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Focus on the Human Factor

U ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY

The College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah has announced the establishment of the Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy.

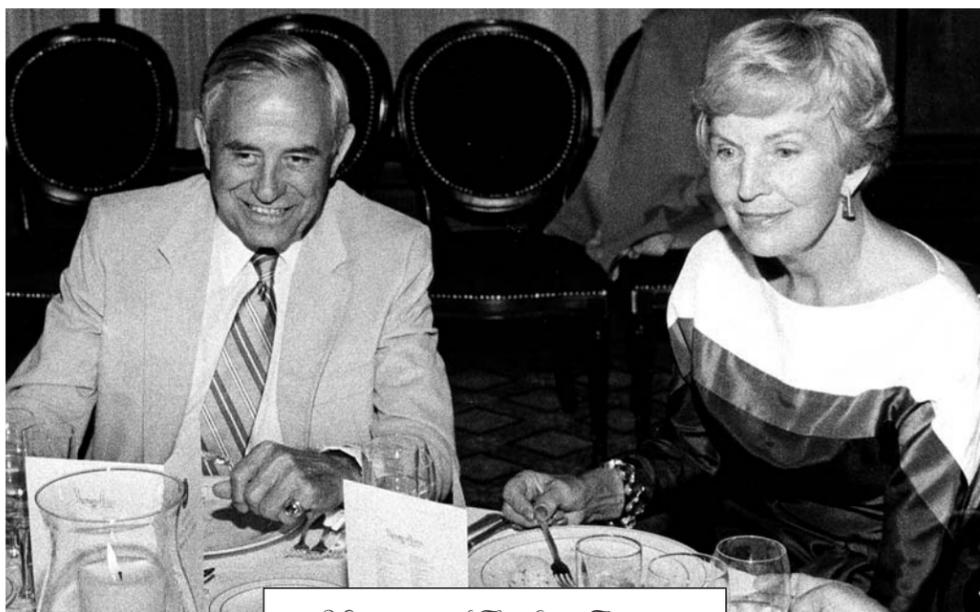
The Center will pursue nonviolent human rights advocacy on the interpersonal, community and global levels through the education and participation of students, faculty, staff and the greater community.

Funding for the center was provided by Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner, who have been active in peace and nonviolent conflict resolution for many years, and their daughter, Deb Sawyer. In reference to the direction the center will take, Sawyer says, "The mountain will teach us how to climb it."

The center is directed by George Cheney, professor of communication and director of the undergraduate minor in Peace and Conflict Studies. As part of the College of Social and Behavioral Science's Institute of Public and International Affairs, the non-partisan and non-political center will also work closely with the College of Humanities.

"As our college goes through changes for the new century, the pursuit of peace is near the top of our list," says Steve Ott, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science. "This new center is an important piece of the puzzle—another way to put social science at the epicenter of responsible citizenship."

In collaboration with the Institute of Public and International Affairs and the S. J. Quinney College of Law, the center's inaugural forum will be held March 1 and 2. The forum theme is *Values and Violence: Intangible Aspects of Terrorism*. Featured speakers will include Martha Nussbaum, professor of law and ethics at the University of Chicago and Amartya Sen, professor of economics and philosophy at Harvard University.



Norman and Barbara Tanner

Several center programs began fall semester at the U, including a course in human rights and nonviolence advocacy through the political science department. Local, national and international internships, which focus on peace, nonviolence and human rights advocacy, became available for U students starting in January 2007. Students are being recruited through

the U's Hinckley Institute of Politics and through the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center. In addition, public and private school teachers will serve as fellows of the center, be included in center activities, and receive teaching packets as well as special access to the center's annual forums.

"Our family is delighted with the opportunity provided by the University to put this center together. We believe the world needs peace and human rights and people can be educated

to meet these universal human goals," notes Barbara Tanner.

Currently, the center is supporting research fellowships and collecting peace, nonviolence and human rights media, including films, books, recordings and pamphlets, which are available to students. For more information on the new Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy at the University of Utah, call Aleta Tew at (801) 587-3556 or e-mail questions to aleta.tew@csbs.utah.edu or george.cheney@utah.edu.

