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“The task for leaders is not just to work across boundaries to achieve the goals of their own particular system. Despite differing objectives, all must help our communities and our nation to survive and flourish.”

- John W. Gardner

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Cindy Moelis

The Class of 2009-2010 will complete their White House Fellowships this August and become the 45th graduating class. Even though much has changed since President Johnson established the Fellowship in 1965, the goals of the program have remained strong and are perhaps even more relevant today.

As usual the fellowship year has been a demanding one which required each Fellow to balance work, educational seminars, and policy trips. The Fellows began the year with high expectations for what they would accomplish in their jobs as special assistants to top-ranking government officials. All of them will come away with a stronger understanding of how challenging it is to succeed in Government. They had opportunities to work on extremely complex issues including Haiti relief efforts, the Deepwater Horizon issues, veterans' mental health, health care reform, and cyber security. Fellows will leave this year with a new set of relationships, skills, and knowledge to help them work more effectively and provide leadership in an inter-connected world. Yet, the program aims not only to provide a set of tools for how to be an effective leader, but also to inspire the Fellows to envision how to use those skills to create new solutions that will benefit the public interest.

Literary critic William Deresiewicz recently gave a speech to the incoming class of West Point cadets that described how rare and difficult it is for leaders to maintain a vision while facing the challenges of bureaucratic institutions:

We have a crisis of leadership in America because...we have been training leaders who only know how to keep the routine going. Who can answer questions, but don't know how to ask them. Who can fulfill goals, but don't know how to set them. Who think about how to get things done, but not whether they're worth doing in the first place. What we have now are the greatest technocrats the world has ever seen, people who have been trained to be incredibly good at one specific thing, but who have no interest in anything beyond their area of expertise. What we don't have are leaders. What we don't have, in other words, are thinkers...People, in other words, with vision.

It is in precisely this context that we provide the Fellows with broader educational opportunities that include speaker seminars and policy study trips, both domestically and internationally. The trips allow the Fellows to intensively study critical issues and to meet the individuals responsible for, and most affected by, federal policies. In this newsletter, the Fellows describe traveling to Ukraine and Russia to learn about U.S. foreign policy; meeting with military leaders on visits to Patrick Air Force Base and the U.S.S. Harry Truman aircraft carrier; and witnessing one of the final launches of the Space Shuttle Discovery at Cape Canaveral.

President Obama's Administration has provided extraordinary learning opportunities to the Fellows throughout the year. I am confident as the year draws to a close that they will use these new experiences to grow as leaders committed to public service.

TRIP REPORT: RUSSIA & UKRAINE



White House Fellows and staff meet Ambassador John Beyrle of Russia (above) during their trip to Kiev, Ukraine and Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.



*Mehret Mandefro
Dept. of Veterans Affairs*

Democracy looks different in the East. Ukraine is the second largest country in Eastern Europe and is a country that has been searching for its national identity ever since it gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. The Presidential elections of 2004 embodied the identity crisis which led to the Orange Revolution. Yanokovich the pro-Moscow candidate lost that election after protestors resisted and put Yushchenko in power. The race was fought largely over whether Ukraine would pursue Western-style reforms and closer ties to Europe or stick with state control and tight relationship with Russia. This dichotomy continues to define the poles of national identity and the conflict is far from resolved.

The promise of the Orange Revolution was that the people would help figure this out, but six years later this has not been the case. There continues to be confusion and factions about the future of Ukraine that is dominated by its relationship to Russia. The recent Black Sea Fleet deal binds these countries tighter than many would like. How does an emerging democracy define itself within these parameters? We met with many people who answered this question with the simple response of time. It takes time.

Unfortunately, the economic conditions of the Ukraine make time a scarce commodity. The financial catastrophe of 2008 affected the nascent economy severely, depressing its GDP by 20%. It needs strong institutions and a clear vision to catapult it forward. Russia and European Union are the two largest trade partners for the Ukraine and are best positioned to help them do that.

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TRIP REPORT: RUSSIA & UKRAINE

Russia is at a different stage of negotiating its national identity but its message to the outside world is similarly confusing. On one end, the exploding capitalism is very visible. The infamous state department store during Soviet times called the Gum is now populated with exclusive boutiques that are accessible to anyone with a platinum card. However the sobering briefing we received from the counterintelligence community revealed another side that suggested the visible changes may only be skin deep. Reconciling these two realities was a dizzying experience.

