Message from the Director

Beginnings and Endings:

As always, the Kluge Center is humming with activity this winter. We have more than 30 scholars and fellows in residence now, with at least 25 arriving before summer, when we’ll have another influx. We’re moving on several fronts at once, including an important beginning: Applications are now in for the Baruch S. Blumberg NASA/Library of Congress Chair in Astrobiology (announced last fall), a distinguished senior position whose holder will undertake sustained research at the intersection between the science of astrobiology and its humanistic aspect, particularly its societal implications.

It was Dr. Blumberg, known affectionately as Barry, who set in motion the establishment of the Astrobiology Chair. I wrote about Barry’s death and our great loss in the last newsletter. He was a founding member of the Library’s Scholars Council, which advises the Librarian and the Kluge Center on a variety of scholarly matters. Especially because he had shepherded plans for this new research opportunity from the beginning, we are so happy to have his name associated with the Chair. An ending that we—and the world—experienced recently was the death of Vaclav Havel in December. A Nobel Peace Prize nominee, the last president of Czechoslovakia and the first president of the Czech Republic, Havel had been a resident scholar at the Kluge Center in 2005 and then again in 2007, as the Kluge Chair in Modern Culture—a title that was quite a good match for his many talents. In May of 2005, here at the Library, he delivered a memorable lecture on human rights, “The Emperor Has No Clothes,” dealing with the contradictions between what nations say about human rights and how they actually treat their citizens. It was webcast live at the time and can be listened to by following this link: http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=3697 During this time he also wrote his memoir entitled, To the Castle and Back. While here in 2007, Havel wrote his first play since being president entitled, Leaving. Dr. Billington, Librarian of Congress, hailed Havel as “a spokesman for human rights throughout the world, an inspirational hero of our time.” Indeed.

Among the many events upcoming this spring are two you might want to be aware of: a two-day conference on March 26th and 27th, organized by Dr. George Chrousos, a past Kluge Chair in Technology and Society, and Dr. Philip Gold, a member of the Scholars Council, focused on the profound impact of stress, both in terms of biological processes and social implications; and the awarding of the Kluge Prize, recognizing lifetime achievement in the study of humanity.

The life of the Library and the Kluge Center remains vibrant. Please check in with us via the website and keep us posted about your activities—awards, published work, milestones—by replying to this email or contacting one of the Kluge Center staff listed at the end of the newsletter.

All best wishes for your continued good work, Carolyn
Henry A Kissinger Chair In Foreign Policy and International Relations

By Alexander Evans

There are few better places to read and research than the Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. The Kluge Center has a unique mix of new and experienced scholars from a diverse array of disciplines, with the added bonus of current and former practitioners researching and reflecting on their fields of interest. For scholar-practitioners, the experience is unique. Unlike a think tank, the task is not to second-guess policymakers. Unlike a University, teaching and administration do not intrude. And unlike practice or policy, there is genuine time to read, reflect and think.

I was enormously lucky to spend July 2011 to January 2012 in residence at the Kluge Center. Thanks to the vision and generosity of a group of donors, the Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations enables a specialist on international affairs to dedicate time to research in the Library’s vast collections. My own work focused on Pakistan’s strategic culture and how it has shaped—or contained—U.S.-Pakistan relations. I pursued this through archival research (looking at State Department, National Security Council, Congressional and intelligence community papers), oral histories (both from the excellent Library of Congress collection and from interviews I conducted), newspaper research and accessing Pakistan-related materials, both books and pamphlets.

My time at the Kluge Center was productive, and I completed articles for *Foreign Affairs*, *Contemporary South Asia* and the *Royal United Services Institute Journal*. I gave talks on aspects of the research at Georgetown, Yale, the College of William and Mary, Temple University, the National Defense University and the Foreign Service Institute. In pursuit of the specific goals of the Kissinger endowment, I also engaged with the policy community, meeting Rep. Gary Ackerman, staffers from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and a range of current U.S. officials from the NSC, State Department and Department of Defense. I also had excellent discussions with analysts from the Congressional Research Service—the unsung hero of expertise in U.S. foreign policy—which generates truly excellent, evidence-based reports. I also participated in a one-hour radio discussion for National Public Radio’s *On Point*.

