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Call for Kluge Prize Nominations

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.

Scholars Council Meets

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The Scholars Council advises the Librarian on matters related to scholarship. Pictured here at its annual meeting, May 20, 2011: back row: Librarian of Congress **James H. Billington**, Associate Librarian for Library Services **Deanna Marcum**, **Hugh Heclo**, **Philip W. Gold**, **Jean Bethke Elshtain**, **Mark A. Noll**, **Pauline Yu**, **W. Roger Louis**, **Gordon S. Wood**, **Manuel Castells**, Director of the Kluge Center **Carolyn T. Brown**. Front row: **Marie Arana**, **Walter A. McDougall**, **Antonio Damasio**, **John Rogers Searle**, **Jessica Rawson**, **M. Crawford Young**. Not pictured: **William Julius Wilson**.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

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[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.

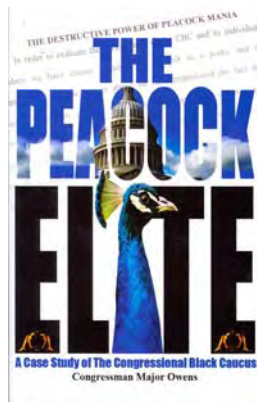
Some Recent Publications

Books and Monographs

Lou Galambos, Cary and Ann Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History (January-June 2006), has a new book: *The Creative Society—and the Price Americans Paid for It* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). Galambos is a professor of history at Johns Hopkins University.



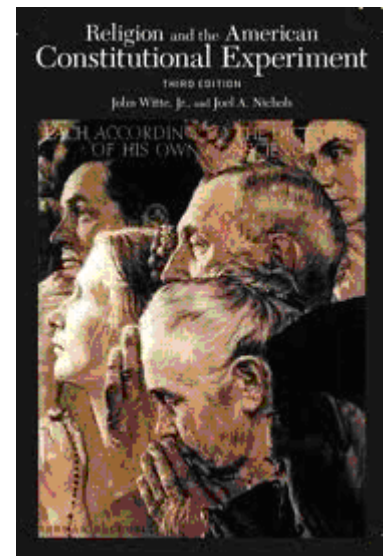
Jeanne Nuechterlein, Kluge Fellow (October 2005-September 2006), has a new book: *Translating Nature Into Art: Holbein, the Reformation, and Renaissance Rhetoric* (Pennsylvania State University, 2011). Nuechterlein is lecturer in the history of art at the University of York.



Major Owens, Distinguished Visiting Scholar (November 2006-April 2008), wrote a book, *The Peacock Elite: A Case Study of the Congressional Black Caucus and its Impact on National Politics* (Jonesboro, Arkansas: GrantHouse Publishers, 2010). It is being newly distributed by Friends of Major Owens (Brooklyn, New York, 2011). Owens was a U.S. congressman from New York from 1983-2006.

Mark Pitchford, British Research Council Fellow (January-March 2007), has a new book out: *The Conservative Party and the Extreme Right 1945-75* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2011). Pitchford is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.

John Witte, Distinguished Visiting Scholar (January-April 2011), saw the third edition of his book with Joel A. Nichols, *Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment* (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 2011), published while he was at the Kluge Center. Witte is a professor of law and Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University.



Naomi Wood, British Research Council Fellow (October 2010-February 2011), published her first novel, *The Godless Boys* (Picador, 2011). Wood is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of East Anglia.

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

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

in the Zen Peacemaker's Order. Joan Halifax, Distinguished Visiting Scholar (March-May 2011) and co-abbot of the Upaya Zen Center and seminary, was her ordaining priest. Ghamari-Tabrizi will pursue a Master in Divinity degree beginning in fall 2011 at Harvard University.

Libby Larsen, Harissios Papamarkou Chair in Education (June-October 2003), performed songs in a concert on May 9, 2011, as part of the Library's River of Words environmental poetry contest. Larsen is a popular American composer with a catalog of 400 works.

Don Leggett, British Research Council Fellow (October 2008-January 2009), received the 2010 Singer Prize from the British Society for the History of Science for his essay entitled "Replication and Replacing: Comparative Contexts of Naval Science, 1868-1903." Based on research done both in the United Kingdom and the United States at the Kluge Center, the essay undertook a comparative history of naval science using manuscripts from both countries.

