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SENATOR JOHN KERRY TO DELIVER THIRD LIGHT LECTURE

Senator John Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, will deliver the third annual Licht Lecture at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 19 in Salomon 101. The lecture series is named in memory of former Rhode Island Governor Frank Licht ('38). First elected to the Senate in 1984 with 55 percent of the vote, the junior senator from Massachusetts serves on the Finance, Foreign Relations, Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committees, and as ranking member on the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. Reelected to the Senate in 2002 with 80 percent of the vote, Kerry trounced his opponents to win the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination. He earned 48 percent of the popular vote and 252 electoral votes, winning nineteen states, in the general election against incumbent President George W. Bush.



Following graduation from Yale University in 1966, Kerry began service in the United States Navy, commanding a "Swift Boat" during the Vietnam War, which earned him the Silver and Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. Upon completion of his tour in 1969, he became an outspoken opponent of the war, receiving national attention for his testimony before the Senate in 1971. After losing a Massachusetts congressional race in 1972, he served as Assistant District Attorney of Middlesex County, Massachusetts for five years following the completion of his legal education at Boston College in 1976. In 1982, he ran for lieutenant governor of

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CHRISTIE TODD WHITMAN TO DELIVER FALL WHITE LECTURE

Former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Todd Whitman will deliver the fall White Lecture at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15. Prior to her talk, entitled "It's My Party, Too," at 2:30 p.m., she will autograph her recent book *It's My Party, Too* at the Brown Bookstore. Currently the President of The Whitman Strategy Group, a management consulting and strategic planning partnership servicing both government and business clients, she served in the cabinet of President George W. Bush as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from January 2001 until June 2003. Prior to entering the federal government, in 1993 she was elected the 50th governor of New Jersey, becoming the first woman to hold that office. She was reelected in 1997 and served the people of New Jersey until 2001 when she was tapped by President Bush to become EPA Administrator. Prior to becoming governor, she was the President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and served on the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



Governor Whitman is Co-Chairman of the National Smart Growth Council, and serves on the Steering Committee of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the Leadership Council of the Republican Pro-Choice Coalition, the Governing Board of the Oquirrh Institute, and as a member of the board of the New America Foundation. She is also a

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CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE RANGEL TO DELIVER KRIEGER LECTURE

Congressman Charlie Rangel will deliver the 2005 Krieger Lecture at a date and venue to be announced. First elected in 1970, when he defeated incumbent Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. in the Democratic primary, he currently represents New York's 15th congressional district, which includes Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood, and the Upper West Side of New York City, and is the Ranking Member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. Serving his seventeenth term in Congress, he is a founding member and former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and is the Dean of the New York State Congressional Delegation. Major accomplishments during his long congressional career include authoring the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which is responsible for financing 90 percent of the affordable housing built

in the U.S. in the last ten years, championing the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which has provided thousands of jobs for underprivileged young people, veterans, and former convicts, and writing the bill that established the Office of Minority Affairs within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Prior to his congressional tenure, Congressman Rangel served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1952, fighting in Korea and receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his efforts. Upon his return from Korea, he received his undergraduate education at New York University and his law degree at St. John's University. He then served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and later in the New York State Assembly. He lives in Harlem with his wife, Alma, and has two grown children.

INAUGURAL DEXTER LECTURE TO BE GIVEN BY KATHA POLLITT

Katha Pollitt, award winning columnist for *The Nation*, will deliver the inaugural Masha Dexter Lecture on Gender, Sexuality, and Public Policy at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1 at a venue to be announced. Known for her provocative analysis of popular culture and politics, *The Washington Post* has called Pollitt's "Subject to Debate" column "the best place to go for original thinking on the left." She is the recipient of the National Magazine Award for essays and criticism for her 1992 essay, "Why We Read: Canon to the Right of Me...", which examined the culture wars. A 1992 winner of the Whiting Foundation Award, her 1993 essay "Why Do We Romanticize the Fetus?" won the Maggie Award from the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Educated at Harvard College and the Columbia School of the Arts, Pollitt's 1982 book, *Antarctic Traveller*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award.

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.

