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MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to increase understanding of the United States in Australia and around the world.

Spanning the study of politics and policy, economics and business, and culture and society, the core activities of the Centre include:

- Postgraduate degrees and undergraduate teaching
- Academic research and research training
- Policy analysis and commentary
- Business leadership forums
- Public education and community outreach

The Centre’s ambition is to become the leading institution outside America for the study of the United States.

Our principal objectives are to:

- Undertake analysis, research and teaching of the highest quality
- Be the international hub for the study of the United States
- Build networks with preeminent American institutions and scholars

US Studies Centre: from 2006 to today

The United States Studies Centre was established by the Howard Government in 2006 with $25 million in support, to foster greater understanding of the United States in Australia and around the world.

After a national competition organised by the American Australian Association, the University of Sydney won the right to form the US Studies Centre in partnership with the AAA.

Today the Centre also receives financial support from the University of Sydney, the NSW Government and multinational corporations, and generates additional revenues from its teaching and research.

The Centre held its first National Summit in late 2007, before enrolling its first postgraduate students and appointing founding CEO Professor Geoffrey Garrett early the following year.

The Centre’s headquarters on the University’s historic Science Road were also opened in 2008. Since then a thousand students and hundreds of visitors, experts and scholars have passed through its doors.

The Centre has held major conferences and workshops on a wide array of issues of importance to Australia and the US, ranging from defence and security cooperation and the rise of emerging Asia to climate change, urban planning, ethical business, multiculturalism and inequality.

The Centre’s experts and visitors are regular contributors to media analysis of American affairs, with its flagship publication American Review offering global perspectives on the US.

The Centre’s staff of more than 50 supports a wide ranging academic program of teaching and research as well as a burgeoning think tank program bringing together thought leaders and policy makers to address critical 21st century issues facing Australia and the US.
2010 represented a major leap forward in the scale, scope and quality of the activities of the United States Studies Centre. The Centre now has three major streams of work. First, it is an academic institution with thriving undergraduate, postgraduate and postdoctoral programs, supported by a team of research academics spanning the humanities and social sciences.

Second, the Centre is Australia’s ‘go-to’ resource for media analysis and commentary on all aspects of contemporary America. Finally, the Centre is playing an increasingly important think tank role in proposing policy solutions on issues of key importance to Australia and the US, from the future of relations between the two countries to the myriad sustainability challenges they both face.

With a doubling of office size in our upcoming move into the historic Institute Building on the University campus, expanded funding from the NSW Government, and Australian Government support for a major new project on the 21st Century Australia-US Alliance, the future for the US Studies Centre looks secure and strong.

The Centre’s undergraduate program expanded considerably in 2010, teaching more than 400 students, with 800 expected in 2011 and an honours year to start in 2012. Our new study and intern program in Washington, DC exceeded expectations and a second program in Los Angeles is to be added in 2012. This year the Centre also executed its first set of research training workshops for Australian PhD students and early career researchers, taught by some of the US’s finest social scientists.

In 2010 the Centre also cemented its position as the Australian media’s main resource on the US, increasing our media exposure by more than one third. Our experts authored 46 opinion articles in the major newspapers, a 60 per cent increase on last year. Meanwhile Centre interviews in major prime time TV news and analysis programs such as ABC’s 7.30 Report and Lateline, SBS World News and Sky Agenda nearly doubled. Meanwhile the Centre’s flagship publication American Review is delivering distinctive global perspectives on the US by world-class thinkers and writers, with a new iPad platform launching in 2011.

The Centre’s Think Tank grew rapidly with the first year of the three-year Dow Sustainability program underway, featuring partnerships with Stanford University on water management, ANU on climate-energy-water tradeoffs, and the Soil Carbon Initiative with the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Sydney. With Dow and Alcoa support, the Centre hosted its first major conference outside Sydney. The City of the Future Conference in Brisbane was held in collaboration with the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland. The Centre was also a major player in G’Day USA 2011, with leading roles in day-long conferences on the Future of Asia and Sustainable Cities in January in Los Angeles and Boston.

As you will read in the rest of this report, 2010 was a great year for the Centre. To old friends of the Centre, we say thank you. To new friends and associates, please get involved and make 2011 even better.

Malcolm Binks AO  Chairman
Professor Geoffrey Garrett  Chief Executive Officer
2010 IN REVIEW

A year of growth and recognition

People
As the Centre’s global reputation grows, so too does its staff and affiliates, and in 2010 the Centre made more than a dozen outstanding appointments including:

- Following his retirement after more than a decade as President of the Australian Law Reform Commission, American-educated Professor David Weisbrot joined the Centre as Professor in Legal Policy, writing and speaking on all aspects of American law, legal policy and jurisprudence.
- Former head of the Power Institute Professor Roger Benjamin has created a new postgraduate class, American Art: Pollock to Warhol.
- The Centre also recruited two prominent University of Sydney academics to work jointly in the Centre and their home departments. Dr James Curran brings special expertise on the history of defence and security co-operation between Australia and the US, while Dr Jane Park, an expert in contemporary American media and entertainment, is teaching and researching at the Centre in gender and multiculturalism.

Our Think Tank also made a series of appointments under the auspices of the Dow Sustainability Program. Following a distinguished career in medicine, science and business Adjunct Professor Susan Pond AM leads the Centre’s work on biosequestration and biofuels, while Adjunct Professor Howard Bamsey, possibly Australia’s preeminent official on climate change, leads development of an energy security program.

Research
Academics and experts at the Centre had a highly productive year in 2010. Special mention should be made of Geoffrey Garrett and Margaret Levi’s co-edited new Encyclopedia of Political Science, Brendan O’Connor’s four-volume edited collection on American Foreign Policy Traditions, and James Fallow’s three cover stories for The Atlantic on America’s post-GFC rebound, the path forward for journalism, and the future of clean coal.

In a first for the Centre Australian research students and early career researchers were offered the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge research methods in the social sciences with a series of SSMART (Social Science Methods, Analysis and Research Training) workshops. These sessions exposed students to the best of America’s esteemed social scientists including Harvard’s Bruce Western and Stanford’s Barry Weingast, as well as the Centre’s own Margaret Levi, Michael Hiscox and Simon Jackman.

The Centre awarded research grants totalling $100,000 for 15 projects in the humanities and social sciences to academics from 12 Australian universities. Recipients will work on a diverse range of subjects including a comparison of maternity leave in Australia and the US, child poverty, the attitudes of Latinos in the US and waging war in a digital age.

