



William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale 2015-2016 Annual Report

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Student fellows with Jay Nordlinger

Message from the Chairman of the Board, Roger Kimball M. Phil '82

Last year at about this time, I regaled you with stories of Lauren Noble's splendid and effective efforts on behalf of 1) free speech and 2) broadcasting the intellectual legacy of our eponymous inspiration, William F. Buckley, Jr.

Please pardon me if I engage in what H. W. Fowler, author of *Modern English Usage*, anatomized as "elegant variation." Prepare thyself: I am going to sing the same songs, about the same themes, but will do so a bit louder.

Let me get the bad news out of the way first. Last year, I invoked Nietzsche's idea of "the eternal return" when talking about the various threats to free speech that were abroad on American college campus, very much including Yale, alas. But of course that was before the Buckley Program convened its conference in November on "The Future of Free Speech" which made national headlines when scores of students attempted to disrupt the proceedings and then lined the walkways to shout and spit at the conference participants as they departed.

This took place just a day after Yale College exploded with great misery, also to the bemusement of a watching nation, over the issue of insensitive Halloween costumes. Probably, you saw the video of the college crybullies screaming obscenities at the Master (as he then was) of Silliman College.

Yale has since retired the title "Master," established a committee to come up with principles for renaming things that offend the delicate snowflakes on campus, and has even begun the process of reviewing the stained glass windows and other art works on campus to see if they offend any recognized victim group. Those that do will be removed and sent to a "safe space" for "study."

Anyone who recalls the toxic fermentations of the 1960s will instantly see the relevance of Nietzsche's forbidding metaphor about the eternal return to our current troubles. It is, as the philosopher Yogi Berra remarked in another context, *déjà vu* all over again.

Throughout this insanity, the Buckley Program has sallied forth on the high road dispensing what David Hume once extolled as "the calm sunshine of the mind."

Lauren has greatly expanded the Program's student fellows, presided over countless lectures, seminars, panels, screenings, conferences as well as what has become our annual "Disinvitation Dinner." She started the gala event as something of a lark after a spate of distinguished personages, from Ayaan Hirsi Ali and Condoleezza Rice to Charles Murray and George Will were disinvited from various bastions of higher learning for expressing opinions that offended someone, somewhere.

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Chairman Roger Kimball at the Fifth Annual Conference.



U.S. Senator Ben Sasse delivers the keynote address at our Fifth Annual Conference.

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George Will was our first honoree at a smashing gala dinner. This year, we were proud to host former New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, among whose distinctions was being disinvited from Brown University for the tort of helping to keep New York City safe. Somehow, I suspect we will be holding that dinner or something very like it for a long time to come.

The truth is, the Buckley Program goes from strength to strength. In just a few short years, Lauren has taken a student seminar and transformed it into powerhouse that fosters open debate about a wide range of pressing policy issues. Nor is the Buckley Program only a Yale phenomenon. Over the last couple of years it has grown into a network whose initiatives reach across the country and whose programs receive national attention. The spirit of Bill Buckley—that beneficent apostle of limited government, ordered liberty, and the civilizing potential of democratic capitalism—is alive and well in the Buckley Program even if it is under siege elsewhere at Yale and other campuses.

This oasis of freedom and sanity did not just happen. It has not been the product of spontaneous generation. Lauren had been able to clear the ground and set the flag of freedom only because of your generosity. The Buckley Program has grown from an idea into a vibrant reality because of your help. I hope that you will look around at all she has wrought and say “This is good. I want more of it.” Your support is as indispensable to the continuation of Bill Buckley’s legacy of responsible freedom as it is appreciated by all of us who are members of the Program’s cheerleading squadron. Thank you in advance for helping to make this important work possible.

Message from the Founder & Executive Director, Lauren Noble '11

As we embark upon another school year, I am delighted to present you with the Buckley Program’s 2015-2016 Annual Report. Looking back on the past twelve months, I am so grateful for all of our supporters. I hope this report will serve not only to update you on the many activities of the past year, but also to underscore the critical importance of your generosity in our success.

It’s no secret that free speech and free minds are having a tough time of it at Yale and on college campuses across the nation. In this climate, the Buckley Program has continued to spark debates and discussions that are not otherwise happening in New Haven and beyond.

The pages that follow will fill you in on our latest initiatives, including our popular spring and fall break seminars as well as our burgeoning student fellows program. Read on to learn more about forthcoming highlights, from our exciting fall speaker series line up to the release of the second Buckley Program Book.

