainable in a classroom and provided opportunities that many other institutions could never promise. These internships, along with caring professors, have lead me to where I am today," Autumn received a full tuition remission from the University of Maryland and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy.

Dan Jones Future Leaders Scholarship - Daniel Smart
Daniel Smart is a junior majoring in Honors Finance with a minor in French. He is heavily involved on campus with the School of Business, the Hinckley Institute of Politics, Honors College and the University President’s office as a Presidential Intern. He has had the opportunity to intern with the Utah district court, United States Senator Orrin Hatch in Salt Lake City and the Diplomatic Courier in Washington DC. His career goals include working on Wall Street before returning to school for his MBA.
2009 Scholarship Recipients

Matheson Leadership Scholarship - Yasmeen Hussain
Yasmeen is studying mathematics and biology. She has been, among other things, an employee of the Bureau of Reclamation Water Quality Group, Program Director for the Freshman Service Corps at the Lowell Bennion Center for Community Service, a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and a Research Assistant for the University of Utah Math Department. Yasmeen enjoys being highly involved in campus and community activities, and continues to be inspired by the people who dedicate their lives to service.

Abrelia Clarissa Hinckley Scholarship - Breanne Miller
Breanne is currently seeking a joint degree with a JD and a Masters of Public Administration. She also received bachelor’s degrees in Spanish and Political Science from the University of Utah. She previously served internships with Representative Biskupski and Senate Majority Leader Reid through the Hinckley Institute. Breanne is very active in Democratic politics and currently serves on the board of the Young Democrats of Utah and the Salt Lake County Democratic Party.

Harry S Truman Scholarship - Patrick Reinherr
Patrick Reinherr will graduate in May 2009 with a double major in Political Science and Economics, and a minor in Spanish. He has completed Hinckley internships with the Utah State Legislature and the Campaign Legal Center in D.C., and also served as Student Body President from 2008-2009. Patrick is interested in campaign finance reform, voter involvement, and the study of inequality as it relates to the performance of a democracy. After graduation, Patrick plans to attend law school.

“I am forever grateful to The Hinckley Institute of Politics and its incredible staff. Without them, I would never have been elected Student Body President or been chosen as a Truman Scholar.”

Robert H. Hinckley Scholarship - Joseph S. Taggart
Joseph graduated in Spring 2009 with degrees in Political Science and international studies. He was a Hinckley intern locally at the Disability Law Center where he actively lobbied the Utah State Legislature for the rights of the disabled. He also has been asked to participate in executive boards of two local nonprofit agencies. Joseph is currently pursuing his juris doctorate, a disability studies certificate, and master of public administration degree, all at the University of Utah. He looks forward to continuing his advocacy work for the disabled as he prepares to enter into the legal profession.

Suazo Leadership Foundation Scholarship - Sayra Moran
Sayra is a junior at the University of Utah, hoping to major in Business Administration with an International Emphasis and work overseas after graduation in 2011. She is one of the founding members and the chair of the Advocacy Committee for UNICEF | Red, a Campus Initiative and ASUU group at the University of Utah. She is working closely with legislators and local city leaders to raise awareness of the UNICEF cause in Salt Lake City for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

Matheson Leadership Scholarship - Rochelle McConkie
Rochelle McConkie will graduate in May 2010 with an Honors degree in English and a minor in Spanish. In 2008, she completed a Hinckley Internship in Washington, D.C., with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, where she worked on the oversight and accountability hearings team of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee investigating waste, fraud, and abuse associated with defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Rochelle formerly served as news editor of The Daily Utah Chronicle, and is now co-editor of the Hinckley Journal of Politics. After graduating, Rochelle will pursue a Master’s in Education with a focus on urban schools.
Spring 2009 Hinckley Forums

Brenna Marron - Spring 2009 Forum Host
Brenna recently graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Political Science and Sociology and a minor in Campaign Management. She has completed Hinckley Institute internships with Representative Matheson for Congress, Mayor Ralph Becker’s Communication Department, and the Campaign Legal Center in Washington D.C. Currently, Brenna is serving her last internship with the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, Scotland. Reflecting on her time as a Forum Host, Brenna stated, “This was an incredibly rewarding experience which allowed me to meet many local and national political figures and learn their views on current affairs and politics.”