Learning & teaching
The Centre continued its expanded program of courses on offer to students at all levels. The Masters, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate of US Studies attracted 35 students, while the Centre appointed two new PhD students to its staff. We also added the Master of Letters (US Studies) to its postgraduate offerings, allowing students to further their studies through internships in Washington, DC or an extended research project. Two of our postgraduate students won prestigious internships in the US where they worked as aides in Congress.

Our undergraduates classes US in the World and Introduction to US Politics attracted more than 400 students, up from 75 the year before. The Centre joined forces with the University of Sydney Business School to send 19 undergraduates to Washington, DC. They studied and lived with students from the University of California while also interning in the Australian Embassy, congressional offices, international think tanks and Washington non-profits.
Media & communications

Media coverage rose by an impressive 38 per cent in 2010, with close to 1,000 instances of coverage involving the Centre across print, online, radio and TV. The first anniversary of President Obama’s inauguration, the State of the Union address and November’s midterm elections all drew extensive media commentary from Centre experts.

The Centre’s website attracted nearly 100,000 visits in 2010. Video interviews with visitors and experts have become one of the most visited areas of the website, while the e-newsletter continues to provide an important platform to disseminate information about the Centre around the world.

Think Tank

Our Think Tank activities increased dramatically in 2010 with the launch of the Dow Sustainability Program to complement the ongoing Innovation Program supported by Merck. Our sustainability initiatives feature partnerships with Stanford University, the ANU and the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Sydney. Its principle areas of focus are water management, climate-energy-water tradeoffs, soil carbon sequestration, biofuels and sustainable cities. The Innovation Program produced a major report on biotechnology hubs comparing San Diego with Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, and identified reasons why the commercialisation of scientific innovation in Australia tends to lag behind the United States.

Events & visitors

The Centre had a packed calendar of 126 events of both global and national significance over the course of the year, including the City of the Future Conference in Brisbane and the Inequality Workshop in Sydney.

Meanwhile the Centre attracted 65 visitors, almost three times the number who visited the previous year. These ranged from professors and film-makers to Pulitzer Prize winners and Obama administration officials, and included Jeffrey Bleich, US Ambassador to Australia, Raphael Bostic, Assistant Secretary for Policy in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Jack Miles, Pulitzer Prize winning author, Henry Cisneros, former US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Dan Henkle, Senior Vice President of Social Responsibility for Gap Inc.

NSW Government announces $2.5m funding boost

In December the NSW Government announced $2.5 million in funding for the Centre to support cutting edge initiatives in promoting economic ties between NSW and America. Making the announcement, Treasurer and Minister for State and Regional Development Eric Roozendaal said “The US is by far the world’s largest economy and a key economic partner for Australia. The US Studies Centre deepens Australian knowledge and understanding of the US and strengthens the underlying links between people and institutions in the two countries.”

The four year agreement will focus on digital media, clean technology, business and financial services, defence and higher education.

“The Centre attracts top-rate visitors and researchers who are contributing significantly to the development of the Australia-US relationship.”

Ted Evans, Chairman of Westpac

James Fallows, Malcolm Binks, Eric Roozendaal, Geoffrey Garrett & Kim Beazley at the announcement
Appointments

**Howard Bamsey**
**Adjunct Professor of Climate Change and Energy Security**

Howard Bamsey joined the Centre following his retirement as Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government’s Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Perhaps Australia’s preeminent official on climate change, Howard has served for the past several years as Kevin Rudd’s special envoy on all international sustainability matters for the Australian Government.

At the Centre Howard will give guest lectures on sustainability issues to undergraduate and postgraduate students. He will also be a leading player in the Centre’s sustainability activities, bringing new attention to energy security issues and promoting trilateral co-operation between Australia, China and the US on climate, energy and the environment.

**Roger Benjamin**
**Professor of Art History**

Roger Benjamin teaches a new postgraduate class, American Art: Pollock to Warhol, and will work to bring prominent American artists to Australia whilst also promoting understanding of contemporary Australian art in the US.

Formerly Director of the Power Institute at the University of Sydney, Roger is currently also Professor of Art History in the Department of Art History and Film Studies. In addition to his expertise in American art, Roger is a leading scholar of Aboriginal art and French orientalist art.

**James Curran**
**Senior Lecturer in the History of the Australia-US Alliance**

James Curran teaches and writes on the Australia-US defence and security alliance as well as Australian political history. In 2010 he was the DFAT/ Fulbright Professional Scholar in Australia-US Alliance Studies, based in Washington, DC. James has previously worked as a foreign policy analyst in both the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Office of National Assessments.

James’ books include *The Power of Speech: Australian Prime Ministers Defining the National Image*, *The Unknown Nation: Australia After Empire* (co-authored with Stuart Ward) and *Curtin’s Empire*.

**Michael Hiscox**
**Visiting Professor in Ethical Business**

Michael Hiscox is engaged in path-breaking work using large scale field experiments to explore whether consumers in Australia and the US will actually buy and pay more for goods produced with sustainable and fair labour practices. His research involves working directly with major American brands including Cadburys, Gap and Wholefoods, and Australian companies such as Woolworths, on measuring the impact of ethical practices on consumer behaviour.

Michael is the Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs at Harvard University, where he undertook doctoral studies following his undergraduate education at the University of Sydney.
Andrea Koch
Project Manager for the Soil Carbon Initiative

Andrea Koch leads the Centre’s Soil Carbon Initiative as part of the broader sustainability program. She is an experienced strategist whose career includes 20 years in the telecommunications and media industries.

Andrea has a Master of Sustainable Development and is an adviser, writer and educator with a special focus on sustainable food and agriculture. She provides a lens to the emerging issues around food and agriculture and is focused on the potential for putting carbon back into soil to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase agricultural productivity and store water.

Adam Lockyer
Lecturer in US Politics and Foreign Policy

Adam Lockyer teaches US politics and foreign policy in the Centre’s undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Awarded his PhD from the University of Sydney in 2009 after serving in the Australian Army, Adam has been a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC and was the Lowy Institute’s 2008 Thawley Scholarship winner.

Adam writes and speaks widely on issues relating to US defence and foreign policy, post-conflict reconstruction, governance and insurgency.

