

## Research Institutes and Centers – Spring 2010

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CMC's research institutes and centers continue to provide students with unparalleled opportunities for research with our distinguished faculty.

**The Berger Institute for Work, Family and Children:** In the fall, the Institute awarded the 2009-2010 Institute Fellowship to Courtney Dern '10. Courtney will present her research findings at the Institute's spring board meeting scheduled for March 24. Also in March, the Berger Institute will host Joanna Strober, author of *Getting to 50/50: How Working Couples Can Have It All By Sharing It All*, at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum. The next month, the Institute will co-host the Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics with the Lowe Institute and is sponsoring the lunch keynote speaker, Francine Blau.

This semester, seven CMC undergraduate research assistants are working on various research projects for the Institute, including Christian Alvarez '11 who is the recipient of the 2010 Western Psychological Foundation Robert L. Solso Research Award. Christian will present his research at the Western Psychological Association Conference in April. He is collaborating with Berger Faculty Affiliate Dr. Tomoe Kanaya. This summer the Institute is offering two exciting internships in human resources policy in conjunction with Eclipse Berry Farms, LLC, and is sponsoring four Faculty/Student Summer research opportunities.

**The Financial Economics Institute:** In November FEI sponsored Chester Spatt, the Pamela R. and Kenneth B. Dunn Professor of Finance and director of the Center for Financial Markets at Carnegie Mellon University, to the Athenaeum. His topic was "Economic Principles, Government Policy and the Market Crisis." FEI's spring Athenaeum speakers include: Wayne E. Ferson, Ivadelle and Theodore Johnson Chair of Banking and Finance at the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California; and Jonathan Berk, an expert in the analysis of mutual fund performance from Stanford University.

FEI conducted its annual New York City Networking Trip during the week of January 11. Seventeen students visited a variety of banks and consulting firms to learn about the firms and employment opportunities there. During the trip, some of the firms interviewed CMC students for summer internships. This year the group visited Royal Bank of Canada, Atalaya Capital Management, Deutsche Bank, Deloitte Consulting, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and J.P. Morgan Chase. Many of the meetings were arranged by a four-student organizing committee comprised of CMC seniors; this was the first year students participated in this capacity.

On January 30 and 31, FEI sponsored mock "super day" interviews for CMC junior economics and economics-accounting majors interested in investment banking. Four seniors led the mock interviews and helped their peers prepare for the upcoming summer internship recruiting season. A resume and cover letter editing session was also held on January 22, and a practice super day prep session was scheduled for January 29.

**The Family of Benjamin Z. Gould Center for Humanistic Studies:** The Gould Center welcomes notable literary scholar and critic Angus Fletcher as its newest writer-in-residence. Professor Fletcher is the Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Graduate School at the City University of New York. He is the author of several works, including: *Allegory: The Theory of a Symbolic Mode*; *Time, Space, and Motion in the Age of Shakespeare*; and *A New Theory for American Poetry: Democracy, the Environment, and the Future of Imagination*. Professor Fletcher is teaching a seminar on "Literature and the Open Society" this spring. In addition, the Center secured Robert von Hallberg, Helen A. Regenstein Professor in English Language and Literature at the University of Chicago, to lead a student seminar titled "Film Noir and the Literature of Los Angeles."

**The Center for Human Rights Leadership:** The Center co-sponsored the visit of anti-death penalty activist Sister Prejean at the Athenaeum in February. Seven student members of the Center's student human rights task forces had the opportunity to meet with Sister Prejean for a seminar before her presentation. On February 11, the Center held a luncheon at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. The proceeds from the event will support summer human rights internships for CMC students.

The Center's student human rights task forces continue to be active on campus and off, focusing primarily on micro-finance, education (local and international), water, and criminal justice. Approximately 20 students are currently involved, with several students working abroad this spring. The students on the human rights task forces have also been deeply involved in fund-raising on campus to provide relief for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. In February, the Center's student task force on criminal justice sponsored the Athenaeum visit of Michael Adelson, an attorney based in Los Angeles, who has devoted his career to defending individuals facing the death penalty. On April 23, the Center and the Keck Center will co-sponsor a conference on the foreign policy of the Obama administration at mid-term. The Center also has provided support for the visit of David Kaye, who oversees the human rights program at UCLA Law School. On April 26-27, the Center will sponsor the visit of David Shulman, Israeli scholar at the Hebrew University and peace activist, whose book, *Dark Hope*, gives an account of some of the efforts of Israelis and Palestinians to promote mutual understanding.

**The Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies:** The Keck Center recently received a grant of \$50,000 from the Foundation to Promote Open Society to produce a translation of the book *Mubei* (Tombstone), which details the history and depravity of the Great Leap Forward period under Chairman Mao. Professor Pei has secured an agreement with Harvard University Press to publish the work when the translation is complete.

