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Making History and Public Policy

The 2008-2009 academic year was filled with historical events, remarkable moments, and notable accomplishments. A few of the most noteworthy news items of this year included:

- Barack Obama was elected our nation's first African American President. The election electrified many segments of the country and polarized many others. The newly elected President faces a multi-front of challenges including the Iraq War, the economic crisis, and healthcare reform.
- Tom McClintock was elected to represent the 4th District. Defeating Charlie Brown, Congressman McClintock is bringing perspective and efficiency to his role in the House of Representatives.
- Kevin Johnson was elected as the first African American Mayor of Sacramento. The former NBA star is guiding CA's capital city through a range of economic and political challenges and opportunities.
- The nationwide economic crisis became the headline of the year spurred by the collapse of financial markets, insurance and lending industries, and unprecedented decline of the housing and job markets.
- Proposition 8 was passed in the CA November election. Prop 8 calls for a CA Constitutional amendment specifically defining marriage as between a man and a women. After review by the CA Supreme Court, Prop. 8 was upheld in the courts but continues to face opposition.
- North Korea's ongoing nuclear threat has positioned it as a heightened global threat.

- The disputed reelection of President Ahmedinejad in Iran sparked a nationwide uprising and violence in that country that may have implications for global diplomacy.

These international and national concerns provided the Public Policy Department tremendous opportunities to educate, discuss, and respond to the many related issues raised by these events and concerns. Within the historical context, the Public Policy Department completed its third academic year with a number of significant accomplishments, including:

- Engaging 11 new majors: 4 new freshman, 3 new sophomores, and 4 new juniors.
- Offering 16 rigorous core courses that integrate faith and learning for public service, including three new courses: Professional Studies, Criminology, and Legislative Process.
- Developing 5 concentrations: Communications & Media, Criminal Justice, Economics & Management, Government & Politics, and Law & Policy.
- Engaging exceptional instructors for the public policy courses: Rhonda Capron (Management & Organizational Behavior), Rex Gurney (American History, Intro to Philosophy), Spencer Mills (Political Economy), Bruce Hamlett (Principles of Public Administration), Phillip Escamilla (Political Theory & Philosophy, Political Process), Richard Robinson (American Government), Wade Cooper Teasdale (Poli Research & Policy Analysis, Legis Process).
- Hiring new federal work study student program assistants Junior Gabrielle Jackson and Sophomore Greer Gamble. They each have been pivotal in launching new outreach efforts in our Department.
- Updating the public policy website www.jessup.edu/publicpolicy and launching the new Public Policy Department blogsite: <http://publicpolicy.jessupblogs.com> that provides a comprehensive overview of the Department, its events, and current policy news.
- Developing a new brochure and other informational materials that better highlight the impact and utility of the Public Policy Degree in today's market.
- Receiving broad print and radio coverage of our program and events.

- Engaging over 30 policy experts and professionals to present guest lectures in a range of classes and forums.
- Engaging another 30 featured speakers and panelists for community wide events.
- Collaborating with a range of local, national and international advocacy groups such as Agape International Mission, California Family Council, Capitol Ministries, Capitol Resource Institute, Chab Dai Coalition, Courage to Be You, International Justice Mission, Pacific Justice Institute, the Orange County Task Force on Human Trafficking, and Providence Foundation on key issues of faith and justice.
- Engaging with many schools, community colleges and graduate schools including Capital Christian School, California State University-Sacramento, American River Community College, Folsom Lake Community College, Sierra College, Pepperdine, Stanford University, UC-Berkeley, and Vanguard University.
- Conducting student field experiences and site visits at policy offices and with key officials including: Placer County Superior Court, Legislative Analysts' Office, Legislative Counsel's Office, the CA Assembly and Senate, the UC-Berkeley Model United Nations, and the Prop. 8 CA Supreme Court hearings.
- Conducting a senior student trip to Delaware, Philadelphia and New York that highlighted our nation's founding and continued significance. The tours included: Constitutional Center, Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross' Home, site of Ben Franklin's Home and Museum, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, United Nations, and Wall Street.
- Conducting major policy and educational forums including: Constitution Day (Sept. 17), Economic Roundtable on Human Trafficking (Sept. 26), Presidential Debate Viewing Forum (Oct. 15), Hispanic Community Forum (Oct. 26), International Justice Photo Exhibit (October 28), International Justice Day (Jan. 26), Public Policy Day (May 5).
- Collaborating with community groups and campus groups for campus events including: First Priority Conference (Sept. 14), Global