Rebecca Nelson
Lead Researcher, Comparative Groundwater Law & Policy Program, Stanford University

Rebecca Nelson is Lead Researcher in the Centre’s Comparative Groundwater Law and Policy Program with the Woods Institute for the Environment and the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford University, a collaborative program with the US Studies Centre. A graduate in law and environmental engineering from the University of Melbourne, Rebecca started her doctoral studies in 2010 at Stanford where she focused on Australian and US approaches to groundwater management, after she completed a master's degree at Stanford on the same subject.

Rebecca previously worked in the environmental and water law practices of Blake Dawson, including a long-term secondment to the then Murray-Darling Basin Commission. Her study in the United States has been supported by a General Sir John Monash Award.
Appointments

Jane Chi Hyun Park  
Lecturer in Contemporary American Media

As an expert in film and television, Jane Park’s work at the Centre focuses on gender and multiculturalism in American, Australian, and Korean popular media. She has a PhD in Radio-TV-Film from the University of Texas and is also a member of the Department of Gender and Cultural Studies and the Asian Studies Program, at the University of Sydney.


Jamie Pittock  
Program Leader AUS-CEW

Jamie Pittock leads the Centre’s joint project with ANU on the climate-energy-water nexus in Australia and the US. Before joining the Centre he was Director of WWF’s Global Freshwater Programme for six years. Jamie holds the role of Director of International Programs for the UNESCO Chair in Water Economics and Transboundary Water Governance at ANU.

With his background in zoology, geography and nature conservation, Jamie’s work on water management and its interactions with climate change and energy is at the cutting edge of sustainability research.

Susan Pond AM FTSE  
Adjunct Professor in Sustainability

Susan Pond has a distinguished record in medicine, science and business and was appointed to the Dow Sustainability Program to lead the Centre’s program on advanced biofuels. This program is assessing the commercial potential in Australia and internationally of advanced biofuels, their environmental and economic benefits and costs, and the market and policy incentives and barriers.

Before joining the Centre, Susan was a senior biotechnology executive at Johnson & Johnson in Sydney and Chairman of the Australian biotechnology industry organisation, AusBiotech Ltd. Previously Susan held professorial positions as an academic physician with specialist credentials in internal medicine, therapeutics and toxicology and was Chairman of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee.
Rebecca Sheehan
Lecturer in US History

Rebecca Sheehan joined the Centre as a Postdoctoral Fellow and became a Lecturer in US History in 2010. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Rebecca co-ordinates the Postdoctoral Fellows program. She came to the Centre from the University of Southern California where she completed her MA and PhD.

Rebecca’s research focuses on cultural tensions in 1970’s America and she is currently completing a book manuscript entitled American Redemption: Sex, Rock, and Religion, 1968-1983.

David Smith
Lecturer in American Politics and Foreign Policy

David Smith, a Lecturer in American Politics and Foreign Policy, took up a joint appointment between the Centre and the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Sydney in early 2011. A University Medallist and First Class Honours graduate from the University of Sydney with a double major in government and international relations and philosophy, he recently completed his PhD in political science from the University of Michigan.

David’s research examines political relations between governments and religious communities in the US and other western countries, with a focus on Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses. He received the Kingdon Prize for Outstanding Teaching at the University of Michigan in 2008.

David Weisbrot AM
Professor of Legal Policy

David Weisbrot, Professor of Legal Policy at the Centre and Professor of Law and Governance at Macquarie University, writes and speaks on all aspects of American law, legal policy and jurisprudence.

David came to the Centre having served for a decade as President of the Australian Law Reform Commission where he led more than 15 major national inquiries into issues including the judicial power of the Commonwealth, the federal civil justice system, sedition laws, the protection of human genetic information, the handling of classified and security sensitive information and Australian privacy law and practice. A prolific author, David is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and holds a BA (Hons) from the City University of New York and a law degree from UCLA.
Visitors

Last year the Centre attracted 65 visitors, an almost threefold increase on the previous year, sharing their insights with students and academics, government officials and corporate executives, and the general public.

Some of the more prominent guests included two senior Obama administration officials Raphael Bostic and Polly Trottenberg, Pulitzer Prize winning scholar of religion Jack Miles, former US Ambassador to Egypt and Israel Daniel Kurtzer, social entrepreneur and founder of Ethos Water Jonathan Greenblatt, President of Growth Initiatives for Alcoa Kevin Kramer, and James Hansen, who *Time Magazine* designated as one of the world’s 100 most influential people for his work on climate change.

- **Peter Beinart**, Associate Professor of Journalism and Political Science at the City University of New York, and the senior political writer for *The Daily Beast*
- **David Brady**, Deputy Director of the Hoover Institution and McCoy Professor of Political Science and Leadership Values at Stanford University
- **Henry Cisneros**, former US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- **Mark Danner**, reporter and writer on foreign affairs, politics and war
- **Robert Doyle**, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne, former Leader of the Opposition in Victoria
- **Judith Ehrlich**, Co-producer and Director of 2010 Academy Award-nominated documentary ‘The Most Dangerous Man in America’
- **Henry Farber**, Hughes-Rogers Professor of Economics at Princeton University
- **Morris Fiorina**, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Wendt Family Professor of Political Science at Stanford University
- **Gail Fosler**, past President and Chief Economist of The Conference Board
- **Kevin Gaines**, Director of the Center for Afro-American and African Studies and Professor of History at the University of Michigan
- **Jonathan Greenblatt**, social entrepreneur, President of All for Good, Lecturer at the Anderson School of Management, UCLA
- **James Hansen**, Director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University’s Earth Institute
- **Dan Henkle**, Senior Vice President of Global Responsibility, GAP Inc.

Mark Danner

One of the world’s most distinguished investigative journalists and war reporters, Mark Danner appeared in conversation with Centre Chief Executive Geoffrey Garrett at the University of Sydney in February.

Danner reflected on the history of American interventions over the past 30 years and discussed challenges facing the Obama administration from the war in Afghanistan to closing the Guantanamo Bay detention centre.

Danner has reported and written on foreign affairs, politics and war for over two decades, covering such trouble spots as El Salvador, Haiti, Bosnia and most recently, Iraq. His latest book is *Stripping Bare the Body: Politics, Violence, War*.

