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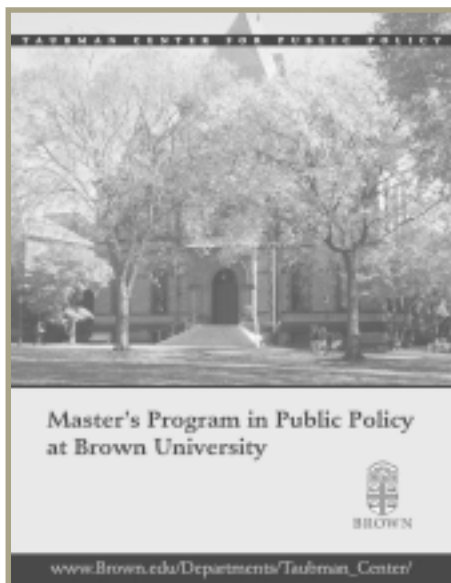
BROWN UNIVERSITY

Spring 2004

Center to Launch Master's of Public Policy Program in 2005

The Taubman Center is excited to announce the creation of a master's program in public policy. The program will award a Master's in Public Policy, to be completed in two years, aimed at individuals at the beginning of their professional careers. It also will award a one year Master's in Public Affairs degree designed to attract mid-career professionals. Relying on existing strengths at the Center and around the university, the new program will allow enrolled students to focus on three areas of study: education policy, healthcare and human services, and urban policy.

Among the many advantages of the new Master's program are increased opportunities for undergraduate concentrators. In addition to enabling the Center to hire new faculty and offer more classes, the program will afford undergraduate concentrators the opportunity to design an integrated bachelor's and master's program, enabling them to earn both degrees. The Center will begin to accept applications from prospective students in Fall 2004, with the first class enrolling in Fall 2005.



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Governor Frank Licht Lectureship to be Inaugurated this Spring

Thanks to a very generous endowed gift by former Rhode Island First Lady Dottie Licht, the Center is pleased to announce the creation of the Governor Frank Licht Lecture Series. The goal of the series is to bring a prominent public affairs speaker to Brown each year. This lecture series is the second major gift from the Licht family. Previously, the Lichts endowed the Frank Licht internship. Awarded annually to outstanding public policy concentrators, recipients gain invaluable experience as interns in the governor's policy office at the state capital.

For almost 25 years, Frank Licht, the valedictorian of Brown's class of 1938, served the public in all three branches of Rhode Island government. First elected governor in 1968, he served two terms as the state's chief executive, retiring in 1972. Rhode Island's first Jewish governor, Licht's first foray into politics came in 1949 when he was elected to the Rhode Island State Senate. In 1956, his Senate career came to a close when he was appointed as an Associate Justice of Rhode Island Superior Court, a position he held until his 1968 quest for the state's top political office. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Licht was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Brown in 1975. In 1986, the Providence County Court House was named in his honor as The Frank Licht Judicial Complex, and serves as a living memorial to the governor's contributions to the state. In addition to his political public service, Governor Licht was a founding member of the Providence Human Rights Commission, chairman of the Rhode Island Council of Community Services and Chapin Hospital Commission, and the co-chairman of the Southern New England Region National Conference of Christians and Jews.



Dottie Licht

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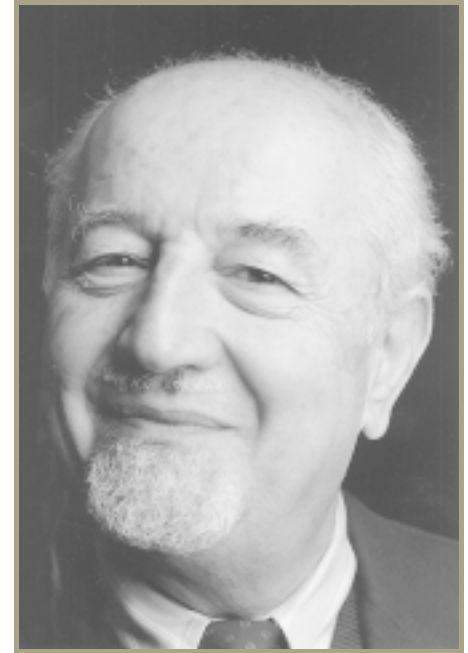
Judge Guido Calabresi to Deliver Meiklejohn Lecture on April 20

Second Circuit United States Court of Appeals Judge Guido Calabresi will deliver the Meiklejohn lecture, entitled “Liberty and Egalitarianism,” on Tuesday, April 20 at a time and venue to be announced. Prior to his appointment by President Clinton to the United States Circuit Court in July 1994, Judge Calabresi served as Dean of the Yale Law School from 1985 to 1994 and as Sterling Professor of Law from 1978 to 1995. On the faculty at Yale since 1959, he continues to serve as Sterling Professor Emeritus and Professorial Lecturer at the law school.

