Miller Center Fellowship Conference Highlights
Work of 2007–08 Fellows on May 8 & 9

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 2, 2008—On Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9, 2008, the Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) program at the University of Virginia’s Miller Center of Public Affairs will host its annual Spring Fellowship Conference in American Politics, Foreign Policy and World Politics.

Eight 2007–08 Miller Center fellows, along with their “dream” mentors, will participate in four plenary sessions: Foreign Policy History; Business and Social Policy; The Power of States in a Federal System; and Race, Ideology and Justice.

The conference will also feature a manuscript review of Harvard University History Professor Daniel Carpenter’s forthcoming book on pharmaceutical regulation at the FDA. Three additional panelists will provide critique of the work: Paul Quirk, a distinguished political scientist at the University of British Columbia; Harry Marks, a leading expert in the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University; and Dr. Robert Temple, the Director of Drug Policy at the FDA.

“At the Miller Center’s annual Fellowship Conference, some of the nation’s most talented young scholars present their work and receive constructive criticism from their ‘dream’ mentors,” said GAGE Co-Chair Brian Balogh. “Those mentors are chosen from the leading senior scholars in a fellow’s field. Fellow and mentor work together for a year, often leading to lifelong professional relationships.”

The Conference will take place at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. It is free and open to the public. The schedule follows.
2007-08 Miller Center Fellowship Conference in American Politics, Foreign Policy and World Politics

Thursday, May 8, 2008

9:00 AM – Breakfast

9:15 AM – Welcoming Remarks
GAGE Co-Chairs: Brian Balogh, Melvyn Leffler, Jeffrey Legro, and Sidney Milkis

9:30 AM – Foreign Policy History Panel
Moderator: Marc Selverstone, University of Virginia

The United States and the Making of the Helsinki Final Act
Fellow: Mike Morgan, Yale University
Mentor: Tony Judt, New York University
Comment: Paul Stephan, University of Virginia

From Belgrade to Cairo: The United States and the Nonaligned Conferences, 1961-1962
Fellow: Robert Rakove, University of Virginia
Mentor: Robert McMahon, Ohio State University

11:00 AM – Business and Social Policy Panel
Moderator: Bernie Carlson, University of Virginia

Wal-Mart Welfare: Business, Workers, and the Politics of Health Policy in Maryland and South Carolina
Fellow: Nicole Kazee, Yale University
Mentor: Lawrence Brown, Columbia University

Fellow: Dominique Tobbell, University of Pennsylvania
Mentor: Dan Carpenter, Harvard University

12:30 PM – Lunch Break
Lunch will be provided for all conference participants, their guests, and audience members.

1:30 PM – The Power of States in a Federal System Panel
Moderator: Vesla Weaver, University of Virginia

*Fragmentation and Centralization: State Education Reform Projects and the Origins of No Child Left Behind*
Fellow: Jesse Rhodes, University of Virginia
Mentor: Cathie Jo Martin, Boston University

*An “Unconstitutional Governor”: Woodrow Wilson and the People’s Executive, 1885-1913*
Fellow: Saladin Ambar, Rutgers University
Mentor: Sidney Milkis, University of Virginia

**Friday, May 9, 2008**

*9:00 AM – Breakfast*

*9:15 AM – Manuscript Review*

*Reputation and Power: Organizational Image and Pharmaceutical Regulation at the FDA*
Author: Dan Carpenter, Harvard University

Comment: Paul Quirk, University of British Columbia
Harry Marks, The Johns Hopkins University
Robert Temple, Director of Medical Policy, FDA

Moderator: Eric Patashnik, University of Virginia

*12:00 PM – Lunch Break*

Lunch will be provided for all conference participants and their guests, as well as audience members.

*1:15 PM – Race, Ideology and Justice Panel*
Moderator: Risa Goluboff, University of Virginia

*A Historical Tale of Power, Structure and Contemporary Racial Disadvantage*
Fellow: Christopher Lebron, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mentor: Kwame Appiah, Princeton University
Comment: Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia

*The Other Rights Revolution: Property Rights and the Shaping of the Conservative Legal Activism*
Fellow: Jefferson Decker, Columbia University
Mentor: Daniel Ernst, Georgetown University

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