Professor Garrett said: “Mark Danner’s first class reporting over several decades has consistently shed new light on often hidden aspects of American interventions in other countries.”
• **Peter Katzenstein**, Professor of International Studies at Cornell University
• **David Kepler**, Executive Vice President, Business Services and Chief Sustainability Officer for The Dow Chemical Company
• **Kevin Kramer**, President, Growth Initiatives for Alcoa
• **Daniel Kurtzer**, S. Daniel Abraham Chair in Middle East Policy Studies, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University
• **Glenn Loury**, Professor of the Social Sciences and Professor of Economics at Brown University
• **Romilly Madew**, Chief Executive of the Green Building Council of Australia
• **Jack Miles**, Distinguished Professor of English and Religious Studies, University of California, Irvine
• **John Norquist**, President of the Congress for the New Urbanism
• **Mary O’Kane**, Chair at the Australian Centre for Renewable Energy and New South Wales Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer
• **Thomas Romer**, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs at Princeton University
• **Jeffrey Schott**, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics
• **Polly Trottenberg**, Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy at the US Department of Transportation

**Mark Tushnet**, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Harvard Law School

**Amy Zegart**, Associate Professor, UCLA School of Public Affairs and Research Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University

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**Polly Trottenberg**

Whitehouse official Polly Trottenberg, Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy at the US Department of Transportation, visited Australia in November as a keynote speaker for the City of the Future Conference, co-hosted by the Centre and the Global Change Institute.

She focused on the Obama administration’s priorities in both connecting cities and improving transportation within cities, and spoke of the importance of local governments coming up with their own solutions. Trottenberg said the Obama administration is overseeing improvements in transport despite the tough fiscal situation in the US. “A better transport infrastructure is vital for growing the country’s future prosperity,” she told the audience.

Trottenberg, who gave several media interviews while in Australia, said that despite the administration getting a “shellacking” in the midterm elections, there was a bipartisan belief in Washington that transport infrastructure investment was key to US prosperity, including the proposed $10.5 billion high speed rail link.
Postgraduate
The Masters, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate of US Studies attracted 35 students in 2010. Subjects covered politics and foreign policy, media, economics, cultural studies and urban studies. The postgraduate subjects for these degrees were extremely well regarded by students in formal surveys. Added to the Centre’s postgraduate offerings was an advanced program Master of Letters (US Studies) in which students can choose to specialise their study through one of three avenues: an internship, study in the US or an extended research project. Two of our postgraduate students won prestigious internships in Washington, DC, which saw them work as aides in Congress.

The Centre awarded a number of coursework scholarships with a combined value of $30,000 to local and international students enrolled in postgraduate degrees. The scholarships honour the contributions of major female figures in American history: Susan B. Anthony, Rachel Carson, Rose Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Undergraduate
In 2010, the US Studies Centre offered two undergraduate subjects US in the World, studying the contemporary US and its global relations, and Introduction to US Politics, dealing with US domestic institutions, politics and policies. The two subjects attracted 430 students, and student satisfaction with the content and the teaching for both courses was extremely positive.

In fact the Students’ Representative Council’s Counter Course Handbook wrote: “These units are some of the best subjects that you can do at uni. They are taught by inspiring lecturers (Geoffrey Garrett and Brendon O’Connor) who will leave you wanting more... These units are often far more engaging and innovative in their teaching practices, and are a good way to mix-up your degree.”

What students said
Introduction to US Politics received universally positive feedback. The following is a representative quotation from the class’s formal teaching evaluation by its students: “An excellent lecturer who made every lecture of Introduction to US Politics an interesting and enjoyable one. Everyone enjoyed the course greatly.” US in the World was also very
popular with students, and word of mouth saw non-enrolled students sitting in on lectures.

A major drawcard for US in the World was Professor Garrett’s interviews with high profile guest lecturers who included Jeffrey Bleich, US Ambassador to Australia, Daniel Kurtzer, former US Ambassador to Egypt and Israel, Robert Hill, former Australian Environment Minister and Adjunct Professor in Sustainability, Jack Miles, Pulitzer Prize winner for God: A Biography, Peter Beinart, senior writer for The Daily Beast and columnist for Time Magazine, former NSW Premier Bob Carr and columnist for The Australian, Greg Sheridan.

**Internships**

“I’ve fallen in love. Her name is America.”

This is the title of the final blog uploaded by intern John Tawadrous. It marked the close of his study and intern “experience of a life time” at the University of California Washington Center (UCDC) in early 2011.

**Tales from the Hill**

“Completing an internship in the Congressional Liaison department at the Australian Embassy in DC was an eye-opening experience. It was exciting to work in such a fast-paced environment and contribute to important projects like drafting diplomatic cables and assisting with the Prime Minister’s visit. Getting an insider’s view into the workings of the Australian and US governments was invaluable. Visiting Capitol Hill several times a week was certainly a great perk.

“It was quite stressful having to manage full-time work with night time study and certain tradeoffs had to be made. However I still managed to see all the sights in DC and made some lifelong friends. This program was such a wonderful opportunity to meet some great people, as well as gain knowledge and experience not available to me in Sydney.”

*Shivaun Sarkis, Bachelor of Commerce student and UCDC intern*

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Students’ Representative Council’s Counter Course Handbook
During the nine-week program jointly run by the US Studies Centre and the University of Sydney Business School, and with the generous support of the Turnbull Foundation, 19 economics and business students interned during the day at a range of placements including the Australian Embassy, the office of a congressman, a senator, the DC Office of Planning, Downtown Business Improvement District, National Building Museum, and think tanks that included the Asia Foundation, the East-West Center and the New America Foundation.

“Watching the students grow both personally and professionally while I fulfilled the role of Program Director was perhaps one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had as an educator.”
Dr Leanne Piggott, Sydney University Business School

While interns by day, they studied at night for credit towards their University of Sydney degrees. But the love affair was not one way. Our students were warmly welcomed by the Americans, or as another student blogger, Anji Narendra, put it: “The moment we utter the words ‘I’m an Aussie’, we instantly become celebrities! To quote many American students, ‘OMG are you an Aussie? You guys are like, sooo cool!’”

