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From the Director

As the new director of the Baker Center, it is an honor and a pleasure to send you these initial greetings and introduce you to our newsletter, *At the Center*. Since assuming the director's role I have been busy making new acquaintances, meeting old friends, and planning for the future of the Baker Center. Our general goal is to further integrate the Baker Center into the life of the university while at the same time remaining true to the values held by Senator Baker over the course of his distinguished career in public service. Notably, this includes adhering to fundamental principles like civil discourse and bipartisanship in the policymaking process, both of which seem sorely lacking in today's political environment.

As you will see in the following articles, it has been a busy year with an exciting assortment of programming events being held at the Baker Center. The Baker Center Forum on Energy and the Environment held a yearlong series of seminars culminating with a visit by **Governor Christine Todd Whitman**, former EPA director. Our Global Security Program hosted **Ambassador Thomas Graham**, who for years represented the United States at the nuclear weapon's negotiating table. And in Leadership & Governance, political cartoonist **Charlie Daniel** was hosted and roasted in May.

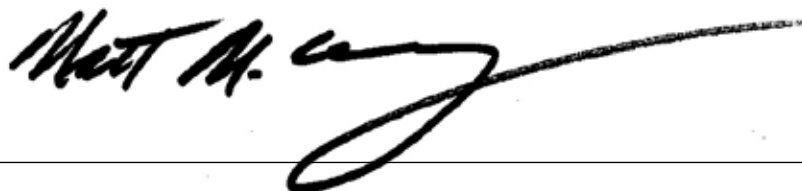
The fall will be busy as well, as we kick off the inaugural Baker Distinguished Lecture Series with a visit by **Senator George Mitchell** and the Ashe Lecture with former **Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell**. An exciting panel discussion is coming together featuring **Patrick Butler, Trey Grayson, and Ira Shapiro**, moderated by **Tom Griscorn**, in October.

We continue to enrich our various student initiatives, especially the Baker Scholars program. We held our first medallion ceremony this spring and **Senator Baker** graciously participated. An ambitious plan is in the works for broader enrichment of this key student initiative that would include internship and study abroad opportunities. Especially exciting is the gift provided by **Georgiana Vines** that will support a scholarship for Baker Scholars who major in the College of Communication and Information. The Department of Political Science will begin administering its new Master's in Public Policy and Administration in cooperation with the Baker Center this fall.

Our faculty fellows have been busy with their research and instrumental in supporting a number of graduate students in a variety of fields, including economics, nuclear engineering, political science, and sociology. **David Greene** recently testified to Congress on the role natural gas might play in meeting the nation's transportation needs. Bruce Tonn is busy administering his SunShot project funded by the Department of Energy. Faculty members from the Department of Economics are working on a number of projects and academic papers that have benefitted from support from the Baker Center. We have submitted a number of proposals since the beginning of the year in pursuit of additional external research dollars. In the end, we hope to develop a vibrant research agenda in the areas of energy and environmental policy and global security.

There are a lot of other things going on, in fact, too many things to mention. **Emeritus Director Carl Pierce** continues his oral history project on Senator Baker under the umbrella of the Leadership and Governance Program. The Baker Center will soon be the home to the University Honors Program, which will offer a dedicated home for the Baker Scholars Program. We welcomed two new people to our staff, **Michelle Castro** in development and **Elizabeth Woody**, who will help us run the affairs of the Baker Center.

Enough for now. I hope you have the opportunity to read more about what has been going on at the Baker Center in the pages that follow. Please stop by sometime and say hello!



Matt Murray and Senator Howard Baker

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Baker and Dole Honored by Bipartisan Policy Center



Senator Baker's reputation as a leader in developing solutions to difficult issues across party lines earned him the title the Great Conciliator. It continues to earn him national recognition, recently from the Bipartisan Policy Center, of which he is a founder.

On March 21, 2012, the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC, honored senators Howard Baker and Bob Dole for their combined century of service. In attendance were many political leaders including former President Bill Clinton (via video); Vice President Joe Biden; Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta; Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius; Alan Greenspan; senators Tom Daschle, Bill Frist, and Lamar Alexander; and many others.

Visit bipartisanpolicy.org/century-of-service for program videos and features.

George Mitchell is First for Baker Distinguished Lecture Series

On November 13, 2012, the Baker Center will host **Senator George Mitchell** for the inaugural address of the Baker Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture series is a new program that will seek to attract world-renowned political leaders, journalists, diplomats, and other influential individuals to speak on the most pressing issues of our time.

