

THE WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR. PROGRAM AT YALE



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Message from the Chairman of the Board, ROGER KIMBALL, M. PHIL '82



Dear Friends,

Every year at about this time I take virtual pen in hand and write you with two ends in mind. First, to bring you up to date on the doings of the William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale, which (not to keep you in suspense) continues to go from strength to strength under the puissant ministrations of our Founder and Leader Lauren Noble.

My second purpose is to remind you that all the wonderful things you will read about below were not called into being, like the world in Genesis, *ex nihilo*. No, they have been made possible, all of them, by means of your generous transfer of an integer and a few, or several, zeros, from your local banking establishment to ours, where they will lead healthy, happy, free-range lives.

Aristotle distinguished between four kinds of causes. Pertinent here is the final cause, what we do to make Yale, and the world at large, safe for independent, vigorous-minded intellectual debate.

With your support, the Buckley Program has brought into its orbit a constellation of many new partners and has accomplished more than ever before to proselytize the tenets of William F. Buckley, Jr.'s *Weltanschauung*, namely, a recognition and repudiation of governmental and societal impediments to the natural right of individual liberty.

A few particulars:

- This past year, total revenue was \$1,090,612, up from \$818,461 in 2016.
- The Program hosted 28 events in the 2017-2018 academic year, up from 21 events in 2016-2017.
- We attracted a wide-range of A-list speakers including presidential candidates (Carly Fiorina and Governor Jeb Bush), academics (Jack Goldsmith, Randy Barnett, and Amy Wax, among many others), and journalists (such as Mary Katharine Ham and Mollie Hemingway).
- Our Fourth Annual Disinvitation Dinner featured the great Charles Murray and was a rousing success.
- The Program held its seventh annual conference on "The Constitution and the Courts" featuring Judge William Pryor, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Michael McConnell, and Ed Whelan, among others.
- We also devised and launched the inaugural Buckley Ideas Forum, which received over 100 submissions and for which we awarded \$20,000 in prizes to finalists.
- We inaugurated the James L. Buckley Award for Public Service, whose first recipient was Senator (also Judge and Secretary) Buckley himself.
- We doubled the number of multi-day, intensive seminars offered each year, from two to four. Topics included "Montesquieu and the Logic of Liberty" (with Paul Rahe) and "From Edmund Burke to Russell Kirk" (with Bradley Birzer).
- We saw the number of student fellows rise to more than 300, the highest number in our history.
- We sponsored a petition campaign for the Yale Board of Trustees: stay tuned on that!
- And finally, we commissioned our third national survey on free speech and related issues, some highlights of which are included in this report.

What a year! And you made it all possible.

Yale's \$27 billion endowment dwarfs ours, but its managers cannot guarantee you what we can: that your support is working to evangelize the universal good of limited government and personal freedom. We trust you are inspired by what the Program does and stands well positioned to do, and we encourage you as fellow devotees of Buckley to be as generous as possible in helping to fund the most consequential defense of his inestimable legacy, for the benefit of Yale and America.

Onward!

A handwritten signature of Roger Kimball in blue ink.

Roger Kimball
Chairman





Message from the Founder and Executive Director, LAUREN NOBLE '11

“Scholarship of the highest caliber requires diverse strengths, open discussion and debate among many different points of view,” Yale President Peter Salovey recently wrote. While I could not agree more, where we diverge is whether or not Yale delivers on its promise to protect the open forum to which it is purportedly committed. What is cause for encouragement, however, is the exponential growth of the Buckley Program, a sure sign that there is a clamoring for diversity of thought and a forum of ideas where honest and civil debate can occur.

While still maintaining our signature array of lectures, seminars, debates, and related events, the Program has significantly broadened its scope this year as we take our message to an ever-increasing audience. In January, we held our first Ideas Forum and Contest, the culmination of a nation-wide competition that solicited essays proposing unique solutions to serious public policy problems, solutions that incorporate elements necessary to the promotion of a free society. To address further the issue of elections to Yale’s Board of Trustees, a matter we publicized last year, we have helped organize the petition candidacy of Jamie Kirchick ’06, whose platform eloquently and thoughtfully answers the challenges of free speech, intellectual diversity, a ballooning administration, and the rigged Alumni Fellow process. We have worked with Jamie to bring his encouraging candidacy to alumni across the country. This fall, we shall host our first Visiting Scholar, Dr. Steven Hayward, who will join us to deliver a series of ten lectures and seminars over the fall and spring semesters. The details of these and other key achievements of the Program are provided in the pages that follow.

When we conducted our survey of Buckley Program supporters this past spring, we received overwhelmingly positive responses. I was especially pleased to read several identified areas of growth and thoughtful, constructive feedback for improving our effectiveness. We are already taking action on a number of the suggestions from the survey. For instance, one suggestion we gleaned from the survey responses was that the Program should produce events beyond the New Haven and New York areas. In response to this perceived need, we have started organizing regional events, two of which were held in Florida this past March during spring break, and another of which was hosted by a donor in New Jersey this June. Other supporters have expressed a generous desire to host Buckley Program events in their areas; if you, too, would like to help bring our vibrant programming to your town, please let me know at Lauren@BuckleyProgram.com or at 203-745-1316.

Finally, I have had the distinct pleasure of watching the Buckley Program flourish from its humble beginnings in a Yale classroom to its status as one of the largest organizations on Yale’s campus. This didn’t just happen. We have achieved such heights and more only through the energized investment of you, our loyal supporters, and it is with you that we shall achieve even more. Many thanks for your inspiring generosity to our cause.



Message from the Student President, CAMERON KOFFMAN '19

I want to share good news with you all: the Buckley Program is thriving and is stronger than ever. This past school year included visits from many well-known speakers, robust ideological engagement in Firing Line Debates, and our first ever Ideas Forum. I am incredibly proud of all that the Program has accomplished over the past year and have loved watching our event calendar expand and our membership grow with each year I've been at Yale.

One of the most exceptional aspects of the Buckley Program is the access that it gives its student fellows. This year, fellows had the privilege of engaging with two former presidential candidates as Jeb Bush and Carly Fiorina visited campus. Fellows got to sit down in smaller groups with Governor Bush in the form of breakfast, lunch, and coffee chats, offering unique access to someone of his stature. I personally had the privilege of bringing Governor Bush to my history seminar "Communism and Anticommunism in the 20th Century United States" and giving him a tour of Yale's campus. It was a once in a lifetime experience to speak with the Governor about our shared fascination about President James Garfield, our shared love for Charles Murray's *Coming Apart*, and our shared frustration about our golf games. Your support helps make these special opportunities possible and basically a Buckley Program norm.

In addition to our high-profile guests, we hosted a litany of fantastic seminars and Firing Line Debates. One debate event worth highlighting was our Firing Line on Net Neutrality this past April. I talked to many fellows who attended and they agreed with me that they came out of the debate both understanding the issue of net neutrality more and having an ideological respect for the arguments in favor and against it. The Buckley Program flourishes when it exposes students to new ideas and encourages them to engage in a civilized debate. Our many Firing Lines and seminars broaden campus discourse, providing students with a forum to grapple with perspectives that they had not considered before.