Testimonial from a “politics junkie”

“For a US politics junkie like me, seeing and working alongside Members of Congress during my internship was incredibly satisfying. I worked for the minority Democratic staff of the House Judiciary Committee, where I conducted research on gun regulation in the aftermath of the attempted assassination of Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. I prepared case histories and memos in preparation for the Subcommittee on the Constitution’s hearings on the constitutionality of the health care individual mandate being challenged in US District Courts, and assisted in the organisation and running of the minority staff’s committee mark up hearings on tort reform – shuffling from committee antechamber to antechamber on errands, and being privy to what seemed like the most insider conversations between Democratic Members of Congress. I have a newfound appreciation of the workings, achievements, and messiness of the US Congress, and take great pride that for a brief period I was intimately part of it all.”
Dean Fernandez, Master of Letters in US Studies student who interned in Congress
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Dean Fernandez, Master of Letters in US Studies student and UCWIP intern

Summer School: a Centre first

Climate Change after Copenhagen: Australia, the US and the World

In a first for the Centre, Robert Hill, the head of the Centre’s Dow Sustainability Program, taught a Summer School class on the politics of climate change a month after the global Copenhagen Summit.

The class looked at the political negotiations from adoption of the Framework Convention on Climate change in 1992 to the Copenhagen Accord produced at the Copenhagen Conference of the Parties in 2009.

Students learnt about the positions taken by both Australia and the US in climate change negotiations over the years and their respective domestic responses, and how the two countries had often worked closely together even when their positions were not fully aligned. The course looked at how economic, trade and security interests had influenced the development of negotiating positions. Students were able to increase their knowledge of public policy making in relation to complex multilateral issues.

*Robert Hill is Adjunct Professor in Sustainability at the Centre. He was formerly Australia’s Minister for the Environment and led the Australian delegation to the Kyoto Climate Conference in 1997. He was Australia’s Ambassador to the United Nations from 2006 to 2009, and on returning to Australia was appointed by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the role of Chairman of the Government’s Australian Carbon Trust. He plans to run similar Summer School classes such as this in the future.
From global climate challenges to silent films, the US Studies Centre sponsored and hosted 126 events in a busy 2010 schedule.

Sustainability was a big issue on the Centre’s agenda for the year, with several conferences bringing together world experts to help develop policy solutions to increase the sustainability of the planet’s resources. Workshops on race and inequality and ethical business attracted attention from Australian experts, policy makers, business leaders and the media. The Centre’s City of the Future Conference brought together thought leaders and practitioners from Australia and the US to highlight the challenges and opportunities generated by increasing urbanism.

On a lighter note the Centre held a forum on the place of Hitchcock’s films in American cinema, book launches and a debate about just who is America’s favourite president?

**February: Dow sustainability launch**

In February the Centre launched a three-year research program on sustainability. Chairman, CEO and President of The Dow Chemical Company Andrew Liveris announced US$2 million support for the Dow Sustainability Program, to help the Centre develop sustainable solutions for energy, water, food and biodiversity as the global demand for natural resources continues to grow.

The Program, which aims to translate advances in the science and technology of sustainability into outcomes that will benefit the world, brings together academic and policy experts from Australia and the US. The Centre’s CEO Geoffrey Garrett said: “The aim is to develop pro-active solutions to a range of sustainability challenges that are technologically innovative, commercially scalable and politically viable.”

The program concentrates on four main areas: biofuels, soil carbon, groundwater management and climate-energy-water tradeoffs. All these areas are being looked at in terms of current best practice and future public policy to shape more environmentally sustainable outcomes.

**March: One year after Copenhagen... looking for real solutions**

He’s been dubbed “the Grandfather of Climate Change” and when he spoke to a packed audience at Sydney Ideas in March, NASA scientist Dr James Hansen trenchantly criticised the Obama administration for what he considered its climbdown from tackling climate change head on.

Hansen wants to see a fee and dividend policy in place of the administration’s cap and trade solution. He warned Australia to cut its coal exports or risk becoming a “drug dealer” for a world addicted to fossil fuels.
Dr Hansen is a researcher in planetary atmospheres and climate science, Director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, and best known for his Congressional testimony on climate change in the 1980s which helped raise broad awareness of global warming. His work has evolved from space science to climate science, and he constantly seeks to make the results of that work widely available to the public. *Time Magazine* designated Dr Hansen as one of the world’s 100 most influential people in 2006, a tribute to his continuing efforts to serve the public through his scientific work.

**June: Inequality Workshop**

This Workshop brought together leading scholars from the US and Australia to explore different dimensions of inequality. The aim was to begin a conversation across continents and disciplines to encourage future scholarly collaborations. It focused on how the current global financial crisis affects labour markets and different socio-economic groups, racial identity here and in the US, and the difficulties of categorising different races for government Census.

The major findings of the workshop included:

- Black and white attitudes on inequality and race have shown remarkable convergence over time, although neither have become particularly positive.
- Despite continued improvements in indigenous welfare, Aboriginal Australians are still disadvantaged on many fronts.
- Poor educational performance amongst America’s Latino population is in part due to lack of public policy.
- The double-bind faced by Australian minority community members who criticise practices in their own groups as well as those of the larger society, and the importance of understanding stigmatised communities within the larger national culture.

**June: Hong Kong launch of American Review**

To celebrate the release of the second issue of its flagship publication *American Review*, the Centre and the Asia Society co-hosted a luncheon panel discussion at the Conrad Hotel in Hong Kong. China-US relations today are under severe stress. Charges and countercharges over currency manipulation and unfair trade, debt and deficits, media censorship and Google, Taiwan and the Dalai Lama, and military expansion all challenge the stability of the world’s most important bilateral relationship. In addition the GFC has accelerated the global power shift from west to east - with an ever-more confident China and an unusually self-doubting US.
At this event, ‘China-US relations: Partners or rivals’, some of the world’s leading commentators discussed the future of China-US relations and the implications for business and politics in the Asia-Pacific and beyond, including James Fallows, national correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly* magazine and Chair in Media at the US Studies Centre and Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs commentator for the *Financial Times*. The event was chaired by Professor Geoffrey Garrett from the Centre.

**June: Sydney Film Festival sponsorship**

In a highlight of the Sydney Film Festival which the Centre co-sponsors, renowned American documentary filmmaker and Academy Award nominee Judith Ehrlich spoke on the topic “Documentary film as a lens on the state of war” for the Festival’s regular Ian McPherson Lecture. Ehrlich has focused her career on films that explore questions of war and conscience, and asked in this address whether historical documentary film offers a useful perspective on the perennial state of war in the world.

The Lecture aimed to uncover the narrative of wars and war resistance through clips of Ehrlich’s films and others that focus on the question of both war and its impact on soldiers, objectors and their governments. Her film ‘The Most Dangerous Man in America, Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers’ was nominated for a 2009 Academy Award, and was screened at the Sydney Film Festival.

