

News from the Baker Center - Spring 2014

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Past Programs

Ashe Lecture

August 27, 2013

Senator Dick Lugar

(R-Indiana, 1977-2013) served as the longest running congressman in Indiana's history and was former mayor of Indianapolis. He currently heads the Lugar Center in Washington, D.C. He discussed US foreign policy challenges and opportunities.

[You can view the video of his talk here.](#)

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year from the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy! We wish you a prosperous year and hope that you will join us in 2014 for access to timely public policy research, public events, student development, and civic engagement. Visit our website to find out more! [Link](#)

Sincerely,
The Faculty & Staff of the Howard Baker Center

Baker Distinguished Lecture Series

Tom Brokaw

On November 13th, the Baker Center welcomed acclaimed journalist Tom Brokaw for the biannual Baker Distinguished Lecture Series. Brokaw shared his list of America's "big ideas" and urged students to engage in some form of public service to help move the country forward. The Baker Distinguished Lecture Series honors notable individuals who exemplify the values of Senator Baker. Previous honorees include Senator George Mitchell and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. [Link](#)



Become a Baker Distinguished Lecture Patron Today

Patrons of the BDLS aid in progressing the mission of the Baker Center and the ideals of Sen. Baker by making a financial contribution to ensure the Baker Center can attract speakers of national prominence for our biannual event. Patrons typically receive reserved seating at events, DVDs of the lectures, and participate in any special event with guest speakers. [To learn more, click here](#)

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Upcoming Events (Toyota Auditorium)

Jan. 28 @ 5:30- 7 pm
Showcase of Student Organizations in Policy, Politics, Law, Government & Public Service

Jan. 31, Noon - 1:30
INS Brown Bag
Ron Edmond - ORAU
Psychology of Messaging: Why Crisis Communication is Different

Jan. 31, 3 pm
Webinar and Discussion

The Promise of Universities in School Reform
Dr. Bob Kronick,
University Assisted

First-Ever Student Public Policy Challenge

On October 12th, the Baker Center students - Baker Ambassadors - hosted its first-ever student public policy challenge!





Baker Energy & Environmental Forum

Our interdisciplinary forum hosted the following lectures this past Fall:

August 29 - Joshua Fu, Civil & Environmental Engineering, UT-Knoxville

September 26 - Jim Shortle, Agricultural & Resource Economics, Penn State

October 24 - J.B. Ruhl, Vanderbilt Law School

November 14 - Bruce McCarl, Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M

[You can view videos of these talks here.](#)

Economics Workshop

July 15-16, 2013

Approximately 60 invited academics gathered to present and discuss their research findings on the identification of the effects of environmental and energy policy. Sponsored by Elsevier, a special journal will be published featuring these research projects in the Spring 2014. [Link](#)

Constitution Day

September 17, 2013

In celebration, a panel discussion was held on the Fourth Amendment (search and seizure). Panel members included **Suzi Allard** (Information Sciences), **Michael Berry** (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), **Brandon Prins** (Political Science), and **Glenn Reynolds** (Law). [Link](#)

Parking Policy Challenge

The Howard Baker Center Scholars and Ambassadors engaged approximately 60 University of Tennessee students to help develop recommendations for a parking policy for the future renovated Strip (Cumberland Avenue) by conducting an online survey, interviewing representatives from local businesses and visitors to the Strip, and researching policies of other similar cities. Recommendations developed from this research were compiled in a formal report and will be sent to the City of Knoxville for consideration as the renovation plans are implemented. The report will also be posted on our website. [Link](#)



The Baker Center Turns 10, Looks to Future Success

Happy



Birthday!