It’s been a privilege to watch the Program grow throughout the past five years. In addition to the climbing number of student fellows welcomed into our ranks, we also saw expanded coverage of our programs – particularly our free speech survey and conference – in the national media. In addition, we reach thousands of people online through social media, with our YouTube channel racking up nearly a half million views.

The encouraging news is that more people than ever before stepped up to make all of this possible. In the past three years, our community of donors has jumped from 354 to 826. Meanwhile, last year’s contributions totaled \$669,936, up from \$441,229 in 2013. Later on in this report, you’ll find several student perspectives describing the tremendous impact of your support.

Finally, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or comments about the Program. I would love to hear from you and can be reached at Lauren@BuckleyProgram.com.

Thank you for empowering us to resist the campus groupthink and defend the free exchange of ideas where it is urgently needed.



Founder and Executive Director Lauren Noble '11 at the Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner.





Student President Josh Altman '17 at the Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner.

Message from the Student President, Josh Altman '17

Any attendee of last year's Buckley Program conference on free speech stood witness to the forces threatening the University's principle commitment to open inquiry and the dissemination of knowledge. While the irony of an attempt to shut down a free speech conference was surely lost on the protesters, the Buckley Program stood firm in its mission to promote open-minded debate at Yale. While campus debate on the University's role in relation to race and diversity is an important issue amongst current Yale students, student protesters and many closed-minded students in the classroom have forgotten that establishing any new policy requires rigorous debate that will engage, not neglect, various viewpoints. Students who attend Buckley Program events – especially those who may strongly disagree with our guests' politics – are enriched by the opportunity to hear a different perspective. Our fellows range across the political spectrum, but each firmly supports the virtues of intellectual diversity.

Despite the efforts of free speech's detractors, the Buckley Program has grown its reputation amongst the student body as an ardent defender of intellectual freedom on campus. While the Yale administration often reaffirms its commitment to free speech in emails to students, the administration fails to make clear that protesters' demands involve complex issues on which reasonable students can disagree. Where the administration falls short in maintaining a space for all

perspectives, the Buckley Program picks up the slack by inviting a diverse docket of speakers who challenge campus orthodoxy, such as Professors Robert George and Jonathan Haidt. The result of such efforts is clear: the Program received over 30 new applications since November, with nearly each application indicating an admiration for the Buckley Program's mission and for our response to the protests.

While the Buckley Program has and will continue to defend free speech at Yale, this year has also been a testament to the Program's ability to connect students with the legacy of William F. Buckley, Jr. and larger national efforts to protect intellectual diversity. The 50th Anniversary of *Firing Line* allowed students to learn about Buckley's life from those who spoke about his lifelong commitment to making diverse debates available to the public. Moreover, students at the annual Disinvitation Dinner had an opportunity to connect with the Program's supporters as well as hear from former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly and his cautionary tale of what can occur when there is no student organization serving in the vanguard of defending open discussion on college campuses.

With an election cycle that offers more in way of personality than in policy, the Buckley Program seeks to elevate campus discourse about national politics as well. Our panel on the 2016 Presidential Election focused on the success of populism on the political left and right and what it means for the general election. Expanding on this theme, the Program had an opportunity to hear Yuval Levin speak on how conservatism has attempted and failed to rebrand itself in the 21st Century and what the political implications may be. This coming fall, we will also be hosting our annual conference, which will focus on the history and future of the American party system, with guests including Bill Kristol, William Galston, and James Taranto.

The student board, thanks to the help of Karina Kovalcik '17, has taken efforts to engage with the broader New Haven community. With the renewal of the Priscilla Buckley Project, the Buckley Program helped connect local New Haven high school students with Buckley fellows, who taught one-day courses on various political and philosophical topics.

Without your generous support of the Buckley Program, none of this would be possible. We stand strong in our fight against free speech's detractors and against those who simply disregard the mission of Yale. On behalf of the 174 Buckley Program fellows, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.



2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR *Events In Review*

This past academic year, the Buckley Program hosted a total of eighteen events, including lectures, conferences, seminars, and debates.