Mitchell will make his address on November 13 at 2:00 p.m. in Cox Auditorium in the

Alumni Memorial Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Mitchell is an attorney and former judge. He served as US Senator from Maine from 1980 to 1995 and was senate majority leader from 1989 to 1995. In 1995, he established the Mitchell Scholarship Program, now the George Mitchell Institute, which provides scholarships for higher education in Maine and holds his papers. Since leaving the Senate, Mitchell has been influential in many international peace negotiations, including in Northern Ireland and the Middle East. In 2009, he was appointed special envoy to the Middle East by President Obama. Mitchell is also an author, has served on numerous boards, and received awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Truman Institute Peace Prize, the German Peace Prize and the United Nations (UNESCO) Peace Prize. Today he serves as co-chair of the housing committee in the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC.

We are happy to report that the SunTrust Foundation has agreed to serve as a sponsor of the 2012-13 Baker Distinguished Lecture Series, but we are looking for additional sponsors. If you are interested in being a supporter of this lecture series, please contact Michelle Castro at mcastro@utfi.org.

Private Gift from Ashe Creates Lecture Series at Baker Center



The Ashe Lecture Series was established with a generous contribution from former Knoxville Mayor and US Ambassador to Poland **Victor H. Ashe**. Ashe hopes to honor the service and statesmanship

of Senator Baker by hosting international dignitaries as well as prominent regional leaders to speak on a variety of policy matters including foreign relations, diplomacy, world affairs, and governance.

In speaking about the forum, Ashe stated, "Senator Baker's emphasis on effective governance and leadership was a major contributing factor when I decided to give to the Baker Center. I'm hopeful the lecture forum will encourage others to get involved as the Baker Center continues to focus on its missions of student engagement, public programming, and policy research."

The Ashe Lecture Series will host two speakers per year for the next five years. The first featured speaker for fall 2012 will be Bill Purcell, former mayor of Nashville and director of the Harvard Institute of Politics. He will speak on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Check

the Baker Center website for updates.

For information on supporting the Ashe Lecture Series or other Baker Center efforts, contact Michelle Castro at mcastro@utfi.org.

Georgiana Vines Gift Supports Baker Scholars Studying Journalism



Knoxville News Sentinel political columnist and UT adjunct instructor **Georgiana Vines** has established the Georgiana Vines Endowed Scholarship Fund to award merit-based aid to Baker Scholars enrolled in the College of Communication and Information Sciences.

As an adjunct faculty member at UT, Vines fondly recalls her classroom interactions with a former student and Baker Scholar.

"Throughout the course of the semester, the student's intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for news reporting impressed me," Vines said. "When I learned that she, as a requirement of the Baker Scholars program, was taking on an immersive policy research project on top of a full-time course load, I gained an all-new admiration for the program and its ultimate goal."

Despite undergoing a rigorous application process and committing to additional scholarly work, Baker Scholars presently do not receive direct, merit-based aid or research stipends. Vines encourages others to consider a donation.

"The Howard Baker Center plays a very important role in the community, on campus, and in the lives of students. There is undoubtedly a need for private support, and I'd encourage others to seriously consider making a gift to the Baker Center."

TNSCORE Supports Energy and Environment Lecture Series

Development Director Michelle Castro recently announced a \$25,000 gift of support for the Baker Center's Energy and Environment Program from Tennessee EPSCoR (TN-SCORE).

The mission of TN-SCORE is to create a sustainable culture of collaboration between academia, government, and the private sector



in energy science research, training, education, and economic development that will lead to transformational changes in Tennessee.

Women Leaders Convene at the Baker Center

Baker Center Associate Director Nissa Dahlin-Brown has a special interest in women and leadership, so she designed a panel discussion, *Women, Power, and Leadership*, to take advantage of Governor Christine Todd Whitman's visit to the Baker Center.



Governor Christine Todd Whitman listens to Mintha Roach.

On April 26, around ninety women gathered in the Toyota Auditorium to hear Whitman joined by the following panel of local women leaders:

- Sarah Gardial**, vice provost, UT
- Rita Geier**, attorney, retired special assistant to the UT chancellor
- Margie Nichols**, vice chancellor for communications
- Sharon Miller Pryse**, president, The Trust Company
- Mintha Roach**, president, Knoxville Utilities Board
- Madeline Rogero**, first woman mayor of Knoxville
- Cheryl Travis**, chair of Women Studies Program, UT

Whitman said that women are too reticent when asked to take on a new job, whereas a man who knows nothing about the job will just do it.

