I have the greatest job on earth. There is nothing that makes me more hopeful for the future than to see hundreds of students fill our caucus room and the surrounding halls of Orson Spencer Hall to watch a presidential debate.

There is nothing that strengthens my outlook for our country’s leadership more than to send off a new batch of interns to Washington, DC, ready to discover the magic of working on Capitol Hill and begin their lives of public service.

There is nothing that encourages me more about tomorrow than to see students spending all of their waking hours (and well into the night) civically engaged, whether by registering others to vote, walking neighborhoods for political campaigns, or asking stimulating questions during a Hinckley Forum.

These are the kinds of things I experience on a daily basis when I walk through the door of the Hinckley Institute each morning. I’m sure you would agree: I have the greatest job on earth.

2012 has been a phenomenal year for the Hinckley Institute, and I express my deepest gratitude to my staff for their incredible energy and ingenuity, as well as to our resident scholars, community partners, intern host offices, donors, and, of course, our outstanding students. Together, we continually take the Hinckley Institute to higher heights and live out our founder Robert H. Hinckley’s dream to “teach students respect for practical politics and the principle of citizen involvement in government.”

To illustrate, when I became director of the Hinckley Institute seven years ago, I never imagined that we would hold more than 50 forums a year—now we hold more than 100 world-class events across the fall and spring semesters, bringing in the top political thinkers, ambassadors and global leaders, in addition to inspiring members of our community to engage with students and provide the best learning opportunities possible.

This year we have expanded our academic programs to offer more classes, more internships, and more scholarships than ever before. More remarkably, our interns and students have never been brighter—they exceed my expectations every day.

The Hinckley Institute has a larger community presence than ever before, and you will often find us presenting to local schools about the importance of youth voting and joining with civic groups to encourage political participation among women and other demographics. This presence extends beyond the Salt Lake Valley to the furthest reaches on the globe through our growing international internship program and expanding media coverage.

So, come be a part of the Hinckley Institute. Help us continue to grow, and I promise that you will become as optimistic about the future as I am every day.

Kirk Jowers,
Hinckley Institute of Politics Director
On September 12, 2012, the Hinckley Institute of Politics honored Norman J. Ornstein and Thomas E. Mann as Hinckley Fellows. Ornstein and Mann, who recently released the acclaimed book It’s Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism, which assesses the bitter partisanship currently causing gridlock in the American government. The authors addressed the University of Utah as part of the 2012 September Project co-sponsored by the Hinckley Institute and the J. Willard Marriott Library.

Norman J. Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, is a prominent commentator on Congress and politics. A proponent of election reform, he co-directed the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project from 2005-2011 with Thomas Mann and led a group of scholars and practitioners that worked to shape the McCain-Feingold law reforming the campaign finance system. He still directs the Campaign Finance Reform Working Group, which he founded in 1996.

Ornstein pens the weekly column “Congress Inside Out” for the Roll Call, is an election eve analyst for CBS News, and participates in AEI’s Election Watch series. He has written several notable books, including The Broken Branch: How Congress is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track (2006) with Thomas Mann, which The Economist hailed as “a classic” and The Washington Post named as one of the best books of the year.

Ornstein became Comedy Central’s first “pollster” and was included in Foreign Policy’s “Top 100 Global Thinkers.” He is known for his quick wit outstanding commentary on key policies in the realms of energy, the economy, and global policy.

In 2004, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences elected Ornstein as a fellow. He received his PhD and MA in political science from the University of Michigan and his B.A. at the University of Minnesota.

Thomas Mann is the W. Averell Harriman Chair and senior fellow in Governance Studies at The Brookings Institution. He previously served as Director of Governmental Studies at Brookings and Executive Director of the American Political Science Association.

In addition to lecturing on public policy and contributing regularly to news organizations on issues of governance and politics, Mann has conducted polls for congressional candidates, consulted PBS and IBM, and served as chair for the Board of Overseers of the National Election Studies. Mann has received the American Political Science Association’s Frank J. Goodnow and Charles E. Merriam Awards.

Like Ornstein, Mann is committed to election reform, and he served as an expert witness in the constitutional defense of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law. He has written a number of successful books on this topic, including Inside the Campaign Finance Battle: Court Testimony on the New Reforms and The New Campaign Finance Sourcebook, with partnering authors Anthony Corrado, Trevor Potter, and Daniel R. Ortiz.

Mann has served on the distinguished faculties of Princeton University, Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown University, the University of Virginia, and American University. He earned his PhD and MA at the University of Michigan and his BA in political science at the University of Florida.
The Hinckley Institute is honored to announce its new Resident Scholar, former Ambassador John Price. Price served as Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Seychelles, and Union of Comoros from 2002-2005. He is a proven business leader and was on the forefront of economic growth in the western U.S. His service in civic and educational development has been far reaching. He is currently teaching an exclusive think tank on foreign policy for the Hinckley Institute. Mr. Price graduated from the University of Utah in 1956. He and his wife, Marcia, have three children and eight grandchildren.

The Hinckley Institute has secured a coveted internship with the Colbert Report in New York City. Former Hinckley Institute student staffer, Whitney Benns, was our first intern to be placed at the studio. Her daily tasks ranged from gathering political research to escorting celebrities to dashed to grab spontaneous props minutes before the show went live. Benns received rave reviews from Colbert’s staff and has helped set a precedent for future Hinckley interns. Kourtney Coomans is interning with Colbert in the spring of 2013. Students interested in applying for the paid Colbert internship can contact the HIP at 801-581-8501.
THE HINCKLEY INSTITUTE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE 4 PUBLICATIONS IT CONTRIBUTED TO IN 2012

1. THE AYATOLLAH’S NUCLEAR GAMBLE

The Hinckley Institute of Politics and Omid for Iran are pleased to share with you a new policy paper written by Khosrow B. Semnani, The Ayatollah’s Nuclear Gamble: The Human Cost of Military Strikes Against Iran’s Nuclear Facilities, which argues that the humanitarian rights of innocent civilians should forestall any military strike against Iran by Israel and/or the U.S.

