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NEWSWEEK'S JONATHAN ALTER TO DELIVER FALL WHITE LECTURE

Newsweek Senior Editor and NBC Contributing Correspondent



Jonathan Alter will deliver the fall White Lecture, entitled "The Defining Moment:

FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope," at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at a venue to be announced. For more than a decade, he has written a widely-acclaimed column for *Newsweek* that examines politics, media, and social and global issues. An originator and author of the magazine's weekly "Conventional Wisdom Watch," which uses up, down, and sideways arrows to measure and lampoon the news, as editor, he helps shape the magazine's overall news coverage. He also serves as a contributing correspondent for NBC News, where he appears regularly on all of the network's news broadcasts, including "Today," "NBC Nightly News," MSNBC, and CNBC, and often may be heard on radio, including "Imus in the Morning" and "The Al Franken Show." In addition to his most recent book, *The Defining Moment*, he is co-author of *Selecting a President* and the co-editor of *Inside the System*.

Alter joined *Newsweek* as an associate editor in the national affairs section in 1983 and became the magazine's media critic the following year. He was named a senior writer in 1987 and a senior editor in 1991. Prior to joining *Newsweek*, he was an editor at *The Washington Monthly*. His freelance work has appeared

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ANTON LIPPITT CONFERENCE ON "SEX AND THE CITY" SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24

The 7th annual Anton Lippitt Conference, which honors the memories of Public Policy Professor Emeritus Thomas Anton and Community Leader Fred Lippitt, will feature scholars and legislators concerned with the timely topic of how urban communities regulate industries associated with sexual materials and activities. The conference, entitled "Sex and the City," will take place in Leung Gallery on the second floor of Faunce House. Beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, two panels of esteemed scholars and practitioners will comprise the event. The first panel, entitled "Sex and the City: Regulatory Approaches," moderated by Postdoctoral Research Associate Antoinette J. Pole, will feature Urban Social Geographer Phil Hubbard of Loughborough University and Rhode Island Representative Elizabeth Dennigan (D-East Providence). The latter has introduced legislation in the Rhode Island house to regulate the sex industry in the state. Commencing at 5:30 p.m., the second panel, moderated by Frederick Lippitt Professor in Public Policy Marion Orr, is entitled "Sex and the City: The Moral Imperative" and will feature University of Kansas Political Scientist Elaine B. Sharp and Columbia University Sociologist Elizabeth Bernstein.

MAGGIE GALLAGHER AND DAVINA KOTULSKI DEBATE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AS PART OF DEXTER LECTURE SERIES

Maggie Gallagher, president of the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, and Davina Kotulski, Executive Director of Marriage Equality USA, will debate the hot topic of same-sex marriage as part of the Dexter Lecture Series at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at a venue to be announced. Ms. Gallagher is a nationally syndicated columnist and the author of three books on marriage, including most recently *The Case for Marriage: Why Married People Are Happier, Healthier, and Better-Off Financially*, co-authored with University of Chicago Professor Linda Waite. Described as a leading voice of the new marriage movement, *National Journal* named her to the 2004 list of the most influential people in the same-sex marriage debate. Appearing frequently on major television and radio programs, she has testified as an expert witness on marriage before the U.S.

Senate and in several state legislatures. Her writings on marriage have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Weekly Standard*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, as well as



scholarly journals such as the *Louisiana Law Review*, and the *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics, and Public Policy*. Ms. Gallagher is a 1982 graduate of Yale and lives with her husband and two children in Westchester, New York.

Ms. Kotulski is a clinical psychologist and author of *Why You Should Give A Damn About Gay Marriage*. In October 2004, she organized the "Marriage Equality Express" from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., culminating in the first national rally in support of same-sex marriage. She and her wife, Molly McKay,

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SLATTERY-BOWNDS JOINS CENTER AS MANAGER OF CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

During the summer, Jennifer Slattery-Bownds joined the Center as Manager of Career and Employment Development. Among her principal duties will be offering career counseling and strategies for MPP and MPA students, as well as department concentrators. She also has instituted a new career-focused luncheon series and will serve as host of the Center's academic luncheon series. She has the ideal background for this position as, prior to arriving at Brown, she held similar career counseling positions at the Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester and at the State University of New York at Oswego. Additionally, she has served as president of the New York State Cooperative and Experiential Education Association and also has performed leadership consulting work for an educational consulting organization. Her education includes a master of science in education counseling from the State University of New York at Brockport and a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the State University of New York at Geneseo. Slattery-Bownds's areas of interest include experiential learning, higher education policy, and career development. She also will offer a graduate seminar, entitled "Leading and Managing in Public Affairs," in the spring semester.