On September 6th, the Baker Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with a reception attended by faculty, staff, students, and community members. As the celebration drew to a close, Dr. Matt Murray, Director, said that while the work of the Baker Center may evolve and change, the overall mission to educate everyone about our system of government and inform public policy through research, remains at the core of the Center's purpose. "I think [the Baker Center] will grow slowly, and incrementally, and my dream would be that in 10 more years, we are a nationally recognized center for public policy. When there are issues related to nuclear security, energy policy, environmental policy ... when you turn on the national news, I would like to see a representative of the Baker Center testifying before Congress." [Link](#)

Student Involvement Opportunities

Baker Center Living Learning Community - 2014

A living-learning experience for incoming college freshmen, the Baker Center Living Learning Community seeks to promote citizenship while offering shared opportunities to increase understanding of our system of governance within an established student support network. The 2013 BCLLC students held a simulation of a Senate hearing on the re-authorization of NCLB. **Applications for the 2014-2015 school year will open in March on our website.** [Link](#)



University-Related
Community Schools
[Register Online Here](#)



Support the UT Econ Club in this national competition - **It's Up to Us!**
Join us for these events:

Wed., Feb. 12, 6:30 pm

Inequality for All

Documentary - [click here for more info on the film](#)

Sponsored by UT Libraries and UT College of Law

Wed., Feb. 19, 5:15pm

Principles & Priorities

(Federal budget simulation)

A federal budget negotiation simulation designed by the [Concord Coalition](#) will provide a better sense of the forces which impact fiscal policy decisions. With support from UT Law College.

[Register by Feb. 14](#)

Ashe Lecture Series

Wed., March 5, 5:30 pm

Ambassador Cameron Munter

Beyond 2014: American Relations with Pakistan



Former Ambassador to Pakistan

[Learn more here](#)

Baker Energy & Environmental Forum

3:30 - 5 pm

January 30- Elena Bennett, McGill University

February 27- Rob McDonald, The Nature Conservancy



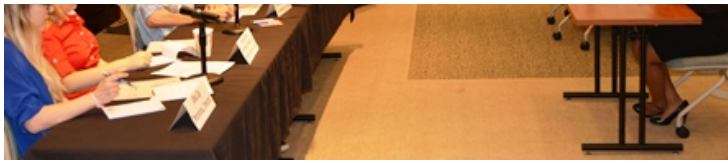
Nobel Laureate, Peter Diamond

In partnership with the Knoxville Economics Forum, the Baker Center hosted Dr. Peter Diamond for discussions and a presentation on current issues in economic policy. [You can view his talk here.](#)

Juan Zarate

December 10, 2013

Sterling Global hosted a talk by Juan Zarate, senior advisor at CSIS, UT alum, former Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, and current CBS News Senior National Security Analyst. He spoke about and signed his new book, *Treasury's War*, which describes how the US used financial intelligence/strategies to influence outcomes related to security issues. You can watch a video of the talk on our website. [View the talk here.](#)



Baker Ambassadors

As an ambassador, students are given the opportunity to bridge the gap between their student life and their involvement in the Baker Center and the wider community. This opportunity will be open to all UT students who are interested in public policy, politics, government, and public service. Applications will be on our website and Facebook page. [Link](#)

Baker Scholars Announced for 2013-2014

Join us in welcoming our newest Baker Scholars! **Julianna Burchett, David Clark, Zack Hethmon, Justin Hickerson, Ashley Jakubek, Valerie King, Richard Prince, Alexis Skaggs, and Julia Ross** are this year's new Baker Scholars. They will be embarking on a 1-2 year policy research project.

Applications and interviews for the Baker Scholars program are held in the beginning of the Fall semester for Juniors and Seniors..



White Papers & Policy Briefs

Be sure to check out our research policy briefs and white papers on our website. Dr. Brandon Prins has released a paper looking at the Obama and Bush (43) administrations.

Dr. David Greene has a white paper on transitioning to electric vehicles. You can also see past briefs and white papers on TVA, piracy, and much more. [Check them out here](#)



Policy Brief

Addressing issues concerning energy and the environment: A short course on energy policy analysis

David J. Bjornstad
Editor, *Energy & Environmental Policy*
Alexandra Brewer
Executive Director
Fall 2012



March 13- Christina Prell, University of Maryland

April 10- Sheila Olmstead, Resources for the Future fellow.

Student Spotlight

National Campaign for Civic & Political Engagement

Two Baker Center Ambassadors, **Savannah Dabney** and **Kaitlyn Dean**, traveled to Harvard College in Boston, MA for the annual National Campaign for Civic and Political Engagement Conference. The conference is hosted by Harvard's Institute of Politics in the Kennedy School of Government, and is focused on tying community service to political work and how to better advocate to achieve goals in public policy.



Kaitlyn with Harvard Fellow, John McConnell, and Savannah

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