Moscow was the first Russian city we visited. It was exactly what I thought it would look like although much less diverse. The architecture of the city reflected its Soviet past. In contrast, St. Petersburg, the second city we visited, was more akin to a romantic European city. The throbbing arts and culture of the city was alive and we took full advantage of all it offered.

The art and culture of Russia were definitely a highlight of the trip. The tours of Christian Orthodox churches, the Hermitage, Catherine's Palace, Peterof and the Russian Museum were beautiful and revealed a

side of Eastern art that I had never been exposed to. More specifically, I learned there was a whole movement of Russian impressionists that rivaled the French. The little known collection of Russian impressionists at the Russian museum is not as famous as the Hermitage's collection but it is equally impressive.

Overall, the only thing missing from the trip was an excursion to the rural countryside to balance out the urban-dominated experience. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to allow for this. However, most of the people we met with emphasized and explained that life outside the cities reflected a much harsher reality. The disparities of modern life in both countries are embodied in the urban-rural divide, as they are in many other countries. Regardless, we did get a glimpse of how hard it must be for those without means. The cost of living in both countries was quite expensive by Western standards. To give an example, a coffee at Starbucks was a whopping \$7.

In conclusion, though democracy looks different in the East, I think the goals are the same. People need choices and protections that afford them the opportunity to grow. Both the Ukraine and Russia are demonstrating that creating opportunities in the wake of a harsh past is difficult though not impossible. It will be interesting to see the course both countries take in defining their flavor of democracy.



Fellows visit Red Square in Moscon, Russia

PLACEMENT REPORT



Anish Mahajan
OMB

Anish Mahajan, Office of Management and Budget

It is hard to believe that I am already three-quarters of the way through my White House Fellowship year. This year has been remarkable in so many ways, and a highlight for me is my placement experience at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

As a physician and health policy researcher, I was thrilled to join Director Peter Orszag and his team last fall, just as the country was debating health reform. As a participant in senior leadership meetings at OMB, I had firsthand exposure to the many twists and turns of the reform process and the challenges of designing and proposing change in the most advanced and complex health care system in the world. Watching Director Orszag as he served as one of the Administration's leading voices in health reform debate was an invaluable learning experience.

As exciting as health reform is, Director Orszag has also given me the opportunity to apply my expertise on projects ranging from defining priorities for the President's Global Health Initiative, implementing Recovery Act programs promoting electronic health records in doctor's offices, developing a National HIV/AIDS Strategy, to serving as OMB's lead on the new the Federal Workforce Wellness Initiative. Through these projects, I am working with leaders in the fields of health policy and regulation such as Dr. Zeke Emanuel (Special Advisor on Health Policy, OMB) and Cass Sunstein (Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs) and routinely interacting with leadership at other agencies including the State Department, USAID, Health and Human Services, and the Office of Personnel Management. My placement experience at OMB has truly proven more interesting and enriching than I could have ever imagined.

Emil Michael, Department of Defense

The Defense Department continues to be a truly unique place for a White House Fellow. While it is the largest and most complex agency, it has offered me virtually limitless opportunity. The highlights have been my travels with Secretary Gates. Not only is spending time with him an incredible experience in and of itself, I have been able to interact with all manner of our top Generals and world leaders.

Our most recent trip to Afghanistan was particularly enlightening as we were briefed by General McChrystal on the progress of the assault in Marja and we were also able to inspect Afghan troops trained by the US Military. Another highlight was attending a small group dinner with the President of Pakistan at his palace.

Beyond those interactions, I have spent a lot of time with troops about to go to war and with some of our wounded warriors. Seeing the pride and commitment of these soldiers up close is truly a gift that not many Americans get to see. While visiting with these troops, I have gotten a chance to appreciate the awesome power of the US military. The sophistication of our weapons, equipment and our training methodology is amazing. On the fun side, I was able to sky dive with a Para Commando team near MacDill Air Force Base. Pretty cool, huh? I would love to talk more about my work responsibilities...but those are mostly classified!



Emil Michael
Dept. of Defense

TRIP REPORT: USS TRUMAN

From March 27 –29, the White House Fellows visited the USS Harry S. Truman Aircraft Carrier near Norfolk, VA.



