Message from the Director

Dear Colleagues:

This spring the Kluge Center lost a great friend and supporter with the death of Baruch Blumberg (July 28, 1925-April 5, 2011), a founding member of the Scholars Council, which advises the Librarian on issues related to scholarship. In 1976 “Barry,” as he was known affectionately, was co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine for discoveries concerning “new mechanisms for the origin and dissemination of infectious diseases.” What he had identified was the hepatitis B virus. He demonstrated that it could cause liver cancer and helped develop a vaccine to fight it, saving millions of lives. At the time of his death, Barry was also President of the American Philosophical Society.

Barry shepherded the Council’s 2010 assessment of the Center’s first 10 years. He introduced the Kluge Center to the NASA Astrobiology Institute, whose first director he had become in 1999, and set in motion the NASA/LC Chair in Astrobiology at the Kluge Center. We expect to announce the first competition for that chair in the coming months. We will miss Barry a great deal.

Sincerely,
Carolyn

Call for Nominations for the Kluge Prize

The Kluge Prize for the Study of Humanity is a one-million-dollar international award founded on the basis of an endowment provided by the late John W. Kluge. Its goal is to recognize outstanding achievement in the study of humanity with a focus on disciplines not recognized by Nobel prizes. While the study of humanity is a part of academia, a nominee for the prize need not have worked primarily in academic
institutions, but could also come from fields such as the media, performing arts, or the study of literature. For more information about the Prize and to see the names of former winners, please visit http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/prize/.

Nominations should be sent to klugeprize@loc.gov. Should you have any questions about submitting a nomination or other matters concerning the Kluge Prize, you may contact Sally Arason at the email address above, or call her at (202) 707-0338.

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**Scholars Council Meets**


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**Honors, Awards, and Prizes**

**Bernard Bailyn and Gordon Wood**

In a March 2011 ceremony at the White House, President Obama awarded the 2010 National Humanities Medal to ten individuals,
including two members of the Kluge Center Scholars Council: Bernard Bailyn, a founding member, and Gordon Wood, a current member. The President recognized Bailyn for “illuminating our nation’s early history and pioneering the field of Atlantic history,” and Wood for scholarship that “provides insight into the founding of our nation and the drafting of the United States Constitution.” Both are double Pulitzer Prize—winners in History, Bailyn for The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution (1968) and Voyagers to the West (1987), and Wood for The Radicalism of the American Revolution (1993) and Empire of Liberty (2010).

**Manuel Castells**

Scholars Council member Manuel Castells will receive the 2011 Erasmus Medal (to be presented on September 21, 2011, at UNESCO headquarters in Paris). The medal, from the Academy of Europe, is for his “brilliant and wide-ranging work on the transformation of society through the revolution of information and communication technologies and for his understanding of the new communicative environment of social practices from a global perspective.”

**George Chrousos**

Kluge Chair in Technology and Society (2011) George Chrousos has received the Bodossaki Aristeio Prize from Greece “for his pioneering studies on stress pathophysiology and the mechanisms regulating the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis.” Chrousos is an expert on the pathological effects of stress on the human organism. He is a professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the Athens University Medical School in Greece. He participated in April in the Kluge Center’s “Conversation on the Dignity of the Human Person,” and gave a response to Distinguished Visiting Scholar (2011) Joan Halifax at her May Kluge Center lecture, “Inside Compassion: Edge States, Contemplative Interventions, Neuroscience.” He is organizing a conference at the Kluge Center on the societal and political implications for what could be called a “stress epidemic.”

**Mario Vargas Llosa**

Founding member of the Scholars Council Mario Vargas Llosa was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for “. . . his cartography of structures of power and his trenchant images of the individual’s resistance, revolt, and defeat,” the Nobel Committee of the Swedish Academy announced on October 7, 2010. The celebrated Peruvian author is a visiting professor at many universities throughout the world.
Some Recent Publications

Books and Monographs


Journal Articles

**Marcy J. Dinius**’s essay, “‘Look!! Look!!! at This!!!!’: The Radical Typography of David Walker’s ‘Appeal,’” appeared in the January 2011 issue of *PMLA*, the journal of the Modern Language Association of
Alumni Milestones and Updates

America. Dinius, Kluge Fellow (September 2008-June 2009), is an assistant professor of English at the University of Delaware.

Marianne Kamp’s article “Where Did the Mullahs Go? Oral Histories from Rural Uzbekistan” was published in a November 2010 special issue of Die Welt des Islams. Kamp, Kluge Fellow (September 2006-February 2007), is an associate professor of history at the University of Wyoming.

Sergio Lussana, British Research Council Fellow (January-June 2009), had “To See Who Was Best at the Plantation: Enslaved Fighting Contests and Masculinity in the Antebellum Plantation South” published in The Journal of Southern History (November 2010). Lussana recently received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Warwick.

Alumni Milestones and Updates

A few Kluge alumni recently reunited in the seaside town of Brighton Beach, England. Left to right around the table are James Munk, Nick Grant, Catriona Paul, Bill Booth, Chiara Cordelli, Claudia Deetjen, Mattias Freidank, Sophie Eastwood, and Tom Speller. All were at the Kluge Center in 2009-2010 as part of either the Arts and Humanities Research Council of Britain or the American Academy of Bavaria fellowship programs.