The combination of an environment conducive to dedicated research plus a collegiate community of resident researchers encourages unexpected connections and stimulates fresh ideas. Conversations with Ambassador Ricardo Luna, also in residence, led to a panel discussion on contemporary diplomacy involving Cardinal Mc Carrick and Dr. Vanni Pettina from the Kluge Center, Alvaro de Soto, the former U.N. Under-Secretary-General, Ambassador Luna and myself. Discussions with graduate researchers encouraged me to develop a course at Yale using declassified U.S. documents as primary source materials. Meanwhile discussions at the weekly brown bag lunches ranged from the nature of piracy to the future of libraries, the origins of conspiracy theories to the modes of jazz photography. The intellectual breadth and depth of Kluge Center research is dazzling.

As a diplomat and an author, I believe that practice enriches research and vice versa. If there is a lesson for foreign policy, it is that judgment informed by expertise matters. The Kluge Center has an important role to play in nurturing research and what Elias Canetti called the “fun” of learning - the unexpected train of thought.

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While Studying at Kluge Center, Cardinal Helps Free Hikers in Iran

By Donna Urschel

There was a lot to celebrate on Oct. 12 in the Washington, D.C., office of Search for Common Ground.

American hikers Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal, recently released from prison in Iran, stopped by to thank two important participants in the negotiation process—Bishop John Bryson Chane of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington. "It was a wonderful and joyful time," said McCarrick, who met the hikers for the first time. The cardinal, since January 2011, has been a distinguished visiting scholar in the Library's John W. Kluge Center, conducting research on Islam.

The celebration, which marked the end of the two-year ordeal, included the hikers' families and fellow hiker Sarah Shourd, who was released from Iran last year for health reasons.

The crisis started in July 2009 when the three friends were hiking together in Iraq's peaceful Kurdish region along the Iran-Iraq border. After they visited a popular waterfall, they continued walking in what they believed to be Kurdish territory. Iranian border guards, however, detained them, saying they crossed into Iran.

The three were charged with illegal entry and espionage and placed in prison. On Aug. 20, 2011, Bauer and Fattal were convicted of the charges and sentenced to a total of eight years in prison each. McCarrick became involved two years ago, when he was visited by the mothers of the hikers. The U.S. State Department had sent the family members to McCarrick, who in his retirement has been dedicated to inter-religious dialogue, especially in the Holy Land and the Middle East.

"The State Department said the diplomatic channels didn't seem to be working and thought it might be useful to try religious channels," the cardinal said.

From time to time, McCarrick and Chane met with the Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammed Khazaee, to see what could be done on behalf of the hikers. Then a year ago, the two religious leaders and retired Ambassador William Miller, a senior adviser with Search for Common Ground, met with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad during his annual visit to the United Nations. They spoke about a number of issues, including the hikers.

At the time, Ahmadinejad invited McCarrick and Chane to visit Iran to discuss the hikers' situation further. Eventually, through Khazaee, they learned that the Iranian government planned to issue a formal invitation.

"We weren't sure if this invitation was going to be for real. But four days before we left, we heard 'yes' and were told to arrange for tickets," McCarrick said.
Chane and McCarrick were part of a four-member delegation of American religious leaders who arrived in Tehran, Iran, on Sept. 13. The other two were Nihad Awad, director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), and Larry Shaw, CAIR’s chairman and a former North Carolina state senator. Chane and McCarrick met Awad and Shaw for the first time during the flight.

Once in Tehran, the Americans, through a series of discreet meetings, visited with a great number of religious and educational leaders who ultimately have influence in different areas of Iranian society.

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"We believe the president decided to release the hikers, but members of the judiciary were hesitant and they needed to be persuaded,” McCarrick said. “So our job was to create an atmosphere in which the religious leaders could agree.”

The Americans and the Iranians talked about God and compassion. "There are so many things in Christianity and Islam which are similar—the love of God and the love of neighbor. So we spoke of those things,” McCarrick said. "The whole basis of Abrahamic religions is belief in a God who is compassionate."

The meetings also included leaders from the library system in Iran. "A number of them knew Dr. Bilington. My prestige went up greatly when they realized that I was at the Library and worked for Dr. Billington," the cardinal said.

The Iranians kept the envoy consistently busy, and the meetings lasted for six days.

"The president said to us: 'Your visit has been very important and successful,’ McCarrick said. "We knew by then the judiciary had decided to agree to the hikers' release.”

The religious leaders headed home to the United States on Sept. 19, a Monday. The hikers were released two days later.

