

THE DIRECT LINE

by Andrew Samwick, Director

It is fashionable these days to highlight the weaknesses of our method of selecting the next president. There certainly are plenty of gripes we could make, and I have made some before in this space. The campaign is too long. The primary schedule favors some states over others. The media coverage highlights trivial issues and ignores others that are more substantive. And don't get me started on "superdelegates" and other aspects of party politics.

But, as we head into the final months before the election, why not for a change consider how well the process seems to have worked? We could begin by recognizing how unusual this campaign was destined to be. This year's contest was a wide-open race from the beginning. It has been many decades since we have entered an election season in which neither party had an incumbent president or vice president seeking the nomination. It has made for an interesting 18 months, particularly from our vantage point on a campus in the first-in-the-nation primary state.

On the Republican side, the long primary season gave a leg up to those who engaged in good old-fashioned campaigning. Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee and Texas congressman Ron Paul, both relative unknowns, made a big impact early on, with the former winning the Iowa caucuses and the latter creating a buzz in fund-raising and debate circles. Both visited campus and engaged directly with Dartmouth students. By contrast, some better known candidates, such as former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney and former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, were scarce around Hanover. Despite their experience campaigning for top executive-branch positions, it was easy to see—because we hardly saw them—that they were going nowhere. Meanwhile, the long primary season allowed Arizona senator John McCain to bring his campaign back from disarray last fall and lock up the nomination in the spring.

On the Democratic side, the nomination contest has been the most fascinating in the nearly 30 years that I have been following politics. The biggest surprise is that it took almost the entire primary season for a nominee to be chosen. The campaign crossed racial, gender, and class lines in ways not seen recently. The voters ultimately favored candidates who had less experience in elected office but better rhetoric, fund-raising, and credibility in making an appeal for change. We at Dartmouth were proud to play a role by hosting a debate last fall and candidate visits leading up to the New Hampshire primary in January. For me personally, Illinois senator Barack Obama's speech to more than 5,000 members of the community in the Rockefeller Center courtyard on Memorial Day 2007 was an event I won't soon forget.

The challenge facing the primary system this year was to make sure a vigorous contest could be held to select the two final nominees from a very crowded initial field. While the process still has flaws, it did succeed in engaging students and other potential first-time voters. It also yielded a fine result: two candidates who represent their parties' main principles but are positioned close enough to the political center to have considerable crossover appeal.

It should make for a very interesting general election campaign.



Faculty Workshops 2008–09

The first four of these workshops, usually held monthly during each term, convene from noon to 1:30 P.M. in the Class of 1930 room unless otherwise noted.

Environment and Development Faculty Workshop

Convened by **Christopher Sneddon**, Associate Professor, Environmental Studies and Geography

Gender & (Im)Migration Faculty Workshop

Convened by **Lourdes Gutiérrez Nájera**, Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Latino Studies

Health Policy Faculty Workshop

Convened by **Denise Anthony**, Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology, Adjunct, Community and Family Medicine; and **Amitabh Chandra**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Community and Family Medicine

The Social Psychology Research Interest Group

Convened by **Jay Hull**, Professor, Psychological and Brain Sciences

International Relations/Foreign Policy Working Group

(a joint enterprise with the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding) Convened by **Christianne Hardy Wohlforth**, Associate Director, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Government (All sessions are held 3:00–4:30 P.M. at the Dickey Center's Class of 1957 library in Haldeman Center.)

Rockefeller Social Science and Public Policy Faculty Grants Awarded in July 2008

David J. Bucci

Psychological and Brain Sciences

Physical Exercise: Effects on Brain Function and Behavior

Catherine Norris

Psychological and Brain Sciences

The Effects of Video Game Play on Stereotype Activation and Applications

Tanalís Padilla

History

The Unintended Lessons of Revolution: Schoolteachers in the Mexican Countryside, 1940–1975

Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

Philosophy

Law and Evidence Conference

Peter U. Tse

Psychological and Brain Sciences

How Our Expectations Can Cause Us to Misperceive Reality

Fall 2008 ■ Public Events

Richard P. Nathan

Co-Director, The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York

“Nelson Rockefeller and the Future of Federalism”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