As Western negotiators struggle to find a diplomatic solution to the Iranian nuclear challenge amid heightened unrest in the Middle East, the threat of Israeli military strikes against Iranian nuclear facilities cannot be discounted. Much talk has been devoted to the likelihood and efficacy of such strikes while overlooking the massive human casualties and nuclear fallout that would inevitably follow. The Ayatollah’s Nuclear Gamble neither apologizes for the Iranian regime nor does it ignore decades of carelessness by its government.

Instead, Mr. Semnani, an expert with decades of experience in the management of nuclear waste and hazardous materials, demonstrates how the vast toxic plumes released by an attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities and reactors would endanger the innocent—primarily in major Iranian population centers and throughout the entire Persian Gulf region.


To read the executive summary, download the full publication, and/or read articles from other media outlets regarding the report please visit nucleargamble.org. To contact Mr. Semnani and/or request a hard copy, please email: medias@omidforiran.org.

2. HINCKLEY JOURNAL OF POLITICS

2012 marks the first year that the Hinckley Journal of Politics was entirely self designed and self published. Volume 13 features student articles by Devin Kenney, Amelia Marstaller, Jonath Cunningham, Jordan Fischer, Timothy Marti, and Benjamin Borg. Kenney was awarded the Philo S. Bennett Paper Prize for his essay, “Monumental Failure: The Navajo Tribe and Radiotoxic Wastes.”

Hinckley Fellow Martin Tolchin and his wife Susan Tolchin contributed a paper on the future of journalism. Former Congresswoman Karen Shepherd in addition to Congressman Rob Bishop, and State Representatives Jennifer Seelig and Rebecca Chavez-Houck also contributed excellent pieces on female political participation in Utah, federal land policies and states’ rights, and the progress made after the Governor’s Commission on Strengthening Democracy, respectively.

Student Editors Ashley Edgette and Jake Garfield lead an outstanding student editorial board.

3. G20-B20 SUMMIT MAGAZINE

The Hinckley Institute was pleased to contribute to the official G20 Business magazine, which was published in June for the G20 Summit in Los Cabos, Mexico. Hinckley interns Ashley Edgette, Tiatiana Yu, Alexander Abbrem, Sarah Day, Greg Peters, and Robert Higgins wrote articles that were featured in the magazine, which was distributed to all leaders and delegates attending the G20 Summit and boasts a broad global online readership. The magazine was published in partnership with the Diplomatic Courier and the CAT Company.

4. G8 BUSINESS MAGAZINE

The Hinckley Institute was proud to be a partner with the Diplomatic Courier and the CAT Company in publishing the 2012 G8 Business magazine for the Summit in Camp David held in May. Kirk Jowers, Courtney McBeth, and Rochelle Parker were the executive editors of the magazine. The following Hinckley interns contributed articles: Robert Higgins, Ashley Edgette, Elisabeth Jessop, and Jared Bowley.

The Hinckley Institute of Politics hosted the 13th annual Huntsman Seminar for Teachers from June 18-22, 2012. This five-day summer seminar for civics teachers is sponsored by the Jon and Karen Huntsman Foundation. The primary focus of the seminar is to improve the quality of civic education in Utah schools. Participants gained valuable knowledge and insight into current events in American politics by learning from and interacting with political experts, judges, university faculty, as well as elected officials.

Highlight speakers included the Honourable Jill N. Parrish, Mayor Ralph Becker, Senator Bob Bennett, Speaker Becky Lockhart, Senator Pat Jones, and Congressman Jim Matheson among others.

The Hinckley Institute participated in the annual Partners in the Park, a five-week summer program designed to bring University students, faculty, and west-side residents together in local neighborhood parks. The HIP also assisted with Project Youth, which inspires sixth graders from local Title I schools to attend college.
The Hinckley Institute held a remarkable 114 forums during the 2012 school year. This tremendous achievement would not be possible without our unparalleled forum coordinator, and Associate Director, Jayne Nelson. On top of handling all the Hinckley Institute’s finances, she personally organized, scheduled, and recorded this year’s 47 spring forums and 67 fall forums. It’s a task that would be a challenge for five staffers and we are deeply grateful for her tireless work to arrange these events.

It is striking to consider that the Hinckley Institute hosted a mere 34 forums in all of 2004. This year, we held 41 more forums than the 33 held in 2011. What’s more, the vast majority of the forums were standing-room only and multiple overflowed into our office. Our panelists and guest lecturers included esteemed local, national, and foreign dignitaries as well as a variety of policy experts. Hinckley forums are open to the public and recorded podcasts are available on KUER’s website.

The HIP benefited from five superb forum hosts during the 2012 school year and wishes to thank Mike Lehr, Sara Seastrand, Jared Rowley, Rebecca Rasmussen and Joseph Brinton (left to right).
REAL WOMEN RUN INITIATIVE

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At the national level, women won seats in the U.S. Congress in record numbers in the 2012 elections, giving them the strongest representation they have ever held in the U.S. House and Senate. But there is still much work to do in Utah, which ranks 44th in the nation based on our proportion of female members in the state legislature. No women represent Utah in the U.S. Congress or hold statewide elected office. Despite this gross imbalance, statistics show that women running for office win elections at the same rate as men, but nationwide, fewer women choose to take the initial step to put their name on the ballot.