Awareness Week (October 26-30), and the WJU Missions Banquet (Feb. 28).

- Coordinating and advising two student organizations: WJU Student Government and WJU Chapter of the International Justice Mission.

The following report provides a detailed summary of these accomplishments as they relate to the Public Policy Department's curriculum, events, student development, and community outreach:

Preparing Christian Critical Thinkers

The Public Policy Degree Program at WJU is unique in that integrates three disciplines: Biblical studies, political science, and public administration/policy analysis. In so doing, the program provides students a broad liberal arts degree that is founded in Christian principles and includes theoretical knowledge and practical application. This interdisciplinary approach includes a multifaceted curriculum, an internship program, guest lectures from policymakers and policy experts, and community events and forums. The program is intended to prepare students for work in the public sector or for graduate studies in various professions in California and across the globe. The goal is to prepare Christian critical thinkers today to serve as policy leaders tomorrow.

The Public Policy courses are rigorous, dynamic, and multidisciplinary. They build on the Biblical foundation provided by WJU's academic and co-curricular requirements, draw on the professional expertise of the instructors and guest lecturers, and utilize highly reputable texts and authors, particularly classic works of great thinkers and leaders. In addition, the courses bring together theory and practice by not only reviewing historical and institutional frameworks for the public arena but also current issues and application. Lastly, the curriculum offers students hands on experience through an internship studies course and internship requirement.

American History: Instructed by Rex Gurney, Chair /History Department, this course is foundational for the Public Policy curriculum. Rex has been integral to the Public Policy Department as an instructor, advisory member, supporter, and WJU Academic Committee member. With a Ph.D. in History from University of New Mexico and extensive pastoral experience, he merges American heritage and church history for this foundational course.

American Government: Instructed by Richard Robinson, Director of Public Affairs for Kaiser Permanente, political consultant and former Chief of Staff for Congressman Doolittle. This foundational course provides the framework

for the American governmental system and institutions, particularly on the federal level, but also state and local. Richard's B.A. in Political Science from California Polytechnic and M.A. in Education from Stanford coupled with tremendous political experience provide students keen historical and practical insights.

Political Process: Instructed by Phillip Escamilla, this course builds on American Government by providing a closer look at the political culture and processes on the federal, state, and local levels in the U.S. Phil has several years experience in lobbying and law. He holds a B.A. in English from UC-Berkeley, M.A. in Education from Harvard, and J.D. from Boston College School of Law. His range of experience provides students real world explanation and discussion of political issues and processes.

Introduction to Philosophy: Instructed and developed by Rex Gurney, this humanities course helps prepare students for upper division public policy courses. The course provides a broad philosophical framework that equips students for a more intensive review of Political Theory & Philosophy.

Management & Organizational Behavior: Instructed by Rhonda Capron, Asst. Professor/Business Department, this course provides the management and organizational principles for private and public sector entities as well as their functions and dynamics. With an MBA from University of New Mexico, prior experience in the military and as a corporate executive and current role as a marketing consultant, Rhonda brings a wealth of management experience and insights to the classroom.

Principles of Public Administration: Instructed by Bruce Hamlett, former Chief Consultant to the CA Assembly Higher Education Committee, this course builds on management principles and incorporates public sector theory and practice. Bruce holds a B.A. in Government from Miami University and a Ph.D. in Government/International Relations from Claremont Graduate University. Bruce has over 30 years of experience in public administration, particularly in the education sector.