I'm also happy to report that this past year, we have had productive dialogue with Yale's administration about improving intellectual diversity on campus. However, that does not mean we can be complacent.



With over 300 student fellows, and many other students, professors, and local community members attending our events we are stronger than ever. Yet, we must continue to push forward, fulfilling our mission and making Yale a better place for learning. Having a campus that respects civilized debate and permits the free flow of ideas is integral to any college experience. It should be the norm at Yale. Only with the continual flourishing of this program can we move in that direction.

In closing, I would like to thank you for all you've done to enhance my college experience. Your support has allowed us to learn an incredible amount and to meet impressive speakers in the most personal settings. I'm looking forward to another great year, including our conference this fall on "Russell Kirk and the Conservative Mind Today" and many fun Firing Lines and dinner seminars. It is an honor to help lead this Program. Thank you for your continued support!



2018 PRELIMINARY FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We have many exciting events scheduled for this fall. If you would like 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 scheduling additional programs.

FALL 2018

- **Monday, August 20, 2018 to Wednesday, August 22, 2018**
August Seminar with Joshua Mitchell on Plato's *Republic*: The Limits of Honor, Wealth, Freedom, and Power
- **Thursday, September 6th**
Lecture by Steven Hayward
- **Thursday, September 13th**
Firing Line Debate on Gun Control and the Second Amendment featuring Clark Neily and Joseph Blocher
- **Thursday, September 27th**
Lecture by Steven Hayward
- **Monday, October 1st**
Conversation with Ken Langone
- **Monday, October 15th**
Seminar with Sohrab Ahmari
- **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 to Friday, October 19, 2018**
Fall Break Seminar with Colleen Sheehan on James Madison
- **Thursday, October 25th**
Lecture by Steven Hayward
- **Friday, November 2nd**
Eight Annual Conference on "Russell Kirk and the Conservative Mind Today"
- **Thursday, November 8th**
Lecture by Steven Hayward
- **Tuesday, November 27th**
Lecture by Steven Hayward
- **Friday, November 30th**
Panel Discussion on Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn at 100
- **Wednesday, December 5th**
Lecture by Tom Coburn



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ACADEMIC YEAR *Events in Review*

During the past academic year, the Buckley Program hosted a robust total of 28 events, including lectures, seminars, conferences, and debates.

FALL 2017

Summer Break Seminar

"From Edmund Burke to Russell Kirk"

Featuring Professor Bradley J. Birzer

Monday, August 21, 2017 to

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Seminar with Heather Hendershot

On her book *Open to Debate: How William F. Buckley Put Liberal America on the Firing Line*

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Talk by Guy Benson and Mary Katharine Ham

On their book *End of Discussion: How the Liberal Outrage Industry Shuts Down Debate, Manipulates Voters, and Makes America Less Free (and Fun)*

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Seminar with Nicholas Christakis

"Thinking Deeply for Oneself"

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Lecture by Carly Fiorina on "Perspectives on Leadership: Why It Matters More Than Ever in America"

We are grateful for the generous support of the Irving Brown Lecture Series at Young America's Foundation in making this event possible.

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Firing Line Debate: "Should Britain Abandon Brexit?"

Featuring James Kirchick and Nile Gardiner

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Seminar with Thomas West

On his book *The Political Theory of the American Founding: Natural Rights, Public Policy, and the Moral Conditions of Freedom*

Thursday, October 12, 2017



Fall Break Seminar

"The Once and Future Presidency"

Featuring Professor Michael Uhlmann

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 to

Friday, October 20, 2017

Lecture by Professor Amy Wax

"What is Happening to the Family, and Why?"

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Seventh Annual Conference

"The Constitution and the Courts: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future of Freedom"

Friday, November 3, 2017

Firing Line Debate: "Confronting Iran's Rising Sphere of Influence"

Featuring Professor Charles Hill, Michael Rubin, and Brian Katulis

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Seminar with Lee Edwards

On his book *Just Right: A Life in Pursuit of Liberty*

Thursday, December 7, 2017



SPRING 2018

January Seminar with Amity Shlaes

"From Sumner to Trump: The Forgotten Man and Yale's Forgotten Legacy in Social Policy from the New Deal to the Present Day"

Thursday, January 11, 2018 to

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Seminar with Judge Stephen Williams

On his book *The Reformer: How One Liberal Fought to Preempt the Russian Revolution*

Thursday, January 18, 2018

The Inaugural William F. Buckley, Jr. Ideas Forum

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Lecture by Mike Gonzalez

"American Balkanization: A Failed 40-Year Experiment. We Need to Return to *E Pluribus Unum*"

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Seminar with Erica Komisar

On her book *Being There: Why Prioritizing Motherhood in the First Three Years Matters*

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Free to Disagree Series

Featuring Ken Stern and Mike Pesca

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Seminar with Samuel Abrams

"Viewpoint Diversity and Faculty Activism"

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Lecture by Lenore Skenazy

"Free-Range Kids: A Solution to Helicopter Parenting"

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Spring Break Seminar with Paul Rahe

"Montesquieu and the Logic of Liberty"

Featuring Professor Paul Rahe

Monday, March 12, 2018 to

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Lecture by Governor Jeb Bush

"Restoring Conservatism in America"

Tuesday, March 27, 2018



Seminar with Jack Goldsmith

"Executive Power and National Security"

Monday, April 9, 2018

Firing Line Debate on Net Neutrality

"Internet Policy: Whose Rules Should Shape the Internet?"

Featuring Mitch Stoltz and Roslyn Layton

Friday, April 13, 2018

Fourth Annual Disinvitation Dinner featuring Dr. Charles Murray

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Lecture by Oren Cass

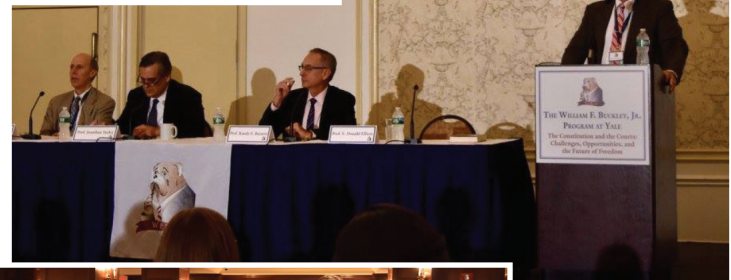
"How (Not) to Worry About Climate Change"

Monday, April 23, 2018



CONFERENCE 2017

On Friday, November 3, 2017, we hosted our Seventh Annual Conference, the topic of which was “The Constitution and the Courts: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future of Freedom.” We welcomed 221 students, alumni, and other guests gathered for the event, which commenced with an opening address by Judge William H. Pryor, Jr. The day’s three panel discussions were “Challenges to Religious Liberty in 21st Century America,” “Judicial Confirmations and Interpreting the Constitution: Borking, Activism, and Originalism,” and “Federalism and the Modern Administrative State,” and panelists included Randy Barnett, Carlos Eire, E. Donald Elliott, Philip Hamburger, Mollie Hemingway, Michael McConnell, Nicholas Rosenkranz, Peter Schuck, Ilya Shapiro, Jonathan Turley, Ed Whelan, and Adam White. Attendees later enjoyed a formal dinner capped by a keynote speech by former U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR
EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON

“Russell Kirk and the Conservative Mind Today,”

which will commemorate Kirk’s 100th birthday. Speakers will include R. R. Reno, Bradley Birzer, Gleaves Whitney, Charles C.W. Cooke, George Nash, Lee Edwards, Gerald Russello, and others to be confirmed.