Cody Rogers - Spring 2009 Forum Host
Cody is a Junior majoring in Political Science with minors in Ethnic Studies and Campaign Management. Prior to being a Forum Host, he interned with Senator Bob Bennett in Washington, D.C and since his internship he has continued to work in Senator Bennett’s Salt Lake office as a staff assistant. He has also been published in the Hinckley Journal for my paper on the Iowa caucuses. As a Forum Host, he has had the opportunity to welcome and introduce ambassadors, elected officials, and experts in many different fields of study. Cody said of the experience, “The Hinckley Institute of Politics is certainly one of the best hands on institutions on campus. My college experience would not be complete without the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the Hinckley Forums.”

January 20 - 2009 Presidential Inauguration
Presidential swearing-in will be followed by a panel discussion: A Peaceful Transition of Power: Barack Obama becomes the 44th President of the U.S.
Live RadioWest with Doug Fabrizio
Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute of Politics

January 20 - Health Care Delivery in Africa
Isaac Nyamongo, Fulbright Lecturer at Colby-Sawyer College, New Hampshire,
Director of the Institute of African Studies University of Nairobi

January 21 - Service, Politics and Disabilities
Linda Smith, Professor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah
Scott McAward, Director of Disability Services, University of Utah
Joseph Taggart, University of Utah student
Stanley Lloyd, Bennion Center Moderator
Presented by – The Bennion Community Service Center

January 22 - 2009 Legislative Preview
Doug Fabrizio, Host of KUER’s RadioWest
Robert Gehlke, government report, Salt Lake Tribune
Lisa Riley Roche, staff writer, Deseret News
Rebecca Walsh, metro columnist, Salt Lake Tribune

January 29 - Hope for the Homeless
Pamela Atkinson, Community Advocate
Matt Minkevitch, Executive Director of The Road Home
Mya Dutton, Executive Director, Community Action Services, Provo
(service provider)
Kema Howell, Former Provo Action Services client
Pam DePaulus (moderator) Executive Director, Department of Community & Culture

February 4 - Is Immigration (Legal, Illegal) a “Civil Right”? Michael Martinez, Attorney

February 4 - Does International Diplomacy Work in the 21st Century?

February 5 - Focus the U on Climate Change Green Economy
Jason Berry, Utah Economic Development Office
Kent Udell, Chair, Mechanical Engineering Department
Luke Garrott, Salt Lake City Council
Kerry Case, Environmental Center Director, Westminster College
Presented by – The University of Utah Office of Sustainability

February 6 - Legal Arguments for & Against Same-Sex Marriage?
Will Carlson, Manager of Public Policy, Equality Utah
Bill Duncan, Director, The Marriage Law Foundation

February 10 - Voting and Elections in Utah
Utah Lt. Governor Gary Herbert

February 12 - A Dialogue Series on Human Rights and Equity: Immigration Issues in Utah
Archae Anthuleta, President, Utah Coalition La Raza Board of Trustees
Pam S. Perlich, Senior Research Economist, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, U of U
Denise Castañeda, University of Utah Senior, MECHA Member
Dr. Edward Mayor (moderator) former Director, Ethnic Studies
University of Utah and author, Minorities in Utah
Co-Sponsors – Salt Lake City Mayors Office of Diversity & Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission

February 18 - Service, Politics and Literacy
Terri Lynn Black, America Read Member
Janice A. Dole, Professor of Education at the University of Utah
Janet Kaufman, Professor of English at University of Utah
Presented by – The Bennion Community Service Center

February 19 - A Dialogue Series on Human Rights and Equity: Common Ground Initiative
Elaine Ball, Co-founder, PRIDE In Your Community
Rev. Tom Goldsmith, First Unitarian Church
Cliff Rosky, Associate Professor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, U of U
Mike Thompson, Executive Director of Equality Utah
Kilo Zamaa MSW (moderator) Executive Director, Inclusion Center
Co-Sponsors – Salt Lake City Mayors Office of Diversity & Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission

February 20 - Presidential Constitutionalism in Perilous Times
A review by the author: Scott M. Matheson, Jr., Professor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah

