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U.Va. Miller Center Announces 2011-12 National Fellows

Charlottesville, VA – The University of Virginia’s Miller Center of Public Affairs has named nine promising young scholars as the 2011–12 Miller Center National Fellows. Each fellow will receive a one-year \$20,000 grant to support research and writing on U.S. politics, foreign policy, or global politics. Each fellow will also be guided by a “dream mentor,” a leading national scholar in their field, and take part in workshops to learn how to reach a broader audience with their scholarship.

“The fellows all analyze politics through the lens of history, spanning the disciplines of political science, sociology, and history,” said Brian Balogh, chair and founder of the fellowship program. “Besides sponsoring this cutting-edge scholarship, the Miller Center trains its fellows to distill their findings for non-specialists – to better inform citizens and improve the quality of public discourse.”

The 2011–12 Miller Center Fellows are:

Michael Beckley, Columbia University

Project: “The Unipolar Era”

Emily Charnock, University of Virginia

Project: “From Ghosts to Shadows: The National Party Organizations and Interest Groups”

Sheena Chestnut, Harvard University

Project: “Intelligent Autocrats: Secret Police & State Violence Under Authoritarianism”

Jack Epstein, Ohio University

Project: “Behind the Menancing Racket: Organized Labor, Federal Anti-Racketeering Policy, and the Law and Order Origins of the Modern American State, 1927–1970”

Robert Henderson, University of Maryland

Project: “Dream Deregulated: The Transformation of Housing Finance, 1968–1985”

Andrew Kelly, Northwestern University

Project: “Entering the New Frontier: The Origins and Development of Scientific Capacity in the United States and Great Britain”

Aila Matanock, Stanford University

Project: “International Insurance: Explaining Why Militant Groups Participate in Elections as Part of a Peace Agreement”

Rachel Moran, Penn State University

Project: “Body Politic: Federal Policy-Making on American Physique, 1890–1965”

Victor Nemchenok, University of Virginia

Project: “A Dialogue of Power: Development, Global Civil Society, and the Third World Challenge to the International Order, 1970–1988”

In its 12 years, the Miller Center’s fellowship program has helped launch the careers of more than 100 scholars and public-affairs experts. Fellows now teach at such prestigious universities as Yale and Northwestern and work at institutions ranging from the State Department to the U.S. Air Force.

The program’s emphasis on reaching a broader audience through opinion/editorials, blogs, and other media has also proven successful. The fellows’ work regularly appears in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Politico, and Slate and on PBS and NPR.

Founded in 1975, the Miller Center of Public Affairs is a leading nonpartisan public policy institution that aims to fulfill Jefferson’s public service mission by serving as a national meeting place for engaged citizens, scholars, students, media representatives, and government officials to research, reflect, and report on issues of national importance to the governance of the United States, with special attention to the central role and history of the presidency.