IN MEMORIAM: DIRECTOR EMERITUS THOMAS J. ANTON

The Taubman Center is very sad to announce that A. Alfred Taubman Professor of Public Policy and American Institutions Thomas J. Anton passed away on June 6, 2006, following a battle with cancer. Also a professor of political science, he was the founding director of the Center and served in that capacity from 1984 to 2000. A magna cum laude graduate of Clark University, Anton earned his doctorate from Princeton University in 1961. Prior to arriving at Brown in 1983, he held faculty positions at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Illinois, and the University of Michigan.

Professor Anton was an internationally renowned political scientist whose path-breaking studies of federalism and public policy won many prestigious awards. The author or co-author of 14 books and monographs and over 50 articles in scholarly journals, among his most important books were *The Politics of State Expenditures in Illinois*, *Governing Greater Stockholm*, *Federal Aid to Detroit*, and *American Federalism and Public Policy: How the System Works*. The last book won the 1989 Gladys M. Kammerer Award presented by the American Political Science Association "for the best political science publication in the field of U.S. national policy." A past editor of the *Policy Sciences* journal, he also was the recipient of many grants, fellowships, and awards, including the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, a Fulbright Fellowship, and a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship. In 2000, he received the Distinguished Federalism Scholar award from the American Political Science Association.

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MARTON, NORES, AND WASSERMAN JOIN CENTER FACULTY; POLE REAPPOINTED

Three new postdoctoral fellows have joined the Taubman Center faculty for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Center also is pleased to announce that 2005-06 Postdoctoral Research Associate Antoinette J. Pole was re-appointed for the 2006-07 academic year. James Marton, who received his doctoral education in economics from Washington University, specializes in economics and health care policy. His research interests include the economics of health care, employer-provided health insurance, and child health outcomes. In the fall, he will teach the graduate statistics seminar and, in the spring, will lead a seminar on the economics of health care. Milagros Nores received her doctorate in education and economics from Columbia University and specializes in education policy. Her research interests include early childhood attainment, the economics of education, poverty, and international and comparative education. In the fall, she will offer a seminar on education policy and, in the spring, will teach the graduate seminar that examines economics and public policy. Melanie Wasserman received her doctoral education at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and specializes in health policy. Her research interests include health policy and population studies, focusing on health disparities, immigrant health, and preventative care utilization among latina women and those individuals with limited English proficiency. In the fall, she will lead a seminar on health policy and, in the spring, will teach PP 120: "Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation."

PROFESSOR WEST'S DIGITAL GOVERNMENT WINS BEST BOOK AWARD

Professor Darrell M. West's book, *Digital Government*, was awarded the Don K. Price Award for best book on science, technology, and politics published in the past three years. Formally presented at the American Political Science Association's 2006 annual meeting in Philadelphia, this prestigious award was conferred by the Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics section of the American Political Science Association.

REBECCA LEE NAMED DARRELL M. WEST GRADUATE SCHOLAR

Second year Master's of Public Policy student Rebecca Lee was chosen by the Public Policy Graduate Committee as the inaugural recipient of the Darrell M. West Graduate Scholar for Academic Achievement. This scholarship is awarded to a second year MPP student each summer based on performance in the classroom and the pursuit of professional excellence. Ms. Lee, who has focused her graduate study on education policy, received her undergraduate degree from St. Michael's College in Vermont and interned with The Providence Plan in Summer 2006.