Political Theory & Philosophy: This year the course was instructed for the first time by Phil Escamilla. The Political Theory course offers the theoretical framework for the curriculum by surveying the major Western (and some Eastern) theorists ranging from Socrates to Martin Luther King, Jr. Phil holds a J.D. from Boston College, a Master's in Education from Harvard, and a Bachelor's in English from UC-Berkeley. His exceptional liberal arts background is well suited to guide this critical thinking course.

Political Economy: Instructed by Spencer Mills, this course is a significant component of the Public Policy curriculum. The course offers a synthesis of microeconomics, macroeconomics, international trade, and international finance that are foundational for upper division public policy courses. Spencer holds a B.A. in History from UC-Berkeley, M.A. in Public Policy and M.B.A. from Regent University, as well as served as a Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellow.

Ethics in Public Policy: I again instructed this course for the third year. The Ethics course builds on the philosophical and theoretical frameworks of the lower division courses and applies ethics principles directly to a range of political issues of life & death, social policy, and government/business/media practices. With a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and J.D. from University of Minnesota, I am able to provide students with both theory and the practical application of those theories from a national and international perspective.

Constitution & Civil Rights: This year, Phil Escamilla also instructed this course for the first time. His experience in law and lobbying allowed him to teach students the historical, institutional, and legal underpinnings of our American governmental system. With an emphasis on constitutional provisions and case law, the course allows offers insights into constitutional law, particularly for those students who may go on to law school.

Comparative Government, International Relations & Human Rights: I again taught these two internationally focused courses that are important elements of the global education provided in the Public Policy curriculum. My academic and professional experience in international politics, law, relations, and organizations – particularly with international NGO’s and the United Nations – allowed me as instructor to provide a strong background for students’ understanding of complex national and international issues. This year’s Comparative Government course reviewed 7 countries with some emphasis on the influence of Islam. The IRHR course included a visit to the UC-Berkeley Model United Nations and mock crisis situations.

Public Policy Internship Studies; Public Policy Internship: The Public Policy curriculum emphasis on practice, allows me to instruct these courses in a way that provides students practical training and skills in resume writing, professional writing, public speaking, interviewing, and researching. Students utilize these skills in policy internships that are a requirement of the curriculum. This year, the public policy students are engaged in internships with the California Family Council, Pacific Justice Institute, Halldin Public Relations, Meridian Pacific Inc., Senator George Runner’s Office, and Traditional Values Coalition (Washington, D.C.).

Professional Studies: The Public Policy Department introduced this course this year to assist upper division students in preparing for and transitioning to graduate schools and careers. The course included guest lectures on fellowship programs, law schools, other graduate programs, and a range of professional opportunities. I taught this course with an emphasis on practical insights on how to pursue graduate school and careers successfully.

Criminology: This new course was instructed by Merle Switzer. Merle has over 28 years of criminal justice and management experience both as a law enforcement officer and as a leadership consultant. He brings that experience to bear on this foundational course for the criminal justice concentration. Students learn not only the elements of crime but an understanding of criminal behavior and societal and legal factors.

Legislative Process: This new course was instructed by Wade Teasdale, Senior Policy Analyst at the CA Capitol. Wade brings over 30 years of political and particularly legislative experience to this course. The course provides students hands on and very practical and in-depth review of the legislative process and key legislative issues currently being discussed at the CA Capitol.

Political Research & Policy Analysis: Instructed by Wade Teasdale, this upper division course is practical and significant to the completion of the Public Policy curriculum. Wade's extensive experience at both the state and federal levels offers a depth and breadth of knowledge to this course. Providing practical methods and application, the course prepares seniors for their senior projects and professional opportunities.