Panel discussion on "Defection in the 2016 Election"

FALL 2015

- **Speechwriting Seminar with Chris Michel**
Saturday, September 12, 2015
- **Screening of *Best of Enemies***
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
- **Lecture by Professor Jonathan Haidt**
"Coddling U. vs. Strengthening U.: Which is best for students in the era of diversity?"
Thursday, September 24, 2015
- **Lecture by Dr. Charles Krauthammer**
"Decline Is A Choice: The Obama Era of Foreign Policy"
Made possible with the generous support of the Irving Brown Lecture Series and Young America's Foundation
Monday, September 28, 2015
- **Panel on Antisemitism in the 21st Century**
Featuring Ruth Wisse, Charles Small, and Rabbi Leah Cohen
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
- **Fall Break Honors Seminar**
The Intellectual Foundations of Modern Conservatism with Steven Hayward
Thursday, October 22, 2015 to
Saturday, October 24, 2015
- **Seminar with Jay Nordlinger on *Children of Monsters***
Monday, October 26, 2015
- **Fifth Annual Conference**
The Future of Free Speech: Threats in Higher Education and Beyond
Friday, November 6, 2015



Firing Line Debate on the Syrian refugee crisis.

SPRING 2016

- **Dinner Discussion with Professor Donald Kagan**
Monday, January 25, 2016
- **Lecture by Professor Robert P. George**
"Academic Freedom and Liberal Arts Ideals"
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
- **Panel Discussion on "Defection in the 2016 Election: Sanders, Trump, and Exodus from the Establishment"**
Featuring Eliana Johnson, Jim McLaughlin, Matt Rhoades, and Professor Jacob Hacker
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
- **50th Anniversary of *Firing Line* Celebration**
Featuring Larry Kudlow, James Freeman, Stephen S. Roach, Linda Bridges, Neal B. Freeman, Jeff Greenfield, and Tom Wolfe
Saturday, February 27, 2016
- **Seminar with Professor Jean Yarbrough on Theodore Roosevelt**
March 3, 2016
- **Spring Break Honors Seminar**
The Federalist Papers and the American Founding with Professor Charles R. Kesler
Monday, March 14, 2016 to
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
- **Firing Line Debate: "Syrian Refugees in the U.S.: A Humanitarian Obligation or a National Security Threat?"**
Featuring Alex Nowrasteh, Mark Krikorian, and Dr. Margarita Mooney
Thursday, March 31, 2016
- **Lecture by Dr. Charles Murray**
"Coming Apart: Class Divisions in America"
Co-Sponsored with AEI on Campus
Thursday, April 7, 2016
- **Lecture by Dr. Yuval Levin**
"What Are Conservatives For?"
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
- **Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner**
Keynote address by former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly
Thursday, April 28, 2016

Video footage of many of these events is available on our YouTube channel.



Preliminary **FALL 2016** SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

To receive announcements about events, including times and locations, please join our e-mail list by contacting Lauren@BuckleyProgram.com. We are currently in the process of adding additional events and speakers, so please stay tuned.

Wednesday, September 21st

Lecture by Ben Shapiro

Made possible with generous support of the Irving Brown Lecture Series and Young America's Foundation

Monday, September 26th

Climate Policy Firing Line Debate with Jeremy Carl

Saturday, October 1st

Book Launch Reception for *Campus Speech in Crisis: What The Yale Experience Can Teach America*, featuring remarks by Judge José A. Cabranes

Thursday, October 6th

Affordable Care Act Firing Line Debate with James Capretta

Thursday, October 20th to Saturday, October 22nd

Fall Break Honors Seminar on the Morality of Capitalism with Dr. James Otteson

Friday, October 28th

Sixth Annual Conference. See below for more information.

Thursday, November 3rd

School Choice Firing Line Debate with Chester Finn and Henry Levin

Thursday, December 8th

Lecture by Dr. Ben Carson



Larry Kudlow at the 50th Anniversary of Firing Line celebration.



Panel discussion on Antisemitism in the 21st Century



Professor Donald Kagan at our June 2016 reunion event.

Save The Date: **October 28, 2016**

Please save the date for the Buckley Program's Sixth Annual Conference on The Future of the Party System in America.

The afternoon and evening will feature panel discussions followed by a dinner with a keynote address.

Speakers will include James Ceaser, Beverly Gage, Morris Fiorina, William Kristol, Henry Olsen, William Galston, Charles Hill, William F. B. O'Reilly, Ramesh Ponnuru, Roger Kimball, James Taranto, Margaret Hoover, and E. Donald Elliott. U.S. Congressman Ron DeSantis will deliver the keynote address.

