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## Miller Center Fellowship Conference Highlights Work of 2008–2009 Fellows on May 7 & 8

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 1, 2009— On Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8, 2009, the Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) program at the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs will host its annual Fellowship Conference in History and Politics.

Nine 2008–09 Miller Center fellows, along with their “dream” mentors, will participate in four plenary sessions: **Foreign Aid and Incorporating Foreign Nationals, Instigating and Consolidating Regime Change, Region and Empire, and Political Impact of Mass Media.**

The conference will also feature a manuscript review of Miller Center GAGE Chair Brian Balogh's book, *A Government Out of Sight: The Mystery of National Authority in Nineteenth-Century America* (Cambridge, 2009). Two additional panelists will critique the work: Hugh Hecló, Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Public Affairs at George Mason University, and Julian E. Zelizer, Professor of History and Public Affairs at Princeton. Sidney Milkis, White Burkett Miller Professor of History at U.Va. and Assistant Director for Academic Programs at the Miller Center, will moderate.

“The annual fellowship conference provides an opportunity for some of the nation's top young scholars to benefit the mentors who have been working with them during the fellowship year,” said Balogh. “It also provides an opportunity for the public to get a first-hand view of cutting edge scholarship in the making. Former Miller Center fellows have gone on to publish award-winning books and to teach at leading universities.”

The Fellowship Conference will be held at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. It is free and open to the public; an **RSVP is required** to (434) 924-4694 or [ColloquiumRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:ColloquiumRSVP@gmail.com).

The program will be **webcast live** and archived at <http://www.millercenter.org>.

**Conference: 2008–2009 Miller Center Fellowship Conference  
in History and Politics**

**Date:** Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8, 2009

**Location:** Miller Center of Public Affairs  
2201 Old Ivy Road  
Charlottesville VA 22904  
<http://www.millercenter.org>

**SCHEDULE:**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. – Breakfast**

**9:15 a.m. – Welcome Remarks**

Gerald L. Baliles, Director of the Miller Center

**9:30 a.m. – Foreign Aid and Incorporating Foreign Nationals**

MODERATOR: Jeffrey W. Legro

*Special Relationships, Dollars, and Development: U.S. Foreign Aid and State-Building  
Egypt, Jordan, South Korea, and Taiwan*

FELLOW: Anne Peters, University of Virginia

MENTOR: John Waterbury, American University of Beirut

COMMENT: Debra Shulman, College of William & Mary

*Politicizing Religion: A Comparative Look at the Origins and Development of Muslim  
Incorporation Policies*

FELLOW: Kathryn Gardner, University of Notre Dame

MENTOR: John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

COMMENT: Jennifer Fitzgerald, University of Colorado at Boulder

**11:00 a.m. – Instigating and Consolidating Regime Change**

MODERATOR: Melvyn P. Leffler

*Assisting Counterinsurgents: U.S. Security Assistance and Internal War, 1946–1991*

FELLOW: Walter Ladwig, University of Oxford

MENTOR: Daniel Byman, Georgetown University

COMMENT: Philip D. Zelikow, University of Virginia

*Exiting Anarchy: Militia Politics and the Post-Soviet Peace*

FELLOW: Jesse Driscoll, Stanford University

MENTOR: Mark R. Beissinger, Princeton University

**12:30 p.m. – Lunch Break**

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

**2:00 p.m. – Region and Empire**

MODERATOR: Jeffery A. Jenkins

*Energy Highways: Canals, Pipes, and Wires Transform the Mid-Atlantic*

FELLOW: Chris Jones, University of Pennsylvania

MENTOR: John McNeill, Georgetown University

*The Tutelary Empire: State- and Nation-Building in the 19th Century U.S.*

FELLOW: Stefan Heumann, University of Pennsylvania

MENTOR: Richard White, Stanford University

COMMENT: Richard Bense, Cornell University

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. – Breakfast**

**9:30 a.m. – Manuscript Review**

*A Government Out of Sight: The Mystery of National Authority in Nineteenth-Century America* (Cambridge, 2009)

AUTHOR: Brian Balogh, University of Virginia

COMMENT: Hugh Hecl, George Mason University

Julian E. Zelizer, Princeton University

MODERATOR: Sidney Milkis, University of Virginia

**12:30 p.m. – Lunch Break**

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**1:15 p.m. – Political Impact of Mass Media**

MODERATOR: Vesla Weaver

*Messengers of the Right: Media and Modern American Conservatism*

FELLOW: Nicole Hemmer, Columbia University

MENTOR: Silvio Waisbord, George Washington University

*Network-Enhanced Goods and Internet-Mediated Organizations: The Internet's Effects on Political Participation, Organization, and Mobilization*

FELLOW: David Karpf, University of Pennsylvania

MENTOR: Henry Farrell, George Washington University

COMMENT: Siva Vaidhyanathan, University of Virginia

*Positive Rights in the Constitutions of the United States*

FELLOW: Emily Zackin, Princeton University

MENTOR: Tom Burke, Wellesley College

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