"You don't have to know everything, Whitman said. "Just know who to go to, the questions to ask... how to put it all together...and to think critically."



Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero

Mayor Rogero recommended that women interested in public office "get involved...be careful of social media, of what you write [and] toughen up, be willing to take criticism."



Rita Geier responds, as Sarah Gardial and Margie Nichols listen.

Margie Nichols said luck plays a part, but flexibility and being the person who gets the job done is important. Rita Geier recommended everyone strive for excellence and demand it of others. She didn't intend to have four careers, but it happened.

"Develop yourself to the utmost and make yourself open and supportive of others."

We are grateful to all of these women who donated their time and expertise.

View an archived video of the program at tiny.utk.edu/bcwomenleaders.

Baker Center Honors Charlie Daniel

Knoxville News Sentinel cartoonist **Charlie Daniel** has been drawing cartoons since 1955. Two of his biggest fans are senators Howard Baker and Nancy Kassebaum Baker.

On May 17, more than 100 attended a Baker Center luncheon in his honor, hosted by the senators and featuring Ginny Weatherstone, director of Volunteer Ministries; Marshall Ramsey, Mississippi Clarion cartoonist and mentee; and Sam Venerable, *Knoxville News Sentinel*. Before lunch, guests had an opportunity to view some of Daniel's drawings on display in the rotunda. A surprise guest, Rosy (from Rosy's Diner, a character created by Charlie Daniel), made an appearance. A wonderful time was had by all.



Senator Baker talks about Charlie Daniel during a luncheon in Daniel's honor.

Staff News

Castro Named First Director of Development

Michelle Castro joined the Baker Center in November 2011 as the first Director of Development. Within her first year, she has developed a strategic fundraising plan and is beginning to secure gifts of support from individuals and organizations.

"As the Baker Center's first full time director of development, I'm honored to have the opportunity to create and implement the organization's overall fundraising strategy. Undoubtedly, the Baker Center's emphasis on securing private funds to advance its strategic objectives is critically important to the Center's long-term viability. I strongly believe the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy is uniquely positioned to become one of the nation's leading public policy centers."

Before joining the Baker Center, Michelle was the director of government relations at Duquesne University where she was responsible for overseeing the local, state, and federal government relations strategy. She secured a large state grant to support campus expansion and she communicated the university's official position on public policy matters, ranging from federal and state student aid to local assessment fees.

Elizabeth Woody Welcomed as Office Manager

Elizabeth Woody joined the Baker Center as office manager in July 2012. She comes to us from UT's English Language Institute and was previously an administrative assistant in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. A native of New Orleans, Elizabeth has been at UT since 2008. Welcome Elizabeth!





Baker Center Board Meeting

The Baker Center Board met on June 15, 2012. Director Matt Murray introduced new staff members and described his plans for the upcoming year. The board discussed programs and upcoming events, including the new Baker Distinguished Lecture Series. They also agreed to name three new members to the board Sarah Keeton Campbell, A.B. Culvahouse, and Lee Reidinger.

Culvahouse is a longtime colleague of Senator Baker and practicing attorney in Washington, DC. Reidinger directs UT's Bredesen Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education and was a former science advisor to Senator Baker. Campbell is an attorney and former Baker Scholar (read more in this issue's Baker Scholar alum spotlight).

Baker Center Board

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Academics & Research

Masters in Public Policy and Administration Debuts this Fall

This fall, thirty students are enrolled in a new graduate degree program—the Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA). The new degree will replace the Master of Public Administration that the Department of Political Science Department has offered for many



Dave Folz, Matt Murray, and John Scheb discuss the new MPPA program.

decades. The MPPA program, a collaborative effort between Political Science and the Baker Center, is designed for students interested in careers in public service, such as managers or policy analysts.

"This new MPPA program is a great opportunity for the Baker Center to be a catalyst in bringing faculty across different departments together to support this academic initiative, and it will draw further attention to the importance of quality public policy and the research arm of the Baker Center," said Baker Center Director Matt Murray.

David Folz will direct the new program.

"It is the faculty's aspiration to equip graduate students with the knowledge and skills needed to be effective managers, responsible executives and ethical public servants," Folz said.