*Laura Bacon
Dept. of Energy*

As our plane descended, we crossed our arms across our chests, as instructed. Upon landing, our plane decelerated from 150 to 0 mph in just three seconds. It was an exhilarating start to a memorable weekend the Fellows spent aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN

75) aircraft carrier.

We were still getting our sea legs when we received personalized hats and a warm welcome aboard. The carrier's leadership told us they would keep us "busy and well-fed" throughout our stay. They fulfilled their promise.



Fellows witness a jet landing on the USS Harry S. Truman



Traversing narrow hallways and climbing countless ladders, we toured the entire USS Truman, including weapons rooms, the Truman Room, medical and dentistry areas, media workspaces, cafeterias, and more. The Fellows were able to watch flight operations from several vantage points, including the Admiral's Bridge in the evening for night operations and the flight deck. Throughout our trip, the carrier leadership—Captain Joe Clarkson, Captain John Meier, and many others—were extremely generous with their time and information.

A few fun facts about USS Truman: It can carry more than 5,000 people and more than 70 combat and support aircraft. It is as long as the Empire State Building is tall, and nuclear-powered. The kitchen crew serves more than 18,000 meals daily. The USS Truman's homeport is Norfolk, VA, and it has supported efforts in Iraq, the Mediterranean, the Arabian Gulf, and the U.S. Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina. Truman Sailors are, on average, 19-years-old. The USS Truman embarked on a six-month deployment on May 21, 2010.



Fellows and staff take a tour of the USS Harry S. Truman (above), Fellows and staff meet with the carrier crew (below)

Our "launch" take-off was as exhilarating as the landing. As we catapulted off the carrier, I reflected on the most meaningful lesson I internalized during our weekend: Every minute of every night and day, our nation has heroes out on the cold, choppy sea, training and fighting to preserve our national security.

TRIP REPORT: NASA/PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE

From April 3 - 5, the White House Fellows visited Patrick Air Force Base and NASA Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, where they witnessed the launch of STS-131 Space Shuttle Discovery and met with various staff.



Fellows and Staff stand in front of Space Shuttle Discovery

Our class had the opportunity to spend a little over 48 hours in Florida touring the Patrick Air Force Base, the Kennedy Space Center and viewing the awe-inspiring launch of STS-131 in darkness right before sunrise.



Nicole Campbell, NASA

Our tour of the Patrick Air Force Base began immediately after we landed in Florida at 8:15 AM. We were met by Glenn Posey and Aileen Okazaki, protocol officers with NASA and the United States Air Force who gave us a quick overview before leading us to our first stop, the Air Force Space and Missile Museum, that set the context for the rest of our trip.

The museum, situated at Launch Complex 26 (the site of the first successful launch of an American satellite in 1958) was literally frozen in history with full-scale models of “astro-chimps”, replicas of V-2 engines, and a tribute to the relatively few women who ventured into space as American astronauts. Two days later we had the opportunity to witness the historical launch of STS-131, whose seven-member crew included three women. With a female astronaut already onboard the International Space Station, the mission marked the first time that four women would have been in space at once. The trip was an incredible opportunity for our class to interact with the national heroes who serve our nation at home, abroad and “beyond the frontier”! We met with the 33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron on a recently deployed to treat and evacuate survivors of a deadly avalanche in Salang Pass, Afghanistan.

As reserves, they responded immediately to save hundreds under the most challenging circumstances – descending into a valley in waist deep snow with no defined landing zone to save people with whom they could barely communicate. One day later, we witnessed the pre-dawn launch of STS-131 after seeing the International Space as it orbited into space (with just the naked eye!) just under 20 minutes before the launch.

Just before the launch, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden welcomed his guests who included White House Cabinet Secretary Chris Lu, Department of Energy Secretary Dr. Steven Chu, JAXA (Japanese Space Agency) President Keiji Tachikawa, members of Congress and other special guests. Administrator Bolden gave the White House Fellows a special welcome and expressed his appreciation for our service and his desire to serve as a mentor to us all.

Space shuttle Discovery lit up Florida's Space Coast sky about 45 minutes before sunrise on that Monday with a 6:21 a.m. EDT launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. The launch began a 13-day flight to the International Space Station and the second of five shuttle missions planned for 2010. The module was filled with supplies, new crew sleeping quarters and science racks that have now been transferred to the station's laboratories. This was the final compliment of laboratory facilities that will complete the station's overall research capabilities. With only three shuttle launches left before the shuttle retires, this was a unique opportunity for our class to be a part of an important time in our nation's history.