The conference will take place on Friday, November 2, 2018, and invitations with further details will be mailed out soon. Until October 3rd, a block of hotel rooms is available at the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale (203-772-6664).

Please mention the Buckley Program when you call.





Ideas Forum & Contest

With great excitement, we launched in January 2018 the Buckley Ideas Forum, a national competition that invites participants from across the country to generate conservative solutions that address challenges at the local, state, and federal level and advance the ideals of a free society. Six finalists were selected from over 100

submissions to present their plans on a variety of topics. These were not simply idle thought experiments, but rather concrete and employable plans that could help improve our society.

The Ideas Forum was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Saybrook Point Inn in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Our judges, Jack Fowler, Carol Platt Liebau, and William F. B. O'Reilly, led the question and answer period following each presentation. All audience members received ballots through which they could rank the presentations in each of two categories: one limited to currently enrolled college undergraduates and the general contest for those who are no longer students. The general contest winner received \$10,000 and the college contest winner received \$5,000.

Mr. Elliott Harding, our general contest winner, is an attorney from Charlottesville, Virginia and a former legislative director for Congressman Tom Garrett (R-VA). Mr. Harding's proposal, now a bill before Congress, was "Student Security: A Viable, Conservative Solution to America's Student Debt & Social Security Crisis." His proposal centered on a novel plan to solve the student debt crisis by forgiving student loans in exchange for delaying retirement Social Security benefits.

Mr. John Hirschauer, a 2018 graduate of Fairfield University, came in first in our student contest. His proposal was entitled "Reimagining the Southbury Training School." Mr. Hirschauer examined the consequences of years of ruinous state and federal disability policy and proposed that the Southbury Training School, a state institution in Connecticut for persons with profound disabilities, begin to accept new residents once again.

During the dinner that followed the contest, we inaugurated the James L. Buckley Award for Public Service. The Honorable James Buckley was present to receive this eponymous award, given in recognition of his distinguished service to our country in all three branches of government.

"I like seeing young idealists attempting to solve difficult government problems. Their enthusiasm gives me hope for the future of our country."

--Ideas Forum Attendee

"A true highlight was the opportunity to hear Judge Buckley speak. His voice and words ring clear and true as ever. Additionally, the opportunity to hear young voices advocating Buckley conservatism is a standout experience, particularly in today's environment where emotionally driven rants seem to be much more the norm."

--Ideas Forum Attendee

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

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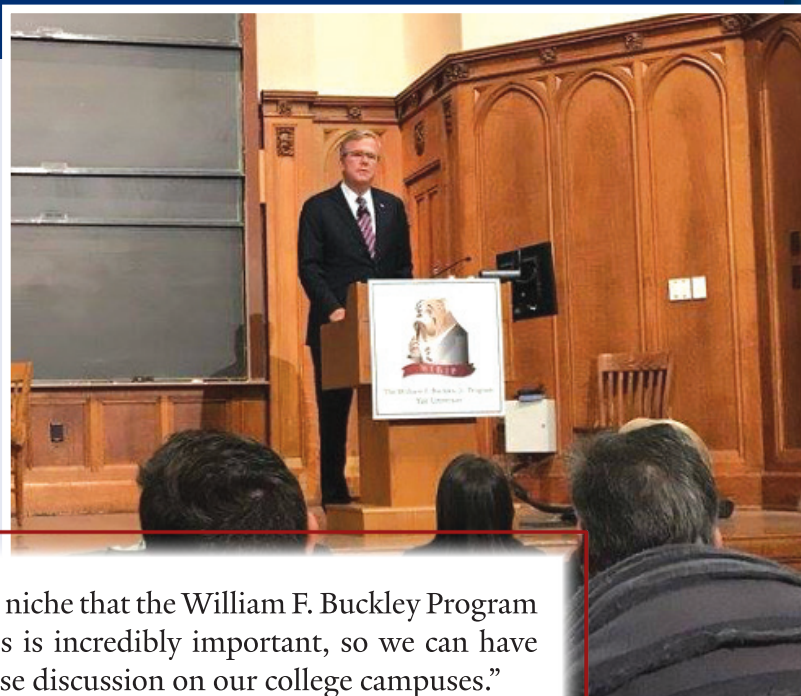
WHAT LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL POLICY PROPOSAL DO YOU HAVE TO ADVANCE THE IDEALS OF A FREE SOCIETY CHAMPIONED BY WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.?

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.'S LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING IDEAS TO IMPROVE OUR SOCIETY. NOW WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. JOIN US AT THE BUCKLEY PROGRAM'S SECOND ANNUAL IDEAS FORUM TO DISCOVER SOME OF THE IDEAS SHAPING OUR CURRENT DISCOURSE. SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSALS AT BUCKLEYPROGRAM.COM/IDEAS BY NOVEMBER 16 FOR A CHANCE AT \$20,000 IN PRIZES.



LECTURE SERIES

A key component of our programming, the Buckley Program's lecture series, free and open to the public, brings to campus notable intellectual leaders, politicians, and professionals from across the disciplines. Drawing large audiences from amongst the Yale and local communities, speakers also meet privately with Buckley Program student fellows, giving our students unique opportunities to discuss ideas in more intimate settings. Guests from this past year include Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, Amy Wax, Oren Cass, and Mike Gonzalez, among other invitees. Our events continue to attract wide media coverage from the *Yale Daily News* to national outlets. We videotape our events and publish the footage on our YouTube channel, thus providing even greater access to the ideas and exchanges they afford.



“The niche that the William F. Buckley Program serves is incredibly important, so we can have diverse discussion on our college campuses.”

--Former U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte

REGIONAL EVENTS



Buckley Program events have been so successful and well received that we frequently hear from supporters that they wish they could enjoy some of our programming in their corners of the country. Beginning this year, we have started answering these frequent requests by organizing events far beyond New Haven. Over spring break in March 2018, we traveled to Naples and Wellington, Florida with a cadre of undergraduate Buckley Fellows for lunch panels on the subject of free speech at Yale. In June, Mr. Raymond Thek, LAW '86 and his son, Raymond, hosted a dinner in Morristown, New Jersey with remarks given by James Freeman '91,

assistant editor of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page and author of the weekday “Best of the Web.” Additionally, petition candidate for the Yale Corporation Jamie Kirchick '06 has adopted a summer and early fall travel schedule that will take him to at least ten cities across the country. On each of his stops, he will be discussing his platform, the tenets of which dovetail with the aims of our Program.

One of the key achievements of each of these past events was the fact that a significant number of attendees were new to the Program. If you are interested in hosting a Buckley Program event in your area, please contact us!