Real Women Run is a collaborative nonpartisan effort that began in 2011 to empower women to participate fully in public life and leadership. The Hinckley Institute, led by Local and DC Program Manager Lindsay Zizumbo, has been a central part of the initiative’s success. The coalition also includes the YWCA, SLCC, Vision 2020, AAUW, League of Women Voters of Utah, current and former elected female officials and representatives from political parties in Utah, and other organizations that support women.

RWR held two free, nonpartisan events during 2012 that received remarkable turnout. The Real Women Run training in women’s public leadership took place on Saturday, January 14, at the Miller Campus of Salt Lake Community College. The event featured female politicians, public appointees, media experts, and campaign managers. Topics included how women make a difference in politics; public boards and commissions; campaign management and strategy; budget, finance, and fundraising; and media, message, image, and presentation.

The Hinckley Institute hosted the second event on May 18 to train female candidates and female campaign staff. To register for future events, please visit www.realwomenrun.org.

Panel of female politicians at RWR training.

Prospective female candidate listens to suggestions during March training.

AN IMPRESSIVE 60 CAMPAIGN INTERNS IN FALL SEMESTER

AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF INTERNS VOLUNTEERED WITH CANDIDATES

Throughout 2012, the Hinckley Institute continued to experience the growth of its state and local internship programs. More than 60 interns worked on campaigns here in Utah, an increase of over 40 students from the previous year. Especially in an election year, interns play integral roles in local and state races, working as campaign managers, scheduling coordinators, and volunteer supervisors. This year, interns worked with gubernatorial, legislative, congressional, county, and municipal candidates. In addition, many interns worked for the presidential campaign efforts here in Utah.

Campaign internships foster an enthusiasm for local politics and help students gain experience in the political process.

The state with the nation’s youngest population should also be leading the way in youth voting, but unfortunately Utah’s overall voting rates—including among Utahns between the ages of 18 and 29—are desperately lagging. In an effort to boost youth voting in the state of Utah, the Hinckley Institute of Politics is reaching out to local high school students to engage them critically and empower the next generation of voters to be regular participants in the political process. This project is in partnership with Harvard’s Institute of Politics’ National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement.

In 2012, the Hinckley presented to high school auditoriums across Northern Utah, and to Boys and Girls State, reaching an estimated 1,150 high school juniors and seniors. Both Boys and Girls State participants were highly enthused by the Hinckley Institute’s work. Boys State even highlighted the presentation as their favorite of the week.

The program encompasses an interactive mock election with real-time polling. By using interactive clickers, students are able to cast their votes on current political issues. In addition, the program breaks down both the Utah caucus-convention system and Utah’s grim voter statistics in order to demonstrate the importance of the youth vote. Our ultimate goal is to encourage high school students to become involved, while at the same time keeping them engaged and entertained.

Not only does the Hinckley Institute work to increase the youth vote in Utah, we help our students connect on this issue with their peers across the country. In spring 2012, two Hinckley students and one staff member were invited to participate in the Harvard National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement. Students Kendahl Melvin and Nelson Ware, along with Communications and Academic Coordinator Ellesse Balli, ventured to Harvard for the annual conference, and worked to collaborate with other like-minded students to create new initiatives and methods for engaging students in politics.

The Real Women Run initiative was introduced at the Harvard National Conference on Politics and Policy. Students presented the initiative at Harvard. 
THE HINCKLEY INSTITUTE CONDUCTS ITS LARGEST STUDENT POLL, RESULTS PRESENT

In conjunction with the 2012 presidential election, the Hinckley Institute conducted its third straw poll on campus. The poll attempted to provide student leaders and the media a snapshot look at the political leanings of the U’s student population, and it served as an exciting way to engage students in the fall election cycle.

Balloting began Monday, September 17, and closed at noon on Thursday, September 20, with the results delivered to the media the following Friday. Students were able to access an online ballot through the Hinckley website or vote at a number of polling locations across campus, run by past and present Hinckley interns. The straw poll aimed to gauge not only political preferences, but also the number of students registered and planning to vote.

Overall, the poll found an encouraging 75% of the 1,510 participating students were registered to vote, and more than 82% intended to cast a ballot on Election Day. According to Dr. Dan Jones, the U’s students “have never been wrong” when it comes to predicting an election, and the 2012 straw poll was no different.

Over 52% of U students supported incumbent President Obama, while 37.84% voted for challenger Mitt Romney. They chose Governor Herbert to win at 40.10%, and Jim Matheson to win the House seat in the 4th Congressional district at 51.67%. Even the Salt Lake County Mayoral race was predicted by the Utes, as McAdams won over Crockett at 40.93% to 22.10%. Perhaps the most encouraging statistic was the enthusiasm student showed toward the election, with 58.28% claiming they were “very” interested in the upcoming races.

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Democratic Senate challenger Scott Howell responds to questions.

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Peter Cooke reviews his platform.

Governor Gary Herbert shares why he should be reelected.

RadioWest’s Doug Fabrizio interviews Senator Orrin Hatch.

SL Mayoral Candidates Ben McAdams and Mark Crockett debate.

Congressman Jim Matheson talks with Doug Fabrizio.

In the key months leading up to the 2012 election, the Hinckley Institute of Politics brought local political hopefuls to campus for our Meet the Candidates Forum Series. The multiple-week series created a way for students to keep track of prominent figures in the various political races coming up in Utah. Moderated by KUER’s Doug Fabrizio, this high-energy series was broadcast live on RadioWest from the Hinckley caucus room and featured most of the State’s major candidates. Though Utah’s 4th Congressional District Candidate Mia Love did not attend, Peter Cooke, Orrin Hatch, Scott Howell, Jim Matheson, and Governor Gary Herbert all accepted invitations.