February 20 - Student Awareness: An Analysis of Budget Cuts in Higher Education
Paul Brinkman, Associate V.P. for Budget and Planning University of Utah
Dave Buhrer, Assistant Commissioner for Public Education, Utah System of Higher Education
Jason Perry, Utah Governor’s Office of Economic Development
Pam Perlich, Sr. Research Economics Bureau of Economics & Business Research, U of U

February 27 - Transparency in Government Initiative
Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake City
Joel Campbell, Associate Professor, Department of Communications, Brigham Young University
Senator Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Senate
Ed Rutan, Salt Lake City Attorney

March 2 - The Next American Century: How the U.S. Can Thrive As Other Powers Rise
Live RadioWest with Doug Fabrizio with the co-author Nina Hachigian, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, Los Angeles
2009 Spring Forums continued

March 5 - U.S. - South Africa Relations
His Excellency Welfie Nhlapo, Ambassador to the U.S. for South Africa

March 9 - ASUU Presidential Debate
Tayler Clough and Rachel Rizzo v.
Pace Johnson and Jeff Smith
Jonny Spendlove (moderator)

March 10 - The Nature of Things 2009
Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author will discuss his latest book, Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America. In conversation with the Utah Museum of Natural History and the Sam Rich Program in International Politics
Hinckley Institute of Politics Fellow

March 11 - Riding the Global Economic Challenges - Hong Kong's Stimulus Plan
Donald Tong, JP, Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs, USA
Co-sponsors - The Confucius Institute, The Asia Center, The David Eccles School of Business

March 13 - Legislative Wrap-Up
Senator Patricia Jones
President Michael Waddoups
Speaker David Clark
Representative David Litvak
Dan Jones (moderator)
Presented by the Representative Rob Bishop Civic Engagement Fund

March 23 - 15th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide: Perspectives from a Survivor and a Prosecutor
Louis Gakuba, Rwandan Genocide Survivor
Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper, War Crimes Prosecutor,
UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1995-98)
Member, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 25 - Service, Politics and the Environment
Jessi Carrier, U of U Student
Jan Colby, Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Sustainability
Jason Groenewold, HEAL Utah
Drew Thompson (moderator) Bennion Community Center
Presented by - The Bennion Community Service Center

March 25 - Genocide in Darfur
Samuel Totten, member of the U.S. Atrocities Documentation Team; co-author, Genocide in Darfur: Investigating Atrocities in the Sudan; Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Arkansas

March 26 - What Health Care Reform Will Look Like: The Perspective Within the Beltway
John Poletman, Research Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Health Policy Division, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Presented by the Representative Rob Bishop Civic Engagement Fund

Fall 2009 Hinckley Forums

September 10 - 60th Anniversary of U.S. - Jordanian Diplomatic Relations
His Excellency Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Jordanian Ambassador to the U.S.

September 10 - Charting the Ethical Path
Governor Frank Keating (OK-R) 1994-2002,
Co-sponsors - The J. Willard Marriott Library’s - September Project,
Sam Rich Program in International Politics
Hinckley Institute of Politics Fellow

September 16 - Service and Politics of Hunger
Lori Kowaleski-Jones, Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies
Shelia Welch-McDonald, Community Action Program
Rebecca Van Mannen, Bennion Center Student, Family and Consumer Studies major
Presented by - The Lowell Bennion Community Service Center

September 17 - From Civility to Integral Politics: A New Political Movement
John Kesler, Attorney; Founder and Director, Salt Lake Center for Engaging Community

September 22 - Same Sex Marriage - Legal Argument Update
Will Carlson, Manager of Public Policy, Equality Utah
Bill Dunson, Director, The Marriage Law Foundation

September 23 - Rising China and it’s Postmodern Fate
Charles Horner, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington D.C.

September 24 - Sarah Palin and Alaska: Past, Present and Future
Clint S. Thomas, Professor, Political Science, University of Alaska Southeast

September 29 - The Fair Boundaries Initiative - Redistricting Reform in Utah
Tania Knauer, Program Director, Fair Boundaries
Merrill Nelson, Attorney, Co-sponsor of the initiative
Randy Miller, Operations Director, Fair Boundaries

October 1 - The Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy
Governor Gary Herbert will address the Commission and the Commission will deliberate and make recommendations regarding Utah's campaign finance, lobbying, and election laws.

