

Research Institutes – Fall 2009

CMC's research institutes began the academic year with an ambitious series of activities.

The Berger Institute for Work, Family and Children: The Institute co-sponsored Sylvia Ann Hewlett, author of *Off-Ramps and On-Ramps: Keeping Talented Women on the Road to Success*, at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum in October. In September, **Heather Antecol**, Boswell Professor of Economics and director of the Berger Institute, presented new evidence on the opt-out revolution in her paper titled "The Opt-Out Revolution: A Descriptive Analysis." A full copy of the paper can be viewed at www.claremontmckenna.edu/berger. In the spring Joanna Strober, author of *Getting to 50/50: How Working Couples Can Have It All by Sharing It All*, is scheduled to speak at the Athenaeum in March. The Berger Institute is also co-hosting the Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics with the Lowe Institute in April.

The Financial Economics Institute: This fall FEI hired 19 students to work as research analysts. They are working on research projects in conjunction with FEI affiliated faculty members. On September 8, FEI held its annual Information Session to highlight Institute activities, promote employment opportunities, and discuss the Financial Economics Sequence. Currently, there are 71 students registered to complete the Sequence. The New York City Networking Trip is planned for January 11–15, 2010, and 17 students will be participating. Participants will visit several firms including Atalaya Capital Management, Capital Group, Deloitte Consulting, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley. The next FEI Board meeting will be held on January 11, 2010, in New York and will be followed by a reception and dinner hosted by **Julie Spellman Sweet '89** at the offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. One of the FEI students, Asaf Bernstein (HMC '08), had a paper, "Identifying the Effects of a Lender-of-Last Resort on Financial Markets: Lessons from the Founding of the Fed," published in the *Journal of Financial Economics*. It was co-authored with FEI Director **Eric Hughson** and Professor **Marc Weidenmier**, director of the Lowe Institute of Political Economy.

The Family of Benjamin Z. Gould Center for Humanistic Studies: The Center sponsored two speakers at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum this fall: Pulitzer-prize winning author W. S. Merwin read from his work on October 26, and renowned Chinese painter Gao ErTai spoke about his book and his art on November 3.

The Center for Human Rights Leadership: The Center sponsored a number of speakers this fall at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, including: **Steven Bullock '88** discussed how lawyers can make a difference; Paul Lauren examined the topic of leaders being held responsible for war crimes in law and public policy; Father Patrick Desbois discussed his work on identifying unmarked mass graves from the Holocaust; and peace activist Gershon Baskin examined the topic of Israeli-Palestinian peace. The Center also welcomed two new members to its Advisory Board: **Andrew Wright '68 P'97 P'01** and **Ronald Ohata P'09**.

The Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies: In October, the Keck Center commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China with a presentation at the Athenaeum by Professor Roderick MacFarquhar, the Freeman Foundation Visiting Scholar. The Center promoted discussion of Asia and U.S.-China issues by sponsoring additional presentations by Dr. Daniel Okimoto, chairman of Sterling Stamos Global Institute, and Professor **Minxin Pei P'11**. Dr. Okimoto discussed the U.S.-Japan alliance, and Professor Pei discussed President Obama's outreach to China.

Kravis Leadership Institute:

■ **Jessica Briggs '03**, assistant director for leadership programs, represented KLI and the CMS Athletics Department at the 2009 Division III Student-Athlete Leadership Conference held in Fort Worth, Texas, in October. She was joined by CMC students **Matthew Rothlisberger '11** and **Sara Beattie '11**.

■ KLI sponsored four students—**Miles Bird '12**, **Michelle Kim '12**, **Veronica Pugin '12**, and **Zephaniah Smith '12**—to travel to Prague to compete in a case analysis at the International Leadership Association.

■ More than 100 students, faculty, and staff participated in Leadership Day on November 2. The focus of the day was "Lifting Our Leadership" and included a vision workshop, a presentation and case analysis workshop by Deloitte Consulting, and a presentation at the Athenaeum by featured speakers **Bob Vanourek P'92** and **Gregg Vanourek '92**, author and founding partner of New Mountain Ventures.