To the audience both inside the caucus room and listening via radio, candidates were given the opportunity to express their policy ideas and vision for the state of Utah, providing students a first-hand experience with which to make their voting decisions.

The candidates covered topics ranging from the environment and college funding to health care and the economy. Though Fabrizio conducted the interviews, students were encouraged to email or tweet in questions. Computers were set up in the Hinckley Institute to maximize such student input and involvement. Additionally, each forum was concluded with a live question and answer segment, giving the students and candidates a chance for immediate and personal interaction.

The Hinckley Institute is committed to creating opportunity for students to increase their own political knowledge and civic engagement. The Meet the Candidate Series proved to be a powerful tool in this endeavor; attendance levels at each of the forums in this series yielded standing room only, and many students took advantage of the voter registration materials made available at every forum. The Hinckley Institute hosted 114 forums last year, but these six offered an especially valuable outlet for candidates to make their positions known and for students to make their voices heard.
The Hinckley Institute of Politics regularly features presidential debate night parties, but this year’s three events received unparalleled attendance and coverage. Indeed, 40% more students attended the 2012 “Debates, Dinners, and Discussions” than in 2008. The crowds not only packed the Hinckley caucus room to standing-room-only capacity but additionally filled the building’s hallways and even stairwell.

Each of the debates was kicked off with complimentary dinner and then followed with a discussion panel led by Hinckley Institute Director Kirk Jowers, Deseret News columnist Lisa Riley Roche, Hinckley Institute Outreach Coordinator and Professor Lecturer Tim Chambless, and Utah Foundation President Stephen Kroes.

Although many students came to the debates already affiliated with a party or with their minds made up about a particular candidate, all of the students carefully listened to the candidates’ answers and considered the impact future policies might have on their lives—whether it be their ability to find a job after graduating, whether their country would be entering another period of war, or whether they could simply connect with either candidate on a personal level. Students shared ideas with each other, sometimes trading jabs but more importantly engaging in meaningful dialogues about the political issues that mattered most to them.

The televised debates were co-sponsored by the New York Times and ASUU’s Government Relations Board. Every major state media entity was present to gauge students’ reactions to the debates.

On Tuesday, November 6, the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the ASUU Government Relations Board hosted an Election Night Party in the Hinckley caucus room. More than 100 students streamed into the packed room to watch the results roll in state by state. Clusters of nervous Obama and Romney supporters discussed probabilities while consuming dozens of boxes of pizza, gallons of soft drinks, and, of course, cupcakes decorated in the party colors. Hinckley Institute Associate Director Jayne Nelson oversaw the television coverage of both local and national results. Cheers and moans filled the room as President Obama marched toward victory. The evening was such a success that many students lingered until midnight to watch the speeches. It was certainly an event to remember.

The distinguished panel weighs in on local and national results.
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"My internship through the Hinckley Institute of Politics went from being a positive experience that had the potential to beef-up my resume to a potentially life-changing experience that may have implications for the rest of my career. As agencies developed their own plans, I served as a liaison between agencies to help develop and release a website that will streamline planning and implementation across the departments."

"It was an absolutely invaluable experience to implement what I have learned in the classroom in the working world. An Honors Internship was a great way to mix my pursuit of an Honor's Degree with my passion for politics."

"[This internship] has helped me discover for myself what it is truly feels passionate about, and what it is I really feel I can change for the better."

After nearly 50 years of offering undergrad internships, the Hinckley Institute of Politics is excited to announce that it has further expanded internship opportunities to graduate students and students from diverse disciplines. The Hinckley Institute has partnered with the University of Utah’s Master of Public Policy (MPP), Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of International Affairs & Global Enterprise (MIAEG), Master of Political Science (MPS), as well as the S.J. Quinney College of Law programs to place students in competitive graduate-level internships locally, abroad, and in Washington, DC. Law students can now participate in Hinckley internships internationally and in the nation’s capital through the S.J. Quinney College of Law Clinical Program.

To be eligible for graduate internships through the Hinckley Institute of Politics, applicants must be current students in good standing in one of these participating graduate programs—or have secured the approval of the academic advisor of another graduate program—and must meet each program’s specific GPA and completed credits requirements at the time of application. Hinckley Institute staff members coordinate with the graduate programs on internship applications and placements.

Graduate students register for the corresponding HINKLY graduate internship credit (6910, 6911, or 6912) to be eligible to participate in the internship. Individual programs and departments determine according to their criteria and standards if and how the internship credit will be applied to students’ graduate coursework requirements.

In 2012, the Hinckley Institute also strengthened collaborative ties with the University of Utah Honors College by developing the Honors Hinckley Track. Honors students can now use this pathway to complete an additional 12 credits toward their degree in the applied legal studies concentration, with the approval of the Hinckley Institute’s academic advisor. The concentration is designed to provide a pathway for students interested in legal opportunities in their future careers, while also providing a strong academic foundation in the legal field.

For more information on applying for an Honors internship, please contact the Honors College Dean, Sylvia Torri. To be eligible for graduate internships, applicants must be current students in good standing in one of these participating graduate programs—or have secured the approval of the academic advisor of another graduate program—and must meet each program’s specific GPA and completed credits requirements at the time of application. Hinckley Institute staff members coordinate with the graduate programs on internship applications and placements.

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ROB BISHOP OUTSTANDING INTERN

Danielle McConnie is a senior studying political science with a minor in Spanish. While at the University of Utah, she interned for the Hinckley Institute of Politics in Washington, DC, with the non-profit organization Women in Government. She is currently the President of the Student Alumni Board, Administrative Intern for the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Secretary of the Student Commission, and is actively involved in various Alumni Committees. Danielle is looking forward to advancing her goals of political involvement and community engagement after graduation.