EDUCATION EVENTS AND SPEAKERS

Mr. David Iglesias, Prosecutor, Office of Military Commissions, The Pentagon | Feb. 1

Mr. Karl Rove | Feb. 2

Capital Tour & Meeting with Sergeant at Arms | Feb. 4

Arlington National Cemetery Visit | Feb. 16

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Supreme Court | Feb. 18

Mr. Harold Koh, Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State | Feb. 19

The Honorable Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General | Mar. 3

Ms. Elaine Chao, Distinguished Fellow, The Heritage Foundation | Mar. 4

Mr. David Brooks, *New York Times* Columnist | Mar. 9

Ms. Janet Woodka, U.S. Department of Homeland Security | Mar. 11

The Honorable Margaret McKeown, U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit | Mar. 15

Mr. Joe Scarborough & Ms. Mika Brzezinski, MSNBC | Mar. 17

Mr. Donald Rumsfeld, Rumsfeld Foundation | Mar. 24

Colonel Jack Jacobs, MSNBC | Mar. 25

Domestic trip to USS Truman Carrier | Mar. 27-29

Administrator Lisa Jackson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Mar. 30

Domestic trip to Patrick Air Force Base and NASA Kennedy Space Center | Apr. 3-5

Ms. Melody Barnes, Assistant to the President & Director, Domestic Policy Council | Apr. 6

Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court & Observation of Supreme Court Oral Arguments | Apr. 20

“The Marriage of Figaro”, Washington National Opera | Apr. 21

Secretary Eric Shinseki, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs | Apr. 27

Secretary Robert Gates, U.S. Department of Defense | Apr. 28

Ambassador Capricia Marshall, Chief Protocol Officer, U.S. Department of State & Tour of the Blair House | Apr. 29

Mr. Richard Wolfe, MSNBC | May 3

Mr. Ezekiel Emanuel, Office of Management & Budget | May 4

Mr. Peter Orszag, Director, Office of Management & Budget | May 7

Mr. Peter Baker, *New York Times* Columnist; Mr. Jay Carney, Office of the Vice President & Mr. David Hoffman, Documentary Film Maker | May 10

Ambassador Oleh Shamshur | May 11

Mr. Ted Turner, Ted Turner Enterprises | May 13

International Policy Trip to Ukraine & Russia | May 16 - 24

Walter Reed Medical Center Visit | Jun. 2

Ambassador Joseph Wilson | Jun. 15

Mr. Bruce Held, U.S. Department of Energy | Jun. 16

Domestic trip to El Paso, Texas & Santa Fe, New Mexico | Jun. 21 - 25

2010 NATIONAL FINALISTS

On May 4, The President's Commission on White House Fellowships announced that a talented group of outstanding men and women from across the country have been selected as National Finalists for the White House Fellows Program – the nation's most prestigious program for leadership and public service. The 2010-2011 National Finalists come from all over America; from Roxbury, MA to Texarkana, TX to Kapolei, HI. They represent a diverse cross-section of professions, including education, business, medicine, law, non-profits, local government, finance, and three branches of the military and the Army National Guard. Please refer to the next page for a full list of the 30 National Finalists.

On behalf of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, we would like to thank the 120 community leaders who served in the 2010 Regional Finalist Panels. These panels occurred throughout the month of April in ten cities: New York, Denver, Chicago, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Miami, San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston and Dallas. We could not have selected the 2010 class of National Finalists without their help.



Panelists and Regional Finalists meet over lunch



Regional Finalists speak with Panelists

We would also like to acknowledge and thank those who hosted the panels:

Atlanta

Juanita Baranco & Bernard Taylor

Los Angeles

Jamie Alter Lynton & Michael Lawson

Boston

Roger Berkowitz & Rob Gordon

Miami

Eduardo Padrón

Chicago

Sunil Garg

New York

Don Capoccia, Ron Moelis & Luis Ubiñas

Dallas

Mike Ullman

San Francisco

John DeLuca & Clara Shin

Denver

Gail Klapper & David Miller

Washington DC

Katherine Bradley

2010 NATIONAL FINALISTS

2010-2011 White House Fellows National Finalists and Hometowns

Elizabeth Addonizio, Strategic Analyst/Speechwriter, General David Petraeus, U.S. Central Command; Bellerose Village, NY