PROFESSOR CHEIT'S PEDAGOGY FEATURED ON CNN

Professor Ross Cheit's innovative use of technology in the classroom recently was featured on CNN.com. During meetings of his "Ethics and Public Policy" course, he periodically asks students ethical questions, such as "Are you morally obliged to report cheating if you know about it?," and then waits for their aggregated responses tabulated through infrared receivers connected to a laptop computer that receives signals from handheld devices passed out to each student. Cheit notes that the major advantage of the device is the ability to get an anonymous and accurate reading of student opinions, some that might not be truthfully shared with contemporaries, on a variety of subjects. The CNN article comes soon after Cheit, as well as Center Professor Kathy Spoeher, was awarded a WebCT award by Brown's CIS Department.

PROFESSOR SCHILLER WINS NSF GRANT

Professor Wendy Schiller has been awarded a \$212,156 grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study how state legislatures elected United States Senators to represent their states at the federal level prior to the 1913 passage of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution, which transferred this responsibility to the citizens of each state. In this project, entitled "Collaborative Research: The U.S. Senate Election Data Base, 1871-1913," Schiller, and research partner Political Scientist Charles Stewart of MIT who also was awarded a \$212,156 NSF grant, will examine the political dynamics that influenced the selection of Senators. Students of Schiller's course on the economic and political history of Congress (PS 134) will benefit from this research as much of it will be incorporated into her class.

BEASLEY, HYRA, AND POLE JOIN CENTER FACULTY; ALFONSO REAPPOINTED

Three new postdoctoral researchers have joined the Taubman Center faculty for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Center also is pleased to announce that 2004-05 Postdoctoral Research Associate Mariana Alfonso was re-appointed for the 2005-06 academic year. Maya Beasley, who received her doctoral education in Sociology at Stanford University, specializes in social welfare and public policy. Her research interests include perceptions of racism, educational and occupational disparities between the aspirations of white and black college students, and social networks. In the fall, Professor Beasley will teach a first-year seminar entitled Race, Class, and Education and, in the spring, will lead a junior/senior seminar on social movements and ethnic conflict. Derek Hyra received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago and specializes in urban policy. His research interests include neighborhood revitalization, intra-class conflict, and national policy toward cities. In the fall, Professor Hyra will teach a first-year seminar and, in the spring, will offer a junior/senior seminar. Each will examine issues of urban policy. Antoinette Pole received her doctoral education at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center and specializes in technology policy. Her research interests include the role the internet has played in increasing legislative representation, how technology has affected political participation, and the impact of blogs on democracy. In the fall, Professor Pole will teach a graduate seminar on statistics. In the spring, she will offer a seminar that examines technology policy.

CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT ADDS FOUR NEW OFFICES & COMPUTER LOUNGE

The Center is pleased to announce the completion of the ground floor renovation project. The renovation, which was completed over the summer, has yielded the department a computer lounge and four new faculty offices. It increases the Center's floor space by nearly 50 percent.



ROSS CHEIT PUBLISHES ARTICLE IN SCIENCE

Professor Ross Cheit published an article, entitled "The Science of Child Sexual Abuse" and which called upon researchers from a variety of fields to gather better information on the prevalence, causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of child sexual abuse, in the prestigious academic journal *Science* in April. The article, co-authored with five other researchers from the fields of psychology, medicine, and law, was first presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Science 2004 annual meeting in Seattle.

FACULTY NEWS

Mariana Alfonso

❖ Professor Alfonso presented two papers at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Montreal in April. One of the presentations, *What Students of Different Racial/Ethnic Groups Do after High School: An Empirical Analysis with Focus on Why Students Attend Two-Year Colleges*, was highlighted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in its April 12, 2005 issue. She also was one of twelve young scholars invited to participate in Princeton University's Office of Population Research THEOP Summer Data Workshop. She currently is working on research projects covering a wide variety of policy issues affecting higher education, including the elimination of affirmative action, changes in financial aid policies, and local labor market conditions.