An invitation with further details will follow. Until September 30th, a block of hotel rooms is available at the Omni Hotel (203-772-6664). *Please mention the Buckley Program when you call.*



Conference 2015

On November 6th, we hosted our Fifth Annual Conference on The Future of Free Speech: Threats in Higher Education and Beyond. The event began with opening remarks by Silliman College Master Nicholas Christakis, followed by a series of panel discussions on the history of free speech at Yale, the state of free expression and intellectual diversity in higher education today, and threats to free speech beyond the academy. Speakers included Charles Hill, Geoffrey Kabaservice, Jytte Klausen, Nathaniel Zelinsky, Greg Lukianoff, Anne D. Neal, James Piereson, Noël Valis, Bradley A. Smith, Harry Stein, Kevin D. Williamson, and Roger Kimball. That evening, U.S. Senator Ben Sasse delivered the keynote address.

We received a record number of 265 registrations for the conference. Events at Yale ended up making the event more relevant than we could have predicted when we organized conference months in advance.



Former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly delivering the keynote address at our Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner.

Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner

On April 28, 2016, the Buckley Program hosted its Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner in New York City. The aim of the event is to provide a forum for a speaker whose voice has been silenced on a college campus. Last year, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George Will, disinvited by Scripps College, was our inaugural honoree. This year, we were thrilled to host former New York City Police Department Commissioner Ray Kelly, who delivered the speech he would have given at Brown University had he not been rudely shouted down there a few years earlier.

One hundred seventy-five students, alumni, and other supporters of the Program attended the dinner, which was held at the Plaza. In addition to raising funds for the Program's activities, the event also served to highlight the endangered cause of free expression and gained the attention of several national media outlets, including *The Washington Post*, *The Federalist*, and *The Weekly Standard*.

Committee for the Defense of Freedom at Yale

In response to the protests on campus during the fall semester, members and supporters of the Buckley Program helped to organize an open letter to Yale President Peter Salovey under the auspices of the Committee for the Defense of Freedom at Yale. The letter rejected the demands of the student protestors, defended Nicholas and Erika Christakis and free expression, and called for the university to stay true to the principles of the Woodward Report. The letter received over 800 signatures from students, alumni, faculty, and other concerned citizens and was covered by local and national media outlets.



Former Student President Zach Young '17 at the Fifth Annual Conference.



Honors Seminars

Building upon the successful launch of our Honors Seminar Program in March 2015, we were thrilled to offer seminars during both the fall and spring breaks this past academic year. Open to undergraduates and graduate students alike, these seminars provided students with an excellent opportunity to engage with important material in greater depth than our one-day events typically permit.

Over fall break in October 2015, we hosted an intensive, three-day seminar covering the intellectual foundations of modern conservatism. This seminar was taught Professor Steven Hayward, the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Visiting Professor at Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Public Policy. Participating students read selections of F. A. Hayek, Edmund Burke, Michael Oakshott, Henry Hazlitt, Irving Kristol, and many others.

Over three days of spring break this year in March 2016, twenty students explored The Federalist Papers and the American Founding with Professor Charles Kesler. Professor Kesler is a professor of government at Claremont McKenna College and the editor of the *Claremont Review of Books*.

In light of the strong reviews we received from students about this program, we are looking forward to offering our next honors seminar in October. We are excited to welcome Dr. James Otteson, Executive Director of BB&T Center for the Study of Capitalism and Thomas W. Smith Presidential Chair in Business Ethics at Wake Forest University. He will teach a seminar exploring the morality of capitalism.



Yuval Levin speaks on "What Are Conservatives For?"

Student Fellows Program

The 2015-2016 was a record-breaking year for the growth of our student fellows program. We recruited a total of 77 students throughout the year (55 during the fall semester and 22 during the spring semester), increasing the number of student members to nearly 175.

The Buckley Program's student fellows get access special opportunities including participating in seminars, meeting guest speakers over a meal, receiving free books, attending conferences, social events, and more. Fellows-only events included seminars with Jay Nordlinger, Chris Michel, Professor Jean Yarbrough, and Professor Donald Kagan.

In March, we sponsored sixteen Buckley fellows attending the Conservative Political Action Conference. In April, we sponsored one Buckley fellow's travel to participate in the Annual Undergraduate Conference on the American Polity held at Skidmore College.

A number of our student fellows also participated in a community service project. In conjunction with Splash at Yale, a teaching program that reaches high school and middle school students, student fellows taught short seminars on a variety of subjects, including The Federalist Papers, the meaning of liberalism and conservatism, and the Constitution, among other topics.



Fifth Annual Conference Panel Three.