Patricia Adura-Miranda, Co-founder/Managing Partner, 5Ring Insight; Saratoga, CA

Samar Ali, Associate, Hogan & Hartson; Waverly, TN

Pat Basu, Physician/Faculty, Stanford University Medical Center; Naperville, IL

Guillaume Beurpere, Commander, Provisional Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group; Colorado Springs, CO

Sara Bronin, Associate Professor, University of Connecticut School of Law; Houston, TX

R. Erich Caulfield, Chief Policy Advisor to the Mayor and Business Administrator, City of Newark; Baton Rouge, LA

Jason Dempsey, Operations Officer, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; Jefferson City, MO

Norris Dodson IV, Director of University and Corporate Partnerships, Idea Village; Washington DC

Harley Feldbaum, Director, Global Health and Foreign Policy Initiative, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Glen Echo, MD

Thomas Fisher, Assistant Professor, The University of Chicago; Chicago, IL

William Gallagher, Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy; Springfield, VA

Christina Ghaly, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company; Seattle, WA

Holly Harrison, Program Reviewer, U.S. Coast Guard; Vienna, VA

Erica Jeffries, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton; Alexandria, VA

Kishore Kuchibhotla, Associate, McKinsey and Company; Washington DC

Robert Morgan, Vice Chair of Education, Greenville Anesthesiology, P.A.; Greenville, SC

Rosita Najmi, Financial Services Strategy Advisor, Mercy Corps; Knoxville, TN

Jeffrey Prescott, Deputy Director, The China Law Center; Senior Research Scholar and Lecturer in Law, Yale Law School; New Haven, CT

Suneil Ramchandani, Integrated Chief of Internal Medicine, Walter Reed Military Medical Center; Rowland Heights, CA

Khadijat Rashid, Professor and Chair, Department of Business, Gallaudet University; Jessup, MD

Nickolas Rodriguez, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company; Oak Park, CA

Manel Silva, Adolescent Medicine Physician, Children's Aid Society; Brooklyn, NY

Rachel Skerritt, Chief of Staff, Boston Public Schools; Roxbury, MA

Timothy Sommella, Program Reviewer, U.S. Coast Guard; Middle Village, NY

Tulsi Tamayo, OCS Platoon Trainer, Hawaii Army National Guard/Vice President, Healthy Hawaii Coalition; Kapolei, HI

E. Abim Thomas, First Assistant Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Deval Patrick; Somerville, MA

Rachel Thornton, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Pikesville, MD

ALUMNI TRIP REPORT: VIETNAM

Fifteen former White House Fellows, who served eight U.S. Presidents, and 12 family members and friends visited Vietnam April 9-24. The goal of the visit was to learn first-hand the economic and social conditions, and aspirations of the Vietnamese people. Under the guidance of WHF Kien Pham (85-86), we traveled to rural and urban areas from the Mekong Delta in the south to the beautiful Ha Long Bay in the north.

We met with local entrepreneurs and foreign investors, toured small factories and large plants, held discussions with college students, civil society leaders and governmental officials, visited dioxin-contaminated areas and a center for educating the Vietnamese people on the

vast amounts of unexploded ordnance remaining from the war, visited battle areas of the Vietnam War, the Ho Chi Minh trail and a national cemetery honoring Vietnamese war dead, and met children with disabilities ranging from blindness to maladies associated with agent orange.



Members of the WHF Royal Court in the Historic Capital of Hue



WHF Perform the Traditional Walking on Water Dance

In Hanoi, we also met with the Deputy Foreign Minister, the U.S. country team, including the U.S. Ambassador Michael Machalak, and the U.S. Commander of the Pacific Fleet WHF ADM Pat Walsh (88-89) to discuss current issues and priorities in the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Vietnam. And we attended a National Reconciliation Concert performed by the Hanoi Symphony Orchestra and conducted by WHF Charles Ansbacher (76-77). Among the members of our group were four U.S. military officers who had served in Vietnam during the war and one former Vietnamese boat escapee.