Senior Seminar: Leadership & Service: The culmination of the Public Policy curriculum is the capstone experience, the Public Policy Senior Seminar. Under my instruction, this course includes a focused study of Biblical, historical, and current leadership examples, approaches, and issues from theoretical and practical perspectives. Students learn of their own leadership and management abilities and approaches. Students also develop a business plan for an organization and participated in a tour of Delaware, Philadelphia, and New York. They draw on their year one to three courses to develop a senior research project on a current policy issue to be presented to the public. The presentation includes a 40+ minute review of their research topic and related policy recommendations followed by 15-20 minute questions from a panel of public policy instructors. Our featured senior, Colby Ackenheil, conducted his research paper on bias in the media and presented his findings at Public Policy Day on May 5th. He received extensive news coverage for his work in the Yuba City *Appeal Democrat*.

Partnering with Policy Leaders

The Public Policy Degree Program would not be possible without the tremendous support of numerous policymakers and community members within and outside of our University. Highlights of these partnerships and collaborations include:

- Exceptional guest lectures for our Public Policy courses from policy professionals and experts including: Jay Alan (Office of Homeland Security), Willard Black (Global Foundation for Christian Resources), Ray Bechler (Citrus Heights Police), Steve Boilard (Legislative Analyst's Office), Diane Boyer-Vine (Legislative Counsel), Claire Bunch (CA Studies Program), Bill Coibion (Shoulder to Shoulder), Gus Demas (Assembly Fiscal Officer), Brian Ebbert (Deputy Clerk, CA Assembly), George Eowan, Frank Erb (Capitol Ministries), Hon. Larry Gaddis (Placer County Superior Court), Bill Gausewitz (CA Dept of Insurance), Kelly Garman (State Sen. Bob Huff's Office), Ben Gilmore, Karen Green (Peer Court), Bill Halldin (Halldin Public Relations), Judy Heiman (Legislative Analyst's Office), Tim Hodson (CA Studies Program; Fair Political Practices Commission), Matt Hooper (Bullivant & Sullivan), Candy Jackson (Mary Kay), Sami Kaufman (WJU Alum; HomeStart), Bob Laurie (Becker, Runkle, Laurie, & Newman), Linda Lavin (CA State Auditor's Office), Bruce Lee (Dept. of Finance), Sen. Tim Leslie (CA State Legislature-ret.), David Llewellyn (Llewellyn Spann LLC), Charles McClain, Matt McReynolds (Pacific Justice Institute), Ron Murphy (Strategic Policy Institute), Kyle Navarro (WJU Alum), Sarah Olson (WJU Alum; Fair Political Practices Commission), Rob Stutzman (Navigators Global).
- Program support and input from key policymakers and advisory members including : Willard Black (Global Foundation for Christian Resources), Ken Campbell (Placer County Republican Party), Tim Capron (CSUS), Brad Dacus (Pacific Justice Institute), Stan Devereux (KFBK), Gus Demas (Assembly Fiscal Officer), Dan Dunmoyer (Office of Gov. Schwarzenegger), Hon. Larry Gaddis (Placer County Superior Court), Assemblyman Ted Gaines, Kelly Garman (Assemblyman Bob Huff's office), Craig Garbe (Cornerstone Christian School), Ben Gilmore, Karen Green (PEER Court), Bill Halldin (Halldin Public Relations), Marilyn Jackson (Kingdom Builders), Sharol Josephson (Bayside Church), Bruce Lee (Dept. of Finance), Tim Leslie (CA Assembly), David Llewellyn (Llewellyn Spann), Charles McClain (ret. City Manager), Joe Pursch (Capitol Resource Institute), Lisa Rea (Justice & Reconciliation Project), Ken Shepard (Shepard & Haven), Henry Walther (Sutter Hospital).

- Internship opportunities and collaborations with numerous legislative and public sector offices, as well as professional and advocacy organizations including: Congressman Tom McClintock's District Office, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Office, State Senator Sam Aanested's Office, Assemblyman Ted Gaines Office, State Senator George Runner's Office, Legislative Analyst's Office, Agape International Mission, California Family Council, Capitol Ministries, Capitol Resource Institute, Halldin Public Relations, International Justice Mission, Meridian Pacific Inc., Orange County Task Force on Human Trafficking, Pacific Justice Institute, Placer County Superior Court, Traditional Values Coalition.