Miguel Bretos, Kislak Fellow in American Studies (November 2010-June 2011), is engaged in a project with the Commission on Sacred Art of the Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico, to create a book through subscription. The book’s working title is “Merida: Biografia de una Catedral.” He recently gave a talk at the Library titled “Cuba and Florida: Exploration on a Historical Connection, 1539-1991.”

William Brumfield, Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Kluge Center (September 2005-March 2006), is creating a Web site on Russian cities called “Russia Behind the Scenes,” http://rbth.ru/discovering_russia. It features Ulan-Ude, the capital of Buryatia in southeastern Siberia. Brumfield, also a photographer, is a professor of Slavic studies at Tulane University.

Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi, David B. Larson Fellow in Health and Spirituality (January-July 2011), recently was ordained as a lay minister
Institutes, Seminars, and Symposia
February 17, 2011

The Intellectual Legacy of Alfred North Whitehead
The donation to the Manuscript Division of a rare six-page letter by early 20th century philosopher, mathematician, and scientist Alfred North
Whitehead occasioned a half-day symposium, featuring as the keynote speaker Roland Faber of the Center for Process Studies, Claremont Graduate University; the letter’s donor, Henry Leonard, Jr., and several other distinguished scholars.

March 31 - April 1, 2011

Warring for America, 1803–1818
The Kluge Center teamed up with the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, with partners New York University and the Huntington Library, for a two-day symposium that focused on the social, cultural, and geopolitical pressures that converged in this period and the divergent consequences for the future of the extended republic. The program was not recorded, but the excellent papers written for it will appear in the future in a range of publications.

April 26, 2001

Conversation on the Dignity of the Human Person
“The Dignity of the Human Person” emerged as a subject of seminal importance and subtlety in the hands of seven current or former senior scholars at the Center during a half-day symposium. The subjects ranged from moral approaches by several religions to this recognized good, to insights from the social sciences, to a medical researcher’s discussion of its physiological locus in the brain and its relationship to stress. Jean Bethke Elshtain, a member of the Scholars Council and faculty member in the Divinity School, University of Chicago, worked with staff to formulate the intellectual structure. Featured speakers were: George Chrousos, Joan Halifax, Jennifer Hochschild, Theodore McCarrick, Abdulkarim Soroush, and John Witte, Jr.

July 11 - August 5, 2011

Sixth International Seminar on Decolonization
Hosted by the Kluge Center and sponsored by the National History Center (NHC) with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the seminar was led by Wm. Roger Louis, former Kluge Chair for Countries and Cultures of the North (January-May 2010) and the chairman of the board of trustees and founding director of NHC. Louis is a professor of English History and Culture at the University of Texas and editor-in-chief of The Oxford History of the British Empire. Two public lectures were presented during the seminar: “Decolonization — A History of Failure?” by John Darwin (July 13), and “ ‘In Mexico There Are No Mexicans’: Decolonization and Modernization, 1750-1850,” by Eric Van Young (July 20). Darwin teaches Imperial and Global History at Oxford, where he is a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford. Van Young is Distinguished Professor of History at the University of California, San Diego, where he specializes in the history of colonial and 19th-century Mexico.
July 10-16 and July 17-23, 2011

**Jefferson Symposia**
Hosted by the Kluge Center and sponsored by the Community College Humanities Association with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the two symposia for 50 community college faculty members included a presentation about Thomas Jefferson’s personal library and his manuscripts.

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**Book Discussions at the Library of Congress**


**Nelly Lahoud**, Rockefeller Fellow in Islamic Studies (June-December 2005), read from her book *The Jihadis’ Path to Self-Destruction* (Columbia University Press, 2010) on February 16, 2011, in a lecture sponsored by the Kluge Center. Lahoud is an associate professor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.


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**Recent Events**

Please visit the Kluge Center Web site for a complete listing of events and an updated list of Webcasts: [http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/](http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/).

January 19


March 3
Lecture: “‘One Muslim is Enough!’ Evidence from a Field Experiment in France.” **David Laitin**, Kluge Chair in Countries and Cultures of the North (December 2010-March 2011)


March 17
Lecture: “Protectionist Empire: Trade, Tariffs, and United States
Foreign Policy, 1890-1914.” Benjamin Fordham, Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations (August 2010-May 2011) http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5185

March 24

March 30

March 31

April 21

May 5

May 11

May 12

May 18
Lecture: “From the London Stage to Westminster Abbey: Cultural Mobility of Handel’s Oratorios in Britain, 1732-1784.” Ilias Chrissochoidis, Kluge Fellow (August 2010-May 2011)

May 26
June 2

June 9
Lecture: “‘Seeing You Is Equivalent to Being the King’: Loyalty, Ethics, and Piety in Sixteenth Century India.” Christopher Chekuri, Kluge Fellow (September 2010-June 2011)

Lecture: “From Ptolemy to Pilgrimage: Images of Late Antiquity in Geography, Travel, and Cartography.” Scott Johnson, Kluge Fellow (September 2010-June 2011)

July 7
Lecture: “The Chaplain Writes a Chart Note: Spiritual Diagnosis in a Multidisciplinary Care Team.” Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi, David B. Larson Fellow in Health and Spirituality (January-June 2011)


July 14

July 26
Lecture: “Visions of Empire in the Nazi-Occupied Netherlands.” Jennifer Foray, Kluge Fellow (September 2010-August 2011)


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