We concluded our visit secure in the knowledge that Vietnam is a country of youth, with vibrant energy and high aspirations. More than half of the population was born after the war. Dramatic improvements in the life of its

people have occurred during the last 15 years. Vietnam seeks to accelerate its gains, particularly in the areas of education and commerce. The country could become a reliable partner to the U.S. and help us maintain the delicate balance of power and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

Despite economic disparities and political differences between the two countries, Vietnam and the U.S. share many common interests in areas such as trade, environment, nuclear non-proliferation and security. The country is at a pivotal point in its political, social and economic evolution. Attention to certain policy areas will foster a tipping point that serves our long-term national interest in the region.

Vietnam has succeeded in reaching out and creating bilateral relationships with many nations, while resolutely maintaining its national independence. A strategic partnership with the U.S. would strengthen Vietnam's emerging leadership role in Southeast Asia as a forceful advocate for regional prosperity, peace and security.

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ALUMNI TRIP REPORT: VIETNAM

Vietnam has gained much from joining the global market economy. However, the country is still poor and needs more access to export markets as well as the development of a more competitive national infrastructure (i.e., ports and roads). The legacy issues of dioxin contamination, unexploded ordnance and disabled children remain a painful reality to the Vietnamese people. They look for a solution with help from the U.S.

Vietnam just finished a rotation on the U.N. National Security Council and was a participant in the nuclear non-proliferation summit in Washington, DC. Vietnam is chairing the ASEAN meeting this year; hosting President Obama and ASEAN leaders in Hanoi would strengthen Vietnam's role and prestige in the region. Such visibility and stature could result in a more confident Vietnam, leading to further improvements in such areas as freedom of speech and human rights



Former Adversaries Meet as Friends, Ho Chi Minh Trail

In summary, we saw a country focused on internal reconciliation between the north and the south and anxious to embrace a market economy, 21st century technology and the advancement of its people through education – not a repressive police state or a socialist economy. Vietnam is on the right track and it wants a closer relationship with the U.S. We WHF who traveled to Vietnam see a unique, but narrow, window of opportunity for the two countries to reconcile the past and grow closer and for Vietnam to serve as a strategic partner of the U.S. in Southeast Asia.

- Contributed by the White House Fellows Vietnam Trip II Travelers

WHF ALUMNI BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suzy Becker (93-94), *Books Are For Eating* Reading Random House, 2009 & *Kids Make It Better: A Write-In, Draw-In Journal*, Workman Publishing, 2010. *Eating*

Linda Bilmes and W. Scott Gould (93-94), *The People Factor: Strengthening America by Investing in Public Service*, The Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

Kurt Campbell (92-93) and James B. Steinberg, *Difficult Transitions: Foreign Policy Troubles at the Outset of Presidential Power*, The Brookings Institution, 2008.

Patricia Davis (75-76), *Mimi, Money and Me: 101 Realities About Money Daddy Never Taught Me But Mama Always Knew*, Davis Financial Services, 2010.

John Fenzel (00-01), *The Lazarus Covenant*, Breathe Press, 2009.

Susan Fink Yoshihara (96-97), *Waging War to Make Peace: U.S. Intervention in Global Conflicts*, Praeger, 2010.

Charles Garcia (88-89), *Leadership Lessons of the White House Fellows*, McGraw Hill, 2009.

David Iglesias (94-95) with Davin Seay, *In Justice: Inside the Scandal that Rocked the Bush Administration*, John Wiley & Sons, 2008.

Charles Kubic 85-86), *Bridges to Baghdad*, Thomas Publications, 2009.

Westley Moore (06-07), *The Other Wes Moore*, Random House/Spiegel & Grau, 2010.

Eric Patterson (07-08) and John Gallagher (07-08), *Debating the War of Ideas*, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2010.

Mark J. Penn with Kinney Zalesne (95-96), *Microtrends: The Small Forces Behind Tomorrow's Big Changes*, Twelve - Hachette, 2007 (hardcopy) & 2009 (paperback).

Sharon Richie-Melvan (82-83) and Diane Vines (82-83), *Angel Walk: Nurses at War in Iraq and Afghanistan*, Arnica Publishing, Inc., 2010.

Geoffrey Shepard (69-70), *The Secret Plot to Make Ted Kennedy President, Inside the Real Watergate Conspiracy*, Penguin Sentinel, 2009.

Judy Sorum Brown (78-79), *A Leaders Guide to Reflective Practice*, Victoria BC Canada Trafford Publishing, 2008.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

David Albala (95-96) has left UNC Chapel Hill to join Associated Medical Professionals in Syracuse, NY.

