

## Research Institutes & Centers – Winter/Spring 2011

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CMC's research institutes continue an ambitious series of activities. Our faculty and students continue on campus and around the world in their scholarly and social issue pursuits.

**The Berger Institute for Work, Family and Children** continues to co-sponsor *The Women and Leadership Series*, a joint endeavor to support and promote student programs at Claremont McKenna College that highlight issues faced by women in leadership in business, government and the professions, as well as draw attention to the centennial celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2011. Co-sponsors include the Kravis Leadership Institute, the Office of Development, the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, the Dean of Students Office and Claremont Graduate University. The Institute sponsored a faculty/student luncheon at the Athenaeum on January 28 to discuss the various research projects being undertaken by the students and faculty.

The Institute co-sponsored with the Kravis Leadership Institute and the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance a "Women and Leadership" workshop in February and on March 2, 2011 will host a panel and dinner event at the Athenaeum "*Women in Finance: Can You Achieve Work/Life Satisfaction?*" This event will be co-sponsored with the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance. Later in the month Ellen Galinsky, President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute (FWI), will speak at the Athenaeum. She helped establish the field of work and family life at Bank Street College of Education in New York, where she was on the faculty for twenty-five years.

Also this spring the Berger Institute will release the 12th volume of the Berger Institute Spring Newsletter which highlights the research being conducted by our students and faculty affiliates, interviews with advisory board members, and upcoming events and speakers hosted by the Institute.

**The Financial Economics Institute** conducted its annual New York City Networking Trip in early January. Seventeen students, mostly juniors, visited a variety of banks and consulting firms to learn about employment opportunities. During the trip, some of the firms interviewed our students for summer internships. This year, the group visited Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank, Citibank, J.P. Morgan, Wells Fargo, Deloitte Consulting, Royal Bank of Canada, and Goldman Sachs. The meetings were set up by a student-led organizing committee comprised of 3 CMC seniors and 1 CMC junior.

The Institute hired 18 student research assistants for the spring 2011 semester.

**The Family of Benjamin Z. Gould Center for Humanistic Studies** for the first time has sponsored a fine arts seminar. Ertai and Maya Gao, extraordinary painters whose work was exhibited at the Athenaeum last spring, are teaching the seminar limited to 15 students on the art of painting.

**The Center for Human Rights Leadership** hosted a fundraising luncheon on February 17 to support student internships. The event was held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. Several of the Centers' summer 2010 interns shared their internship experiences from around the world at the luncheon.

Takako Mino '11 received a Napier Award for Creative Leadership and a \$10,000 grant to develop an educational project in East and Central Africa. Mino is the recipient of two summer internship grants from the Center for Human Right Leadership, as well as a Uroboros Fellowship. She plans to use the funds to extend a debating project she developed as a pilot program last summer in Kenya and Uganda working with the Federation of African Women Educators (FAWE). Additionally, Amanda Lam '11 and Carly Graber '11 received \$250 awards for their projects through the Napier Award.

**The Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies** began a joint venture with the IR Faculty to host a Senior Thesis workshop designed to offer guidance to seniors in an effort to promote completion of their theses in a timely and organized manner. Two students were sent to the annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs in November. Five fellowships were awarded to varying classes of CMC students with exemplary research subjects. Two of the first Arthur R. Adams International Fellows, Melissa Carlson '13 and Jennifer Goode '13, began work with the Center this year. The Center employs 5 student research and office assistants.

With a generous gift from board member Eric Li, the Center was able to commission a special report on U.S.-China Relations by Charles Freeman III, the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, on the eve of Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to the U.S. The report is available on both CMC's and the Keck Center's websites. The Center also has plans for a Conference on China with 12 international and domestic participants set for April 6.

Four distinguished speakers are currently scheduled throughout the spring semester including February speakers Henry Levine P '14, senior vice president and head of Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG), and former Foreign Services Officer, U.S. Dept. of State; and Adam Segal, Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism and National Security Studies. The Center is co-sponsoring the HWMUN 2011 student trip which will involve nine students traveling to Singapore in March, and will sponsor two students to attend the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in April. A one-day workshop for the Washington Program is planned for March through funding provided generously from our board member Eric Li.

**The Kravis Leadership Institute** hosted a *Women and Leadership* Brunch and Dialogue with Jean Lipman-Blumen, Doug Peterson, and myself at the Athenaeum. I was pleased to have the opportunity to speak with many exceptional young women on our campus. KLI also hosted a workshop on Communication with Lance Giddens of Action Learning Associates on February 11. The Institute is co-sponsoring two additional *Women and Leadership* workshops I mentioned in my report on the Berger Institute.

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**Lowe Institute of Political Economy** continues student engagement through several programs. In February, CIVITAS, a student initiative co-sponsored with the Salvatori Center, featured three documentaries on political economy. Each documentary was followed by a short lecture and discussion with a faculty member. The Lowe also invited all CMC students to participate in its Second Annual NCAA Men and Women's March Madness Tournament Game. The Institute will hold an information and demonstration session in the spring 2011 to show students how they can build a model to predict games in Excel and participate in the game.

The Institute also has two conferences on the horizon including an economic forecasting conference at the end of March, and on April 15 in conjunction with the Berger Institute and RDS, will host the second annual Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics. They will present an interesting set of economic papers that are sure to generate substantive discussion. World renowned economist, David Card, professor of economics at The University of California at Berkeley, will be the keynote speaker at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum event.

In addition, the Institute published the latest issue of *Inland Empire Outlook*, a joint effort with the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, in late February.

In January, **The Roberts Environmental Center's** released an analysis of the corporate environmental and social sustainability reporting of more than 100 of the largest companies in the petroleum refining, mining and crude oil production, and metals sectors. Although the petroleum and mining industry sectors in general were more sophisticated about sustainability reporting than their counterparts, the size of a company or its earnings across the sectors, did not make a difference in how well it scored.

**The Rose Institute of State and Local Government** has welcomed a new director, Andrew Busch, the Crown Professor of Government and a George R. Roberts Fellow. He currently serves as chairman of the Department of Government, and formerly served as Associate Dean of Faculty from 2006-2009. In 2009, he received CMC's Roy P. Crocker Award for Merit, an award given to a professor selected by the faculty for outstanding service to the College. He is a widely known and respected specialist on American government and politics and has authored or co-authored eleven books on American politics, including most recently *Epic Journey: The 2008 Elections and American Politics* (2009) and *The Constitution on the Campaign Trail: The Surprising Political Career of America's Founding Document* (2007). He received a Fulbright fellowship to lecture on American politics at the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine, and served as the Ann and Herbert Vaughan Fellow in the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University in the 2009-2010 academic year.

**The Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom in the Modern World** hosted two speakers. William Kristol spoke at an Athenaeum luncheon where he offered remarks about the current political scene, and discussed *The NeoConservative Persuasion* – a collection of essays by his father, Irving Kristol. Randy Barnett,

Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Legal Theory at Georgetown Law spoke on "Turning Citizens into Subjects: Why the Individual Insurance Mandate is Unconstitutional."

The Center also hosted a February conference, Leo Strauss's Revival of Medieval Political Philosophy, featuring 11 scholars, four from CMC and seven from outside the College, to discuss Strauss's work.