Born in Italy, Judge Calabresi obtained a bachelor of science degree, *summa cum laude*, in Analytical Economics in 1953 from Yale College, a bachelor of arts degree with First Class Honors in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics in 1955 from

the University of Oxford, an LL.B., *magna cum laude*, in 1958 from Yale Law School, and a master’s degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics in 1959 from Oxford. A Rhodes Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif, he served as the Note Editor of the Yale Law Journal from 1957 to 1958, while concurrently graduating first in his law school class. Following graduation, he clerked for Justice Hugo Black of the United States Supreme Court.

A member of the Connecticut bar and recipient of more than 35 honorary degrees, Judge Calabresi is the author of four books and more than ninety articles on law and related subjects. His books are *The Costs of Accidents: A Legal and Economic Analysis* (1970), *Tragic Choices* (with P. Bobbitt, 1978), *A Common Law*



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for the Age of Statutes (1982) and *Ideals, Beliefs, Attitudes and the Law: Private Law Perspectives on a Public Law Problem* (1985).

Futures Project Receives \$100,000 Grant



The Futures Project has received a \$100,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation for Education to run “Policy Listening Tours” in six states as a part of Lumina’s “Achieving the Dream” initiative, a national project focused

on encouraging student success in the community college. The Futures Project also has been awarded \$72,500 by the GE Fund to run a “Pressure Points Campaign” in New England. The goal of the campaign will be to spark a debate among New England academic and political leaders about how higher education must continue to serve society’s needs. Both of these initiatives are a part of the Futures Project’s broader agenda, which is focused on reasserting the public purposes of colleges and universities and rebuilding the compact between the public and higher education. As an additional part of this work, the Futures Project is about to enter into a joint effort with Atlantic Philanthropies and Microsoft to engage a small number of influential citizens in the effort to define more clearly higher education’s public purposes.

TAUBMAN CENTER REPORT FINDS POOR COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

In September, Professor Ross Cheit and University of Maryland law student and public policy graduate Morriah Horani ('02) released to the media their report on the compliance of Rhode Island’s Quasi-Public Agencies with the Open Meetings Act. Partially financially supported by ACCESS/RI and the National Freedom of Information Coalition, neither of which exercised any editorial control over the content, Cheit and Horani found widespread compliance problems with quasi-public’s legal requirements of registering meeting minutes, as well as executive minutes, with the Rhode Island Secretary of State’s office. Cheit noted, however, that the findings of the study also provide some good news for the public: some of the examined agencies did a great job of complying with the law, demonstrating that compliance is possible. For more information, see http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Taubman_Center/FOI/PDF/quasipublic2003.pdf

Faculty News

Anna Aizer

- ❖ Professor Aizer's article, "Networks or Neighborhoods? Correlations in the Use of Publicly Funded Maternity Care," co-authored with Janet Currie, is forthcoming in the *Journal of Public Economics*. With co-author Sara McLanahan, she also presented a paper, titled "The Impact of Stricter Child Support Enforcement on Investment in Children," at the Association for Public Policy and Management's 2003 annual meeting.

Scott W. Allard

- ❖ Professor Allard received a Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award from Brown University for the 2004-05 academic year to study the changing context of social service provision in urban America. This project will conduct a follow-up to a 2000 survey of social service providers in Detroit and will assess how access to social services has changed in the past four years. Examining patterns of social service accessibility

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in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, Allard completed a report, titled "Access to Social Services: The Changing Urban Geography of Poverty and Service Provision," which is forthcoming in 2004 from the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy at The Brookings Institution. He also soon will complete a paper, titled "The New Geography of Welfare Policy in the U.S.," which focuses on the interaction of place-specific and individual-level barriers to employment, for the Rural Poverty Research Center's Working Paper Series.

Ross E. Cheit

- ❖ Professor Cheit, on sabbatical this semester, will deliver a paper, entitled "Confidentiality and Problems Verifying Claims about Children's Testimony," at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meetings in Seattle in February. A second paper, "Defining Deviancy Upside-Down: Social Science and the Misunderstanding of Child Sexual Abuse," will be delivered by Cheit at the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Chicago in May. Last August, Professor Cheit discussed why the topic of sexual abuse is controversial on Marc Steiner's National Public Radio call-in show.

Laura J. Hatcher

- ❖ Professor Hatcher recently was invited to speak on lawyers and cultural history at the Canadian Law and Society Association meeting to be held in June in Winnipeg. Additionally, she will travel to Portland, Oregon in March to attend the Western Political Science Association meeting and to Chicago in May to

attend the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association where she will present work on constitutional politics and conservative cause lawyers. She will teach a first-year seminar, "Issues Facing Legal Policy," this semester.