October 5 - U.S. and Chinese Relations
The Honorable Zhuo Wenchong, Chinese Ambassador to the United States
Co-sponsor - The Tanner Humanities Center

October 6 - Careers in the CIA
Matt Berrett, CIA's Director of the Office of Middle East and North Africa Analysis
2009 Spring Forums Continued

Stanley Lloyd - Fall 2009 Forum Host
Stanley Langford Lloyd is a Political Science and Speech Communications double major pursuing Honors degrees and a minor in Campaign Management. During the Summer of 2008, Stanley interned with U.S. Congressman Jim Matheson. While there, Stanley conducted research, drafted letters, and attended hearings dealing with Alternative Energy, Veterans Affairs, and Health Issues. He plans to complete his Undergraduate Degrees in the spring of 2010.

Cameron Beech - Fall 2009 Forum Host
Cameron Beech is a senior in political science and sociology. He has completed two internships through the Hinckley Institute of Politics in Washington, D.C. for U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch’s Judiciary Committee staff and in Brussels, Belgium at the U.S. Mission to NATO. He was a 2009 Truman Scholarship Finalist, writing his proposal on strategies to eradicate domestic sex and human trafficking. He is the president of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and has been highly involved in the University of Utah student government throughout his college career. Cameron maintains a 3.95 cumulative GPA and intends to enter law school in Fall 2010.

October 7 - ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ Turns 15: LGBT in the Military Today
Ken Verdoia, Senior Producer for Public Affairs with KUED-TV
Dan Choi, LGBT activist and Iraq veteran
Valerie Larabee, Executive Director, Utah Pride Center
Sarah Hjalmarsen, Army Medic on “inactive” status, student majoring in Health Promotion and Education
Cliff Rosky, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Utah’s S.J. Quinney College of Law
Jeff Keyes, Writer, actor, activist and philanthropist, and Iraq War veteran

October 9 - Making a Difference through Service and Humanitarian Outreach: Working with Leper Outcasts in India
Becky Douglas, Founder of Rising Star Outreach
Padmini Venkataraman, 2009 International Humanitarian of the Year, founding member, Women’s India Association; President, UN Women’s Guild
Co-sponsor – The Lowell Community Service Center

October 20 - Finding Your Political Voice, Your Purpose Your Passion
Patricia (Patti) Russo, First Vice President, The Women’s Campaign School, Yale University

October 21 - Should Incentives Be Used to Increase the Human Organ Supply
Leslie Francis, Distinguished Professor of Law and Philosophy
Alfred C. Emsy Professor of Law
Sally Satei, M.D. author, When Altruism Isn’t Enough: The Case for Compensating Kidney Donors

October 21 - Global Citizenship
Adrian Wride, Student Leader, Bennion Center
Judy Zone, Executive Director, YouthLINC
Howard Lehman, Professor, Political Science Department
Presented by – The Lowell Community Service Center

October 21 - 1989: The Year that Changed Europe and the World
The Honorable Balázs Bokor, Consul General of the Republic of Hungary in Los Angeles

October 29 - Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow
Nathan Rafferty, President, Ski Utah
Curtis Woodward, Salt Lake County Planning and Development Services
Jon Nepstad, Feir & Poers; consult, transportation studies
Carl Fisher, Executive Director, Save Our Canyons
Florence Reynolds, Salt Lake City Water Quality Administrator
Alan Matheson (moderator) Executive Director, Emision Utah

October 30 - Candidate Debate – Salt Lake City Council Dist. 3
Phil Carroll v. Stan Penfold

October 30 - Policing America
Presented by the Representative Rob Bishop Civic EngagementFund

November 3 - 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

November 5 - 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

November 9 - US-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

November 12 - 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, Herzliya, Israel

November 18 - What’s Burning? Immediate National Priorities
Cynthia A. Watson, Chairman, Department of Security Studies, National War College

November 18 - Access to Health Care
Dianne Fuller, MS, APRN, FNP-C from the college of Nursing
Jessie Olyer, Director of Health Access Project
Hailey Skinner, Bennion Center Leader
Presented by – The Lowell Bennion Community Service Center