Alumni Trustee INITIATIVE

Building on our 2017 efforts to reform the process by which Yale alumni vote to elect an Alumni Fellow to the Yale Corporation, the Buckley Program is thrilled to support a petition candidacy focused on protecting free speech, reforming the process by which alumni elect trustees to the Corporation, promoting viewpoint diversity on campus, and reducing administrative bloat. Journalist Jamie Kirchick '06 needs to gather 4,266 signatures for his petition by October 1, 2018 in order to go forth as a candidate in the election.

A visiting fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe and Project on International Order and Strategy at the Brookings Institution, Jamie is a widely published journalist, the author of *The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues and the Coming Dark Age* (Yale University Press, 2017), a correspondent for *The Daily Beast*, and a columnist for *Tablet*.

As a key part of his effort to reach out to all alumni and to understand their concerns so as to be the most faithful representative possible of the alumni body, Jamie has undertaken an ambitious listening tour around the country:

- **Launch Event in New York City**
Thursday, June 7th at the Yale Club of New York City
- **Chicago Reception**
Friday, June 15th at The Mid-America Club
- **Los Angeles Luncheon**
Saturday, June 30th at The Los Angeles Athletic Club
- **Washington, D.C. Reception**
Tuesday, July 24th at the Cosmos Club
- **Philadelphia Reception**
Wednesday, July 25th at The Union League of Philadelphia
- **Boston Reception**
Thursday, July 26th at the Union Club
- **Fort Worth Dinner**
Monday, July 30th at The Fort Worth Club
- **Houston Dinner**
Tuesday, July 31st at the Houston Racquet Club
- **New Haven Reception**
Tuesday, September 18th at Mory's
- **San Francisco Reception**
Monday, September 24th at the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel
- **Seattle Reception**
Tuesday, September 25th at the Washington Athletic Club



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Visit [www.jamiefortrustee.com](http://www.jamiefortrustee.com) to learn more about Jamie's platform, read interviews with him, keep abreast of the latest news with his candidacy, and find ways to support him in this endeavor.

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VISITING SCHOLAR

In the 2018 – 2019 academic year, we shall launch our visiting scholar program. Dr. Steven Hayward will serve as our first Visiting Scholar for this initiative, delivering a series of ten lectures and seminars over the course of two semesters, in addition to participating in other activities.

A review of Dr. Hayward's topics elucidate the depth of inquiry and the academic rigor of this series on "Conservatism from Burke to Bannon." Subjects include:

- **Conservatism and Its Enemies: The Landscape Today**
- **Edmund Burke, the First Modern Conservative**
- **Varieties of Conservative Experience**
- **Conservatism and Philosophy**
- **Conservatism, Equality, and Democracy**



Steven F. Hayward is currently senior resident scholar at the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley, and a visiting lecturer at Berkeley's Boalt Hall Law School. He was previously the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Visiting Professor at Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Public Policy, and was the inaugural visiting scholar in conservative thought and policy at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2013-14. From 2002 to 2012 he was the F.K Weyerhaeuser Fellow in Law and Economics at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington DC, and has been senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco since 1991.

He writes frequently for *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *The Weekly Standard*, *Claremont Review of Books*, and other publications. The author of six books including a two-volume chronicle of Reagan and his times entitled *The Age of Reagan: The Fall of the Old Liberal Order, 1964-1980*, and *The Age of Reagan: The Conservative Counter-Revolution, 1980-1989*, and the *Almanac of Environmental Trends*. His most recent book is *Patriotism is Not Enough: Harry Jaffa, Walter Berns, and the Arguments That Redefined American Conservatism*. He writes daily on Powerlineblog.com, one of the nation's most read political websites.

DR. HAYWARD'S LECTURE DATES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER ARE:

September 6th
September 27th
October 25th
November 8th
November 27th

Stay tuned for spring semester dates.



FIRING LINE DEBATES

Bill Buckley always confronted his critics and ideological opponents with inimitable brilliance, wit, and charm, but he did so most memorably in his television series *Firing Line*. Inspired by his example, the Buckley Program hosts our own Firing Line Debates, through which we bring together proponents of opposing viewpoints who argue before a public audience their respective sides of a chosen topic.

In the 2017-2018 academic year, we hosted three such events on the following: “Should Britain Abandon Brexit?,” “Confronting Iran’s Rising Sphere of Influence,” and “Internet Policy: Whose Rules Should Shape the Internet?” It has been most encouraging to note that these debates attract attendees from across the political spectrum.



“I’ve taken these events as an opportunity to invite friends and professors who share in the majority political view at Yale, and I invite them not only so they’re not shocked and offended that there are other views, but it is also a jumping-off point for continued dialogue post-Firing Line. And it’s led, for example, some professors and I to start the tradition of exchanging politically alternated books and articles and doing mini-Firing Line Debates, where we have to take the alternate perspective to what we truly hold. The Buckley Program has thus led not only the Fellows but also a much wider audience to engage with often unvoiced views in a forum characterized by open political discussion and intellectual engagement.”

--Alexandra Small '18

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As part of its cultivation of bright young minds, the Buckley Program funds student summer internships at a number of publications and think tanks. In the summer of 2018, we sponsored Yale undergraduates at FIRE (the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) and the Manhattan Institute. With each intern receiving a generous stipend of \$4,000, our internship program is accessible, intellectually and financially, for students of all backgrounds. The competitive application process is administered through Yale’s Office of Career Strategy.



“There is so much to be gained from creating a culture of open dialogue at Yale. I’m not saying that everyone needs to befriend their opponents, or even like them. But we should constantly be challenging each other’s ideas and then try to find common ground. We as students need to change this oppressive political climate of silencing each other and work together to restore civil discourse.”

--Lily Rogers '21, FIRE Summer Intern

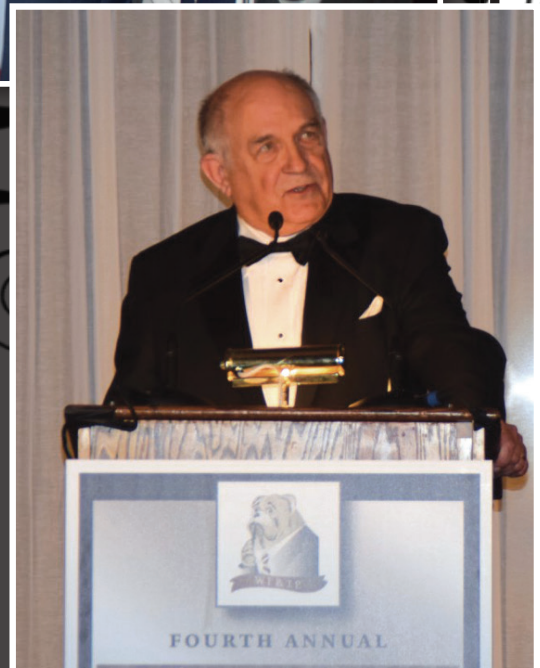


FOURTH ANNUAL *Disinvitation Dinner*

Four years ago, the Buckley Program established an annual dinner designed to provide a forum to speakers who had been denied one by close-minded students and their obliging university administrators. Garnering national attention, the Disinvitation Dinner has been one of our most notable events each year, drawing large crowds and helping us to raise a significant amount of support for our programming efforts.