Carl Kaestle

- ❖ Brown's Advanced Studies Fellowship Program, which is directed by Carl Kaestle and housed in the Education Department, held its winter seminar from January 14 to 16. Taubman Center affiliates Marion Orr, Wendy Schiller, and James Patterson participated. Christopher Whittle, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Edison Schools, Inc., served as a guest speaker at the event. For more information about the Advanced Studies Fellowship Program, see www.asfbrown.org. Professor Kaestle also recently has been appointed to the advisory board of the "State Impact on Federal Education Policy Project," which is sponsored by the New York State Education Department and the New York State Archives. He traveled to Albany in December 2003 to attend his first meeting of the project's advisory board.

Brian G. Knight

- ❖ Professor Knight's paper, entitled "Public Funds and Private Capital Markets: The Investment Practices and Performance of State and Local Pension Funds" and co-authored with Julia Coronado and Eric Engen, was published by the *National Tax Journal* in September 2003. In addition to teaching a public policy seminar on fiscal federalism during the fall semester, he presented his research at Harvard University, the

University of the South, the University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia University.

Jennifer Lawless

- ❖ Professor Lawless recently received the Southern Political Science Association's Marion D. Irish Award for the best paper on women and politics. The paper, entitled "The Impact of Sex-Role Socialization on the Decision to Run for Office," examines the degree to which traditional family roles, structures, and experiences exert an impact on women's and men's decisions to launch a political candidacy.

Patrick J. McGuinn

- ❖ Professor McGuinn recently completed an article, entitled "Path Dependency, Punctuated Equilibria, & the Politics of Policy Change," which is currently under review at a leading political science journal, and currently is finishing a manuscript based on his dissertation, entitled *Nationalizing Schools: Swing Issues and the Politics of Federal Education Policy*. His dissertation was nominated by his department at the University of Virginia for the American Political Science Association's Harold Lasswell award for the best dissertation in public policy. Professor McGuinn also presented a paper and chaired a panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association conference in Philadelphia in November and recently participated in a conference in Washington, D.C. on the implementation of the No Child Left Behind law. He will teach a new upper level seminar, "Education Policy Challenges," this semester.

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Noon, Friday, January 30, 2004

Taubman Luncheon Series, Paul MacAvoy, Williams Brothers Professor of Management Studies, Yale University, "Preventing More Enrons," seminar room (lunch provided)

Noon, Thursday, February 5, 2004

Information Session on Integrated BA/MA Program for Current Brown Undergraduates, Professor Darrell West, seminar room (lunch provided)

Noon, Friday, February 6, 2004

Taubman Luncheon Series, Larry Klayman, former Chairman and General Counsel of Judicial Watch, Inc., "Fighting the Evil Empire from Within," seminar room (lunch provided)

Noon, Friday, February 13, 2004

Information Session on White and Licht Internships, Brett Clifton, Internship Coordinator, seminar room (lunch provided)

Noon, Monday, March 1, 2004

Taubman Luncheon Series, Donald Carcieri, Governor of Rhode Island, "Moving Rhode Island Forward," seminar room (lunch provided)

Noon, Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Information Session on Writing a Senior Thesis, Brett Clifton, Thesis Coordinator, seminar room (lunch provided)

Noon, Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Taubman Luncheon Series, Frederick M. Hess, Director of Education Studies, American Enterprise Institute, "Common Sense School Reform," seminar room (lunch provided)

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Guido Calabresi, Justice, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, "Liberty and Egalitarianism," (Meiklejohn Lecture)

Faculty News continued

Frank Newman

❖ Professor Newman's book, entitled *The Future of Higher Education: Rhetoric, Reality and the Risks of the Market* and co-authored with Futures Project colleagues Lara Couturier and Jamie Scurry, will be released by Jossey-Bass Publishers in early 2004. He also is in the process of designing a new course for students who have completed Sociology 106, "Leadership and Organizations," that will focus on working with high school students to develop leadership skills.

Marion Orr

❖ Professor Orr published a chapter, entitled "Baltimore: The Limits of Mayoral Control," in *Mayors in the Middle: Politics, Race, and Mayoral Control of Urban Schools*, edited by Jeffrey Henig and Wilbur C. Rich and published by Princeton University Press. In the Fall, he also was elected to a two-year term to the Executive Council of the American Political Science Association.

Darrell M. West

❖ Professor West has an edited book, co-edited with Sandy Maisel and entitled *Running on Empty? Campaign Discourse in American Elections*, coming out this Spring. It will be published by Rowman & Littlefield and represents the results of a Pew Charitable Trusts-sponsored research project on campaign reform in House and Senate elections.

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