ROB BISHOP OUTSTANDING INTERN

Matthew Jensen interned with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. As a strategic planner, he helped develop and launch a web tool used throughout the agency in the planning and reporting process. He also helped provide technical assistance to programs such as the Million Hearts Initiative by leading efforts to concentrate resources on priority objectives. Matt’s passion for service has lead him to apply for medical school.

TED WILSON OUTSTANDING INTERN

Sara Farence is a junior studying health, society and policy at the University of Utah. She interned during the fall with Matrix India, a humanitarian NGO in Delhi. While there, she participated in a wide range of community health projects to increase the health and well-being of underprivileged groups. Prior to her Hinckley internship, Sara completed a MUSE internship in the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence on campus and is currently involved in the Bennion Community Service Center as a Service Learning Scholar.

FRANK MOSS OUTSTANDING INTERN

Neela Pack has served internships in the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah, the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, DC, and is currently interning as one of the first undergraduates at the Salt Lake Regional Office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Salt Lake City. She will graduate with honors degrees in economics and political science, as well as a campaign management minor and leadership studies minor. She served as the University of Utah’s Student Body President from 2011-2012, becoming the fourth woman to be elected.

ROCCO SICILIANO OUTSTANDING INTERN

Andrew Glade received a bachelor of arts degree in Middle East studies with a minor in political science. While at the University of Utah, he was a member of the undergraduate student council, competed nationally in the Model Arab League, and interned for the Hinckley Institute with the International Rescue Committee and the Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Andrew plans to pursue an advanced degree in law and hopes to one day work for the State Department as a foreign service officer.

ROCCO SICILIANO OUTSTANDING INTERN

Austin Dent is a graduate of city & metropolitan planning from the University of Utah, minoring in community and consumer studies. For his second internship through the Hinckley Institute of Politics, Austin was selected by the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC, to take part in the Student Experience Program during the fall of 2012. Following his internship, he is exploring a career with the State Department or across the intelligence community of the U.S. government and applying for the Presidential Management Fellowship.

ROCCO SICILIANO OUTSTANDING INTERN

Elizabeth Healy interned with the National Education Association in Washington, DC. As an intern at the NEA, Elizabeth was able to gain unparalleled insight regarding the current education system and the administrative practices and processes followed to pursue changes. Her main project was working with the NEA’s Human and Civil Rights department researching racial profiling and developing a curriculum guide on the subject for educators. She plans to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher.

CALVIN RAMPTON OUTSTANDING INTERN

David Mayo is an undergraduate double majoring in political science and economics. During the 2012 Utah Legislative session, he interned for State Representative Brad Galvez. Shortly after, he participated in the mentor-research internship with former Senator Bob Bennett. David also worked as an elections intern during the 2012 general election in the office of Utah Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell. He currently serves as a board member for the Hinckley Journal of Politics.

WAYNE HORIUCHI OUTSTANDING INTERN

Charles Warner was an intern at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, working with Dr. Rochelle Davis on her research project “The U.S. Military and Iraqi Culture: An Assessment of Attitudes and Cultural Training.” Charles majored in cultural anthropology and focuses on issues relating to radicalization and substance violence with a minor in international studies. He plans to return to Washington, DC, to pursue job opportunities in related fields.

GEORGE S. ECCLES OUTSTANDING INTERN

Molly Wheeler is a senior majoring in honors political science and international studies with a minor in campaign management. She has participated in Hinckley internships at the Utah State Legislature and most recently for the Business Industries Political Action Committee in Washington, DC. Molly is involved on the University of Utah campus within the Political Science Department, ASUU, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and as a Student Ambassador for the President’s Office. After graduation, Molly hopes to pursue a graduate degree in public policy or administration.

R.J. SNOW OUTSTANDING INTERN

Samantha Kern is a senior, currently working on a degree in history and an honors degree in political science. She has completed two internships through the Hinckley Institute of Politics; she first worked for Senator Karen Morgan in the Utah State Legislature in spring 2011 and next interned for the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, DC, in summer 2012. Upon graduation in spring 2014, she hopes to participate in Teach for America before attending graduate school on the East Coast for public policy with an emphasis on public education.

BAE B. GARDNER OUTSTANDING INTERN

Maria Millet interned in spring 2012 for Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus in Washington, DC. After her internship, she was hired to work for the Romney Victory Program as a field and volunteer director in Nevada. In May, Maria interned at the Republican National Convention in Florida. Maria will graduate in May with a double major in human development, with an emphasis on early childhood development, and consumer and community studies.

JEFFREY WRIGHT OUTSTANDING INTERN

Farah Menejdez is a senior majoring in both political science and international studies. She interned in Washington, DC during the fall of 2012 with the Department of Health and Human Services. While there, she worked on a team to develop a website for Strategic Planning to be used across the department. With the experience she’s gained through the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the University of Utah, she wishes to work in politics more closely and become a foreign service officer or work with international security.

ROBERT F. BENNETT OUTSTANDING INTERN

Garrett Sweeney attributes his Hinckley internship in Washington, DC, to refocusing his career path and life goals. His experience during the Fall Senate Finance Committee was phenomenal. He followed up with an internship with the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh and is now preparing to take the LSAT. “I am so thankful for what I have experienced, and I do feel extremely privileged for what HIP has given me.”