On April 18, 2018, the Fourth Annual Disinvitation Dinner was held at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. Dr. Charles Murray, who has endured more than his fair share of disinvitations and whose slated appearance at Middlebury College engendered nationally reported riots, was our keynote speaker. He joins a list of distinguished past guests: Ray Kelly, George Will, and Peter Thiel.

Dr. Murray's speech was covered in a number of national news outlets, including *The Federalist*, *National Review*, and *The Washington Free Beacon*. Taking as his point of departure that "the American project as originally conceived is dead," Dr. Murray expounded upon a number of reasons for his hope that Americans will still be able to carve out lives of personal freedom. He noted that many of those on the left have become as disillusioned with government as those on the right, and while they may still advocate the proliferation of government programs, they cannot ignore that the "systemic incompetence of government is becoming more and more widely accepted." Thus, as the economy and American civic culture is leaving government behind, the ground is fertile for the seeds of collaboration between left and right to germinate, as people seek to work around the sclerotic government that hinders us all.





“Young Americans do not have power to resurrect Madison’s vision of how the promise would be kept. But they do have the power to restore the vitality of the promise and to make good on it in new and creative ways. I will cheer them on from my rocking chair.”

--Charles Murray

“If Murray is correct that handing the private sector control of the levers of free speech and all other forms of regulation will flower into a fountain of wonderful and competing ideas, we will need a lot more students like those in the Buckley Program. As tech companies hire experts from the elite schools to determine what is and isn’t hate speech, what is real news and fake news, indeed, whether Murray’s own work has a place in decent discourse, we will need the level heads of today’s students who do not fear intellectual diversity.”

--David Marcus, *The Federalist*



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

"The Buckley Program at Yale provides a crucial space on Yale's campus for free dialogue and the exchange of ideas. The lack of diversity of thought on college campuses can make students tentative about voicing opinions that diverge from the mainstream. The Buckley Program creates a space where students aren't governed by a fear of being shunned for their viewpoints and rather engage with one another openly. I have found the dinners which the Buckley Program hosts with speakers create a unique opportunity to discuss topics from the classroom – including everything from foreign policy to healthcare and entrepreneurship – with experts whose careers are focused in these fields. The Buckley Program truly enhances students' experience at Yale."

--Brigitte Fink '20

"I served as the membership director of the Buckley Program this past semester, and I can confidently say that the Buckley Program is one of the most important and successful groups on campus. Intelligent, well-spoken guests engage audiences across the political spectrum at Yale, providing a different perspective to what most students expect to hear. I particularly appreciate the fact that the Buckley Program is not a club exclusive to conservatives. Conservatives and progressives alike are invited to become fellows and attend dinners. This makes the Buckley Program particularly effective at achieving its goals of promoting free speech and exposing students to unfamiliar ideas. In the age of increasing political polarization, and I hope that the Buckley Program can continue these important and noble goals."

--Alexander Sikorski '20

"In my first year at Yale, the Buckley Program has given me incredible opportunities and contributed greatly to my intellectual development. I have found many engaging debates with a diverse cast of conservatives, liberals, and moderates, many united only by the Program's integral belief that censorship of ideas is incompatible with informed civic participation. At Buckley dinners, discussions with the alumni network have given me access to a vast array of experience and expertise, which has provided me with invaluable mentorship and advice. The Program's formal events provide important social experiences. These experiences have helped me become more confident in formal situations that I will soon encounter at internships and jobs. The importance of the Buckley Program to Yale cannot be overstated, and I am very thankful for our supporters for its continued existence."

--Jake Fischer '20

"No program at Yale has a more profound, positive impact on the campus political scene than the Buckley Program. The variety and the prestige of the speakers that Buckley attracts to campus shocked me as a new freshman. I was even more surprised to hear that the program has been around for only six years. At our events, I met students from all walks of life and all political stripes who were not only eager to listen to but also hold discussions with nationally recognized academics, journalists, and politicians. The most memorable of these events was when I gave Jeb Bush a tour of campus while simultaneously engaging in a genuine discussion of the future of US-Israeli relations. The opportunities that the Program provides to all who wish to partake are unforgettable, and I am extremely grateful for these experiences. As I think about my next three years at Yale, I look forward to many future Buckley events that will continue to shape both my political worldview and the nature of future campus discussions."

--Weaver Lilley '21



MULTI-DAY SEMINARS

The Buckley Program provides academic programming outside of term-time through its Multi-Day Seminars, which provide Yale students a unique chance to dedicate part of their academic breaks to intensive study of seminal texts and ideas. In order to preserve a high level of discussion in a small-group environment, admission to the seminars is done through an application process. Demand has been so great for a number of these offerings that we sometimes have had to create a wait-list for applicants.



The August 2017 seminar, “From Edmund Burke to Russell Kirk,” was led by Professor Bradley J. Birzer of Hillsdale College. The class covered the writings and ideas of Burke, Alexis de Tocqueville, T.S. Eliot, Willa Cather, and Kirk, among others.

Our fall 2017 seminar, led by Professor Michael Uhlmann of the Division of Politics & Economics at Claremont Graduate University, was entitled “The Once and Future Presidency.” Discussion topics included “A Republican Executive if You Can Keep It: the Indispensability of George Washington and the Shadow of Prerogative,” “The Rise of the Plebiscitary Presidency,” “Abraham Lincoln, War, ‘Indispensable Necessity,’ and Impeachment,” “Woodrow Wilson, the Administrative State, the Evolution of the New Deal and Modern Presidential Prerogative,” “So, You’d Feel Better if Congress or the Courts were Running National Security Policy Instead?” and “Where We Stand Today: Prerogative All the Way Down.”

In January 2018, author Amity Shlaes taught “From Sumner to Trump: The Forgotten Man and Yale’s Forgotten Legacy in Social Policy from the New Deal to the Present Day.” Her in-depth presentation on sociologist William Graham Sumner included excerpts from Sumner’s “Forgotten Man”, along with Shlaes’ *Coolidge* and *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression*. Class debates explored a range of topics pertinent to today’s national discussions.

Professor Paul Rahe from the history department at Hillsdale College led our spring break seminar on “Montesquieu and the Logic of Liberty.” Readings were taken from Montesquieu’s *The Spirit of the Laws*.

UPCOMING SEMINARS:

August Seminar on “Plato’s *Republic*: The Limits of Honor, Wealth, Freedom, and Power”

Featuring Professor Joshua Mitchell

Monday, August 20 to Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Fall Break Seminar on James Madison

Featuring Professor Colleen Sheehan

Wednesday, October 17 to Friday, October 19, 2018

January Seminar on Niccolò Machiavelli

Featuring Professor Catherine Zuckert

Thursday, January 10 to Saturday, January 12, 2019

Spring Break Seminar on F. A. Hayek

Featuring Professor Bruce Caldwell

Monday, March 11 to Wednesday, March 13, 2019

“These seminars have been my favorite part of Buckley, because they put free speech into practice. We often forget that the message of free speech runs hollow without a meaningful exchange of ideas at its end. Furthermore, the seminars are an example of what the true spirit of a university should entail: a safe arena of thoughtful exchange, where students are made equal not through pity, but through their ability to equally engage with one another.”