A Constitution Day program

A Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series lecture

Montgomery McFate

Senior Social Scientist, Human Terrain System, U.S. Army

“Using Social Science Research in Conflict Situations: The Human Terrain System in Afghanistan and Iraq”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

John R. Ryan

President and Chief Executive Officer, Center for Creative Leadership

“Nelson Rockefeller's Gift for the Ages: The Nation's Largest Comprehensive System of Public Higher Education”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

A Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series lecture

Election Watch Party

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 5:00 P.M.—MIDNIGHT

1, 2, AND 3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

Co-sponsored with the Dartmouth College Republicans and the Dartmouth Chapter of the College Democrats of America

Environmental Issues Panel

“The Improbable Tree Hugger: Nelson Rockefeller's Continuing Environmental Legacy”

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

A Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series event

Richard C. Holbrooke

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

“United Nations: Past and Present, Successes and Challenges”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

The Class of 1930 Fellow lecture

A Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series lecture

James C. Cason '66

Former Ambassador to Paraguay

“Emerging Trends in Latin America”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

A Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series lecture

Michelle B. Goodwin

Everett Fraser Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

“Baby Markets: Faith, Class, and Race in Contemporary Adoptions”

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4:30 P.M.

3 ROCKEFELLER HALL

The Stephen R. Volk '57 Lecture

Co-sponsored with the Dartmouth Legal Studies Faculty and the Dartmouth Lawyers Association



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Former Ambassador to Speak about Emerging Trends in Latin America



James C. Cason '66

Former Ambassador to Paraguay

Tuesday, November 18

4:30 P.M.

3 Rockefeller Hall

James C. Cason recently retired as U.S. ambassador to Paraguay, a position he held since December 2005. He laid the groundwork for the life of a Foreign Service officer at Dartmouth, majoring in Latin American studies as an undergraduate. Later, he received a master's degree from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins.

Mr. Cason served much of his 38-year career with the Department of State in Latin America, including Bolivia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Uruguay, and Venezuela. He also held positions in Italy and Portugal, served as deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassies in Kingston, Jamaica, and Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and was political advisor to the commander of the U.S. Atlantic Command and to NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. His work over the years has won him extensive praise, earning him six meritorious honor awards, a Superior Honor Award, the department's Distinguished Honor Award, and the Presidential Rank Award.

When he stepped down as ambassador to Paraguay, one of Mr. Cason's parting gifts was to record a CD of folk songs in the indigenous Guaraní language. He sold out a concert in Asunción and became an instant hit on the Paraguayan folk charts. In a recent interview on National Public Radio, Mr. Cason joked that his colleagues in the diplomatic corps have complained that he has raised the bar for ambassadors to an unrealistic level.

Ambassador Cason joins us this fall as part of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Centennial Series of lectures, reflecting Rockefeller's career-long policy focus on economic development in Latin America and strong relations between the United States and its southern neighbors.

LAST CALL! Proposals for FACULTY GRANTS are due October 1. See: <http://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/faculty/resources/annualgrants.html> for details.



Rocky Student Discussion Groups

Listen, learn, and engage others in issue-based dialogues with peers, Dartmouth faculty, and distinguished guests.

First-Year Forum

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 P.M., MORRISON COMMONS
Meet your classmates and talk about campus, national, or international issues in an informal, lively, and fun environment. Topics and activities vary widely and are determined by the interests of the group.

AGORA

FRIDAYS, 6:30 P.M., MORRISON COMMONS
Delve into a wide range of social, political, cultural, and moral topics.

Daniel Webster Legal Society

MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M., CLASS OF 1930 ROOM
Discuss, debate, and analyze a broad spectrum of legal issues.

POLITALK

THURSDAYS, 6:30 P.M., MORRISON COMMONS
Engage in discussions of politics and public policy issues from multiple perspectives.

Rocky VoxMasters

TUESDAYS, 7:00 P.M., ROCKEFELLER I
Speak extemporaneously on topics and get feedback from your peers.

Women in Leadership

TUESDAYS, 6:00 P.M., CLASS OF 1930 ROOM
Discover the many facets of women's leadership in society.