November 23 - Washington Update
Congressman Jim Matheson (UT-D)

November 30 - Rep. Jason Chaffetz: “Mr. President, My Recommendations on Afghanistan”
Congressman Jason Chaffetz (UT-R)

November 30 – Utah’s Budget Crisis: Impact on the University of Utah and the State
Kim Wirthlin, Vice President, Government Relations, U of U

December 2 - Truman and Hinckley Scholarships
Patrick Reinherz, Truman Scholarship recipient 2009; ASUU President 2008-09
Ben Dailey, Hinckley Scholar

December 3 - Health Exchange Forum
Lt. Governor Gregory Bell
Rep. David Libbrack, Minority Leader, Utah House of Representatives
Scott Barlow, CEO, Central Utah Clinic
Elizabeth Garbe, Director of Health and Public Policy, United Way of Salt Lake
David Jackson, Managing Partner, FirstWest Benefit Solutions/Utah Defined Contribution Risk Adjuster Board Vice-Chair
Jeff Robinson (moderator) News Director/Host, Morning Edition, KCPW
Hinckley Interns on the Move:

In troubled economic times, Hinckley internships have proven to be the key to what all college graduates need, but struggle to find—a job. The Hinckley Institute of Politics aims to “teach students respect for practical politics and the principle of citizen involvement in government,” which does not end when a student completes an internship. The following former Hinckley interns have gained exceptional opportunities for employment after their internship experiences:

Becky Webster: Center for American Progress
Washington, D.C.

Becky Webster has spent the last two years working for the progressive Washington, D.C. think tank Center for American Progress, where she completed a Hinckley internship during the summer of 2007 after graduating from the University of Utah. Becky has completed three Hinckley internships, also working for the Utah State Legislature and for Maitri, an Indian NGO which educates women and children about HIV/AIDS, women’s economic empowerment, and human trafficking. “This was one of the most profound, eye-opening experiences I have ever had, to be a part of an entirely different culture and experience the joys and hardships of peoples living in non-Western societies,” she said. “Working there shed new light on my views of both domestic and international governance, and it gave me a taste of the deep complexity each of these entail.”

After returning from India, Becky returned to the nation’s capital to work for the Center for American Progress. CAP, which was co-founded and headed by John Podesta, who was President Clinton’s Chief of Staff at the White House, and more recently the leader of President Obama’s transition team, has established itself in only six years as one of the most influential think tanks in Washington, and as a veritable powerhouse for progressive politics nationwide. Becky was originally hired as Special Assistant, but now works as a project and resource manager for development, mainly supporting the department’s corporate, foundation, and major gifts fundraising efforts.

Becky said she owes much of her success to the Hinckley Institute. “In line with Robert H. Hinckley’s founding vision to teach students respect for practical politics and the principle of citizen involvement in government,” the HIP has achieved this in numerous ways, by supporting internships at various levels of government, and even sending students abroad, which in turn sheds a new light on what it means to be a citizen of the United States and the responsibilities it entails,” she said. “Without the ongoing support of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, I do not know that I would be so fortunate to have achieved what I have thus far, a fact for which I am very grateful.”

Gregory Altom: Azul Airlines
São Paulo, Brazil

After his three-month Hinckley internship, Greg Altom “took flight” and got a full-time position with Azul Brazilian Airlines in São Paulo, Brazil. Azul started operations with departing flights only three weeks before Greg arrived for his internship, and he was assigned to the marketing department to work with promotions, events, and what is commonly known in Brazil as “guerrilla warfare marketing.” Because Greg had finished the requirements needed to graduate from the University of Utah, he was eager to get a job after his internship. “I knew the experience would enable me to better pursue my future endeavors,” Greg said. “Azul Airlines provided me with an excellent opportunity to work alongside business professionals like David Neeliman, who already successfully founded Jet Blue Airlines.”