ERIC WRIGHT OUTSTANDING INTERN

Michelle McConnie graduated from the University of Utah in May 2012 with a degree in English. She was an intern in Congressman Jim Matheson’s Washington, DC, office during the summer following her graduation. Congressman Matheson hired Michelle after her internship to serve as a congressional staffer and she now enjoys living and working in the nation’s capital.
Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Ashley Edgell was announced as the 2012 Truman Scholar from Utah, making the Hinckley Institute of Politics the only institution in the nation to produce a scholar in each of the last six consecutive years. Ashley exhibits outstanding academic abilities by maintaining a 3.86 GPA while pursuing dual honors degrees in political science and environmental studies as well as a minor in French. She has received several academic achievement awards, including the Utah Compact Civically Engaged Student Award, and is an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Sustainability Scholar, a Lowell Tension Service Learning Scholar, and an Honors College Social Justice Scholar. Ashley has served two internships through the Hinckley Institute of Politics, working first as an intern with the Mexican Arts and Activism Collective in Salt Lake City, Utah. In this capacity, Ashley mentored local high school students as they engaged in the legislative process by tracking bills, lobbying, researching, and reporting at the Utah State Legislature. Ashley also served as a Government Relations Intern with the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) in Washington, D.C. During this internship, Ashley helped organize a national, state-wide, and local letter campaign to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and food stamps from becoming block granted, led a research investigation on the educational and nutritional benefits of vegetable gardens at elementary schools, and lobbied ranking Senate staff members to advocate for vulnerable American families. After graduating in May 2013, Ashley plans to study the intersection of community development, sustainable food systems, and social justice through city and metropolitan planning. Her previous work also includes organizing two community-school gardens at Title I elementary schools in Salt Lake City and serving as an editor of the Hinckley Journal of Politics. In her spare time, she is a skier, writer, reader, gardener, community organizer, baker, artist, and outdoor enthusiast. Ashley’s Truman Policy Proposal addressed the issue of community food security by increasing funding for USDA Community Food Projects and integrating them into Title I elementary schools. Kirk Jowers, director of the Hinckley Institute, who received the Truman Scholarship while he was a University of Utah student in 1990 said: “Ashley truly is a well-deserving Truman Scholar who will represent the Hinckley Institute and the University of Utah with distinction. She has built a strong legacy of public service, is committed to serving others, and focused on solving problems. Now with the distinction and opportunities attributed to Truman Scholars, she will be that much more effective in advocating for and serving vulnerable American families.”

John and Anne Hinckley Scholarship

Jacob Chamberlain is a junior majoring in anthropology (health emphasis) and film. Interning at the Global Health Initiative this year gave Jake the opportunity to merge his two interests. Jake produced a short film demonstrating the groundbreaking new methodologies underway at the Global Health Initiative. His film will be used to expand community development projects in Northern India and to educate global health entities. Jake received the Pete Suazo Leadership Scholarship and the John and Ann Hinckley Scholarship. He hopes that his varied interests in politics, public health, education, and the environment will lead him to more opportunities for creating advocacy films.

Matheson Leadership Scholarship

Arthur Jessop is a senior majoring in finance. He was an analyst intern with the Investment Management Office which oversees the University’s endowment funds. He also works part-time with the Secretary to the University on projects relating to the University’s Board of Trustees. During the 2011-12 academic year, he served as a Presidential Intern for intern President Dr. Karen Peters and current President Dr. David W. Pershing, as well as an officer in the Tronzie Club. This past summer he interned with Goldman Sachs in Salt Lake City. Arthur would like to pursue a career in corporate finance and seeks to learn the intricacies of finance and economics. He would also like to pursue an MBA after two or three years of experience in the finance industry.

Matheson Leadership Scholarship

Neena Pack is a senior completing an honors degree in political science and a bachelor’s in broadcast journalism with a double minor in campaign management and leadership studies. Neena has completed two internships with the Hinckley Institute of Politics. She served as an intern for Governor Gary Herbert in 2011 where she had the opportunity to work with the correspondence and media team. In 2012, Neena interned in Washington, DC, for the Department of Justice’s Voting Rights Section under the Civil Rights Division. While interning in Washington, Neena worked with the Department of Justice’s litigation team on several high-profile cases. Neena plans on graduating and pursuing a career in broadcast journalism where she may combine her passion for media and politics.

Dan Jones Future Leaders Scholarship

Cody Jenkins is a senior graduating Spring 2013 majoring in political science with minors in Spanish and campaign management. He has completed two Hinckley internships, one in the state legislature with Representative Bradley East and former Speaker of the House David Clark. The other was with the Utah Taxpayers Association, in which he helped Senator Howard Stephenson publish articles on education reform. After graduation Cody plans on attending law school, his goal is to become a federal judge. “I am eternally grateful for the opportunities provided me through the Hinckley Institute of Politics. My internships have been a vital part of my growth and education, I encourage all to meet the staff and take advantage of the many opportunities available.”

Senator Pete Suazo Leadership Foundation Scholarship

Veronica Andrea Pinera is on her fourth year at the University of Utah majoring in mass communication and Spanish. She recently completed her internship at the Consulate of Peru at Salt Lake City in the spring of 2012. She loves learning languages, dancing, and continues her educational journey with her orientation leader’s words of advice: “You’ll get out as much out of college as you put into it.”

Robert H. Hinckley Scholarship

Kyle Gray served two internships with the HIP, working first with the Ascend Alliance in Cuzco, Peru, and second with Airl Airlines in São Paulo, Brazil. He is currently a coordinator in the Center for Learning Abroad, advising students and working with faculty to develop learning abroad programs in Latin America, Africa, Spain, and the Middle East. Kyle graduated in 2010 with a BA in international studies and a dual minor in Spanish and Latin American Studies. He is also pursuing a Master’s in Science in International Affairs and Global Enterprise; upon graduation he would like to become an international entrepreneur.