FACULTY NEWS

Scott W. Allard:

❖ Working with a team of undergraduate research assistants, Professor Allard recently completed several survey projects investigating social service provision in rural communities. One project examined how rural communities in the southeastern United States provide assistance and services to poor populations. Kristie Cole and Bianca Gully from Tougaloo College in Mississippi worked with Professor Allard to interview more than 100 nonprofit organizations and churches in Georgia, Kentucky, and Mississippi. Brown students Carly Edelstein, Jessica Gillooly, Adrienne Healey, and Julia Stern conducted detailed interviews with almost 400 organizations in rural California, New Mexico, and Oregon. The findings from each project will help policymakers and scholars better understand the distribution of anti-poverty programs and resources across rural communities, as well as highlight key challenges confronting agencies operating in rural areas. During Fall 2006, Professor Allard will be a visiting scholar at the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

William Allen

❖ In April, Professor Allen was elected president of the board of directors of Amos House in Providence. For thirty years, it has provided direct support for men, women, and children who are hungry, homeless, and in crisis.

Brett M. Clifton

❖ Professor Clifton's book, *Evaluating Campaign Quality: Can the Electoral Process Be Improved?*, was accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press. Co-authored with Darrell M. West and L. Sandy Maisel, the book will be released in Spring 2007.

Ross E. Cheit

❖ An article by Professor Cheit and David Mervis (Brown Public Policy '04), entitled "Myths about the Country Walk Case," was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*. Another article, in which Professor Cheit examined the difficulties of conducting trial court research in state courts, was accepted for publication in the *Justice System Journal*.

Brian Knight

❖ A recent paper by Professor Knight, entitled "Are Policy Platforms Capitalized into Equity Prices: Evidence from Equity Markets During the Bush / Gore 2000 Presidential Election," was published by the *Journal of Public Economics*. It examined 70 firms favored under Bush or Gore platforms and correlated their returns with candidate electoral prospects, as implied by the Iowa Electronic Market. The daily baseline estimates demonstrated that platforms are capitalized into equity prices: under a Bush administration, relative to a counterfactual Gore administration, Bush-favored firms were 3 percent more and Gore-favored firms were worth 6 percent less, implying a statistically significant differential return of 9 percent. Professor Knight also presented research at several conferences and seminars, including a Budget Policy Conference at the University of Southern California, Stanford University, MIT, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Chicago.

James Marton

❖ Two papers by Professor Marton were recently accepted for publication. The first, entitled "State Government Cash and In-Kind Benefits: Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers and Cross-Program Substitution," will be published at the *Journal of Urban Economics*. Co-authored with David E. Wildasin, the article examines the possibility that

states may have a financial incentive to shift money from cash welfare programs into Medicaid as a result of the 1996 welfare reform act. The second, entitled, "A Model of Commodity Differentiation with Indivisibilities and Production," will be published by *Economic Theory*. Co-authored with Marco A. Castaneda, it explores the modeling of commodities that can be thought of as bundles of individual characteristics. Finally, he was awarded funding from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to complete a study that measures the extent to which low income children in Kentucky move back and forth between Medicaid and Kentucky's SCHIP program.

Edward A. Miller

❖ Professor Miller was awarded \$188,629 as co-principal investigator with Brown Medical Science Professor Vincent Mor for a project entitled "The Commonwealth Fund Long-Term Care Policy Survey: Assessing Experts' Views." He also published "Explaining Incremental and Non-Incremental Change: Medicaid Nursing Facility Reimbursement Policy, 1980-1998" in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, "Bureaucratic Policy Making on Trial: Medicaid Nursing Facility Reimbursement, 1988-1998" in *Medical Care Research and Review*, and "Risk of Nursing Home Placement in Association with Mental Illness Nationally in the Department of Veterans Affairs" in *Medical Care*. He also presented his work at the annual meeting of Academy Health and continues to work in support of the National Commission for Quality Long-Term Care.

Marion Orr

❖ Professor Marion Orr was appointed the Frederick Lippitt Professor in Public Policy in Summer 2006. Additionally, his edited volume, *Transforming the City: Community Organizing and the Challenge of Political Change*, is forthcoming in Spring 2007 from the University Press of Kansas. It examines how community organizing as a strategy has changed due to the changes in the local ecology of civic engagement within cities since WWII. These changes include: globalization/de-industrialization in the economic sphere; the demise of machines and ward based politics and their replacement by citywide structures and institutions in the political sphere; and the destruction of the social fabric in many urban communities

Antoinette J. Pole

❖ Professor Pole's article, entitled "Black Bloggers and the Blogosphere," was accepted for publication by the *International Journal of Technology*. She also was asked to contribute as third author for the second edition of Edward Schneier and John Brian Murtaugh's M.E. Sharpe book *New York Politics: A Tale of Two States*.