Reflecting on his role, McCarrick said, "It was a great blessing to be a part of the delegation. At 81, to accomplish that is a special gift from God."

The cardinal will continue to conduct research at the Library through December. He has been studying the religious and political influence of the Amman Message, created in post-9/11 Middle East, which answers fundamental questions about the nature of Islam.

On Nov. 16, at 4 p.m., McCarrick presented “The Amman Message: A Magisterium for Islam?” The lecture will examine the similarities between Muslim and Christian quests for common understanding among adherents of each religion.

The cardinal said his year at the Library has been a time of "great grace for me.”

He has worked closely with Mary-Jane Deeb, chief of the African and Middle Eastern Division; Christopher Murphy, head of the Near East Section in the division; and Muhannad Salhi, an Arab world specialist in the Near East Section. McCarrick meets weekly with Murphy and Salhi for a scholarly ex-
"They tell me what I need to know," joked the cardinal.

But Murphy said the weekly meetings are exemplary of the mission of the Kluge Center—to distill knowledge and to share wisdom. They have gained important insight on the subject matter from the Cardinal.

"The people at the Library are wonderful," said McCarrick. "I'm very impressed with everyone—the executives, the staff and the people who keep the office clean. Please mention the people who keep the office clean. They are just such nice people."

This piece appeared originally in the Library of Congress Gazette.

A Perfect Match, Then Wedding Bells

By Donna Urschel

The John W. Kluge Center’s mission at the Library of Congress is “to bring together the world’s best thinkers to stimulate and energize one another, to distill wisdom from the Library’s rich resources, and to interact with policymakers ...” And, sometimes, the Kluge Center sparks a serendipitous love story.

This storybook romance was set in motion by Mary Lou Reker, special assistant to the director, Office of Scholarly Programs. Reker’s principal responsibility is to oversee the administration of 14 separate fellowship programs and four distinct internship programs at the Kluge Center.

In May 2007, Dario Sarlo came to the Kluge Center on a fellowship sponsored by the British Arts and Humanities Research Center. He was a Ph.D. candidate at Goldsmiths, University of London. At the Library, he would conduct research in the Jascha Heifetz Collection in the Music Division for his doctoral dissertation, “Investigating Performer Uniqueness: The Case of Jascha Heifetz.”

One day, Sarlo was searching through the collections and found a book by Galina Kopytova titled “Jascha Heifetz in Russia.” The 600-page book examined the childhood of Heifetz, a child prodigy, from 1901 to 1917, a period in the violinist’s life that was generally unknown to the public. The text was written in Russian, however. Sarlo did not speak Russian. The British fellow told Reker about his exciting discovery, lamenting the language problem. Reker, at the time, was in the midst of selecting college interns who could assist the Kluge Center scholars and fellows. “I looked through the applications and saw someone who could play the violin. That caught my eye. Then I read that she spoke Russian. I thought she could help Dario,” Reker said. Like all good matchmakers, Reker found Sarlo the perfect match. Alexandra Wiktorek, who had just completed a B.A. at Cornell University, arrived at the Kluge Center in early September 2007 for a four-month internship. Sarlo and Wiktorek’s first “date” occurred a few weeks after they started to work together. The date involved a walk down the
National Mall one day after work and sitting on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial until sunset. Wiktorek helped Sarlo translate the book “Jascha Heifetz in Russia,” and after the internship, they continued to work together long distance. The couple now has a contract with Indiana University Press for publication of the translation, which is nearing completion.

Sarlo received his Ph.D. in historical musicology from the University of London in 2011. He recently worked as a research consultant for a full-length documentary film on Heifetz that had its world premiere in Los Angeles earlier this year.

Wiktorek received a master’s degree from Georgetown University. She is studying for her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

This piece originally appeared in the Library of Congress Gazette.

**Honors, Awards, and Prizes**


The prize comes with $50,000. Mark Neely, Jr, winner of the Pulitzer and a Professor at Pennsylvania State said, “This is one of the finest monographs on the Civil War I have read in twenty-five years. No one knew about the financial frauds underlying Missouri’s guerrilla problem until Geiger discovered the evidence in obscure county court records and reached his astounding conclusions. This is an important book, period. Gavin Wright of Stanford University said, “This is first rate economic and social history, and a cracking good story.” Through diligent research into local archives, Mark unraveled for Civil War historians a long-standing mystery as to why the southern aristocracy, which after the war still held firm across the rest of the South, never again existed in Missouri.” Mark is a former accountant and financial expert, who later in life went back to get his PhD; his earlier career gave him keys to unraveling the mystery.