During his internship, Greg traveled between cities in every corner of Brazil to promote the airline and lay the groundwork for marketing operations in each new city. Some of the most effective marketing tactics were selling raffles in dance clubs, malls, universities, and restaurants, distributing flyers throughout each city, recruiting promoters and beginning business partnerships. When his internship was drawing to a close, Greg said he gathered the courage to sit down with the president, Pedro Janot, and the Human Resources director of the company and expressed his desire to continue working for Azul indefinitely. “I explained my commitment, dedication, and loyalty to the company that I watched evolve to a successful organization,” he said. “Surprised by my confession, Azul offered me a job as a marketing analyst/coordinator.” In his current position, he runs the events, promotions, guerrilla projects, and creates Azul presidency presentations and seminars.

Greg credits the Hinckley Institute of Politics for facilitating the great opportunities he is having in Brazil, and he is excited to spend the next two years working for Azul. “I am honestly grateful for the opportunity and experiences the Hinckley Institute of Politics has provided to live abroad and work for such an incredible company in a quickly progressing country,” he said. “The creation of Azul is a significant part in Brazilian history and I was fortunate to be a part of that experience.”
Hinckley Interns on the Move:

Marko Mijic: Health and Human Services
Washington, D.C.

Marko Mijic has come full circle since his Hinckley internship at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2008, and has now returned to the department as an employee. Marko graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in political science and health in 2009, and is completing graduate work at American University in Washington, D.C., where he is pursuing a Masters in Public Policy with an emphasis in Health and Social Policy. After graduating, Marko was an intern for the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Pew Center on the States, where he worked on the Children’s Dental Campaign and co-authored a journal article on dental access issues for low-income children, lobbied for children’s dental provisions within health care reform, and worked on state campaigns to ensure that more children receive dental care and benefit from policies to prevent tooth decay.

Marko began working at HHS in November 2009, under the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. The ASPE is the chief advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy development, and is responsible for developing legislation, coordinating policy, strategic planning, policy research, evaluation, and economic analysis. “This opportunity will allow me to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the federal health care efforts and will grant me the ability to be part of this historic health care reform movement,” Marko said. “I am overwhelmed with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn from experts who shape and mold American health care policy.”

Kate Mecham: Victorian State National Party
Melbourne, Australia

The last place Kate Mecham thought she would be only a few months after graduating from college was working for the Australian State Parliament, but Kate said the decision to move to Melbourne was “undoubtedly the best thing I have ever done for myself.” Kate landed this position after completing a Hinckley internship for the Victorian State National Party during the summer of 2009, where she worked for MP Peter Ryan, the state Leader of the Nationals. The National Party is currently a minority in a multi-party system and represents small-business owners, farmers, and the rural community. During her internship, she learned the inner workings of a parliamentary system, new campaign and election strategies, and became well-versed in issues affecting local communities around the state. “After three months of hard work and overcoming a considerable learning curve in regards to the political system and interpreting the Aussie lingo, I was offered a job to stay on with the National Party and help with research and policy development for their upcoming election,” Kate said. “After getting over the initial shock of the opportunity that lay ahead, my answer was obvious, no question—I will stay!”

Since becoming a full time researcher, the job has been particularly rewarding. Although Kate said that the daily work can involve many “aggravating” hours searching budget documents and crunching numbers, she has seen her work refined into election policy platforms that will carry the party to the upcoming election. She has also developed knowledge about environmental issues such as renewable energy production and water and land management, which has given her a unique insight into what one of the “hottest, driest countries in the world” is doing to battle drought, bushfires, and electricity shortages. “Upon returning to the US, I have no doubt my experience here and the knowledge I have gained will be useful,” she said.

Haley St. Dennis: Scottish National Parliament
Edinburgh, Scotland

After completing a Hinckley internship with the Scottish Parliament in 2007, Haley St. Dennis was given a full-time position with two Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) from the Scottish National Party (SNP) who represent the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, where she works today. Haley took on the internship immediately after graduating from the University of Utah with a business degree. She interned in the Press and Research office of the SNP, the party currently governing in Scotland, researching issues up for debate each week and providing briefs to SNP Members of the Scottish Parliament to help them prepare. Now, in addition to assisting these two MSPs in Parliament, Haley also manages the international internship program for the SNP. She is also preparing for a referendum on Scottish independence from the UK to be held in November 2014, which the SNP is bringing forward. “I love my job and never imagined I could end up working in a place like the Scottish Parliament,” Haley said. “The work I do is hugely varied and rewarding, and I take great pride in being part of the team behind the scenes, working toward an independent Scotland.”
Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff

