

Thought for the week: "What we have before us are some breathtaking opportunities disguised as insoluble problems."

-- former cabinet secretary John W. Gardner

Undergrad and Graduate Alumni Find Success After UConn

Hope Seeley (BA, 1986), a prominent Hartford attorney, was recently featured in the October 8, 2006 issue of *NE Magazine*. After graduating with a political science degree, Hope attended the UConn Law School, earning her juris doctorate with honors in 1989. After law school, Hope joined Hubert Santos in the firm Santos and Seeley. She has been involved in many high-profile cases in Connecticut, including the Michael Skakel case. Hope practices in both state and federal courts and has been involved in a broad variety of criminal and civil cases, both on the trial and appellate levels. Hope served as the President of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association from 2001-2002 and she was appointed to serve as the

chair of the Ad Hoc Criminal Practice Committee by the Chief Justice of Connecticut's highest court in 2001. She also is the co-chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Connecticut Trial Advocacy Institute and co-chair of the Federal Practice Section of the Hartford County Bar Association. She lectures annually at the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association's Criminal Litigation Seminar, presenting the Annual Review of Significant Decisions in Criminal Law and Procedure. In 1998, Hope was the recipient of the first annual Maxwell Heiman Memorial Award presented by the Hartford County Bar Association to an attorney who exemplifies the high standards of service to the profession, ethics, scholarship and devotion to clients. In addition to

her work as a criminal defense attorney, she also specializes in white-collar crime and civil litigation. Hope was also the 2006 recipient of the UConn Law School Distinguished Alumni Award.

Matt Hart (MPA, 1998) has been selected by the Mansfield town council to serve as the new town manager. Matt has worked as the assistant town manager since January 2000. After reviewing 47 applicants the council unanimously choose Hart on August 28, 2006. Mansfield Mayor Betsy Paterson praised Hart saying, "Matt is a very bright young man, and he's had the best of all possible training." She later noted that, "He was named alumni of the year of the UConn chapter of the MPA group." Matt expects to start his new position in December.

CT Supreme Court to Visit Campus

The Connecticut Supreme Court will hold its session at UConn on **Tuesday, October 17**, beginning at 10:00 AM. in the Rome Commons Ballroom. This is part of an effort by the Court to give students and others the opportunity to see the judicial process first-hand.

The Court will hear two cases on Tuesday. A criminal case will be heard at 10:00 AM, and a civil case at 12:00 PM. Following the hearing, the attorneys for the litigants will be available for

discussion and questions. Due to security concerns, cell phones and other electronic devices will not be permitted in the courtroom, nor will backpacks. These items should be left at home as there will be no storage available in the Rome Commons Ballroom. More information about the Supreme Court visit is available at www.events.uconn.edu. This should be a great opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to gain insight into the judicial process.

Submission Guide

Submissions for publication in *Monday Morning* should be placed in the submission box in Monteith Hall, Room 137, or can be submitted by email to Wes Renfro at wesley.renfro@uconn.edu. Please feel free to submit any suggestions or comments. If you would like to submit publications, presentations, invited talks, etc. for *Monday Morning*, please include an abstract of your work so it may be published.

Graduate Student Announcements

■ The Ph.D. general written exams will be given this fall during the weeks of November 6 and 13, 2006. Students planning to take their exams should notify Professor Clifford and complete the checklist covering their examination fields, breadth area, and departmental requirements, including any necessary waivers. All requirements need to be met before students can take their exams. Questions should be directed to the graduate office.

■ The Fulbright-Hays-Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad

Program provides grants to grad students in doctoral programs in the fields of foreign languages and area studies. Projects deepen research knowledge on, and help the nation develop capability in, areas of the world not generally included in U.S. curricula. Projects focusing on Western Europe are not supported. Fulbright-Hays DDR grants will fund research abroad for periods of 6 to 12 months. Applications will be available on-line on are due **November 15, 2006**.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted

electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department of Education's e-Grants system. Information about F-HDDR grants will be found at www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html. If you intend to apply for a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research grant, you must notify Elizabeth Mahan in the Office of International Affairs at elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu.

Brookings Institution Seeks Doctoral Research Fellows

The Brookings Institution invites nominations of advanced predoctoral students to be candidates for Brookings Research Fellowships for 2007-2008. The fellowships are designed for candidates whose dissertation topics are directly related to public policy and political institutions, and thus to the major interests of the Brookings Institution, and whose research would benefit from residence in Washington at Brookings. Fellows will be affiliated with one of four participating

Brookings research programs: Foreign Policy Studies, Governance Studies, Metropolitan Policy, and Global Economy and Development. The fellowships carry a stipend of \$22,000, payable on a ten-month basis, for nine months of research in residence at Brookings and one month of vacation. The Institution will provide up to \$1,500 supplementary assistance for reimbursement of expenses for research-related travel, copying and other essential research

requirements, plus access to a personal computer and the Institution's main server and networks. The fellows chosen will be expected to pursue their research at the Brookings Institution beginning on or about September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Fellows are invited to participate in conferences and seminars hosted by Brookings. For more information and application procedures visit, www.brookings.edu/admin/brf_fellowship.htm

2006-2007 Political Science Colloquia Calendar			
Day/Date	Time	Location	Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]
Wednesday, March 21	12:00 PM	Class of '47 Room, Babbidge Library	Joanne Bauer (former Director of Studies at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs), TBD [co-sponsored with Human Rights Institute]
Thursday, April 5	12:30 PM	TBD	Morris Fiorina (Stanford University), TBD

Schedule is tentative. All information subject to change. For more information, please contact Professor Morrell at michael.morrell@uconn.edu.