Educating our Community

The Public Policy Department emphasizes both formal classroom education and broader civic engagement, particularly through policy events and institutional tours. These events are opportunities for the Public Policy Department to outreach and educate our current students, prospective students, and the greater community on key policy issues:

4th Annual Constitution Day Forum (September 17, 2008)

Over 80 people attended our 4th Annual Constitution Day Forum where students, faculty, and members from the community came together to dialogue about Proposition 8 so that voters would better understand what the results of the election would entail. Panelists included Everett Smith of Family Research Council, Brad Dacus of Pacific Justice Institute, and Bill Clark of Bayside Church of Granite Bay. Students from the Constitution and Civil Rights course were given the opportunity to pose questions of the panelists followed by a community question and answer period. The event was featured on Dr. James Dobson's national e-newsletter.

Economic Roundtable on Human Trafficking (Sept. 26, 2008)

The Economic Roundtable on Human Trafficking was organized by the Public Policy Department with co-sponsorship from the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force, Agape International Mission, the WJU Business Department, as well as the WJU Chapter of International Justice Mission. The event was attended by approximately 75 students, community members, and advocacy leaders addressing human trafficking through a policy and economic lens. The morning session included panels featuring Sandra Morgan of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force; Dr. Nancy Matson, Director for Crime and Violence Prevention Center at the CA Attorney General's Office; Shirley Goins, Executive Director of the California Regional Office for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; Dr. Melissa Farley, Executive Director of Prostitution and Research Education; Dr. Marisa

Ugarte, Executive Director of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition; Bonni Stachowiak, Assistant Professor of Vanguard University's School of Business Management; and Jack McManus of Pepperdine University. The afternoon session was a roundtable discussion about specific issues and next steps.

Presidential Debate Town Hall Forum (October 15, 2008)

The Public Policy Department in conjunction with KTKZ-AM 1380 sponsored the Presidential Debate Viewing Forum co-moderated by Eric Hogue of the Capitol Hour and Sosamma Samuel-Burnett. Approximately 125 students and community members came together to view the third Presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain and dialogue about the candidates. Tom McClintock (R) and a representative for Charlie Brown (D), candidates for the 4th Congressional District, also presented on their platforms and discussed vital issues affecting our community. Students and community members also had an opportunity to ask questions of the congressional candidates and about the presidential candidates.

Hispanic Community Forum (October 28, 2008)

As part of Global Awareness Week sponsored by Campus Ministries, the Public Policy Department featured Reverend Samuel Rodriguez, President of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, as the campus chapel speaker. That afternoon, the Department also hosted the Hispanic Community Forum, a first of its kind forum specifically focusing on issues affecting the Hispanic constituency of our community. The forum allowed community members to discuss issues of faith, culture, and civic participation with leading members of the Hispanic community in our region. Featured panelists included Reverend Rodriguez; Reverend Nick Garza, Pastor of the 3rd Day Worship Center in Sacramento; and Nichole Munoz-Murillo, a local education advocate who worked for Senator Escuita on education issues. After initial remarks, each of the panelists held roundtable discussions on political, social and economic issues. Approximately 40 people attended this focused discussion.

International Justice Photo Exhibit (October 29, 2009)

During WJU's Global Awareness Week, the Public Policy Department also sponsored in collaboration with the WJU Chapter of IJM, an International Justice Photo Exhibit. The Exhibit displayed striking photo images from Agape International Mission, Micah Albert (AP/NY Times photojournalist), and WJU Missions in the campus Commons. In conjunction with the all-day exhibit, the Department co-hosted with Campus Ministries a noon reception where individuals could come and discuss the images while enjoying refreshments.

International Justice Day Forum (January 25, 2009)

Over 300 people attended our 3rd Annual International Justice Day Forum co-sponsored with the WJU Chapter of IJM. The event brought together over 300 students, faculty, and community members to address key human rights issues here and abroad. The Forum featured Gary Haugen, President and CEO of International Justice Mission, who discussed critical global justice issues and how the church can address these issues. Other featured speakers included Pastor Rick Stedman, Senior Pastor of Adventure Christian Church; Don and Bridget Brewster, Executive Director and Director of Administration of Agape International Mission; and Bryce Jessup, WJU President. Following the panelists presentations, the community engaged in questions and a time of prayer for justice.