--Leland Stange '19

“In its brief history, the Buckley Program has done a remarkable job of opening student minds and exposing them to those fundamental principles and demonstrating their relevance to the problems that plague us today. In the process, this program and others like it across the country are developing cadres of articulate young leaders who, in time, could have a real impact on the political world.”

--The Honorable James L. Buckley '44



MULTI-DAY *Fellowships*

This year, we launched the Multi-Day Fellowship series, through which a high-profile guest spends several days on campus delivering a lecture, participating in college classes, speaking to smaller academic audiences, and enjoying personal time with students over coffee breaks and meals. Governor Jeb Bush was our guest for the inaugural fellowship in March 2018. In a lecture entitled “Restoring Conservatism in America,” he spoke to an audience of hundreds assembled in one of the largest auditoriums on campus. A key point of his talk was his observation that the degradation of American culture has engendered the appalling lack of civility in political discourse. Following his lecture, he participated in a conversation that continued to explore, with audience questions, some pertinent aspects of conservatism in the 21st century. During his visit to Yale, Governor Bush also joined two Yale College seminars (“Communism & Anticommunism” and “21st Century Political Journalism”), attended a breakfast with students, toured the campus in their company, held two coffee chats with undergraduates at the Buckley Program headquarters, and participated in a Yale Law School Federalist Society event. He also presided over a lunch with undergraduate Buckley Fellows, joined other Program members and supporters for a dinner, and was the featured guest at a reception following his lecture.

“If there was ever need for a Bill Buckley-like approach, to transforming conservatism in this country, it is right now.”

--Governor Jeb Bush



Interview WITH DONOR RAYMOND THEK, J.D. '86

Q. Why have you chosen to support the Buckley Program?

A. My primary reason for supporting Buckley is that it gives me hope. One of the most vicious and highly successful strategies of the tyrant and the oppressor is isolation of enemies or opponents. The thought tyrants are no different. They are expert at creating the feeling that any contrary thought is yours alone, shared by no one, supported by none. Like all bullies, they then proceed to use that feeling of isolation to shame and intimidate and ultimately to punish. Buckley goes a long way in defeating this approach, presenting each of us with many others who share our will to express disagreement and so providing hope that the bully can be pushed back.

Q. You recently hosted a dinner in New Jersey for the Program. What prompted this idea, and what did you hope to accomplish with such an event?

A. The idea was born from the desire to eliminate the physical, geographic limit under which the Program has operated. There are so many people who are thirsty for this message, for a real opportunity to exchange views without the first and last resort being an ad hominem attack, but they can't all reach New Haven so easily. Having Buckley be the vehicle for small gatherings of free people seemed to me to directly advance the purpose of the Program and to honor its eponym.

Q. What unique contributions do you think the Program makes to the conservative movement?

A. This list would take a long time to construct, but let me offer just one vital point. Buckley teaches participants how to respond to the bully. Firmly, with dignity, with courage – to call them out and expose them to the light and let others see by contrast what they really are about.

Q. In what ways is the Program addressing educational deficits at Yale?

A. This seems too obvious. Buckley is constantly reminding the emperor of his nakedness. Yale can't easily pretend to be a vehicle for free thought and inquiry in the face of people who are constantly pointing out where it is not free, where it refuses to think and where it purposefully fails to inquire.

Mr. Raymond Thek is a Partner at Lowenstein Sandler LLP and a Vice Chair of The Tech Group. A 1983 graduate of Boston University, he earned his J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 1986, where he was a Director of the Yale Law and Technology Association and a Director of the Yale Federalist Society. An angel investor in his own right, Mr. Thek is the Co-Founder of VentureCrushFG, which provides mentoring and peer group networking for high-potential tech entrepreneurs, and the Co-Founder and COO of GrapeArborVC, an angel investor group that provides financial backing to promising tech startups. He also serves on the Executive Committee of VentureCrushAV, a networking program that regularly brings together seed-stage investors and entrepreneurs to build the tech ecosystem in and around New York City.

An avid reader of the classics and a Civil War buff who has been to Gettysburg seven times, Mr. Thek's son, Raymond Thek III, joins his father in his support of the Buckley Program, and they attend many of our events together. Mr. Thek's father, also Ray, is one of the founders of the New York State Conservative Party and worked on both William F. Buckley, Jr.'s mayoral campaign and James Buckley's campaign for U.S. Senate.



Student FELLOWS PROGRAM

In 2018, the number of student fellows surpassed 300, rendering the Buckley Program one of the largest organizations on Yale's campus. While all students and the public at large are welcome to attend most Buckley Program events, our student fellows enjoy special access to private receptions and small-group meetings with guest speakers, subsidized opportunities to attend conferences (such as the Conservative Political Action Conference and the Annual Undergraduate Conference on the American Polity), and complimentary copies of books such as Mary Katherine Ham and Guy Benson's book *End of Discussion: How the Left's Outrage Industry Shuts Down Debate, Manipulates Voters, and Makes America Less Free (and Fun)* and books by seminar leaders such as Lee Edwards. Fellows also reap the benefits of camaraderie with one another as they build friendships with like-minded individuals.

Throughout the year, special seminars are organized for the Buckley Fellows, through which they can learn from learned and accomplished seminar leaders. In September, Heather Hendershot, a Professor of Film and Media at MIT, visited the Buckley Program to discuss her recent book *Open to Debate: How William F. Buckley Put Liberal America on the Firing Line*. Professor Nicholas Christakis' seminar later that month was entitled "Thinking Deeply for Oneself." Dr. Thomas West led an October 2017 seminar on the subject of his book *The Political Theory of the American Founding: Natural Rights, Public Policy, and the Moral Conditions of Freedom*. Dr. Lee Edwards, who presided over a seminar December, is a leading historian of American conservatism and the Distinguished Fellow in Conservative Thought at The Heritage Foundation. The next seminar on the calendar was Erica Komisar leading a discussion on the politicization of motherhood. Professor Jack Goldsmith of Harvard Law School joined the Buckley Fellows for the final seminar of the spring semester, focusing on national security and executive power.



FALL *Essay* CONTEST

In the fall of 2017, the Buckley Program offered two essay contests. The first was for Yale College students and the second for American high school students from grades 9 to 12. The question to be addressed was “If you could propose one amendment to the U.S. Constitution, what would it be?” The prizes awarded in each category were \$1,000 for first-place, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third. All winners were invited to the Buckley Program’s Seventh Annual Conference dinner banquet at the Omni Hotel on Friday, November 3, 2017 to receive recognition and their rewards.