Governor Simon Bamberger Scholarship

Spencer Coulam is an undergraduate graduating in the spring of 2013 with a BS in political science. He was an intern in spring 2011 in the Governor’s office during the legislative session. Since 2011 he has become more and more passionate about environmental issues facing government. Spencer wishes to get involved with environmental policy to push for a more sustainable future.

Todd Reese Taylor Local Scholarship

Chase Olson speaks fluent Portuguese and completed a local internship with the Consul of Brazil during the fall semester. He is excited to start an international internship with Airl Airlines this spring. He is majoring in international studies and has a minor Portuguese. “It was an honor to be selected to receive the Todd Taylor Scholarship and my family and I would like to thank those involved as the money has made all of this possible for us.”
2012 LOCAL INTERNS

Spring 2012

Back Row (L-R): Chris Empey, Peruvian Consulate; Rachel Anderson, International Rescue Committee; Jacob Chambers, Global Health Initiative; Matthew Melville, Utah Republican Party; Christian Faulkner, Mayor Ralph Becker; Jon Christiansen, Mayor Ralph Becker; Jacob Birkeko, Parsons; Barrie, and Latimer.

Middle Row (L-R): Lindsay Zizumbo, HIP; Local Program Manager; Nicholas Tang, Salt Lake Chamber; Jaclyn Burt, Office of Governor Gary Herbert; Veronica Presita, Peruvian Consulate; Paula Tapp, Global Health Initiative; Kendahl Melvin, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce; Brian Ultey-Bata, Utah Attorney General; Miguel Ruiz, Global Health Initiative.

Front Row (L-R): Amber Anderson, Craig Barmt, Natalie Bernardo, Austin Bingham, Erika Bernardi, Leaumen Burns, Seth Crossley, Logan Froerer, Travis Isbell, Cody Jenkins, Michael Lake, Daniel Morris, Courtney Stevens.

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Summer 2012

Back Row (L-R): Henry Strike, Ascend Alliance; Hung Le, Office of Mayor Ralph Becker; Joseph Bowser, Utah Democratic Party; Patrick Bergin, Andrew Smith, CHOICE Humanitarian; Taylor Bulsaph, Salt Lake County Mayor; Jackson Allen, Mike Love for Congress; Mervin Humberg, Utah Democratic Party; Chester Neeshall, Office of Senator Orrin Hatch.

Middle Row (L-R): Tyson Green; Matthew Wilkey, Office of Mayor Ralph Becker; Andrew Glaude; Anthony Roberts, Equality Utah; Brian Allen, Global Health Initiative; Nicholas Vincent; Renato Omsko-Gonzalez; Braid Valas, University Impact Fund; Lindsay Zizumbo; HIP; Local Program Manager.

Front Row (L-R): Andrea Khun, Office of Mayor Ralph Becker; Millicent Pritchett, Evan Hatch, Ascend Alliance; Anna Solomon; Mauricio Lopez; Erika Smallwood; Kyle Palomaki, Mayor Ralph Becker; Marleen Nikolova, Anna Sprouse; Shannelle Sorenson, Mike Winder for Mayor.

Not Pictured: Liz Jessop, HFL; International; Ashley John, Representative Patricia Arent; Thomas Smith, Global Health Initiative.

Fall 2012

Back Row (L-R): Ben Manzione, Mia Love Campaign; Ellen Martin, Mia Love Campaign; Kelley Hanley, Office of Congressman Jason Chaffetz; Danielle Dougherty, Office of Mayor Ralph Becker; Dallas West, Office of Governor Gary Herbert; Patrick Leslie, Peruvian Consulate; Tyler Olsen, Consul of Brazil; Alan Zumbi, Ben McAdams Campaign.

Middle Row (L-R): Eliana Sanchez, Scott Howell Campaign; David May, Lt. Governor’s Office; Elisha Caldwell, International Rescue Committee; Hina Day, Utah State Courts; Kirk Jones, HIP; Director; Armin Amo; Gian Zimm, Erin Park, Office of Mayor Ralph Becker;

Front Row (L-R): Linda Zumbi, HIP; Local Program Manager; Maria Magallanes, City of Taylorsville; Heather McGee, Jen Seelig Campaign; Tia Strong, Choice Humanitarian; Abby Roberts, CHOICE Humanitarian; Myndie Carter, Office of Mayor Ralph Becker.

Best Local Photo Award: Joe Fitisemanu, State Legislative Intern
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INTERNATIONAL INTERNS

Spring 2012

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Front Row (L–R): Tessa Lopez; Skelvis Napolis, Spain, U.S. State Department; Courtney McBeth, HIP International Program Manager; Sandra Pannell, China, Wizard; Kyle Hanson, Australian State Parliament.

Not Pictured: Elizabeth Jessee, Zac Zabawa.


Middle Row (L–R): Courtney Mcllroy, HIP International Program Manager; Eduardo Reyes-Chavez; Sterling Chipman, Brazil, Azul Airlines; Benjamin Hossenn, Peru, Eagle Condor Humanitarian; Landon Cook, Jordan, Ministry of Social Development; Connor Dahle, Australia, Australian State Parliament; Paul Salazar, Australia, Australian State Parliament; Ryan Davis, Columbus, Eagle Condor; Amanda Chamberlain, Columbus, Eagle Condor; Paula Tecp, Ghana, Global Health Initiative; Callie Short, Rachel Barnes, Cambodia, Phnom Penh, RACHA; Jacobylyn Evans, Korea, Seoul, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Ashley Newton.

Front Row (L–R): Katie Naylor, New Delhi, India, Maitri

Best International Photo Award:

Summer 2012

Back Row (L–R): Christopher Mercer, South Africa, Centre for Applied Legal Studies; Matt Hansen, Australia, Australian Parliament Kirk Jones, HIP Director; Gediminas Rusteika, Australia, Australian Parliament; Katie Naylor, India, Maitri; Wyatt Petty, Scotland, Scottish Parliament.