"A breath of fresh air"

- PROFESSOR NOËL VALIS IN THE *YALE DAILY NEWS*,
"THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM"



FREE SPEECH SURVEY

In anticipation of our fall conference, we commissioned a national poll of college students concerning issues regarding free speech and diversity of thought on college campuses. Conducted by McLaughlin & Associates and released in late October, the poll revealed a wealth of information about how students view the First Amendment, speech codes, trigger warnings, and intellectual diversity on campus. The survey received national media attention in numerous outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Bloomberg View*, *The American Interest*, among many others.

Highlights included:

- Forty-nine percent (49%) of survey participants said they have often felt intimidated to share beliefs that differ from their professors, including 14% who said "frequently" and 35% who said "sometimes";
- Exactly half (50%) said they have often felt intimidated to share beliefs that differ from their classmates, including 16% who said "frequently" and 34% who said "sometimes";
- The majority of students (53%) say their professors have often used class time to express their own views about matters outside of coursework, including 14% who say "frequently" and 38% who say "sometimes";
- Greater than six in ten (63%) say political correctness on college campuses is either a "big problem" (19%) or "somewhat of a problem" (44%);
- Fifty-five percent (55%) of students say they are aware of "trigger warnings" and 63% would favor their professors using them, while 23% would oppose;
- By a 52-42% margin, students say their college or university should forbid people from speaking on campus who have a history of engaging in hate speech;
- Seventy-two percent (72%) of students surveyed said they support disciplinary action for "any student or faculty member on campus who uses language that is considered racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise offensive";
- When students were asked to identify the amendment that deals with free speech, 68% correctly cited the First Amendment. One in three (32%) incorrectly listed another amendment;
- The majority (52%) said that the First Amendment does not make an exemption for hate speech and that all speech is protected under the First Amendment. One in three (35%) say that hate speech is not protected under the First Amendment;
- By a 73% to 21% margin, students say the First Amendment is an important amendment that needs to be followed and respected rather than an outdated amendment that can no longer be applied in today's society and should be changed.
- By a nearly two to one margin, students said their school is generally more tolerant of liberal ideas and beliefs than conservative ideas and beliefs, 37% to 20%. Thirty-six percent (36%) said their school was equally tolerant of both.
- Ninety-five percent (95%) of all college students say the issue of free speech is important to them, including 70% who say it is "very important";
- By a 51% to 36% margin, students favor their school having speech codes to regulate speech for students and faculty.
- Eight in ten believe that freedom of speech should either be less limited (38%) on college campuses or there should be no difference (43%) compared to society at large. Just 16% say freedom of speech should be more limited;
- When given a choice, just one in ten (10%) say colleges, universities and government should regulate free speech more. A slight plurality (46%) says free speech is important, but there should be exceptions to every rule and 42% support freedom of speech in all cases;
- Seven in ten (72%) say their college or university should be doing more to promote policies that increase diversity of opinions in the classroom and on campus;
- Almost nine in ten (87%) agree that there is education value in listening to and understanding views and opinions that they may disagree with and are different than their own.

The full results can be viewed on our website. We plan to release another poll later this year.





George Will wearing his Buckley Program tie on *Special Report*

Internship Program

Through its summer internship program, the Buckley Program sponsored five Yale students at the following internship locations: *National Review*, *The New Criterion*, the Manhattan Institute, *Forbes* Opinion, and Gingrich Productions. Each intern received a stipend of \$4,000, making the experience affordable to students of all backgrounds.

We saw surge in student interest this year, with each position receiving an average of 23 applications. This was double the average of 10.8 from 2015. We also provided a partial stipend to another Yale student interning in Washington, D.C.



A full house for Jonathan Haidt's timely talk.

Essay Contests

In the fall of 2015, the Buckley Program offered two essay contests: one for Yale College students and one for high school students. Held in connection to our annual conference, students were asked the question, "What is the greatest threat to free speech?" The winners received monetary awards at the November conference. The high school winners attended the event with their parents. The winning essays were published on our student blog, *The Beacon*.

In February 2016, the Program offered another essay contest on the question, "What is the greatest challenge facing the U.S. economy?" As with the fall conference, there were two contests, one for high school students and the other for Yale College students. The winners received their awards at the Program's 50th anniversary of *Firing Line* celebration.

We asked one of our fall high school essay contest honorable mentions to reflect on her experience. Here is what she said:

"Last year, I took part in the essay contest for high school and college students and received an honorable mention. Though I did not initially know much about the Buckley Program, attending the dinner piqued my interest. Many of the speakers acknowledged concerns I had been feeling for quite some time, but did not see reflected in the discussion of many of my peers, nor in lessons from my teachers. Recently, I've observed an extreme shift among my peers toward political correctness. It didn't bother me at first, but I started to feel enormous frustration when I couldn't openly discuss ideas and opinions for fear of being shunned or needlessly censored by both students and teachers.