THE AWARD RECIPIENTS WERE:

Yale College Competition

First Place: Jeffrey Hendricks '18

Second Place: Noah Daponte-Smith '18

Third Place: Abhay Rangray '20

High School Competition

First Place: Andrej Elez, Montgomery High School '20

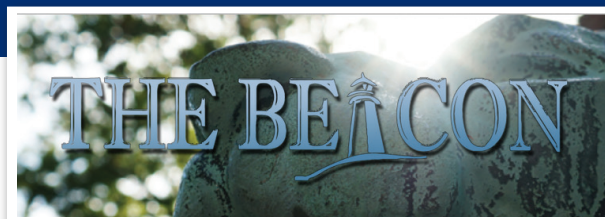
Second Place: Holden Whaley, Xavier High School '21

Third Place: James Heavey, Greenwich High School '19

Honorable Mention: Naomi Kostman, Greenwich High School '19

Student BLOG

The Buckley Program’s official student blog is The Beacon (www.buckleybeacon.com), and it is where our student fellows post news and other content of interest. Frequently, they conduct interviews of the speakers we bring to campus, post reading lists, and advertise internship and mentorship opportunities, among other items of note. Aspiring to uphold Bill Buckley’s legacy, our student authors seek to provide an outlet for Yale students to articulate and discover underrepresented views. By naming themselves “The Beacon,” they pay homage to Yale’s motto by “endeavoring to shed a little more *Lux* on a little more *Veritas*.”



One of the real values of The Beacon is the forum it gives to Fellows to publish reflective pieces on the Buckley Program events they attend. For instance, Eric Wallach’s article “Engagement is Not Agreement: Thoughts on Governor Bush and the Buckley Program” was an enlightening consideration of Bush’s remarks on conservatism and how much is to be learned from participating in well-reasoned political discussions, even when one is ideologically opposed to the conclusions. Following Oren Cass’ lecture on climate change, another Buckley Fellow published on The Beacon his thoughts of the conversation he enjoyed with Mr. Cass about the over-dramatization of climate change analyses. For the benefit of our Fellows, Dr. Roslyn Layton submitted a reading list to The Beacon after her Firing Line Debate on net neutrality. She prefaced the list with the following wisdom: “This is a reading list to help you think for yourself and push against orthodoxy. The purpose of inquiry and debate is to seek truth, engage in dialogue, and challenge opinions. Here are some resources to help you sharpen your reasoning and inspire you to make masterful argumentation.”



Reunion Weekends

For the second year in a row, the Program organized two reunion weekend breakfast panels specially tailored to alumni and their guests returning to campus on the occasion of their class reunions. Scheduled for Saturday morning, these free breakfast events, which are open to all guests, are a tremendous way to meet current students as well as engage with other alumni over a convivial meal. This year, an average of over 50 guests gathered at the Quinnipiack Club in New Haven for panel discussions entitled “Politics and Free Speech on Campus: Then and Now.” The panel on Saturday, May 26th featured C. Wallace DeWitt ’03, Geoffrey Kabaservice ’88, Weaver Lilley ’21, and Nathaniel Zelinsky ’13. Our second reunion weekend panel on Saturday, June 2nd featured Jim Coyne ’68, Cameron Koffman ’19, Michael Skol ’63, Raphael Steiner ’21, and Mead Treadwell ’78. As with most of our events, both discussions were recorded and can be viewed on our YouTube channel.



If you plan on attending your reunion next year and have an idea for a Buckley Program reunion event, please contact Lauren Noble at Lauren@BuckleyProgram.com.



Former Major League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent LAW '63 Makes Contribution *In Memory of Charles Krauthammer*

In reverent acknowledgment of his inimitable contributions as one of the finest political commentators of our time, we are honored to announce that a gift has been made in memory of Dr. Charles Krauthammer by Mr. Fay Vincent LAW '63. Through Mr. Vincent's outstanding generosity, we are grateful to have support to host speakers who exemplify the signature ability of Dr. Krauthammer to deliver trenchant insight in a respectful but powerful way, with wit, learning, and tolerance.

Mr. Vincent reflected on his hero and the "shining example" he set in an op-ed in *The Wall Street Journal* in June. He wrote:

Many admirers who watched Charles on Fox News did not know he was sitting in a wheelchair. I noticed because I also "ride" a chair and am limited. Charles never spoke of these issues, but I felt a special bond and wrote him a fan letter years ago to commend his remarkable political commentary and his courage. Like him, I had experienced a paralyzing injury—I broke my back in a fall while at college—though mine was less severe than his.

It turned out he knew of my history for the same reasons I knew of his. When he replied to my letter, he was gracious and shared his personal insight on our youthful misfortunes. He wrote that he and I were fortunate—sort of—to have suffered our injuries when we were so young. We might have had more difficulty recovering had we been hurt at an older age. His wise diagnosis had the ring of his psychiatric training.

Past great political pundits—Walter Lippmann, H.L. Mencken, Arthur Krock—were not the presence that Charles Krauthammer became with his daily Fox News appearances. He is the finest of our current political translators and commentators, well-suited for our age because of his contrast with it. The prevalence of bloviating, uncivilized screamers makes Charles's self-effacing reserve especially refreshing. Slyly irreverent yet respectful and civil, he has a classic education and is literate when those attributes are being devalued. He is an inspiration: We wish we knew what Charles knows.

We thank Mr. Vincent for this opportunity to celebrate Dr. Krauthammer's memory while advancing our mission to promote intellectual diversity at Yale.



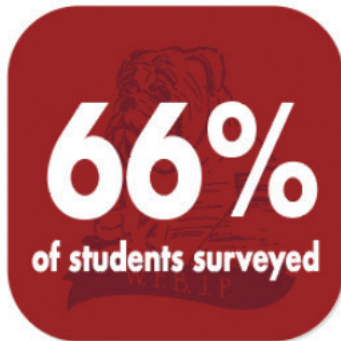
Dr. Krauthammer speaks at the Yale Law School in 2015

National SURVEY

So as to ascertain the current state of free speech protection, or its degradation, on college campuses today, the Buckley Program commissions annual national surveys; this past year was the Program's third. Conducted by a nationally recognized polling firm, McLaughlin & Associates, the findings reveal student attitudes on a range of topics such as the First Amendment, speech codes, intellectual diversity, disruption of speakers, hate speech, and impact of social media on political discourse. Results receive wide publication and are routinely cited in national news outlets and even books.

Our latest survey revealed troubling attitudes about free speech held by students across the political spectrum. While unsurprising, these results underscore just how much needs to be done to revive open and honest discourse. Colleges and universities should be leading the way, but the Buckley Program is certainly doing its part, and more, to address this critical lapse.

The full details of the survey and its methodology can be viewed on our website, www.BuckleyProgram.com.



believe hate speech is
"something different to everyone
and you just know it when you see or hear it"



believe
"it is sometimes appropriate to shout down or
disrupt a speaker on my campus"

"Survey findings like this should serve as an alarm bell every bit as important as the shout-downs and attacks that dominate the headlines. Naysayers and defenders of the status quo on campus will argue that the censors represent a mere fringe, that our campuses are still more free than critics suggest. That may be true on some campuses, but these poll numbers indicate that the so-called radicals are perhaps more mainstream than we'd like to admit."