Values and Violence: Intangible Aspects of Terrorism

The first annual conference of The Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy

Public lectures include:

The Enemy Within by Martha Nussbaum, professor of law and ethics, University of Chicago on Thursday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dumke Auditorium located in the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.

Violence and Identity by Amartya Sen, recipient of the Nobel Prize in economics and professor of economics and philosophy, Harvard University on Friday, March 2 at 12:00 p.m. in Libby Gardner Hall located in the David Gardner Music Building.

Public will be admitted on a first come, first serve basis. Admission is free.

SKIDMORE GIVES BACK TO HIS "BACKYARD"

Before he ever attended the University of Utah, the campus was Earl Skidmore's playground and recreation center.

"I grew up less than two blocks away from campus so you might say I had the best backyard around," said Skidmore.

Skidmore remembers watching the construction of the Leroy Taylor School of Engineering as a child. One day, he observed men working a steam shovel who invited him to join them and actually operate it.

On another occasion, Earl was riding his bike across campus and noticed a swarm of flies near the anthropology building. Ever curious, he wandered toward the flies and came upon a dead grizzly bear. Earl shouted through an open window asking a professor if he was aware of the bear. The professor replied that the zoo had dropped off the bear to be examined by U scientists.

"I was always extremely curious and I was fortunate in meeting people that didn't chase me away," remarks Skidmore.

As a U student, Earl majored in sociology and anthropology and earned a minor in zoology and chemistry ... in THREE YEARS.

"It was the best of both worlds. I always wanted to be a doctor and needed the sciences," explained Skidmore. "I could read about it one day then go into a lab and put my hands on it the next."

Upon graduation, two things tore at Earl—going to medical school and enlisting in the armed services. Even though seven of eight medical schools had accepted his applications, Earl was unsure about becoming a doctor.

"I decided to kill two birds with one stone. I enlisted in the Navy and got into the hospital corps school. That way I could find out if I really enjoyed practicing medicine and serve my country," said Skidmore.

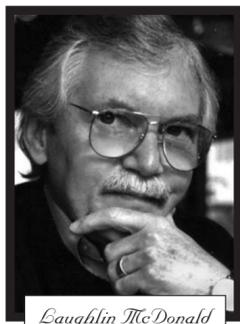
Curiosity, fortune and even misfortune combined to move Earl from the military to medical school to working in the oil and gas industry and finally to creating his own company. Just about the same time he began working for Phillips Petroleum, Earl married his college sweetheart, Elies. The two met at the U—she, the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and he, a member of the fraternity.

Skidmore's company, Pressure Vessel Services specialized in handling chemicals and creating a variety of chemical solutions. Three examples illustrate the array of work Earl did at PVS. His company created a wash—a cleaning solution, which is still used by grocery stores to clean produce such as lettuce and spinach. When Boeing constructed the 747, PVS provided a solution in which the landing gear struts were bathed. Perhaps most interesting, the company worked with NASA to improve the performance of panels on the space shuttle as it reenters the earth's atmosphere.

"No one else was doing these types of things when I started the company. Handling chemicals was too big of a risk for big companies at that time," explains Skidmore.

Earl's success has circled back to his backyard. Last fall, Earl and Elies gave \$540,000 to the College for an endowment that will provide six honor roll scholarships.

"I got so much out of the U. That's why Elies and I decided to give back," said Skidmore. "If just one recipient gets themselves prepared for this old life, we'll be happy. Hopefully they'll come to love the school like I do."



Laughlin McDonald

VOTING RIGHTS ACT APPLIES NOW MORE THAN EVER

A REPORT ON THE TENTH ANNUAL ROCCO C. AND MARION S. SICILIANO FORUM

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was passed, barring discrimination against one's right to vote because of race, religion, color or creed. Now, more than 40 years later, many Americans of minority status are still fighting for this basic democratic right.

The 10th-annual Rocco C. and Marion S. Siciliano Forum, *Considerations on the Status of the American Society*, was held Thursday, October 12 at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. The forum, sponsored by the College of Social and Behavioral Science, included the Siciliano Lecture by Laughlin McDonald, prominent civil rights attorney and director of the Voting Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, and three panels on the Voting Rights Act.