John Scheb, head of the Department of Political Science believes the new program will appeal to students beyond the state's borders and even international students. "One of the Department's goals," Scheb said, "is to make the MPPA program ready for the world."

For more on the MPPA program, visit tiny.utk.edu/MPPA or contact Folz at dfolz@utk.edu.

Energy & Environment Program

The Baker Center's Energy and Environment Program (EEP) focuses on research, education, and outreach related to energy and environmental policy. The program includes a diverse group of UT faculty and fellows (see sidebar listing).

Whitman Visits the Baker Center

As part of the EEP, Governor Christine Todd Whitman served as the Baker Center's first speaker for the Distinguished Energy and Environmental Policy Lecture. On April 25, she spoke to a packed house on "The Need for Climate Change in Washington: How Hyper-Partisanship Has Paralyzed Policymaking." Whitman is the president of the Whitman Strategy Group, an environmental policy consulting group. She is also the former governor of New Jersey (1994-2001) and former director of the Environmental Protection Agency (2001-2003).

She made several appearances at the Baker Center. Earlier in the day she was interviewed by WUOT's Brandon Hollingsworth and she spoke with faculty in the E&E program.

An archived interview of Whitman's WUOT interview can be found at wuot.org.

Baker Forum on Energy and the Environment

The Baker Forum on Energy and the Environment (BFEE) was created in 2011 to foster discussion on scientific and policy research. BFEE is led by professors Jacob LaRiviere, economics; Paul Armstrong, ecology; Becky Jacobs, law; and Chris Clark, agricultural economics.

BFEE held its first public event on August 25, 2011. The bi-weekly forums were an opportunity for academics to share their research findings with a broad set of university and community members from outside their own discipline, but who have a common interest in environmental and energy issues. Students and faculty from seven different colleges and thirty different departments have been in attendance at various forums throughout the year.

The inaugural meeting welcomed prominent and sometimes controversial ecologist Professor Paul Ehrlich from Stanford University, via SKYPE, where discussion focused on the ability of civilization and technology to cope with allocation of resources in an



Paul Ehrlich joined the August 2011 Baker Forum on Energy and the Environment by Skype.

creasingly strained world. Professor Rob Jackson from Duke University kicked off the spring semester by presenting recently published work finding positive correlation between methane concentrations in well water and proximity to hydraulic fracturing natural gas well sites in Pennsylvania.

The forum meets on selected Thursdays during the semester from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Baker Center's Toyota Auditorium. The following speakers have been confirmed for the fall 2012 semester:

October 4

Diane Mollenkopf & John Bell
Logistics, University of Tennessee

October 18

Dave Tilman
Ecology, University of Minnesota

October 25

Pat McGinley
Law, West Virginia University

November 8

Robin Morris Collins
Attorney, Willamette University
(Salem, Oregon)

Webcasts of past events are available at bakercenter.utk.edu/multimedia.

For more information, visit bakercenter.utk.edu/programs/energy-environment.

Global Security Program

Global security and nuclear non-proliferation are the primary focus of the Baker Center's Global Security Program (GSP) directed by Howard Hall, Governor's Chair in Nuclear Engineering. Hall designed the GSP to focus on policy, law, and diplomacy; education; science and technology; intelligence capabilities of the United States government; and the execution of real-world missions via the knowledge gained in the preceding areas.



Among the many public programs held at the Baker Center over the past year was a talk on November 18, 2011, by **Siegfried Hecker**. Hecker, former director of Los Alamos Lab and presently at Stanford University, spoke to an audience about the challenges that Iran and North Korea pose to the mission to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

View a webcast of this fascinating talk at tinyurl.com/7bmmcuo.

The center also hosted several ambassadors Litton Brooks in September, Romanian Ambassador Adrian Cosmin Vierita in October, and Ambassador Thomas Graham in April 2012. Graham signed copies of his new

book, *Unending Crisis: National Security Policy After 9/11*.

Webcasts of past GSP events are available at bakercenter.utk.edu/tag/global-security.

Institute for Nuclear Security

Howard Hall also launched the Institute for Nuclear Security this spring. The institute, housed within the Baker Center, plans to harness the collective expertise and capabilities of its partners to tackle tough problems and grow into an internationally recognized policy and educational resource. Charter members include UT, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Y-12 National Security Complex, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

"We want our institute and UT to have a major impact on solving global challenges in nuclear security and our graduates to become the next generation of leaders that secure the future against nuclear threats while preserving our precious liberties," Hall said.

