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For the Record

News from the Center

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Congressional Archives

Retiring U.S. Congressman **Ernest J. Istook, Jr.** (R-Okla.) has donated his congressional papers to the Carl Albert Center Archives. Representing the Fifth Congressional District of Oklahoma since 1993, Istook has served as a member of the House Appropriations Committee; the vice-chairman of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee; the most senior Republican member on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education; and on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. He also served as chairman of the Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Subcommittee (2003-2004), the chairman of the Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee (2001-2002), and as the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the District of Columbia (1999-2000).

The papers of the late **Jim Barker** were also recently donated to the Carl Albert Center by his wife Kay. Mr. Barker was a Democrat who served sixteen years in the Oklahoma State House and was Speaker for the last six of those years.

Archivist **Erin Sloan** successfully passed the exams administered by the Society of American Archivists to become a nationally certified archivist.

Archivists **Carolyn Hanneman**, **Erin Sloan**, and **Jeanene Letcher**, with the help of student archives assistant **Meredith Rains**, have updated one of the Center's exhibits, "We Know We Belong to the Land," to include biographical information or photographs of every person who has represented Oklahoma in the U.S. Congress, from territorial days to the present. Work on the exhibit was funded by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council and donations from Mrs. Mary Louise Symcox and the Grayce B. Kerr Fund.

Will Robinson, a junior high school student from Canton, Oklahoma, used materials from the Elmer Thomas Collection in his Junior Individual Exhibit, "Bonus Army: WWI Vets Take a Stand," and was a finalist at the national History Day competition.

Materials from the Helen Gahagan Douglas Collection were used by a group of students at the Denver School of Arts in their project for the Colorado State History Day competition. They won third place in the Junior Group Documentary category and served as alternates in the national competition.

“OU Votes”

The Carl Albert Center’s new Civic Engagement team, consisting of students **Kian Ball**, **Kayla Downing**, and **Phillip Hecht**, set up a booth on the South Oval on Election Day to promote student participation. Passing students could grab a snack, obtain polling place information, register to vote, and even catch a ride to nearby polling places on a golf cart!

New Graduate Fellow

Walt Jatkowski III, a summa cum laude graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, was admitted to the Carl Albert Graduate Fellowship program in August 2006. He was the Outstanding Senior in Bradley’s political science department. In the spring of 2006, Walt worked as an intern for the reelection campaign of Illinois State Representative Aaron Schock.

Undergraduate Research Fellows

Two undergraduate students, **Kevi Brown** and **Ben Gravley**, are now in their second year of the Center’s undergraduate research program. They are joined by five new students – **Kyle Erwin**, **Jessica Golden**, **Sara Rafferty**, **Amber Siddiqui**, and **Gary Tsai**.

Awards

Hannah Brenner, director of women’s leadership programs for the Carl Albert Center, received the university’s Katie Pursley Superior Performance Award for doing an outstanding job directing the N.E.W. Leadership program and mentoring undergraduate students.

Several of the Center’s undergraduate research fellows received awards and scholarships at OU’s political science annual awards luncheon:

- **Kian Ball** – Jon R. Withrow Scholarship;
- **Kevi Brown** – June and Oliver Benson Memorial Scholarship;
- **Benjamin Gravley** – Robert E. and Mary B. Sturgis Scholarship;
- **Sara Rafferty** – Robert Dean Bass Memorial Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Scholar.

Three students who previously completed an undergraduate research fellowship with the Carl Albert Center also received awards:

- **Aleisha Karjala** – Corrine Price Scholarship;
- **Jenna Morrey** – Robert Dean Bass Memorial Scholarship, PE-ET Top 10 Senior Honor Society, and Regents’ Award for Outstanding Juniors;
- **Benjamin Wilson** – Phi Beta Kappa.

In addition, **Bailey Cato**, a graduate of the Carl Albert Center’s N.E.W. Leadership Program, was recognized by the sociology department as the most outstanding student in criminology and research.

Recent Publications

Associate Director **Glen S. Krutz** coauthored with Jeffrey S. Peake of Bowling Green State University an article, “The Changing Nature of Presidential Policymaking on International Agreements,” for *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 36, no. 3 (Sept. 2006): 391-401.