Middle Row (L–R): Courtney McBeth, HIP International Program Manager; Mariah Koch, Belgium, European Parliament; Robin Cox, Jordan, Ministry of Social Development; Gregory Gabbiot, Germany, German Parliament; Sara Ference, India, Maitri.

Front Row (L–R): Paula Tecp, Ghana, Global Health Initiative; Callie Short, Rachel Barnes, Cambodia, Phnom Penh, RACHA.

Not Shown: Stephanie Chamberlain, Columbus, Eagle Condor Humanitarian; Megan Mekley; Thomas Smith; Garrett Sweeney, Scotland, Scottish Parliament; Adam Wise, Germany, German Parliament.

Fall 2012

Back Row (L–R): Gildas Tsaty, Scottish Parliament; Kyle Rehn, Malawi Presidential Campaign; Yeash Samakok; Shea Stoff, Belgium, U.S. Mission to NATO; James Leaghty, Mali, Presidential Campaign; Ryan Bignose, Peru, Ascend Alliance; Daniel Guadalupe, Jacob Stump, India, Mali.

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Best International Photo Award:

Hinckley Scholar Symposium Students


Summer Semester: Ashley Join, Grace Armit, Bailey Bergquist, Michael Levinson, David Play.

Fall Semester: Patricia; Heekin; Alex; Mansour, Samantha; Juan; Sunflower; Kern; Jiljan; Dobrinovski, Tilti Moncini, Mary Melis, Jordan Paul Roberts.

THE HINCKLEY STAFF

Dr. Dan Jones, Professor Lecturer; Jerry Howe, Adjunct Instructor; Doug Foxley, Associate Instructor; Frank Pignanelli, Associate Instructor; Ralph B. Brown; former Senator Robert F. Bennett, Hinckley Resident Scholar; and former Ambassador John Price, Hinckley Resident Scholar.

NEW STUDENT STAFFERS:

Kendahl Melvin

Kendahl Melvin began working at the Hinckley Institute in May 2012. She is a junior pursuing an honors degree in political science and international studies, as well as a minor in Spanish. She has served two local internships through the HIP, one with Capital Assets and the other with the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, Kendahl participated in the Ambassador Price Think Tank and also presented on the Hinckley’s Youth Engagement Initiative at Harvard’s National Campaign Conference. In addition to her academic prowess, Kendahl competes for the University of Utah’s track and field team and serves as a Special Olympics team coach.

Nelson Warr

Nelson Warr started working at the Hinckley Institute in August 2012. He is a senior in economics and political science and will be graduating in May. Nelson has served two internships with the HIP, one with Capital Assets and the other with the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, Nelson presented on the Hinckley’s Youth Engagement Initiative in March of 2012 at Harvard’s National Campaign Conference and has been an outstanding outreach coordinator.

Lisa Hawkins

Lisa Hawkins is a sophomore pursuing an honors bachelor of arts in political science as well as a bachelor of arts in communication, with an emphasis on journalism and a minor in peace and conflict studies. Her political interest was piqued during a summer internship in the Governor’s Office. Lisa’s growing passion for politics and writing were furthered by her experience in Senator Bennett’s symposium. Currently, Lisa interns with KUTV and directs the political segment on the University’s cable broadcast, Newsbreak.

COMMEMORATING DR. DAN JONES

Thousands of individuals across the state of Utah and throughout the nation— including prominent political and business leaders—fondly trace their zeal for the American political system back to their Political Science 1100 class with Dr. Dan Jones.

For more than 50 years, Dr. Jones has inspired students to participate in the democratic process and instilled in them a sincere appreciation for American government. Dr. Jones began his career as an educator by teaching at Granite and Bountiful High Schools. Upon receiving his PhD in Political Science from the University of Utah in 1968, he moved on to teach at Utah State University. Dr. Jones finally made his home at the University of Utah starting in 1978, and since then he has taught semester after semester of “U.S. National Government,” “The American Presidency,” “Voting, Elections, and Public Opinion,” and the Hinckley Institute Legislative Intern Preparation Course. Dr. Jones prides himself in only missing one day of class throughout his career—and on that fateful day, Senator Orrin Hatch served as the substitute professor.

Without a doubt, Dr. Jones truly cared about his students. He dedicated his life to helping them reach their full potential, even if this took an occasional wake-up call at 7:30 a.m. on a Friday telling them they were late for class. He expected the very best from students and facilitated academic excellence through his lectures and mentoring.

Dr. Jones encouraged students far and wide to apply for Hinckley internship programs, likely writing the most letters of recommendation in Hinckley Institute history. Through the Dan Jones Future Leaders Scholarship, established in 2008, interns will be able to develop leadership skills and a commitment to public service for years to come. Dr. Jones acted as interim associate director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics from 2003-2005 and was named a Hinckley Fellow in 2008. He has also served as co-director of the Hinckley Institute’s Huntsman Seminar in Constitutional Government for Teachers.

Outside his role as an educator, Dr. Jones is perhaps best known for his noteworthy career as Utah’s preeminent political pollster, serving as founder and president of Dan Jones and Associates with his wife Senator Pat Jones since 1980. Senator Hatch once said of Dr. Jones, “I think Dan Jones is the best pollster in the country. He has never been wrong in 30 years.”

Dr. Jones has impacted countless lives and changed their outlook on American politics. And so, it is with deep appreciation and admiration that the University of Utah community bids farewell to Dr. Dan Jones, our esteemed colleague and friend. We wish him the very best in his retirement.
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