Jennifer Loughmiller-Newman, Kislak Fellow in American Studies (January-May 2010), presented her work on Mayan ceramics and the chemical and physical analysis of their residues at the Society for American Archaeology in April 2011. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Mesoamerican archaeology at University of Albany and an adjunct professor at SUNY, New Paltz.

Mary Palevsky, Black Mountain Fellow (February-June 2009), as director of the Nevada Test Site Oral History Project at the University of Nevada, received the 2010 Outstanding Public History Project Award from the National Council on Public History. The project concerns remembrances of people affected by the Nevada Test Site during the era of Cold War nuclear testing.

Catriona Paul, British Research Council Fellow (October 2009-March 2010), was interviewed by the *Kentucky Historical Society Chronicle* for an article entitled "Kentucky's Horse Industry," which appeared in the fall 2010 issue.

Brian Taves, Kluge Staff Fellow (October 2003-September 2004), is editor of a series of Jules Verne stories to be published in English for the first time. Taves is a senior cataloger at the Library's Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center.

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 Symposiums

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.

Book Discussions

Book Discussions at the Library of Congress

Maya Jasanoff, Kluge Fellow (May-July 2006), discussed and signed her new book, *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary War* (Knopf, 2011), on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the Library of Congress. She is a faculty member of the history department at Harvard.

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.

http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5154

Kate Masur, Kluge Fellow (July 2004-June 2005), discussed her book *An Example for All the Land: Emancipation and the Struggle Over Equality in Washington, D.C.* (University of North Carolina Press, 2010) on January 12, 2011. Masur is an assistant professor of history at Northwestern University.

Recent Events

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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/>.

January 19

"The Black Campus Movement and the Racial Reformation of Higher Education, 1965-72." **Ibram Rogers**, J. Franklin Jameson Fellow in American History (December 2010-February 2011)

http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5188

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)

http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5197

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

Lecture: "Shaping Physics in the Three Nations: Ganot's Franco-British Canon and the Pedagogical Economy of American College Life." **Josep Simon**, Kluge Fellow (June 2010-August 2011; January-April 2011)

March 30

Lecture: "Dancing on the Volcano: The Haitian Revolution and Atlantic Performance." **Peter Reed**, Kluge Fellow (October 2010-April 2011) http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5189

March 31

Lecture: "Money on the Road to Empire: Japan's Choice for Gold Monometallism, 1873-1897." **Michael Schiltz**, Kluge Fellow (2007, October 2010-April 2011) http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5191

April 21

Lecture: "Cuba and Florida: Exploration on an Historical Counterpoint, 1539-1991." **Miguel Bretos**, Kislak Fellow in American Studies (November 2010-June 2011) http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5190

May 5

Lecture: "Between Empire and Revolution: The Making of Soviet Central Asia, 1917-1932." **Adeeb Khalid**, Distinguished Visiting Scholar (December 2010-May 2011)

May 11

Lecture: "History and the Movies: An Historian Writes a Screenplay." **James Reston, Jr.**, Distinguished Visiting Scholar (December 2010-May 2011)

May 12

Lecture: "Inside Compassion: Edge States, Contemplative Interventions, Neuroscience." **Joan Halifax**, Distinguished Visiting Scholar (March-May 2011), with a response by **George Chrousos**, Kluge Chair in Technology and Society (March-August 2011)

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

Lecture: "Michael Pertschuk and the Federal Trade Commission, 1977-1984." **Eleanor Capper**, Kluge Fellow (September 2010-June 2011)

June 2

Lecture: "Ian Fleming, James Bond and the Public Perception of the Central Intelligence Agency." **Christopher Moran**, British Research Council Fellow (February-June 2011). The lecture was covered by C-SPAN for its new program "American History TV": <http://www.c-span.org/Events/James-Bond-and-the-CIA/10737422809/>.

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)

Lecture: "The Political Implications of Human Genomics." **Jennifer Hochschild**, Kluge Chair in American Law and Governance (January-July 2011)

July 14

"Skulls, Scalps, and Seminoles: Science and Violence in Florida, 1800-1842." **Cameron Strang**, Kislak Fellow in American Studies (March-July 2011)

July 26

Lecture: "Visions of Empire in the Nazi-Occupied Netherlands." **Jennifer Foray**, Kluge Fellow (September 2010-August 2011)

Lecture: "Sephardic-Ladino-Judeo-Spanish Song: Myths and Relative Realities," **Judith R. Cohen**, Alan Lomax Fellowship in Folklife Studies (April-September 2011)

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