Kirk L. Jowers - Director

Kirk L. Jowers is the Director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, an Associate Director of the Institute of Public and International Affairs, an Associate Professor at the University of Utah, and the 2007 recipient of the University of Utah’s Par Excellence Award. He also is a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm Caplin & Drysdale, Vice and Acting Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Strengthening Utah’s Democracy, and a Member of the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission. Mr. Jowers has provided legal and political advice to state and national political parties, more than 30 congressional and gubernatorial candidates, Fortune 500 corporations, non-profit organizations, and three presidential campaigns. Described by the Salt Lake Tribune as the “most quoted man in Utah,” he is a frequent media commentator and lecturer on politics, campaign finance laws, government ethics, and the First Amendment and is the author of several publications. He is a graduate of the University of Utah and Harvard Law School. He is married to Kristin Jowers and has five children.

Jayne H. Nelson - Assistant Director

Jayne is the Assistant Director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics where she manages the Hinckley Institute office, the Hinckley Forums program – planning more than 70 Hinckley Forums each year, the Huntsman Seminar, and the finances of the Institute. She has worked at the Hinckley Institute since 1986. She is married to Jerry Nelson and has three children and eight grandchildren.

Courtney H. McBeth – Intern Manager

Courtney has been the Intern Manager of the Hinckley Institute of Politics since 2003 where she manages the international and Washington, D.C. intern programs. Ms. McBeth is also a Clinical Instructor in the Political Science Department and oversees the academics of the Institute. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science and M.S. in Education from the University of Utah and interned for University of Utah President Bernice MacChesney. Ms. McBeth also was a member and captain of the University of Utah Women’s Soccer Team. She is married to Mitch McBeth and has two sons, Sammy and Max.

Amy Code – Political Programs Coordinator

Amy Code is the Political Programs Coordinator for the Hinckley Institute of Politics. She graduated from the University of Utah, majoring in Political Science. While a student at the University of Utah she interned with the Utah State Legislature. Some of her major responsibilities at the Hinckley Institute include management of the legislative and local internship programs and administration of the campaign management minor.

Taylor D. Morgan - Political Programs Coordinator

Taylor recently joined the Hinckley Institute of Politics as Political Programs Coordinator. Before joining the Hinckley Institute, Taylor served as a majority staff member with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington, DC. Taylor graduated from the University of Utah with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Political Science and International Studies. While a student at the University of Utah, he served as Director of Government Relations for the Associated Students of the University of Utah, Director of Student Advocacy for the Utah Student Association, and as a Hinckley intern with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington, DC. Taylor is currently pursuing a Master of International Affairs and Global Enterprise Degree at the University of Utah.
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Ben Dailey - Communications Director

Ben is a recent transfer student to the University of Utah and is pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in International Studies. As an undergraduate, he has been extensively involved with international humanitarian work throughout Africa and Latin America. Ben recently completed a Washington, D.C. internship with the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight. Ben plans to graduate and begin law school in 2010.

Rochelle McConkie - Office Assistant

Rochelle McConkie will graduate in May 2010 with an Honors degree in English and a minor in Spanish. In 2008, she completed a Hinckley Internship in Washington, D.C., with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, where she worked on the oversight and accountability hearings team of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee investigating waste, fraud, and abuse associated with defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Rochelle formerly served as news editor of The Daily Utah Chronicle, and is now co-editor of the Hinckley Journal of Politics. After graduating, Rochelle will pursue a Master’s in Education with a focus on urban schools.

Emily Dunn - Office Assistant

Emily Dunn is a Sophomore pursuing a Political Science degree. During the 2009 Legislative Session she interned for Representative Sheryl Allen and loved that experience. In order to gain a national perspective, Emily is planning to intern in Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2010. Her current involvement at the University of Utah includes ASUU Student Government, Chi Omega sorority, Student Alumni Board, and the Hinckley Journal of Politics Board. She has a true passion for politics, law and journalism which has only increased since working at the Hinckley Institute.

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