### **Kravis Leadership Institute:**

■ **New Internship Program:** In February, The Kravis Leadership Institute (KLI) announced a new International Internship Program focused on cross-cultural understanding of leadership in the public, private, or social sectors and developing leadership skills in an international setting. The program was created from a fund established in 2009 by Susan Mirza, widow of CMC graduate Muzzafar Mirza '80. The international internship program complements the existing KLI Social Sector Internship Program, which funds domestic internships in the social sector.

■ **Speaker Series:** The Kravis Leadership Institute brought leadership expert Morgan McCall to speak at the Athenaeum on February 3. McCall, Professor of Management and Organization in the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, specializes in executive leadership. He was previously Director of Research and a Senior Behavioral Scientist at the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, N.C.

■ **Kravis Conference:** The Kravis Leadership Institute will partner with the Claremont Graduate University and the Claremont Leadership Roundtable to sponsor a Conference on *Distance in Leader-Follower Relations* on March 6. Speakers from across the globe will examine questions that arise as leaders face new challenges from changes in culture, technology, and the workplace.

## Faculty Achievements and Activities – Spring 2010 (continued)

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■ **Annual Innovative Startup Award from KLI:** Adam Altman '99, Sunil Rajaraman '01, and an anonymous donor contributed \$10,000 to establish the Innovative Startup Award at the Kravis Leadership Institute. The Fund provides for one or more annual prizes to be awarded to a qualified team(s) of CMC students who have created a viable entrepreneurial venture. In the inaugural year, the Prize was administered through Professor Jay Conger's seminar, "Leading Entrepreneurial Ventures." Ryan Anderson '10, Eric MacColl '10, Andrew Hess '10, and Michael Widmann '10 were selected as this year's winners. They will develop BrewTours, a company that hosts tours of craft breweries in the San Francisco area, providing marketing and education for the craft beer niche. The Innovative Startup Award allows students to take their proposals from classroom to reality by providing startup money to launch the winning business.

■ **Staff News:** Sherylle Tan, KLI's Director of Research and Internships, was selected to chair the Contingent and/or Community College Outstanding Teachers and Mentors Committee for The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).

■ **Student Activities:** In February, The Kravis Leadership Institute sent two students to represent CMC at the Hatton W. Sumners Student Leadership Conference held at the University of Texas in Austin.

**Lowe Institute of Political Economy:** The Lowe Institute, in partnership with the Salvatori Center, established a society to encourage discussion and increase awareness of central issues in economics and politics. *CIVITAS* will feature lectures and documentaries on political economy. This semester, the society scheduled six films and discussions. The Institute also partnered with the Rose Institute to launch the Inland Empire Center and released the inaugural issue of the *Inland Empire Outlook*, a newsletter analyzing the economic and political issues for the region. The Lowe Institute is partnering with UCLA Anderson School of Management to organize an annual conference focusing on the Inland Empire. The first conference is planned for fall of 2010.

**The Roberts Environmental Center:** The Center continues its formal analyses of sustainability reporting for the pharmaceuticals and chemicals sectors. REC completed a third report in the same genre for the top 50 liberal arts colleges, including all five of the Claremont Colleges. In addition the Center published two books on issues associated with global warming: "Global Climate Change and Natural Resources" and "Ecological Consequences of Global Climate Change," both available from Amazon.com through links on the Center's new climate change blog, the Claremont Climate Report ([www.ClaremontClimateReport.com](http://www.ClaremontClimateReport.com)). The blog, updated daily, provides easy-to-read summaries of current scientific papers on global warming and climate change.

**The Rose Institute of State and Local Government:** This semester the Rose Institute and the Lowe Institute launched the Inland Empire Center and released the inaugural issue of the *Inland Empire Outlook*, a newsletter analyzing the economic and political issues for the region.

■ In February, the Institute released *Comparing San Diego County Services: A Twelve-County Analysis*, a 118-page report examining services in the 12 most populous California counties: Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Alameda, Sacramento, Contra Costa, Fresno, Ventura, and San Francisco. The report focuses on

the most significant county services, namely public protection, welfare, public assistance, and mental health.

■ Information from the Rose Institute on demographics and redistricting were noted in articles in the *Washington Post*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *U.S.A. Today*, *The Politico*, among others.

■ The Institute completed two major research studies for Southern California Edison—one on the Food Processing Industry and the other on Emerging Businesses.

■ The Rose Institute helped organized and execute the Irvine Foundation's Redistricting Collaborative Conference and made presentations to tribal leaders and state legislative leaders on redistricting and the upcoming census.

**The Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom in the Modern World:** In April the Center will hold a conference on "Leo Strauss' Thoughts on Machiavelli" in conjunction with the University of Chicago. The second conference in the Center's series on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is scheduled for May. With the support of the Koch Foundation, the Salvatori Center scheduled seminars with Hadley Arkes, a political scientist and the Edward N. Ney Professor of Jurisprudence and American Institutions at Amherst College, and Peter Berkowitz, a former law professor and the Tad and Dianne Taube Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, to discuss constitutionalism and American Government.