Dartmouth Law Journal

DLJ promotes interest in the field of law, encourages undergraduate scholarly research, and provides a forum for intellectual debate about legal issues.

FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS PROGRAM for the CLASS of 2011

Nineteen first-year students from the Class of 2011 were selected as Fellows last spring. During the summer term, they participated in the Civic Skills Training in Washington, D.C., and then worked in a variety of internships, where they were mentored by Dartmouth alumni or other agency officials. Fellows and their internships and mentors are listed below.

LAUREN BOWMAN	Superior Court of D.C. Mentor: Judge John Mott '81	KRISTEN LIU	U.S. House of Representatives Mentor: Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) '88
KAREN DOSTER	U.S. Department of Education Mentor: Christopher Marston '96	ALEXANDRA MAHLER-HAUG	American Forest Foundation Mentor: Laurence Wiseman '69
ELISABETH ERICSON	Climate Institute Mentor: John Topping '71	HOPE MCINTYRE	Argonne National Laboratory Mentor: Debbie Elcock Tu'74
MICHAEL FIELDS	Human Capital Institute Mentor: Nigel Leeming	DANIELLE O'BANNON	The Charles Group Mentor: Robert Charles '87
BRIAN FREEMAN	U.S. Department of Education Mentor: Christopher Marston '96	SEBASTIAN RAMIREZ-BRUNNER	Project on Government Oversight Mentor: Danni Downing '99
SARAH FROSTENSON	World Wildlife Fund Mentor: William Eichbaum '63	MEGAN SENN	Office of Rep. Michael Michaud (D-ME) Mentor: Kristen Lingley '07
CHARLES GRANT	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Mentor: Liza Veto '93	ZACHARY STOLZENBERG	The Charles Group Mentor: Robert Charles '87
GRAHAM HEALY-DAY	The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget Mentor: William Frenzel '50, Tu'51	NATHAN SWIRE	Worldwatch Institute Mentor: Hilary French '86
TOMÁŠ JAGELKA	Climate Institute Mentor: John Topping '71	CAROLINE WARD	Corporation for National and Community Service Mentor: Jonathan Williams '86
BENJAMIN KAHN	Human Capital Institute Mentor: Nigel Leeming		



First-Year Fellows

Back Row (left to right): Benjamin Kahn, Tomáš Jagelka, Graham Healy-Day, Sebastian Ramirez-Brunner, Karen Doster, Michael Fields, Zachary Stolzenberg, Hope McIntyre. Front Row (left to right): Brian Freeman, Nathan Swire, Kristen Liu, Lauren Bowman, Alexandra Mahler-Haug, Megan Senn. Not pictured: Elisabeth Ericson, Sarah Frostenson, Charles Grant, Danielle O'Bannon, Caroline Ward

Sophomore Summer Venture

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center introduced a new initiative for the 2008 summer term in its continual effort to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of public policy leaders: the Sophomore Summer Venture. In this student-led initiative, students interact in an informal setting, develop tangible skills, and discuss important issues facing the world today. The venture includes student and student-faculty discussions, guest speakers, interactive workshops, and a panel on "Careers for the Common Good" to facilitate this interaction and intellectual engagement.

The initiative has proven to be a successful and enriching addition to the Rockefeller Center, enabling students to engage with one another and with the center throughout the summer. With the help of several advisors, three student leaders—**Maura Cass '10**, **Joanna Pucci '10**, and **Ian Rorick '10**—organized informal student and student-faculty dinner discussions on a variety of topics. The weekly discussions drew large, diverse crowds, despite the presence of just one quarter of the student body on campus. Students came together to share their ideas, listen to others, and think about major issues, such as health care, the environment, and the perception of America abroad.

In addition to these discussions, students had the opportunity to learn grant-writing techniques for leave-term internships and to develop future career skills. A panel on the Peace Corps brought together Dartmouth alumni and former Peace Corps volunteers to celebrate Nelson A. Rockefeller's 100th birthday and inspire students to pursue careers for the common good.

Summer term offers a unique opportunity for the campus to come together, and the Sophomore Summer Venture is an effective way to facilitate such interaction and further advance the goals of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center.