Jaime Areizaga-Soto (07-08): is the Senior Advisor to the Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus.

Esther Benjamin (99-00) is the Director of Global Affairs for the Peace Corps.

Tom Bostick (89-90) has been promoted to Lieutenant General and assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, at Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Lael Brainard (94-95) was confirmed by the Senate as the Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs.

Sam Brownback (90-91) has selected **Jeff Colyer (88-89)** as his running mate for the governor of Kansas.

Joe Broz (91-92) is the Managing Partner of Defense Capital Systems, LLC, in Denver, CO.

Dennis Cobb (94-95) is a Senior Consultant for the Touchstone Consulting Group, SRA International.

Jason Dean (06-07) has left the Mississippi Economic Council to found his own consulting group, Fidelis Policy Group, LLC.

Cheryl Dorsey (97-98) was elected to the Harvard University Board of Overseers.

Mike Fenzel (00-01) has been promoted to Colonel and will assume command of 2nd Heavy Combat Team, 1st Armor Division (the Iron Brigade) on July 16th at Ft Bliss, TX.

Willie Ferrer (94-95) has been confirmed by the Senate and is the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, the fourth largest U.S. Attorney Office.

Alex Friedman (98-99) has left his job as CFO for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to become the Managing Partner for Asymmetry, LLC, in Seattle.

J. Nadine Gracia (08-09) is the Chief Medical Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services.

David Iglesias (94-95) is on active duty as a Captain in the Navy's Judge Advocate Corps, with assignment as a Prosecutor in the Office of the Chief Prosecutor, Office of Military Commissions at the Pentagon.

Sarita James (06-07) has been named the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Growth Ventures and Innovation at Citigroup in New York City.

Ray Johns (91-92) has been presented the "Iron Mike" Award by the 82nd Airborne Division for his leadership and support provided by the USAF Mobility Command during the response to the earthquake in Haiti.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Westley Moore (06-07) is an Investment Professional for Citigroup in New York and the author of “The Other Wes Moore,” the story of a man in prison with a life sentence for murder, published by Random House this spring.

Phoebe Morse (80-81) has left her position as Clerk of Court for the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to become Senior Attorney for the FDIC office in Braintree, MA.

Raul Perea-Henze (93-94) is the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pat Piercey (00-01) has reported for duty as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Pentagon.

Sharon Richie-Melvan (82-83) was honored as a Distinguished Alumna by Wagner College on June 6, 2010.

Alex Rodriguez (80-81) is a Staff Psychiatrist at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in Bay Pines, FL.

George Ruiz (06-07) is the Attending Cardiologist for the Advanced Cardiac Support/Pulmonary Hypertension Unit at the Washington Hospital Center.

Judy Sorem Brown (78-79) is a member of the Visiting Faculty at the School of Public Policy, University of Maryland.

Cliff Stanley (88-89) has been sworn in as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Jeff Stern (06-07) has been named as Director of the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System.

Commander Mike Studeman (05-06) was recently promoted to Captain and assigned to the Navy Staff after finishing two combat deployments as the Senior Intelligence Officer of the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Strike Group.

Marc Thomas (94-95) is a Founding Partner with Gage Capital Partners, LLC in Chicago, IL.

Rey Valencia (99-00) is an Elected Director of the Harvard Alumni Association.

Matice Wright (97-98) is the Deputy Director for Industrial Policy in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics in the Pentagon.

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GENERAL UPDATE



Check out our **NEW** White House Fellows YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/whitehousefellows

Keep up with the current Fellows through our **NEW** Flickr page.



You can access both sites from our website www.whitehouse.gov/fellows

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHF Placement Week, July 19-23, 2010

WHF Foundation & Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, October 21-23, 2010

WHITE HOUSE INTERNS



Michael Glassman

WHF Spring Intern Michael Glassman

Michael Glassman has been our White House Intern this spring. He is a 2009 graduate of Brown University, where he studied Classics and Biophysics

and served as student body president. Michael will work with us through placement week before he leaves on a Fulbright to study clean energy in India.

WHF Summer Intern Tracey Hsu

Tracey is a 2010 graduate of Cornell University. She previously served as a Service Intern at Cornell University Law School and was an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. Tracey is former President of the Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales, Cornell Chapter. She is originally from New York City.



Tracey Hsu

ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

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