**June: Race in America, race in Australia**

A bleak picture of “persistent racism which shows no sign of going away” was how Professor Glenn Loury portrayed the state of race relations in the US when he spoke at a Centre event chaired by former NSW Premier Bob Carr.

While the election of Barack Obama as the first African-American President of the United States and former Australian PM Kevin Rudd’s apology to the stolen generations were both watersheds in race relations, political and policy tensions continue to surround African-Americans and indigenous Australians in both countries. Professor Loury, one of the US’s most influential African-American public intellectuals and a distinguished economist on race and inequality, puts this down in no
small part to huge numbers of black Americans in long periods out of work. He called for employer tax incentives to take on black workers in cities with double digit unemployment figures, and the reform of public education so that it mirrors that of white middle class Americans, as two initiatives which will go some way to improving the lives of many poor black Americans.

September: Waiting for the preacher – Obama’s America in a world religious context

In September Jack Miles, Professor of English and Religious Studies at the University of California, posed the question about just what religious message Barack Obama sends out in America today. Raised by an atheist mother and a Muslim stepfather, he is both acclaimed and mocked for what he says and what he stands for. Who’s right? asked Professor Miles.

September: Australia’s Silent Film Festival

The Centre maintained its collaborative relationships with several arts festivals including Australia’s Silent Film Festival, an annual showcase of classic silent art house and mainstream films accompanied by live music and featuring highly acclaimed stars and directors such as Vidor, John Gilbert, Chaplin and Keaton.

November: The midterm referendum on Obama

Hot on the heels of the US midterm elections in November, seasoned political analysts Professor James Fallows and Professor Morris Fiorina locked horns over what the midterm rebuke meant for Obama and his administration, in a discussion held by Sydney Ideas at the University of Sydney. US-Australian relations came a close second as they discussed what the results meant for both nations from a global perspective.
Complementing the disciplinary pursuits of the Centre’s academic work, the Think Tank program focuses on thematic issues of global importance facing the world in the 21st century.

How the United States plays its hand on problems such as climate change, sustainability, energy and water, or how it chooses to invest in new technologies and economic transformation, will inform our understanding, of the global trajectory of these issues. The program focus is on delivering market-driven policy options for Australia and the US, as well as informing the wider debate in both countries on the issues that will define this century.

The Dow Sustainability Program

With the generous support of the Dow Chemical Company, the three-year US$2 million Dow Sustainability Program aims to develop policy solutions to the range of sustainability challenges facing Australia, the US and the world, drawing on the expertise and experiences of both countries. The Program comprises five themes: the urban environment, water management, water-energy tradeoffs, the promise of biofuels, and soil carbon sequestration.

The Dow Program is led by former Australian Environment Minister Robert Hill with other expert staff including Kevin Rudd’s climate change envoy Howard Bamsey, former managing director of Johnson & Johnson Research in Australia Susan Pond, former Director of WWF’s Global Freshwater Programme Jamie Pittock, soil sustainability expert Andrea Koch, and Rebecca Nelson, previously the in-house lawyer for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

2010 highlights of the Dow Sustainability Program:

- A major international conference on the City of the Future in Brisbane.
- A multi-year agreement with Stanford University to compare Australian and American ground and surface water management.
- A Soil Carbon Summit conveying to policy makers the scientific state of the art on replenishing soils by storing carbon in them.
- A partnership with ANU to undertake a major Australia-US Climate-Energy-Water nexus project (see opposite).

Innovation

Global pharmaceutical company Merck & Co Inc. provided funding of US$500,000 over four years to establish a research program on innovation with a two-fold aim - to help stimulate innovation and commercialisation of scientific and technological discoveries in Australia, and to inform Australian universities of innovation within the US higher education sector.

Under the direction of Professor Bruce McKern, the 2010 phase of the commercialisation program focused on comparing development of the biotechnology industry in San Diego with the three leading Australian states – Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. In higher education, research has focussed on defining how 21st century US research universities will differ from their 20th century counterparts.

Alcoa Foundation

Alcoa provided $200,000 for a one-year program to profile sustainability challenges facing Australia and the US. The main 2010 deliverable was the City of the Future Conference held in Brisbane, drawing on Australian and American experiences in facing the challenge of sustainable, growing cities (see opposite).
Think Tank Events

Ethical supply chains

In a joint forum with the NSW Department of State and Regional Development and the US Studies Centre, Australian business leaders heard about cutting-edge strategies and research into ethical supply chains, and strategies for implementing these practices in Australia.

The forum featured a keynote address by Dan Henkle, Senior Vice President of Global Responsibility at Gap Inc., on the company’s efforts to improve labour conditions in their developing country factories, as well as a briefing by Harvard’s Michael Hiscox on what American consumers will pay for ethically produced goods.

City of the Future – Australian and US perspectives

This landmark urban planning conference, City of the Future, co-hosted by the US Studies Centre and the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland, brought together urban planners and specialists in water, energy, waste and transport within the urban environment.

Professor Geoffrey Garrett said the gathering provided cutting-edge thinking from both Australia and the US to the challenge of building sustainable cities of the future.

It attracted delegates from an international base including US Assistant Secretary of Transport Polly Trottenberg and US Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Raphael Bostic, as well as US business leaders like Dow Chemical Executive Vice President David Kepler, and the President of Growth Initiatives for Alcoa, Kevin Kramer.

American urban planners included Robert Yaro, President of the Regional Plan Association in New York and John Norquist, President and CEO of Congress for the New Urbanism in Chicago. Meanwhile Australian contributors to the conference included the Queensland Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability Kate Jones MP, and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Robert Doyle.

Robert Hill Adjunct Professor in Sustainability at the US Studies Centre, said that contrary to popular belief, the conference demonstrated that big cities were not necessarily less sustainable and in fact with good planning cities provided many advantages over smaller populations.

The conference heard from delegates about product lines that are now available that can make a huge difference in terms of sustainability, and a number of areas were identified for further research including recovery, re-use and recycling of waste water, energy saving schemes and packaging covenants.

The Centre is particularly grateful to the Dow Chemical Company, Alcoa and Lend Lease for their financial sponsorship, and the Urban Development Institute of Australia for providing site visits for overseas delegates.