Arms Control and Non-Proliferation

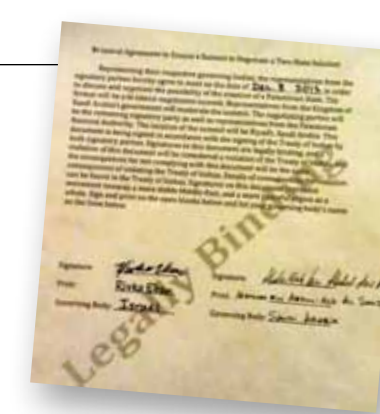
Also on the GSP front, Baker Fellow Ambassador **Tom Graham** co-taught *POLS 410: Arms Control and Non-Proliferation* with



Baker Faculty Fellow **Brandon Prins**. This spring course was for upperclassmen and graduate students interested in the background on US arms control and nuclear non-proliferation policy. Graham was on the negotiating team for SALT, START, NPT, and many other treaties and was able to discuss the history and offer examples of actual negotiations to the students.

As a final project, students engaged in a simulation of a negotiation for a nuclear weapons free zone in the Middle East. During the simulated negotiation, students represented eight nations and bargained over such things as Iranian enrichment facilities, Israeli disarmament, inspection agencies, and the US military footprint in the region. Students overcame many obstacles that arose during the negotiations, such as a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv by Hezbollah. Despite the attack, the Israeli and Iranian delegations were able to put aside their fear and distrust and sign the historic accord.

For many students, this was the first time they had engaged in a simulation exercise.



Meg Johnson, a political science junior and Baker Center Learning Community alumnus said the course "offered an interesting and realistic perspective on nuclear non-proliferation and the simulation demonstrated the complexities of international negotiation and diplomacy."

"This course was one of the best classes I took while completing my master's at the University of Tennessee, as it fully prepared me for my fellowship in Washington, DC," said Alicia Swift, a master's student in nuclear engineering. "Between the readings, the course work, and the treaty simulation, I feel that I am well-versed in nuclear policy."

Leadership and Governance Program

A new name has emerged for our work with students and the study of governance, civility, and Senator Baker's career—the Leadership and Governance Program (LGP).

The goal of this program is to educate individuals to be informed and engaged citizens, while promoting the study of governance and leadership as exemplified by Senator Baker. We hope this will serve as an umbrella for our work in Baker Studies, civility, student engagement, and public events designed to educate the public about how our government works.

Baker Studies

Director Emeritus **Carl Pierce** is leading the Baker Studies segment of the LGP. He is developing plans for publications based on research in the Baker papers housed in the Modern Political Archives and focusing on Baker's eighteen years in the Senate and his service as President Reagan's Chief of Staff.

In connection with this research, Pierce is particularly interested in the compilation and analysis of the many editorial cartoons in which Baker has been featured throughout his



career. Over the past year, Pierce has mentored student researchers working in the Baker papers, including a Baker Scholar project by Hadil Senno on Senator Baker's role in the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties.

Pierce will be returning, part time, to teaching in the College of Law this fall, but will also be offering an Undergraduate Honors course examining Baker's role in America's modern political history. Carl has also worked with editor and Baker Fellow Ted Brown on a special edition of the Baker Center Journal of Applied Public Policy that features articles from a 2010 conference held in honor of Baker's eighty-fifth birthday and is scheduled for publication in August 2012. He is also working with Bill Halton, a Memphis attorney and author, on a book about political civility as so well and effectively practiced by Baker throughout his career.

Looking forward, Pierce hopes to delve deeper into the wealth of material in the Baker papers with an eye to preparing exhibits that will highlight various aspects of Senator Baker's career. He is also working to compile an oral history that will include interviews with Baker and his close associates and is particularly enjoying his conversations with Senator Baker. Because Baker never kept a diary, but rather, as an avid and accomplished photographer, took pictures of many of events in which he was participating, Carl also hopes to enlist Baker's assistance in the production of an annotated photographic diary of his years in public service, including his observations about the pictures and the circumstances in which they were taken.

Student Programs

Since 2003, educating and engaging students in the work of the Baker Center has been a primary goal of the center. Student activities have grown from simply the Baker Scholars program in 2003, adding the Baker Center Learning Community in 2007 and Baker Ambassadors and Baker Law Fellows in 2010.