■ CMC alumni **Adam Altman '99**, **Sunil Rajaraman '01**, and **Jason Yardi '00** donated \$10,000 to establish an Entrepreneurship Award Fund at KLI. The Award will provide for one or more annual prizes to be given to a qualified team or teams of CMC students who have created a viable entrepreneurial venture.

■ KLI welcomed six new alumni members to its Advisory Board: **Marc Bathgate '05**, **Geoff Baum '85**, **Carol Hartman '86**, **Dean Jensen '83**, **Mustafa Mirza '76**, and **Samuel "Skip" Sanzeri '83**.

Lowe Institute of Political Economy: The Lowe Institute sponsored three speakers this fall: Sylvia Hewlett, founder and president of the Center for Work-Life Policy at Columbia University; Steven Levitt, co-author of *New York Times* bestseller *Freakonomics and SuperFreakonomics*; and Gordon Hanson, director of the Center on Pacific Economies at U.C. San Diego.

The Roberts Environmental Center: The Center released its first country-specific analysis of sustainability reporting and chose China for this inaugural report. The report is a first in another way, incorporating an extensive foreword by the Chinese consulting firm SynTao to augment the Center's analysis with that of a regional specialist. The report, "2009 Sustainability Reporting in China's Largest Corporations," includes analysis of the web-based sustainability reporting of the 29 Chinese companies on the Fortune Global 500 list, the largest 500 companies in the world. Approximately 10 of these companies are reporting at a level comparable with their European and American counterparts, but the remaining two-thirds have hardly begun reporting at all. The Roberts Environmental Center Press also released its sixth student-authored book analyzing the current technical literature on a variety of aspects of global warming and climate change. "Global Climate Change and Natural Resources: Summaries of the 2008-2009 Scientific Literature" was edited by Professor **Emil Morhardt** and is available from Amazon.com.

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The Rose Institute of State and Local Government: On October 15, the Rose Institute hosted a day-long conference on the legal, financial and representational issues associated with the 2010 Census and 2011 state and local government redistricting, titled “Redistricting, The 2010 Census, and Your Budget.” More than 75 state and local officials attended and heard from panels of experts and political leaders. The Institute also presented original analysis on the impact of demographic changes on California Congressional redistricting in 2011. This report received attention in the press across the State. Additional projects include:

- Extending the demographic analysis of the 2010 Census to the state assembly and state senate redistricting;
 - Completing comparative analysis of San Diego County Services for the *Voice of San Diego*, a nonprofit, independent online newspaper under sponsorship from CMC Life Trustee **Buzz Woolley '59 P'90 P'92**;
 - Launching the Miller-Rose Institute Initiative Database, an online, dynamic database of all successful ballot initiatives, and coordinating the database with the publication of Associate Director **Ken Miller's** new book, *Direct Democracy and the Courts*;
 - Expanding the Rose Institute's web presence by publishing original analysis from students and faculty to the *Rose Report* blog and engaging various social networks, such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn;
 - Conducting a fiscal analysis of Riverside County;
 - Partnering with the Lowe Institute to launch a newsletter analyzing economics and political developments in the Inland Empire; and
 - Preparing information and developing marketing strategies for the 2010 *Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey*.
- The Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom in the**

Modern World: The Salvatori Center is hosting a conference on the 21st century philosopher Leo Strauss, which will be held on campus in December. The focus of the conference is “Leo Strauss’ Classic Natural Right Teaching” and will feature 19 scholars from colleges and universities across the U.S. Also, four CMC students were awarded the Claude and Anne Nelson Harrison Fellowship Award for 2009-2010. **Aditya Bindal '11**, **Charles Johnson '11**, **David Ernst '10**, and **Nicole Holzberg '11** each received a fellowship of \$1,250 and will be conducting a research project under the supervision of and in collaboration with an associated faculty member of the Salvatori Center.