Maura Cass '10, a native of Eliot, Maine, currently is pursuing an anthropology major and a public policy minor. Her major and minor combine to reflect her interests in international understanding, public service, and global health. She is involved in several organizations on campus, including a mentoring program and the women's club soccer team. Her involvement at the Rockefeller Center has allowed her to work with and learn from other students while pursuing her interests outside of the classroom.

Joanna Pucci '10, from Northampton, Mass., is majoring in economics, modified with geography. She is responsible for activities supported by the Portman Fund for Entrepreneurial Leadership and is a LEAD mentor and a Presidential Scholar under economics professor Bruce Sacerdote.

Ian Rorick '10 is an economics major and a public policy minor from Cleveland, Ohio. On campus, he is actively involved in *The Dartmouth* as a manager on the business staff. He also is a Presidential Scholar under Professor Bruce Sacerdote. Last summer, as a Rockefeller Center First-Year Fellow, he worked as an intern for the Biotechnology Industry Organization in the Government Relations Department. In his spare time, he enjoys squash and speaking Italian.

Student organizers of the Sophomore Summer Venture, from left to right: Joanna Pucci, Ian Rorick, and Maura Cass.



"The Sophomore Summer Venture has been one of the most interesting and challenging experiences I've had at Dartmouth. Building a new project from the ground up has allowed Ian, Maura, and me to be creative and work with the Rockefeller Center to create a program that can develop into a new part of the sophomore summer experience. Meeting new sophomores, discussing important issues, learning about the Peace Corps, and talking with professors has enhanced my education outside of the classroom."

—Joanna Pucci '10

Public Policy Courses 2008–09

Fall 2008

PBPL 45: "Introduction to Public Policy Research," Professor Ronald Shaiko, 10A

PBPL 81.9/GOVT 83.02: "Politics and Markets," Professor Linda Fowler, 3A

PBPL 91: "Independent Study in Public Policy," Professor Ronald Shaiko

Winter 2009

PBPL 5: "Introduction to Public Policy," Professor Ronald Shaiko, 10

PBPL 81.5/SOCY 55: "Poverty and Public Policy in the United States," Professor Matissa Hollister, 2A

PBPL 91: "Independent Study in Public Policy," Professor Ronald Shaiko

Spring 2009

PBPL 81.2/GOVT 81.04: "Lawyers and Public Policy," Professor Carol Bohmer, 2A

PBPL 81.8: "Economics of Education Policy," Professor Parama Chaudhury, 10A

PBPL 82.5 "International Law and Transnational Policymaking," Professor Shelley Hurt, 2A

PBPL 91: "Independent Study in Public Policy," Professor Ronald Shaiko

Summer 2009

PBPL 40: "Economics of Public Policy-making," Professor Charles Wheelan, 2A

PBPL 91: "Independent Study in Public Policy," Professor Ronald Shaiko

Winter Term Public Affairs/Public Policy

INTERNSHIP GRANTS

Application Deadline
Thursday · October 23 · 4:00 P.M.
Rocky 101

For more information, contact
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New Senior Thesis Grant Program

Up to \$1,000 for research-related expenses for a social science senior thesis

Application Deadline
Wednesday, Oct 15 · 4:00 P.M. Rocky 203

For information, connect to
<http://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/students/>

Policy Research Shop Completes a Successful Year

The Rockefeller Center's Policy Research Shop (PRS) completed a very productive year as 31 students completed 15 policy briefs for policy makers at the state and local levels of government. During the fall term, PRS students completed PBPL 45, "Introduction to Public Policy Research," taught by Professor Ronald Shaiko, senior fellow and associate director for curricular and research programs, before undertaking a variety of policy research projects for New Hampshire and Vermont state legislators and local government officials in the Upper Valley.

Six groups of students presented formal testimony before state legislative committees, state commissions, or local government councils. In addition, students and faculty mentors in the PRS also conducted the first statewide poll of New Hampshire residents—the New Hampshire State of the State poll—in May. And, in

July, two PRS students, accompanied by Professor Andrew Samwick, director of the Rockefeller Center, traveled to New Orleans to testify before the New Orleans City Council on poverty-reduction strategies in the post-Hurricane Katrina era.