Writing the essay for the Buckley Program was the beginning of my conservative education, an area that has been lacking for quite some time. I attended the fifth annual conference banquet in November and heard the very intelligent U.S. Senator and Yale graduate, Ben Sasse, speak on political correctness in higher education and the often repressive effect it has on the school climate. His speech sparked in me a desire to learn more about the conservative movement, and cemented my thoughts on free speech and its importance in all levels of education.

My learning will continue and I hope to involve my peers in this endeavor. Free thought and political diversity are of the utmost importance, especially in today's highly polarized society."

- ELANA MORRIS

Senior at Daniel Hand High School
Madison, CT



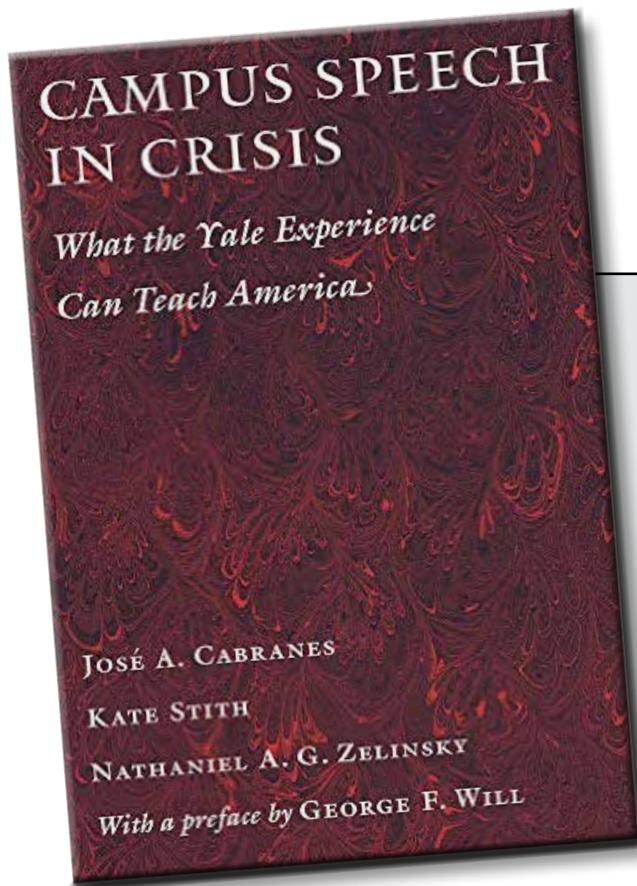
50th Anniversary of *Firing Line*

In February 2016, we hosted an event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *Firing Line*, the television show Bill Buckley launched in 1966. The event featured a Firing Line Debate moderated by James Freeman between Larry Kudlow and Stephen Roach on “Reclaiming Reaganomics: A Path to Renewed Prosperity or Wistful Nostalgia?” The program also included clips of the show and a series of tributes by Neal Freeman, Linda Bridges, Jeff Greenfield, and Tom Wolfe. Over 200 students, faculty, alumni, and other friends of the Buckley Program attended the event.

Continuing this celebration, the Program hosted a debate on the Syrian refugee crisis in March 2016. In the fall semester, we will be hosting a series of debates on climate policy, the Affordable Care Act, and school choice.



Jeff Greenfield at the 50th Anniversary of *Firing Line* celebration.



Campus Speech in Crisis: What The Yale Experience Can Teach America

This fall, we will release the second “William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale Book,” which will be a reprint of the Woodward Report, Yale’s policy on free expression published in the 1970s. Encounter Books will be publishing this booklet and we plan to distribute copies to students on campus. The booklet includes a preface by George Will, an introduction by Buckley Program board member Nathaniel Zelinsky ’13, and an exegesis by Judge José A. Cabranes and Professor Kate Stith. We hope you’ll give it a read.

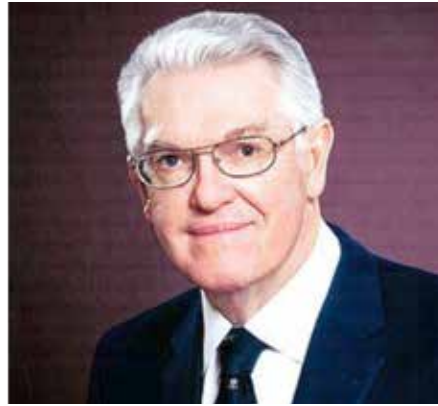
"Yale's Buckley Program should serve as an example to conservative campus organizations across the country."