Scott W. Allard

❖ Professor Allard received research grants from the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research and the Rural Poverty Research Center to support a four-site telephone survey of social service providers and religious congregations in poor rural areas. This project will highlight the challenges rural communities face when serving low-income populations. He also was appointed to a Department of Housing and Urban Development Assisted Housing Research Cadre which will analyze administrative data to examine the effects of housing assistance policies.

Thomas Anton

❖ Professor Anton was jointly appointed by Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri and Providence Mayor David Cicilline as Chairman of The Providence Plan Board of Directors, succeeding Fred Lippitt, who passed away in May.

Corey Brettschneider

❖ Professor Brettschneider's most recent work includes "The Value Theory of Democracy," forthcoming from *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*, and "Balancing Procedures and

Outcomes Within Democratic Theory: Core Values and Judicial Review," forthcoming from *Political Studies*. During the 2004-05 academic year, he served as an ACLS/Mellon Fellow as a visiting scholar in the Stanford Political Science department and also finished his law degree from Stanford University Law School in May.

Brett M. Clifton

❖ Professor Clifton's article, entitled "The Impact of Campaign Reform on Political Discourse" and co-authored with Darrell West and Sandy Maisel of Colby College, was accepted for publication by *Political Science Quarterly*. He also recently was promoted to Assistant Director of Administration and Programs at the Center.

Ross E. Cheit

❖ Professor Cheit delivered two papers in July at the International Conference on Family Violence, sponsored by the University of New Hampshire. The first paper, co-authored with Dave Mervis (Public Policy '05), is about the myths surrounding a famous child sexual abuse case known as Country Walk. The second, co-authored with Melissa Riess '06, is about media coverage of child sexual abuse issues since 1994. Each will be revised and submitted for publication later this year.

Robert G. Flanders

❖ Professor Flanders edited the 2005 edition of the Rhode Island Evidence Manual, recently gave lectures on the ethics of dissents in appellate decisions and the federalization of state and local corruption cases, and co-authored a treatise on Rhode Island Civil Procedure. He also is serving as special counsel to the Governor of Rhode Island on Separation of Powers issues.

Carl Kaestle

❖ Professor Kaestle is the Director of the Advanced Studies Fellowship (ASF) Program, whose participants include ten postdoctoral fellows and six Brown faculty members. This past summer, ASF hosted a national invitational conference, themed "Federal and National

Strategies of School Reform," at which Fellows gave brief research presentations and received feedback from policy practitioners. A volume of expanded conference papers will complete this culminating activity of the Advanced Studies Fellowship Program.

Jennifer Lawless

❖ Professor Lawless' book (co-authored with Richard Fox), entitled *It Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office*, was published by Cambridge University Press in August. The work serves as the first systematic, nationwide empirical account of the manner in which gender affects political ambition. Based on data from the Citizen Political Ambition Study, Lawless and Fox found that women, even in the highest tiers of professional accomplishment, are substantially less likely than men to demonstrate ambition to seek elected office. Women are less likely than men to be recruited to run for office, to think they are "qualified," and to express a willingness to pursue future public service. Despite cultural evolution and society's changing attitudes toward women in politics, running for public office remains a much less attractive and feasible endeavor for women than men.

Edward A. Miller

❖ Professor Miller's article, "Medicaid Nursing Facility Reimbursement in Flux: Effects of Federal Regulatory Changes and Prevailing Fiscal Conditions," recently was published by the *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*. Forthcoming articles include "State Health Policy Making Determinants, Theory and Methods: A Synthesis" in *Social Science and Medicine*, and the co-authored "Cognitive and Normative Determinants of State Policy Making Behavior: Lessons from the Sociological Institutionalism" and "Punishing the Pioneers: The Medicare Modernization Act and State Pharmacy Assistance Programs," each to appear in *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. During the upcoming academic year, he will

be working in the Department of Community Health with Medical Science Professor Vince Mor supporting the National Commission for Quality Long-Term Care co-chaired by former Senator Bob Kerrey and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Marion Orr

❖ Professor Orr was elected chair of the Urban Affairs Association's (UAA) Governing Board at its 35th Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City in April. At this meeting, he presented a paper, entitled "Regime Change in Providence" and co-authored with Brown Sociologist Hilary Silver, that examined the elections, campaign finance, and downtown redevelopment policy during the tenure of former Providence Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci. Additionally, he recently published two articles, one co-authored with Professor West and the other with Hanes Walton, Jr. The former, entitled "Managing Citizen Fears: Public Attitudes toward Urban Terrorism," appeared in the September 2005 edition of *Urban Affairs Review* and the latter, entitled "African-American Independent Politics on the Left: Voter Turnout for Socialist Frank Crosswaith in Harlem and New York," was published in the Spring 2005 edition of *Souls*.