In his introduction, Mr. Rocco Siciliano stressed education as a catalyst for change. "Once people hear the facts, not just opinions or hunches, people will realize that there is a real need for this statute—the need is still here today," he said.

Mr. McDonald's lecture, "The Future of the Voting Rights Act: Democracy in Danger?," pointed to arguments leading to the recent renewal of the Voting Rights Act. Opponents argued that the Jim Crow era of racial segregation and discrimination is dead and that race does not play a factor in the election process. McDonald argued otherwise. McDonald reminded the audience of comments made during the renewal hearings by former Selma, Ala. sheriff Jim Clark, who when asked about his violent role in the 1965 voting rights march known as "Bloody Sunday," said, "I'd do the same thing today if I had to do it all over again."

McDonald has worked most actively with cases involving Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, which states that states cannot pass voting provisions until the federal courts or the Attorney General of the United States rules that they do not have discriminatory effects or purposes. Despite this amendment, McDonald reported that many states enact measures which encourage white block voting and exclude blacks and minorities from participating in elections.

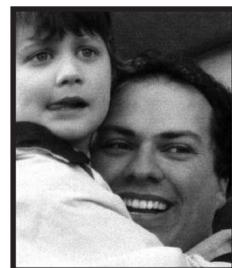
For example, a bill was introduced recently in the Georgia state legislature requiring all voters to present photo identification at the polls, a requirement strikingly similar to outlawed poll taxes. If passed, the act would have been in violation of the Georgia Constitution, the Equal Protection Act and the Voting Rights Act.

"None of this voting rights litigation suggests that we have outgrown our need for the Voting Rights Act or the 14th or 15th Amendments," McDonald said.

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SON'S AUTISM LEADS TO U



Thomas and Vincent Zumbado

Thomas Zumbado was destined to be a U student—at least once his son Vincent was born. That was 1999 in North Carolina. Zumbado, who'd never lived in Utah, wouldn't enroll at the U until fall 2004.

Zumbado is a political science and geography major at the U and received the E. Rich Brewer honor roll scholarship this year. He graduated high school in 1991 one of three children of parents who immigrated to Los Angeles from Costa Rica.

"When I graduated high school I was thinking get a job, get married and get a house. Higher education was the farthest thing from my mind," remarks Zumbado.

Unsure of a career path, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army for a two-year commitment. Two years became five spent at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and Fort Bragg in North Carolina. In 1996, Zumbado left the Army and became a volunteer fireman—a position that soon turned into a full-time spot at the Raleigh International Airport Fire Department.

In 1999, Tom married his wife, Lisa. Later that year, their son Vincent was born. At eighteen months, Vincent began forgetting some simple words he'd learned and exhibiting some other behavior that worried his parents. Vincent had autism.

"I'm so mortified that the biggest cross in my family is being carried by him and not by me," Zumbado admits.

That belief drove Tom, Lisa and other family members to seek out the very best services to help Vincent. They learned about the Carmen Pingree School for Children with Autism in Salt Lake City. The school evaluated Vincent and assured the Zumbados they could do a lot for him. Within a year of the evaluation, Tom and Lisa left Raleigh to enroll Vincent in the Pingree School.

PLANNED GIVING

When planning your estate, please consider making a gift to the College of Social and Behavioral Science. We thank the following individuals who have made generous planned gifts to the College and its departments:

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"I loved being a fireman but I'd work on an off-shore oil rig to get him (Vincent) where he needs to be," Zumbado exclaims.

Serendipity wasn't done with the Zumbados. When they arrived in Salt Lake City, Lisa noted that the Pingree School was blocks from the U's main campus. She encouraged Tom to apply for admission.

"By my later years in the Army, and then as a fireman, I lamented not going to school," said Zumbado. "I felt unfulfilled—I felt like there was stuff out there that I didn't know ... I felt disconnected with the world."

Tom's admission came as a surprise.

"I'm the first of my family to go to a university. My father worked for 35 years in a steel foundry and as a maintenance mechanic," explains Zumbado. "Me, my dad and my mom, we all cried when the U accepted me."

"I wouldn't be at the U without my kid."

To donate to the Honor Roll Scholarship Program, contact Rick Pike at (801) 585-9200 or rick.pike@csbs.utah.edu.