Wendy J. Schiller

❖ Professor Schiller's article, entitled "Building Careers and Courting Constituents: U.S. Senate Representation, 1889-1924," will appear in the fall volume of *Studies in American Political Development*. Another piece, "The New Congress? How Congress has changed its ways," is forthcoming in the American Bar Association's *Insights on Law and Society*. In addition to continuing her National Science Foundation-funded research on Senate elections in the 19th century, she was division chair for legislative studies at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) and was chosen to serve on the council of the Legislative Studies Section of APSA.

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Fall 2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2006

“Same-Sex Marriage: A Debate,” featuring Maggie Gallagher, President, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, and Davina Kotulski, Executive Director, Marriage Equality USA, venue to be announced (Dexter Lecture)

Noon, Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Taubman Luncheon Series, Scott Meyer, CEO of About.com, “Opportunities in New Media,” seminar room (lunch provided)

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Jonathan Alter, *Newsweek* Senior Editor & NBC News Contributing Correspondent, “The Defining Moment: FDR’s Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope,” venue to be announced (White Lecture)

Noon, Friday, October 13, 2006

Taubman Luncheon Series, Rodney Hero, Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, “Immigration and the Evolving American Welfare State,” seminar room (lunch provided)

ANTON LIPPITT URBAN CONFERENCE “Sex and the City”

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2006

First Panel: “Sex and the City: Regulatory Approaches,” with Phil Hubbard, Reader in Urban Social Geography, Loughborough University (UK), and Rhode Island Representative Elizabeth Dennigan (D-East Providence), Leung Gallery (Faunce House)

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Second Panel: “Sex and the City: The Moral Imperative,” with Elaine B. Sharp, Professor of Political Science, University of Kansas, and Elizabeth Bernstein, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Barnard College, Columbia University, Leung Gallery (Faunce House)

Noon, Thursday, November 16, 2006

Taubman Luncheon Series, Nelson Tebbe, Assistant Professor, St. John’s School of Law, “American Law & Policy: Free Exercise & the Problem of Symmetry,” seminar room (lunch provided)

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While at Brown, Professor Anton was active in a wide range of public and community service, serving as chair of the board of commissioners of the Providence Housing Authority and as founder-director of The Providence Plan, a non-profit organization dedicated to community revitalization. In 1991, he was elected a trustee at Clark and, in 1995, became vice-chair of its board of trustees. Professor Anton is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three children. Contributions to honor his memory can be made to the Thomas J. Anton Fund at the Taubman Center for Public Policy, 67 George Street, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912-1977.

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in such publications as *The New Republic*, *Esquire*, *Slate*, and *The New York Times*. He also is the recipient of numerous awards for his political columns, including the Clarion Award from “Women in Communications” for “Best Magazine Opinion Column,” the National Headliner Award for “Consistently Outstanding Feature Column,” and the Gerald Loeb Award for Distinguished Business Reporting. In 2001, he received the prestigious John Bartlow Martin Award and the top media award from the American Bar Association for his reporting on the death penalty. A Chicago native, Alter received his bachelor’s degree with honors in history from Harvard College in 1979, and lives in New Jersey with his wife and children.

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were the 17th couple married in San Francisco and have appeared together on CNN, as well as been interviewed by *Newsweek*, *Time*, and *USA Today*. They also were featured in two documentaries: “Freedom to Marry” and “Pursuit of Equality,” and several television shows including “American Quest,” which documented the National Marriage Equality Express, and “I Will, I Do, We Did,” which followed the San Francisco marriages that took place in 2004. She also is currently an adjunct faculty member at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, New York.

This lecture series was created to honor the memory of Masha Dexter ’06, who passed away from Hodgkin’s Disease in 2004. Masha was active in many advocacy organizations at Brown. She was a talented writer, a spirited debater, and an ardent friend to many people in the community.