Climate, Energy and Water Nexus forums

The impact of climate change policies on water was the focus of forums held in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. Co-hosted by the ANU Water Initiative and the Centre, the forums looked at climate change, conserving freshwater ecosystems and ensuring energy and water security, some of the biggest challenges facing society.

The events brought together leading researchers and policymakers from the US, Europe and Australia who discussed case studies, examined policy response options and identified potential solutions to these challenges.

As the pace of development of new climate change and water policies increases, this forum addressed the critical need for better knowledge to integrate measures and avoid conflicting outcomes.

The forums looked at how we can benefit from new and renewable energy technologies and carbon sequestration, while minimising perverse outcomes for water resources. The forums included the launch of the Australian and United States Climate, Energy and Water program, and a special edition of Ecology and Society on the energy-water nexus.
Selected Publications

Books


Brendon O’Connor, editor, *American Foreign Policy Traditions: A four volume series*. (Sage, 2010)

Articles


Essays
James Fallows, ‘Dirty Coal, Clean Future’, *The Atlantic*, 2010


Geiger book lunch
In July Postdoctoral Fellow Mark W. Geiger’s first book *Financial Fraud and Guerrilla Violence in Missouri’s Civil War, 1861-1865*, was launched at an event at the University of Sydney. The evening was hosted by former NSW Premier and current member of the Centre’s Board of Directors, Bob Carr. Geiger’s dissertation on which the book is based received Columbia University’s Nevins Prize, awarded by the Economic History Association.

The book, published by Yale University Press, explores a previously unknown Civil War-era conspiracy that backfired on its participants, devastating Missouri’s slaveholding elite and causing a revolution in land ownership. Geiger describes the financing of the early stages of military mobilisation, the greatest national effort undertaken in the US at that time.
SSMART: Social Science Methods, Analysis & Research Training Workshops

Cutting edge research in the social sciences increasingly depends on sophisticated use of diverse methods, ranging from game theory and statistical analysis to field work (both experimental and case-based) and archival digging. The best research now tends to be multi-method, and more and more, journals demand that scholars combine all the methods appropriate to their problem.

One of the strengths of the US Studies Centre is its ability to attract leading scholars in American political science and sociology to come to the Centre as academic staff, visitors, and advisory committee members. A number of those agreed to share their expertise in research training workshops, exposing Australian research students and early career researchers to methodological innovations that are shaping the major journals and research programs.

Our motivation for the SSMART program is to give the best up and coming Australian researchers access to training that is de rigueur at not only the best American universities, but increasingly the best British, Canadian and European ones as well. This should help them become more competitive internationally for Postdoctoral Fellowship applications, book contracts, and journal article submissions. The research training seminars provide an opportunity for those who seek to build their skill sets and help them figure out what else they may need to learn to be more successful in the international scholarly community.

2010 was the first year of SSMART, a series of three workshops attended by PhD students and early career researchers from around Australia, on Quantitative approaches, Field experiments and Analytic narratives: Formal theory and qualitative historical research. While our experience enabled us to improve our offerings and teaching in the future, assessments by participants were generally positive, and the Faculty of Arts was sufficiently impressed by the response that it is now working with the Centre to integrate SSMART more effectively into graduate training in the social sciences.

Opinion Survey

Australian & American attitudes to illegal immigration – a surprising result

Illegal immigration worries more Australians than it does Americans, the findings of a Centre poll found when it carried out a survey at the height of the election campaign of 2010.

The survey conducted by YouGov in conjunction with Stanford University’s Professor Simon Jackman found that 76 per cent of Australians think increasing numbers of asylum seekers and illegal immigrants are an important problem for the nation, compared with 71 per cent of Americans.

The online study of 2,250 Americans and Australians also found that 69 per cent of Australians felt that the country was “taking in too many immigrants”, compared to 62 per cent of their American counterparts, in a country where in 2009 the number of illegal immigrants stood at 11 million by the US Department of Homeland Security.

Professor Geoffrey Garrett said differences in the demography of Australia and the US may help to explain the differences. “In the US, most migrants in the country without legal visas are Latinos, joining what is America’s largest ethnic group who is largely sympathetic with their plight. There is no similar ethnic base in Australia for a more compassionate approach to asylum seekers.”
Research Grants

The Centre awarded 15 research grants totalling $100,000 for humanities and social sciences projects by academics from 12 Australian universities, following grant applications from 24 Australian universities.

Grant recipients will work at their home institutions on a diverse range of projects including a comparison of maternity leave in Australia and the US, child poverty, the Latin attitude to elections and waging war in a digital age.

In 2011 grants were awarded to the following researchers:

  *The ethos and effects of data sharing rules: examining the history of the ‘Bermuda Principles’ and their impact on US 21st century science*

- **Marian Baird**, University of Sydney
  *Women, work and maternity leave in the USA and Australia: a reflective comparison*

- **Lloyd Cox**, Macquarie University
  *Willing partners: Australia’s support for US wars in Vietnam and Iraq*

- **Peter Dean**, Notre Dame University
  *Coalition warfare: US and Australian military operations in the south west Pacific area, 1942-1944*

- **Hilary Emmett**, University of Queensland
  *Sisterhood and the American public sphere, 1789-1865*

- **Charlotte Epstein**, University of Sydney, and **Jolyon Howorth**, Yale University
  *To threaten or to reassure? US nuclear communication strategies*

- **Valerie Harwood**, University of Wollongong
  *Pathways to higher education: the US charter school movement and the issue of educational disadvantage*

- **Caroline Jordan**, La Trobe University
  *The Carnegie Corporation of New York’s program of modernising and internationalising the visual arts sector in the mid twentieth century*

- **Sebastian Kaempf**, University of Queensland
  *War 2.0: waging war in the digital new media age*

- **Hun Joon Kim**, Griffith University
  *Does US human rights policy deter future violations in the Asia Pacific region?*

- **Sarah Lantz**, University of Queensland
  *Reducing the burden of disease: an international comparison of children’s environmental health policies*

- **Jianghong Li**, Curtin University, and **Joachim Singelmann**, Louisiana State University
  *Determinants of child poverty in the high-poverty regions of the United States*

- **Robert Mason**, University of Southern Queensland
  *“Si Se Puede”: transnational sentiment and Latinola response to American elections from 2008*

- **Vivienne Muller**, Queensland University of Technology, and **Lesley Hawkes**, Queensland University of Technology
  *Mapping American literature in Australian universities*

- **Michael Ondaatje**, University of Newcastle
  *Black conservatism in civil rights America*
Literary portrayals of the oil and gas industry and the “genetics of politics” are just two of the research areas conducted by the US Studies Centre’s six academics awarded Postdoctoral Fellowships for 2010-2011.