- DAVID MARCUS IN *THE FEDERALIST*,
"YALE STUDENTS FIGHT COLLEGE CENSORSHIP THE RIGHT WAY"



Buckley Program Welcomes Richard R. West to Board of Directors

In December 2015, the Buckley Program announced the addition of Richard R. West '60 to its Board of Directors. Dick has been a steadfast supporter of our efforts on campus and we are honored to have the benefit of his wisdom and experience.



Richard R. West

Richard R. West is Dean Emeritus of New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business. During his deanship, the School received Mr. Stern's naming gift, then one of the largest benefactions in the history of management education in the United States, increased the number of endowed professorships threefold, and constructed the state of the art Henry Kaufman Management Education Center at NYU's Washington Square campus. When Dean West stepped down, NYU named the School's deanship in his honor.

Prior to joining NYU, Richard R. West was Dean of Dartmouth's Amos Tuck School, where he also held the Leverone Finance Chair. His other academic appointments included serving as Dean of the University of Oregon's School of Business and Associate Dean of Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management. He has also held senior visiting appointments at the University of Alberta and Yale

University, as well as major fellowships sponsored by the Carnegie, Ford and Woodrow Wilson Foundations.

Dean West's teaching and research interests lie in the areas of securities markets, investment banking, accounting and corporate governance. He is the author (or co-author) of 3 books and more than 50 refereed articles, including one that received the Graham & Dodd Award. In addition, he has been a contributor of numerous

"op/ed" articles, letters to the editor, and book reviews in places such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times* and the *Financial Times*.

Throughout his academic career Dean West maintained an active practice as a consultant, director, expert witness and private investor. He has been a director of more than a dozen New York Stock Exchange listed companies, where he frequently served as chair of the audit and/or compensation committees. His current directorships include Vornado Realty Trust and Alexander's Inc.

Dean West has served on the Accounting Education Change Commission, the boards of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), the College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF), the National Council on Economic Education, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, where he was the Chairman.

Dean West received his BA (1960), summa cum laude, from Yale University and his MBA (1963) and PhD (1964) from the University of Chicago. He also holds the MA (Hon) from Dartmouth College (1980).



The 2016 Student Board



Speaker Excerpts

"A vision of the good is not the same thing as a political platform, but it acts to guide that platform, to help citizens tell the difference between movement in the right direction and movement in the wrong direction. A time of uncertainty, of frustration and unease, when the direction of our politics, even of American conservatism itself seems awfully unclear, is exactly the right time to return to principles, to get back to our intellectual roots and clarify for ourselves what we believe in, and why."

- *Yuval Levin speaking on "What Are Conservatives For?"*

"I actually believe that free speech is a very powerful force for social justice. I think this is widely misunderstood. Still, I strongly suspect that I'm probably amongst the most liberal people here, and that actually makes me quite sad that there isn't more ideological diversity in support of this principle. And from my perspective, concepts like free speech, patriotism, and science are not left-right issues. But it seems to me that both science and free speech are increasingly becoming so."

- *Nicholas Christakis at the Fifth Annual Conference*

"People of character invite. They don't disinvite."

- *Ray Kelly at the Second Annual Disinvitation Dinner*

What Students Are Saying...

"The Buckley Program has become an integral part of my intellectual learning and exposure at Yale. The ideas, conversations, and speakers that I can access have become inherently nonexistent on most college campuses, unfortunately including Yale. As a conservative on campus, I appreciate the ability to express my opinions at Buckley events and have them evaluated for their merit—something that amazingly cannot happen on most parts of campus. Additionally, I am extremely honored to be a fellow of the Buckley Program for the summer of 2016 at the Manhattan Institute, a free market think tank. The Buckley Program has truly given me the opportunity to meaningfully engage with ideas I might never have explored and developed in the classroom."

- *Michael Mattessich '18*

"From speaker events to Firing Line-style debates to seminars over spring and fall breaks, the Buckley Program champions its goal of instilling intellectual diversity at Yale. The program is a much-needed voice on campus, providing a forum for free and open discourse in the midst of increasingly-common assaults on free speech. Recently, the Buckley Program has hosted such prominent intellectuals as Yuval Levin and Jonathan Haidt, who gave informative lectures on the role of conservatism and the importance of free speech. In addition to boasting brilliant guests, the Buckley Program broadcasts ideas that too-often go unheard; attending Buckley events is always an enjoyable experience."