3rd Annual Capitol Tour (March 27, 2009)

The Department again sponsored a tour of the CA Capitol in briefing sessions with a series of officials so that all of our students can understand the first hand challenges and opportunities of legislative and related work. This year's tour included presentations from Sen. Tim Leslie (ret.) who served as our tour guide, as well as Brian Ebbert, Deputy Clerk of the Assembly and Gus Demas, Fiscal Officer for the Assembly. During the afternoon, students also visited the Legislative Analyst's office and gained valuable information from Judy Heiman of the LAO as well as Diane Boyer-Vine, the CA Legislative Counsel. In addition, our own Wade Teasdale as well as Frank Erb of Capitol Ministries each shared their insights with the students.

4th Annual Public Policy Day (May 5, 2009)

The Public Policy Department conducted its 4th Annual Public Policy Day in collaboration with KTKZ 1380 and the WJU Advancement office. The event was themed Obama's First 100 Days and highlighted the key issues of the Obama Administration as well as the accomplishments of the Public Policy Department for the 2008-2009 academic. The day of events included a luncheon featuring national radio host Hugh Hewitt who shared the value of Christian education and political engagement. The event included 125 attendees as well as Eric Hogue's live broadcast on the Capitol Hour. Following the luncheon presentation, Public Policy graduating senior, Colby Ackenheil, presented his senior research project on media bias. That afternoon Hugh Hewitt broadcast his national radio show live from the WJU Commons reaching a listening audience of 2 million. The evening events included a VIP dinner with a silent auction that raised nearly \$3,000 in support of the Public Policy Department and approximately 200 attendees. The finale of the day was an evening panel featuring national radio commentators Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved, and Dennis Prager. The panel was co-moderated by Eric Hogue and Sosamma Samuel-Burnett. The evening panel brought together over 1500 community members and a wide

scale national radio audience. The panelists responded to moderator questions as well as questions from selected Public Policy students, Colby Ackenheil (Senior), Gabrielle Jackson (Junior), and Greer Gamble (Sophomore).

Developing Student Leaders

The Public Policy Department has also been committed to developing student leadership and advocacy in collaboration with student co-curricular activities:

Student Government: As Co-Advisor to the Student Government, I have been privileged in working with a group of student leaders who exemplify faith and service. This year Phil Escamilla also served as Co-Advisor for fall semester. Highlights for this year's Student Government include: implementing stronger procedures for clubs and events, conducting a town hall forum on the new apartments, facilitating dialogue about the new school newspaper, organizing an exceptional and profitable Spring Formal attended by approximately 100 students, and conducting two successful elections. Public Policy students have a strong presence in the Student Government. This year's student government officers included Jennifer Marple (President), Greer Gamble (Vice President; Public Policy Sophomore), and Karen Anderson (Business Manager). Public Policy students Jennifer Washman (Junior) and Rafe Kalkis (Junior) also served as representatives.

International Justice Mission: As Advisor to the WJU chapter of the International Justice Mission, I also had the privilege of establishing and furthering this student advocacy organization to connect it with national and international justice efforts. The Chapter has drawn together a group of students, faculty, staff, and community members who are committed to bringing justice to the oppressed worldwide. The Chapter co-hosted several campus events including the Economic Roundtable on Human Trafficking, Global Awareness Week Photo Exhibit, and International Justice Day. These events brought local and national attention to issues such as child labor, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking as well as the impact of Christian service in communities facing poverty and degradation. The Chapter's leadership team included Public Policy students Christina Costley, Gabrielle Jackson, Jennifer Washman, Greer Gamble, and Jeremy Apodaca as well as Gabrielle Williams and Aaron Windle.