This past spring, we were proud to see a group of Baker students campaign for Student Government Association offices, following in the footsteps of former SGA president Howard Baker. Though they were not successful in winning the top offices, some members did win, while others learned by contributing their skills to the campaign. We are proud of Eric Dixon, Alexandra Chiasson, Hannah Bailey, Elizabeth Williams, Maddie Brown, Lisa Dicker, and Meredith Whitfield and applaud their efforts.

For more information on student programs, visit bakercenter.utk.edu/student-engagement.

Baker Center Living and Learning Community

The 2011-12 Baker Center Learning Community (BCLC) studied public policy and govern-



ment processes, and held discussions on important national issues, from immigration to gun control. Baker Scholars and former learning community members Eric Dixon and Sarah Lucas served as peer mentors. The BCLC had twenty-four freshmen members, with a wide range of personal interests and academic backgrounds.

In the fall, they took a course that focused on the making of public policy and was taught by Matt Deacon, a former Baker Scholar himself. During this course, students worked on a policy simulation that brought to life the different roles and responsibilities of the multiple contributors to the formation of policy.

In the spring semester, Bob Kronick taught them about education policy through working in a local public Title I school. Students were able to see how members of the community—administrators, politicians, community organizers, parents, etc.—and the students were impacted by various policies, such as *No Child Left Behind*.

This fall, the Baker Center welcomes sixteen students to the 2012-13 BCLLC ("Living" was added to all UT learning communities). Once again, the BCLLC is composed of students from across the Southeast. This year, Department of Political Science Head John Scheb will teach the fall policy course, and spring semester will be with Kronick. We look forward to working with this new group and their peer mentor, Lisa Dicker, a Baker Ambassador.



Alexandra Chiasson, Ben Guth, Kristen Sales, Graham Gibson, Allison Smith, and Nathan Burcham portray Senators in policy simulation in December 2011.

Baker Ambassadors: Anchors of the Baker Center

The Baker Ambassadors is a new program that engages upperclassmen as mentors to the learning community, planning student events, and hosting guests of the center. This fall, they will be busy with hosting Constitution Day, running voter registration drives, encouraging students to vote, and planning other events for our students.

Baker Scholars Receive Medallions

In May 2012, the Baker Center awarded sixteen graduating students with the distinction of Baker Scholar and one as Baker Law Fellow. Each of these students completed a research project in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Projects covered a wide range of policy areas, including credit-default swaps on foreign currency, proposals for improving nuclear policy, and an examination of Senator Baker's role in the Panama Canal treaty.



The ceremony began with a presentation to Senator Baker of the first Baker Scholar medallion and brief remarks. His wife, Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, was also in attendance. The senators were impressed with the research carried out by this unique group of students.

Baker Scholar in the Spotlight

Sarah Lucas likes to play with her food. More specifically, she's trying to make healthy food fun and accessible to children in inner city schools.



Hadil Senno, Elizabeth Williams, Danni Jones, Madeline Brown, and Jordan Davis began their freshman year in 2008 as Baker Center Learning Community students and graduated as Baker Scholars, continuing their involvement with the center throughout their four years of college. Pictured with Senator Baker.

Sarah is a rising senior interning with DC Central Kitchen and a Baker Scholar, as well as a Baker Center Learning Community alumnus and mentor. During her tenure as a Baker Scholar, Sarah has studied health policy in local elementary schools, working closely with UT's University Assisted Community Schools program.

These experiences, she said, drew her to the DC Central Kitchen. During her internship this summer, she'll be running urban nutrition programs in some of DC's most improv-



erished areas. Through her studies as a Baker Scholar, Sarah came to understand the plight of what researchers call "food deserts," which are areas that lack affordable and easy access to fresh produce. Many of America's inner cities carry this distinction, but programs like DC Central Kitchen's Truck Farm seek to address this problem.

"The Truck Farm is, shockingly enough, a farm planted in the bed of a truck," Sarah said. "The kids can make a salad using what's grown right in front of them. It's really making an impact on the urban gardening and eating scene here in the city."

Back at UT, Sarah is a political science major and is earning a minor in deaf education, continually working to become fluent in American Sign Language. Upon graduation, Sarah hopes to utilize what she's learned through her studies as a Baker Scholar and her experience in the DC Central Kitchen to work in education and food policy.

Welcome Honors Program

This fall, the Baker Center will welcome the Chancellor's Honors Program to the facility. Construction is underway to convert the former museum space into the program's new home, complete with a Baker Scholar lounge. This addition will bring more than 1,500 students into the Baker Center, exposing even more students to the center's mission.