Wendy J. Schiller

The 5th edition of Professor Schiller's textbook, entitled *The Contemporary Congress and* co-authored with University of Kansas Professor Burdett Loomis, recently was published by Wadsworth. She also has been named Division Chair for the Legislative Studies section for the 2006 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association.

Darrell M. West

Professor West delivered lectures on electronic government in Bahrain and Brazil this year. In October, he will be going to Mexico City to speak at a conference about information technology.

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Fall 2005 EVENTS CALENDAR

Noon, Thursday, September 15, 2005

Taubman Luncheon Series, Robert Tannenwald, Director, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "Heat and Light in the State and Local Business Tax Policy Debate—a View from the Trenches," seminar room (lunch provided)

4:00 p.m., Monday, September 19, 2005

Senator John Kerry (D-MA), "An Afternoon with John Kerry," Salomon 101 (Licht Lecture)

Noon, Friday, September 30, 2005

Taubman Luncheon Series, Peter Gosselin, National Economics Correspondent, *Los Angeles Times*, "The New Deal: If America is Richer Why Are its Working Families So Much Less Secure?" seminar room (lunch provided)

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Screening of Buddy Cianci, a documentary by Filmmaker Cherry Arnold, Salomon 101

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Katha Pollitt, Columnist, *The Nation*, "An Evening with Katha Pollitt," Venue TBA (Dexter Lecture)

Noon, Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Taubman Luncheon Series, Richard Parker, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard University, "Beyond Conventional Wisdom: John Kenneth Galbraith and His Lessons for Today," seminar room (lunch provided)

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Christie Todd Whitman Book-Signing, *It's My Party, Too*, Brown University Bookstore

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Christie Todd Whitman, Former Environmental Protection Administrator and Governor of New Jersey, "*It's My Party, Too*," Salomon 101 (White Lecture)

JOHN KERRY

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Massachusetts, upsetting a favored rival for the Democratic nomination and winning on the state ticket led by Michael Dukakis.

Born at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colorado in 1943, Kerry has been married to his second wife Teresa Heinz Kerry, the widow of Senator H. John Heinz (R-PA), since 1995. He has two daughters, Alexandra and Vanessa, from a previous marriage.

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member of the newly formed Center for Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Advisory Board at Raritan Valley Community College and serves on the Board of Directors of S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Texas Instruments, United Technologies, and The Millennium Challenge Corporation. A Wheaton College (Norton, MA) graduate, she is married to John R. Whitman and has two children.

MILLER JOINS TAUBMAN CENTER FACULTY

The Taubman Center is pleased to announce the hiring of Assistant Professor of Public Policy (Research) Edward Alan Miller. Specializing in health politics and policy, Professor Miller received his doctorate in political science and health management and policy in 2003 from the University of Michigan. His current research focuses on understanding the determinants and effects of federal and state policies affecting vulnerable populations, including the frail and disabled elderly, mentally ill, veterans, and urban underserved. In addition to running the graduate student internship program at the Center, Professor Miller will teach a seminar on health care policy in the fall and a graduate policy analysis class in the spring.

PROFESSOR WEST PUBLISHES BOOK ON DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

Recently released by Princeton University Press, Professor Darrell West's new book, entitled *Digital Government: Technology and Public Sector Performance*, examines the broad impact the internet and digital technology have had on the public sector. Using multiple methods, including case studies, content analysis of over 17,000 government web sites, public and bureaucrat opinion survey data, an e-mail responsiveness test, budget data, and aggregate analysis, he examines how new technology has altered governmental performance, the political process, and democracy itself by improving government responsiveness and increasing the information available to citizens.