**Some Recent Publications**

**Books**

**Markets in the Name of Socialism**


Journal Articles


John B. Carlson, Kislak Fellow in American Studies (July 2005-February 2006), was the chief organizer of a special session on “The 2012 Phenomenon: Maya Calendar, Astronomy and Apocalypticism in the Worlds of Scholarship and Global Popular Culture: for an international symposium for the study of Astronomy in Culture, the “Oxford IX Archaeoastronomy conference,” held in Lima, Peru and co-sponsored by the International Astronomical Union. Select proceedings were published online and then by Cambridge University Press. Of interest to the Kluge Center is that this work and the subject matter is one facet of the research that he completed while he was a Kislak Fellow. Two additional papers are now in press and one book is now well along, derived from work completed during his tenure at the Kluge Center.

J. Michael Francis, Kislak Fellow in American Studies (August 2010-April 2011) wrote (with Kathleen M. Kole) “Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida: Don Juan and the Guale Uprising of 1597,” which
appeared in American Museum of Natural History Anthropological Papers No. 95 (August 2011).

**James Reston, Jr.**
Visiting Scholar (December 2010-May of 2011)
Op-ed piece in USA Today on August 16, 2011, Reston also had an inspired by a conversation he had when he was there at the Library of Congress with Phoebe Peacock, the Latin/Greek Reference Librarian

**Jennifer A. Loughmiller-Newman**
Kislak Fellow in American Studies (January 2010-May 2010)

**Music Releases**

**Ilias Chrissochoidis**
Kluge Fellow (August 2010-May 2011)
Announced the web release of three albums:
1) Piano Concerto. Composed during the Winter break of 1997-98 as an homage to the great Romantic concertos and an exemplar of thematic transformation 2) Hellentropia. Inspired by Greek themes and tunes, these 8 pieces were mostly improvised on a 4-octave MIDI keyboard and recorded on multiple channels and 3) Ringtones. An attempt to treat the most popular type of functional music today as an art form.’

- See: [https://market.android.com/details?id=artist-Abxwj4566d543dydi5e7d2cr7ha](https://market.android.com/details?id=artist-Abxwj4566d543dydi5e7d2cr7ha)
- Also available from [http://www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [http://www.reverbnation.com](http://www.reverbnation.com)

**Alumni Milestones and Updates**

**Matthew Philips**, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, 2010 AHRC Fellow, was recently engaged to his friend of many years, Ms. Raweewan Matmungkun, (they are pictured here at their betrothal ceremony in Thailand).

**Edric Kirkman**, a Research Intern to Ambassador Bajpai during the summer of 2009, recently finished graduate school and was married and is now living in Alexandria, VA. He writes, “I also just completed an internship on Capitol Hill with the House of Representatives this summer and am now looking for an opportunity to remain in the area.”

**James Goldgeier** (Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations 2005) was named the Dean of the School of International Service at American University on August 1, 2011. Previously, Goldgeier was a professor of political science and international relations at George Washington University. “I am thrilled to have this wonderful opportunity,” said Goldgeier. “I look forward to working with the SIS community to promote first-rate academic research, strengthen SIS as a leader in
undergraduate and graduate education, and deepen the school’s ties to the Washington, D. C. policy community.”

**Althea Legal-Miller** British Research Fellow (June–August 2007) was awarded her PhD in American Studies from King’s College London. The title of her dissertation is *The Unmentionable Ugliness of the Jailhouse: Sexualized Violence, the Black Freedom Movement, and the Leesburg Stockade Imprisonment of 1963.* Legal-Miller writes, “The genesis of this project certainly began at the Kluge Center, and I am immensely appreciative of the fellowship I received—this project could not have come to fruition without it. I would also like to share a couple of accomplishments that I attribute in part to my tenure as a British Research Fellow. I received the 2010 Mae C. King Distinguished Paper Award on Women, Gender and Black Politics from the Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics. The paper was based on research accumulated while in residence at the Kluge Center, and the award was given for the Best Paper of the Year presented on gender and black politics at a US Political Science conference. Additionally, a memorial piece I wrote entitled “Dorothy I. Height: A Constant Rebel,” was published in 2011 by the Journal of Women’s History (online edition). One of the highlights of my fellowship at the Kluge Center was having the opportunity to interview Dr. Height (collecting perhaps her last oral history), and it was a great privilege to have the chance to share personal insights of this amazing woman.”