- *Madeline Fortier '19*

"The Buckley Program's events are where I go to balance my education out. It is the one place I know I will be intellectually stimulated, questioned, and challenged in a non-hostile, academic way. The Buckley Program provides me the freedom to consider any idea I want and bounce ideas off others, without the constant threat of political correctness and public shaming. The Buckley Program is my safe space."

- *Karina Kovalcik '17*

"Thanks to the Buckley Program, I spent my summer in Washington, D.C. interning at Gingrich Productions, Newt and Callista Gingrich's production company. During my time there, I conducted daily media monitoring, assisted with research, sat in on meetings and worked on the production and marketing of Newt and Callista's books and movies. I learned so much about politics and history from Newt, Callista, and other staff members, who all have diverse opinions and love to discuss them. Furthermore, I couldn't have picked a more exciting summer to be in D.C. When I wasn't at the office or going to a Fox News taping with Newt, I enjoyed visiting D.C.'s many museums, going to Nationals games, kayaking on the Potomac and exploring the monuments."

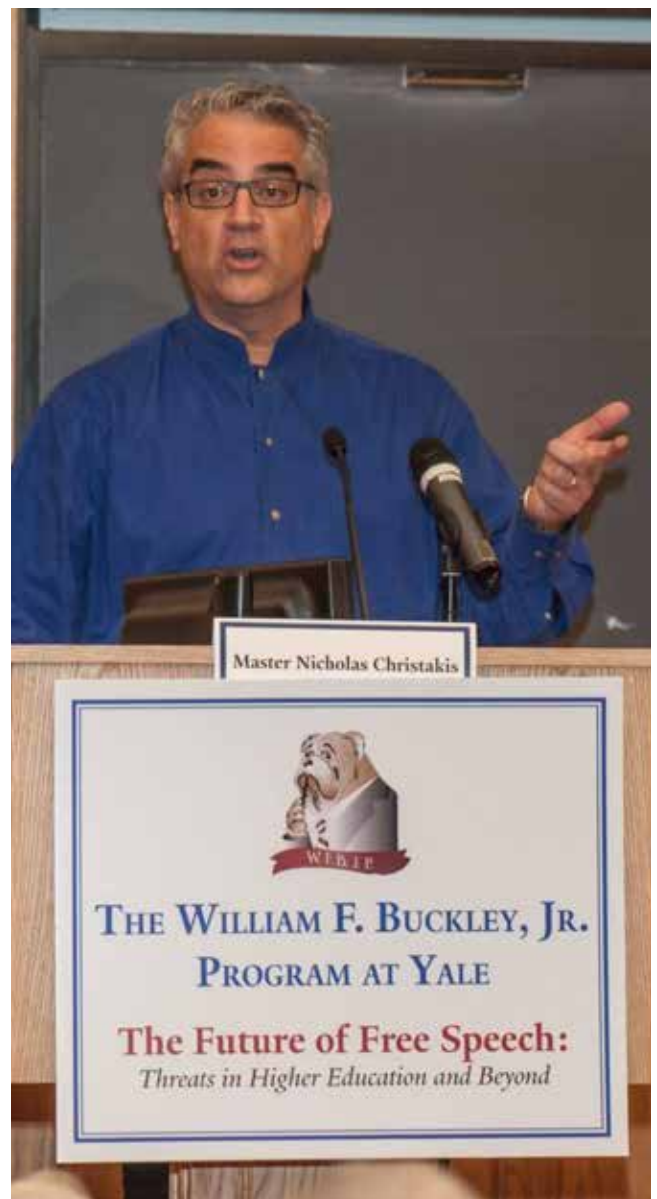
- *Olivia Burton '18*



Summer Events

We were delighted to host two lectures during the Yale alumni reunions in New Haven this summer. In May, Dr. Alvin Felzenberg gave a talk on "The Future of Buckley Conservatism As We Know It." In June, Professor Donald Kagan gave a talk on "History, Queen of the Humanities and a Liberal Education, and Key to the Mysteries of the Human Predicament."

We also hosted two social events during the summer, the first in New York City and the second in Washington, D.C. These receptions provided an opportunity for our student fellows to connect with alumni and other supporters.



Master Nicholas Christakis delivers opening remarks at the Fifth Annual Conference.

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