Providing Outreach and Opportunities

Throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, the Public Policy Department was engaged in not only curriculum development but also strategic planning, marketing initiatives, scholarship development, and community outreach. All

of these efforts are particularly important in preparing for prospective students and providing future public service opportunities:

Scholarships: Through the generous contribution of an anonymous supporter, the Public Policy Department established the Leland C. McPherson Memorial Scholarship in 2007. This scholarship program continues for three years. The McPherson scholarship is a competitive scholarship that requires public policy students to apply and provide an essay of what they deem to be the critical policy issue of today. This year's recipient of the \$2,500 scholarship was Jamie Pritchard (Junior) who will serve as the McPherson Scholar for the 2009-2010 academic year. In addition, Public Policy Junior Gabrielle Jackson received the \$1,900 Craig Milby scholarship and Junior Jennifer Washman received the \$1,100 Iva Wills scholarship both in recognition of their academic achievements and personal character.

Grants: The Public Policy Department was blessed with a grant of \$5,000 (x 3 years) from the Global Christian Resources Foundation. This grant is specifically in support of our informal education efforts to outreach to the community and the world on policy concerns. In addition, the Department also received support of nearly \$3,000 from individuals participating in the silent auction held on Public Policy Day. These funds will provide both general program support as well as another student scholarship for our Department.

Professional Outreach: Throughout this academic year, I had the opportunity to serve on a number of University committees, professional and missions organizations, attend various conferences, and present at community events. These opportunities allowed me to collaborate with professionals and community members in the Greater Sacramento Area and across the country to share the work of the Public Policy Department. Some highlights included:

- Served as member of Faculty Senate which oversees faculty and academic policies and programs. Faculty Senate allows our Department to collaborate with each of the other academic departments and develop sound academic policies for students and faculty.
- Served as Preview Day model class presenter on the topic of Ethics to approximately 100 prospective students in February 2009.
- Organized, facilitated, and moderated all Public Policy Department events including Constitution Day, International Justice Day, and Public Policy Day.

- Featured on Eric Hogue’s Capitol Hour, KFBK, Dr. James Dobson’s online e-newsletter, and Christian Woman magazine.
- Selected to represent the Faculty on the Presidential Search Committee.
- Served as Board Member(Vice Chair) of Agape International Mission
- Served as Chair of the Global Missions Program at Adventure Christian Church of North Natomas, as well as Vice President of Adventure Christian Church of North Natomas.

Graduates: The Public Policy Department was blessed to have another student, Colby Ackenheil, graduate this year. Colby was just 19 when he graduated on May 16, and has a tremendous future ahead. He plans to apply for the CA Studies Fellows Program and in the future apply to law school. Other alumni of the Public Policy Department are thriving in their chosen fields: Maria Demas is working with the Legislative Counsel’s Office. Joy Lynn Miller continues serving autistic children and pursuing her artistic ministry. Sarah Olson has done exceptionally well at the Fair Political Practices Commission while attending Lincoln Law School in the evenings. And Andrew Tillman has been serving as an Army officer in Kosovo. In addition, “honorary” public policy graduates such as Sarah Nelson, Sami Kaufman, Lee Butisbauch, Kyle Navarro, Kyle Smith, Jose Perez, Tom Harrer, and Chris Medford who previously took public policy courses or worked for the Public Policy Department are also doing extremely well in a range of graduate school and career pursuits.

Honoring our Lord

Looking back at the historic events and Department accomplishments of the 2008-2009 academic year, I give all honor and praise to our Lord. In 2004 when I conceived and began developing the Public Policy Program and in 2006 when we began our first academic year, I could not have imagined the myriad of ways the state, country and world would be engaged in policy concerns today. I can think of no better time for our students to prepare for and pursue leadership and service in the public sector. The extensive challenges and opportunities in the public sector raise the need for Christ-centered professionals to step into the arena and provide necessary insights and implementation. I thank all of our students, faculty, and community supporters for partnering with us in our endeavor to honor God and bring His justice and wisdom to the policy world.