--David French, *National Review*



Highlights from the 2017 Buckley Free Speech Survey include:

- Most students (93%) say the issue of free speech is important to them;
- A majority of students (52%) oppose their school having speech codes to regulate speech for students and faculty;
- By a 53% to 44% margin, students disagree with the proverbial phrase “stick and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me;”
- More than eight in ten students (81%) believe that words can be a form of violence;
- 38% of students say it is sometimes appropriate to shout down or disrupt a speaker on campus;
- 30% of students believe that physical violence can be justified to prevent someone from using hate speech or making racially charged comments;
- By a 58% to 32% margin, students say their college or university should forbid people from speaking on campus who have a history of engaging in hate speech;
- Two in three students (66%) define hate speech in broad terms, saying that it can be anything one particular person believes is harmful and that hate speech means something different to everyone;
- Nearly one in three students (31%) believe that hate speech is not protected under the First Amendment;
- A majority of students (57%) say Facebook has a negative impact on political discourse in America, while 29% say it has a positive impact;
- The plurality of students (45%) share the same opinions and political beliefs as their friends;
- More than nine in ten students (93%) agree that there is educational value in listening to and understanding views and opinions that they may disagree with and are different from their own.



THE *Financial Strength* OF THE BUCKLEY PROGRAM

A Message from the Treasurer, John Spagnola '79

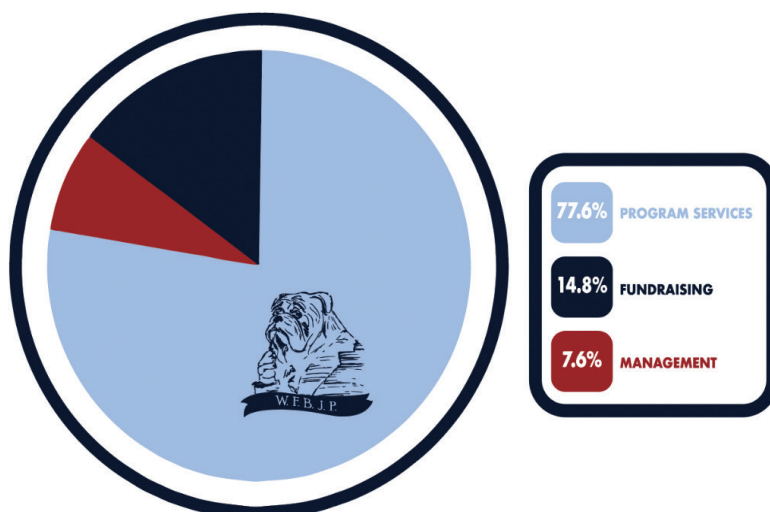
I am delighted to report that our esteemed organization is in strong health financially. Since 2016, our revenue has risen by over 33% from \$818,461 to \$1,090,612. Our unrestricted net assets for the year ending in December 2017 totaled over \$1,000,000.

The Buckley Program's exponential growth is evinced by these encouraging numbers and its ever-increasing slate of programming. As we broaden our outreach geographically and programmatically, we bring our mission of promoting intellectual diversity to an increasing number of alumni and friends. They, in turn, amplify our message by sharing our initiatives within their social circles, and thus the Program's achievements resonate far beyond Yale and New Haven.

	December 31, 2017
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 276,046
Marketable securities	714,164
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>25,028</u>
Total current assets	1,015,238
Property and equipment, net	<u>8,816</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,024,054</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,200
Net assets, unrestricted	<u>1,012,854</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$1,024,054</u>

	2017
Revenues and support:	
Contributions and grants	\$ 858,424
Special events	221,720
Other income	<u>10,468</u>
Total revenues and support	<u>1,090,612</u>
Expenses:	
Program services	505,375
Management and general	49,466
Fundraising	<u>96,302</u>
Total expenses	651,143

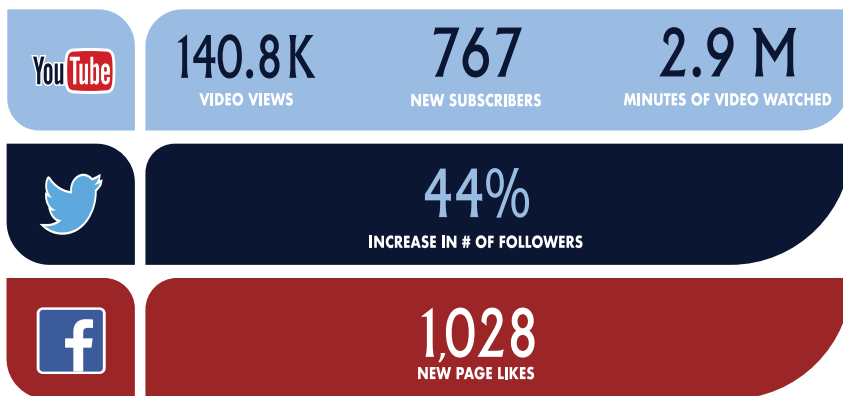
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"An extraordinarily successful antidote to Yale's current creeping political correctness. The Program has grown beyond my own original hopes. It is a model for intellectual courage [and] preservation for universities [nationwide]." -Ambassador Michael Skol '63



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At The Disinvitation Dinner, Charles Murray Offers Cautious Pessimism



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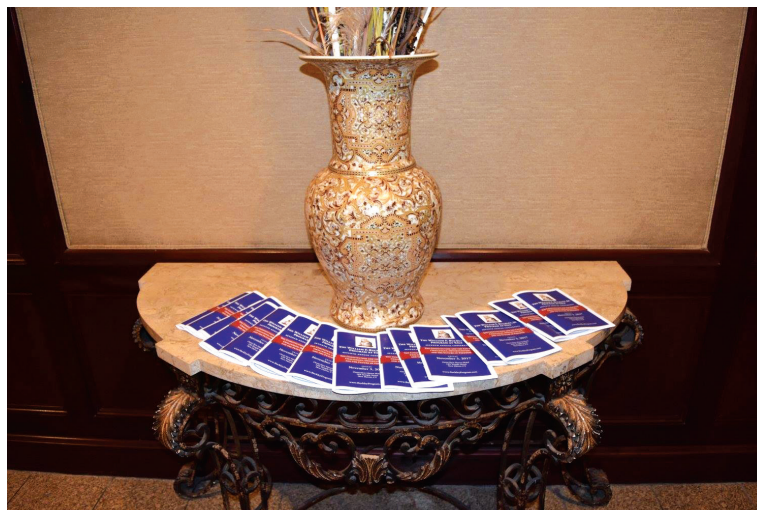
Donations of all sizes are welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact Lauren@BuckleyProgram.com with any questions.

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A legacy gift to the William F. Buckley, Jr. Program is an ideal way to ensure your generosity has an enduring impact on the advancement of free speech and conservative values at Yale and beyond. To join the God and Man at Yale Society, please contact your lawyer or financial planner and have the following sentence added to your will:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to the William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale (Tax ID #27-5131268), located at 234 Church Street, 7th Floor, New Haven, CT, the sum of \$[fill in dollar amount or item of property to be donated] or [fill in the percentage]% of my estate to be used for its general support.”

We kindly request that you call or write to us to notify us of your planned gift.



ABOUT US

Launched in January 2011, the mission of the William F. Buckley, Jr. Program is to promote intellectual diversity on Yale's campus. Named for *National Review* founder William F. Buckley, Jr. '50, the Program offers a speaker series, conferences, Firing Line Debates, internships for undergraduates, and more.



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If you would like to hear more about our programs, we invite you to join our e-mail list for regular updates. Please contact our Executive Director at Lauren@BuckleyProgram.com or 203-745-1316.



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