Papers Presented

Carl Albert Center Director **Cindy Simon Rosenthal** presented a paper, “The Mentor Gap: A Barrier to Women in Legislative Leadership,” at the International Political Science Association World

Congress. She presented an earlier version of the paper at American University's *Women and Political Leadership Research Conference*.

Professor Rosenthal also participated in two special research conferences on women in politics during the summer. She presented "En-Gendering Choice in Congressional Leadership Elections" at a conference sponsored by the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC-Berkeley and the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia as part of the National Symposium on Women and Politics. She also participated in a special 2-day research conference on recruitment and women in politics at the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University.

Rosenthal and Carl Albert Fellow **Kate Carney** presented their coauthored paper, "Policy Influence and Descriptive Representation: The Effect of Identity Caucuses on Member Behavior," at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Associate Director **Glen Krutz** presented a paper, "Winnowing in Environmental Policy: Jurisdictional Challenges and Opportunities," at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Krutz also presented "The Presumption of Success on Presidential Appointments Reconsidered: How Delay Has Become the Primary Method of Defeating Nominees" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Coauthors were Jon Bond and Richard Fleisher.

Walt Wilson, a fourth-year Carl Albert Fellow who is now participating in the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C., presented a paper entitled "Economic Inequality and Democratization during the 'Third Wave'" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

Carl Albert Fellow **Matt Field** attended the Policy History Conference in Charlottesville, Virginia in June and presented his paper "What's the Point? Supreme Court Nominations, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and *Stare Decisis*." Matt did a poster presentation on the same topic at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Three undergraduate fellows also presented papers at professional meetings this year. Professor Aimee Franklin coauthored with **Kevi Brown** a paper on "The Impact of Indian Gaming on Tribal Sovereignty and Financial Management" for the annual meeting of the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management. Professor Margaret Ellis and **Kevin Segler** presented their paper, "But I'm Still the President – Aren't I? Policy Agenda Success Rates in Second-Term Presidencies," at the annual meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association. Professor Cindy Simon Rosenthal and **Sarah Fox** coauthored "Observations about Congressional Leadership: Where are the Women?" for the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting.

Former Fellows

Lauren Cohen Bell, associate professor of political science at Randolph-Macon College, has been selected as the 2006-2007 Supreme Court Fellow assigned to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. She is conducting legal research concerning sentencing guideline issues and legislative directives pending before the commission. The Supreme Court Fellows Program was created in 1973 to provide promising individuals with a first-hand understanding of the federal government, in particular the judicial branch. Supreme Court Fellows are selected by a commission comprised of nine members appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States.

Robin M. LeBlanc, associate professor of politics at Washington and Lee University, will be returning to Japan for fall semester 2007 as a visiting professor at the Gender Studies Center of International Christian University, a private university in Tokyo. She will teach two seminars on gender and politics.

L. Marvin Overby, professor of politics at University of Missouri – Columbia, returned there in July from a year in China. He served as visiting professor of comparative politics for Johns Hopkins University at the Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies.

Drawing from their successful campaign experience in the South and rural America, **Steve Jarding**, who recently managed the campaign of Senator-elect Jim Webb (D-Va.), and Dave (Mudcat) Saunders, who served as rural liaison for Senators Bob Graham and John Edwards, offer advice to Democrats in *Foxes in the Henhouse: How the Republicans Stole the South and the Heartland and What the Democrats Must Do to Run 'em Out* (Simon and Schuster, 2006). Jarding is a lecturer in public policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Jocelyn Jones Evans, assistant professor of political science at University of West Florida, **Lynsey Morris**, and OU Professor Ronald Keith Gaddie have published their article, "Wallace and the 1972 Florida Democratic Presidential Primary: Examining Racial Threat with Individual-Level and Aggregate-Level Data," in *Florida Political Chronicle* 17:1-11.

Courtney Cullison, who currently teaches at University of Texas at Tyler, presented her paper "Contact Your Congressman 101: Grassroots, Activation and Representation" at the Midwest Political Science Association in April.

Robin LeBlanc, associate professor of politics at Washington and Lee University, presented her paper, "Rebuilding the Electoral Connection: An Examination of the Origin and Potential of Anti-party Electoral Movements in Japanese Local Politics," at the International Political Science Association World Congress in July.

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