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**Institutes, Seminars, and Symposia**


**Dr. Paul Crego**, Kluge Staff Fellow (October 2007-September 2008), presented a talk as part of the Spring 2011 Works-in-Progress Series of the Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), held in Tbilisi, Georgia. His presentation was titled “Strategic Patience—A Way Forward?” Dr. Paul Crego is a senior cataloging specialist and acquisitions librarian at the Library of Congress.

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**Book Discussions at the Kluge Center**

**William May**, Cary and Ann Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History (September 2007-December 2007) will discuss and sign his most recent book, *Testing the National Covenant* on Thursday, February 29, 2012, at the Library of Congress. Dr. May will explore and assess two contending ways of understanding our national identity—contractual and covenantal—as they bear on the effort to contain runaway fears in American foreign policy and runaway appetites in American economic policy. A reception with special guest Cary M. Maguire will follow. Please respond by February 24 to 202-707-5218 or SPECIALEVENTS@LOC.GOV.
Recent Events

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2011

October 17
Lecture: “Market Empire: The United States, the Philippines, and Natural Resource Management.” Theresa Ventura, Mellon/ACLS

October 25
Book Talk: “Expedition to the Equator: A Scientific Adventure Story.” Kluge Center Distinguished Visiting Scholar Ricardo V. Luna and science writer Larrie D. Ferreiro

November 3

November 16

November 17
Lecture: “Pakistan’s Strategic Culture and U.S.-Pakistan Relations.” Alexander Evans, Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations

November 29
Lecture: “Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida: Don Juan and the Guale Uprising of 1597.” Dr. J. Michael Francis, Jay I. Kislak Fellow

December 1
Panel Discussion: “Contemporary Diplomacy,” with Ambassadors Álvaro de Soto and Ricardo Luna, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Alexander Evans, Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations

December 6
Lecture: “Reflections on a Year as ALA’s President.” Roberta Stevens, immediate past president of the American Library Association

December 8

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Lecture: “The Americas’ Idylls: The Quest for an Elusive Continental Ideal.” Ricardo Luna, Former Ambassador of Peru to the United States, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

December 13
Lecture: “Medical Culture in Yuan China (1206-1368): Aspects of Mongol Rule and Neo-Confucian Activism. Reiko Shinno, Kluge Fellow
December 15
Lecture: "Walt Whitman's Future-Founding Poetry." Sascha Poehlman, post-doc Bavarian Fellow

December 20
Lecture: "The Quiet People (Hiljainen Kansa): A Memoir." Kelle Groom, Black Mountain Fellow

2012
January 19

January 26
Lecture: "Who really owned the estate in the 'Place of Dog Tail'? Land Tenure Patterns among the Prehispanic Aztec Nobility in the late 15th-early 16th centuries." Anastasia Kalyuta, Kislak Fellow in American Studies

February 16
Lecture: “'A Train of Disasters': Puritan Reaction to New England Crisis of 1680-90s.” Dmitry Galtsin, Fulbright Fellow

February 29
Book Talk: “Testing the National Covenant.” William May, Former Cary and Ann Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History, 3:00 p.m., LJ119

March 1

March 15
Lecture: "The Legends on Martin Waldseemuller's Carta Marina of 1516.” Chet Adam Van Duzer, Kislak Fellow, noon, LJ119

March 22

March 26-27
Stress Conference, organized by Dr. George Chrousos, Kluge Chair in Technology and Society and Philip Gold, Member of the Scholar Council, 8:30-5:00. LJ-119

April 4
Symposium: “Creolization, Multiculturalism, Interculturality and the Global Present: Beyond the Naming of Things.” Victoria Arana, Howard University. Whittall Pavilion, 8:45-4pm. Arts & Human Research Council; International Research Network

April 12
Lecture: “Creating the Parisian Café, 1660-1800” Thierry Rigogne, Noon, LJ-119

April 13
Lecture: “The Middle East: Liberal Values and Muslim Populist Identity.” Aziz Al-Azmeh, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, 4 P.M., LJ-119

April 19
Lecture: "When Insider Trading was Legal." Mark Geiger. 12:00 Noon. LJ-119
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