NEW MASTER'S PROGRAM OFF TO A FAST START MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM IS UNIQUE TO INTERMOUNTAIN AREA

Fall of 2006 marked the first semester for a new program in CSBS—the Master of Public Policy.

The program is designed to prepare students for professional careers as policy analysts and leaders in public service.

"The MPP is designed to provide students with the analytical, methodological, and statistical skills needed to be successful in today's public policy labor market," said Cathleen Zick, MPP program director. "With a solid foundation in theory, analysis and evaluation, and the ability to select from a range of policy emphases, students graduating from the program are qualified to analyze and evaluate public policy in a variety of fields."

Demand for skilled people in public policy analysis has grown, and will continue to grow, throughout the state and nation. The MPP program is available for employed practitioners and full-time students who want to deepen their understanding of the policy process, and rigorously examine the effects of public policies. The U is the only public university in Utah offering a MPP and regionally is joined only by Arizona State University, the University of Denver and Brigham Young University. The program will be limited to 10 to 15 new students annually.



Pictured left to right, back row to front row: Robert Stevens, Holly Hilton, Alicia Brown, Carrie Hamm, Bryan Sanders, Katie McCarthy, Shawn Teigen, Cathleen Zick, Angie Stefaniak, Mark Brown. Not pictured Katie Wu.

"Students benefit from the personal nature of this program. Because the cohort size is smaller than many other graduate programs, students receive individualized attention that allows them to pursue a career path that matches their interests," said Angie Stefaniak, MPP program manager.

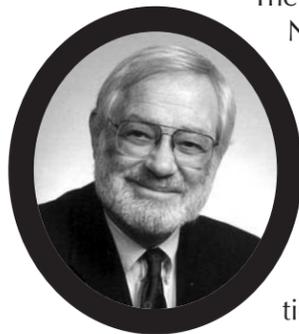
The nine students who started in the program this year are focusing in a number of different policy areas including environmental, economic and international policy.

Holly Hilton, a first-year MPP student, was looking for a program that emphasized analysis rather than management. "I was looking into programs at other universities but was excited to hear the University of Utah offers an MPP degree. Now I can stay in Utah and learn more about issues that are really important to me."

For information about the MPP program contact Angie Stefaniak at (801) 585-7834 or at angela.stefaniak@cpga.utah.edu.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

By the time you receive this newsletter, one of our most important events this year will be upon us—the inaugural Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy Forum: *Values and Violence: Intangible Aspects of Terrorism*, which will take place March 1 and 2 at the U. There is an article about the Center and the Forum in this newsletter. This will be a “world class” gathering where important, informative and interesting issues will be explored and debated. Please join us for any or all of the lectures and panels.



The Norman and Barbara Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy is an excellent example of the importance of the new Institute of Public and International Affairs. The Center is under IPIA’s “umbrella.” We couldn’t address such important topics without them working together. Pressing topics such as peace, nonviolence, human dignity, human values, international cooperation and terrorism cannot fit in a single department or even in a single college. They are affairs that require—demand—investigation from a wide array of perspectives if they are to be truly understood.

IPIA also has established several exciting partnerships this year with universities and institutes in other countries. U students are studying this semester at King Prajadhipok’s Institute in Bangkok, Thailand and at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates. The Hinckley Institute has arranged, and is providing scholarships for, 13 internships this spring in India, Taiwan, England, Scotland, Greece and Thailand.

We are very proud of another wonderful Siciliano Forum. Laughlin McDonald’s address on the Voting Rights Act extensions was informative and provocative. This fall will bring another timely Siciliano Forum. David Satcher—the 16th Surgeon General of the United States, will present on October 4. His topic will be obesity in the United States.

I’m reminded of why I enjoy my work so much when I read stories in this newsletter like Tom Zumbado’s and Earl and Elies Skidmore’s. Zumbado exemplifies the caliber of students that receive our Honor Roll Scholarships. The Skidmores’ generous gift will be a wonderful legacy that will permanently affect the lives of students.

As always, please stop into 205 OSH for a visit and conversation, or give us a call at (801) 581-8620.

Sincerely,

J. Steven Ott, Dean

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