Throughout the year, students were mentored by Professors Samwick and Shaiko; Professors Peter Burns and William O'Neal, postdoctoral fellows at the Rockefeller Center; Professor Robert Sprinkle, visiting professor from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy; and graduate fellow Carrie Gibson (Dartmouth Medical School).

The 2007–08 academic year was the first of three years in which the Ford Foundation provided funding for the PRS. With this support, the PRS has been able to grow significantly the numbers of students involved and reports published.

Policy Research Shop Welcomes New Managers



Parama Chaudhury
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics Manager, Policy Research Shop



Shelley L. Hurt
Research Associate Manager, Policy Research Shop

Professor Parama Chaudhury is a labor economist who teaches courses on introductory economics, international trade, women and the economy, and the economics of education. She received her PhD from New York University and has taught at Dartmouth since fall 2003. During the 2006–07 academic year, she taught courses on introductory economics and labor economics at Yale. Her research interests include the effects of new technology on workers' wages, and the role of work experience and education in developing workplace skills. Professor Chaudhury grew up Calcutta, now known as Kolkata, in eastern India and got her early education there and in Delhi, India.

Shelley L. Hurt has joined the Rockefeller Center as a research associate and manager of the Policy Research Shop for the 2008–09 academic year. Before coming to Dartmouth, she taught political science for two years as a visiting instructor at Vassar College. Professor Hurt's dissertation research on "Science, Power, and the State: U.S. Foreign Policy, Intellectual Property Law, and the Origins of Agricultural Biotechnology, 1969–1994" was awarded the 2007 Carl Beck Award from the International Studies Association. She received a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MA and a PhD from the New School for Social Research.

Policy Research Shop Reports 2007–08

"Affordable Housing in Hanover, New Hampshire," by Roopa Chari '09 and Ian Tapu '08

"Cellulosic Ethanol," by Michael Coburn '10, Ruth Hupart '08, Evan Meyerson '08, Lucy Pollard '10, and Tara Wohlgenuth '09

"Establishing an Office of Personal Financial Education," by Peter Chau '08, Steven Cheng '10, Samuel Fisher '08, and Jessica Peet '08

"Hanover's Rural Study Group," by Ruth Hupart '08 and Joshua Hurd '08

"Healthy New Hampshire 2010," by Alex Becker '10, Benjamin Beckerman '10, Allyson Bennett '10, Rembert Browne '09, Roopa Chari '09, Steven Cheng '10, Corey Chu '08, Michael Coburn '10, Patrick Dooley '08, Melissa Fan '08, Dewey Hoffman '08, Joshua Hurd '08, Sarah Johnston '09, Zachary Mason '10, Evan Meyerson '08, Jessica Peet '08, Lucy Pollard '10, Shaun Stewart '10, Ian Tapu '08, Lauren Wang '08, Tara Wohlgenuth '09, Janice Wong '09, and Annie Yang '09

"Lead Poisoning in New Hampshire," by Allyson Bennett '10 and Lucy Pollard '10

"Managing Municipal Waste in New Hampshire," by Allyson Bennett '10, Danielle Coutinho '08, and Andrew Zabel '09

"Mental Health in New Hampshire Correctional Facilities," by Elise Braunschweig '08, Rembert Browne '09, Roopa Chari '09, Ian Tapu '08, and Jessica Peet '08

"Hampshire Broadband Access," by Benjamin Beckerman '10, Corey Chu '08, and Dewey Hoffman '08

"New Hampshire Transportation Funding Plan," by Alex Becker '10, Patrick Dooley '08, and Shaun Stewart '10

"Norwich and Pandemic Influenza Planning," by Kahlie Dufresne '09 and Lucy Pollard '10

"Poverty Reduction Strategies for New Orleans, Louisiana," by Caitlin Cunningham '09 and Emily Jones '08

"Riparian Zone Protection in Vermont," by Allyson Bennett '10, Joshua Hurd '08, and Lucy Pollard '10

"Small Town Traffic Congestion," by Michael Coburn '10 and Zachary Mason '10

"Sustainability in Hanover," by Rembert Browne '09 and Marissa Knodel '09

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