"The Chancellor's Honors Program will bring an elite student presence into our building and allow us to further expose the student population to the lessons of Senator Baker's career," Murray said. "We are delighted to house this program."

Less than 10 percent of each class is admitted to the honors program. Its members have the highest ACT scores, GPA, and history of involvement on campus.

"I'm extremely excited about the program's move to the Baker Center," Taylor Odle, a College Scholars student said. "I think by having Chancellor's Honors students and Baker Scholars closer together, we'll be able to increase collaboration among the university's honors programs and the activities and scholarly work that we all participate in."

Though the decision to close the museum was difficult, all former exhibits have been put to good use. The second and third floor rotunda areas now house much of the museum material and are gaining a great deal of interest and foot traffic in their new locations. The remainder of the museum material has found a home at the Museum of Scott County.

According to Museum of Scott County Director Gary Sexton, the museum is the only one designed, built, and curated by high school students. They were thrilled to be able to add more on Scott County's most famous resident. Visit museum.scottcounty.net for more information.



2012 Baker Scholars and Law Fellow

Madeline Brown

Journalism & Electronic Media

Chad Covert

Agricultural Economics

Ashton Davis

Journalism & Electronic Media

Jordan Davis

Political Science and Psychology

Diego Del-Castillo

Business Administration, Finance

Danielle Jones

Political Science

Carrie Macon

Political Science

Rachel McKane

Global Studies and Political Science

William McLean

Economics and Political Science

Leah Oldham

American Studies

Spenser Powell

Political Science and Philosophy

Hadil Senno

Spanish and International Business

Jordan Smith

Philosophy and Political Science

Kyle Turner

Political Science

Jayanni Webster

College Scholars

Elizabeth Williams

College Scholars

Atanda Otayo

Law

Fall 2012 Events

In honor of Constitution Day, September 17, 2012, our Baker Ambassadors will be hosting a mock Constitution signing, Speak-out, and an essay contest. The essay contest asks high school and college students to respond in any way they wish to this comment from Senator Baker: *I'm ready to wager my life's meaning that what America will be remembered for in the centuries to come is the staggering achievement of taking different people from all over the world and building a great civilization.*

More information on the essay contest can be found at bakercenter.utk.edu.

With the Presidential election this fall, we will be hosting debates and discussions on the issues, as well as watching the debates and returns with our students. A special panel discussion on the issue of politics, civility, and partisanship is being planned for October 23 with a stellar panel: Patrick Butler, Trey Grayson, and Ira Shapiro. Shapiro will also sign copies of his new book, *The Last Great Senate*.

Visit bakercenter.utk.edu for more information. E-mail bakercenter@utk.edu to sign up to receive e-mail communications about our activities and events.

October 3

Toyota Auditorium, 9 pm

Presidential DebateWatch Telecast & Discussion

October 4

Toyota Auditorium, 3:30-5 pm

Energy and Environment Policy Forum

Diane Mollenkopf and John Bell,
Logistics, University of Tennessee

October 4

Toyota Auditorium, 5:30 pm

Switch documentary (Switch Energy Project, a multi-prong effort designed to build a balanced national understanding of energy)

Panel discussion to follow.

In collaboration with Institute for Secure & Sustainable Environment.

October 18

Toyota Auditorium, 3:30-5 pm

Energy and Environment Policy Forum

Dave Tilman, Ecology, University of Minnesota

October 23

Toyota Auditorium, 7 pm

Politics, Incivility, and the Media: The need to restore dialogue and debate

Ira Shapiro, author of *The Last Great Senate*

Trey Grayson, director, Harvard Institute of Politics

Patrick Butler, president and CEO, Association of Public Television Stations

Tom Griscom, Baker Center board member and media consultant, will moderate this 90-minute event.

October 25

Toyota Auditorium, 3:30- 5 pm

Baker Forum on Energy and the Environment

Pat McGinley, Law, West Virginia University

November 3

Rotunda, 3 hours before kickoff

Baker Center Homecoming & BBQ

\$20/person - Advanced registration required. Call 865-974-0931.

November 6

Toyota Auditorium, 8 pm

Election Returns Watch

November 8

Toyota Auditorium, 3:30 pm

Energy and Environment Policy Forum

Robin Morris Collins, attorney,
Willamette University (Salem, Oregon)

November 13

Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial Building, 2 pm

Baker Distinguished Lecture Series

Senator George Mitchell

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