The second cohort of Postdoctoral Fellows, selected from a field of nearly 200 international applicants, comprises emerging academic leaders in social sciences and humanities engaged in a year of researching and writing about the US whilst at the Centre.

Director of Research and Research Training at the Centre, Professor Margaret Levi says the research will potentially have far-reaching academic influence. “With this second cohort of Postdoctoral Fellows, the US Studies Centre is bringing some path-breaking junior scholars to the University of Sydney,” she said. “Their work promises to have a substantial impact on American studies in history, literature, political science and sociology.”

**Georgiana Banita**
Assistant Professor of Literature and Media Studies at the University of Bamberg, Germany, and PhD in American Studies at the University of Konstanz, Germany, *Petrofiction – American literary culture and the global oil crisis*

During her tenure at the Centre, Georgiana finalised the manuscript of her forthcoming book with University of Nebraska Press, *Narrative, Ethics, and Post-9/11 Literary Culture*, and completed several sections of her new project on American oil narratives.

She also prepared two 9/11-themed journal articles addressing risk and racial profiling in the war on terror for publication in *Literature, Interpretation, Theory* (December 2010), along with a study of the American oil industry on film, to be published in an essay collection with Blackwell. Several of her articles were published in 2010 on topics ranging from literary representations of genocide to Barack Obama’s autobiographical writings.

**Robert Blakeslee Gilpin**
Assistant Professor in Political Science at the University of Iowa, and PhD in History from Yale University, *Slavery’s hold on the American imagination*
Robert received his PhD from Yale University and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina. Whilst at the US Studies Centre, Robert received the Southern Historical Association’s C. Vann Woodward Prize.

Fascinated by the rhetoric of equality, race and violence in US culture and history, Robert’s work looks at slavery’s longstanding hold on America’s racial imagination, tracing its legacies in history, literature and art. As the first of a trio of projects about Southern author William Styron, Robert is also editing The Collected Letters of William Styron with Styron’s widow Rose, for publication in 2012.

Peter Hatemi
Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa, and PhD in political science from the University of Nebraska, The neuro-biological foundations of political behaviour

Peter’s research advances the study of the neurobiological foundations of social behaviour. His work on the genetic, physiological, and endocrinological sources of individual differences in political attitudes, fear, personality, religion and political violence has appeared in the American Journal of Political Science, Behavior Genetics and the Journal of Politics and Science.

During his time at the US Studies Centre, Peter published on sexuality and gender in the Political Research Quarterly and PS: Political Science and Politics, the first genome wide study on ideology in the Journal of Politics, as well as papers on personality and the politics of mate choice in the Journal of Politics and Political Psychology. His recent work has featured on ABC TV, ABC radio and SBS radio.

Maria Ponomarenko
PhD in History at Stanford University, The impact of federalism on the American legal system

Maria’s research addressed the impact of federalism and the diffusion of power between state and local institutions on the development of the American criminal justice system. Her dissertation, The Department of Justice and the Limits of the New Deal State, examined the limits of national policing during a pivotal moment of state expansion, from the New Deal through World War II. It argued that for all the “revolutions” of the 1930s, there was no comparable transformation in the decentralised character of law enforcement in the New Deal decade.

She is currently revising several chapters of her dissertation into journal articles which will serve as the foundation for a book-length study of law enforcement and federalism from Prohibition to the modern war on drugs.

Allison Pugh
Assistant Professor in Sociology at the University of Virginia, and PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, Women’s commitment and change in a turbulent age

At the US Studies Centre in 2010-2011, Allison is writing a book on her research into post-industrial meanings of commitment among parents whose experiences of trust and loyalty at the workplace and at home, vary widely. Her manuscript examines the growing culture of flexibility and its implications for what we owe each other at work and at home.


Felicity Turner
PhD in History from Duke University, and Law and Society Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wisconsin, The gendered political dynamics shaping 19th century American national identity

Felicity’s research and teaching interests include 19th century US history, and gender and legal history. During her tenure at the US Studies Centre, Felicity drafted two articles and revised and expanded her dissertation for publication. Her manuscript, Narrating Infanticide: Constructing the Modern Gendered State in Nineteenth-Century America, analyses the handling of infanticide cases within local communities, and considers larger questions of gender, race and state formation at that time in US history.
The plan for *American Review* in 2010 was to build on the inaugural issue launched the previous year, and turn a one-off publication into a magazine.

So the second issue *Facing up to China*, was designed and formatted to look like a magazine with short columns, feature essays and book reviews in a mix of opinion and analysis. The aim was to build on the concept and appearance of the well received first issue, and develop its image as Australia’s only international non-partisan, foreign affairs journal.


Despite its newcomer status, *American Review* continues to attract prominent contributors from around the world including former US Congressional speechwriters, University deans and newspaper editors. These include:

- **Shen Dingli**, Executive Dean of the Institute of International Studies at Shanghai’s Fudan University
- **Adam Garfinkle**, editor of *The American Interest* and former speechwriter to Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice
- **Josef Joffe**, editor of Germany’s prestigious weekly newspaper, *Die Zeit*
- **Edward Luce**, Washington chief of the *Financial Times*
- **Kishore Mahbubani**, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore
- **William Pfaff**, author and columnist
- **Stephen Roach**, Morgan Stanley Chairman
- **Michael Schuman**, Asia business correspondent for *Time Magazine*
- **Michael Spence**, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics at New York University

### What the press noticed

*American Review* picked up significant media coverage in 2010. Nearly all the feature essays – ten in all – were published as extracts in major Australian dailies including *The Australian*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. Kishore Mahbubani’s piece on the rise of China and the implications for US foreign policy, was run in *The South China Morning Post*. Adam Garfinkle’s essay on President Obama was cited and recommended in the influential Real Clear Politics website and recently *American Review* was included in the Arts & Daily website’s highly sought list of recommended magazine titles.

Now published quarterly, editor Minh Bui Jones’ goal is to build *American Review* as a leading international magazine on American affairs, which includes the launch of an iPad application in June 2011.
The Centre’s media profile continued to grow in 2010, built on the foundations laid in the previous two years. It is now firmly established as the go-to place by the Australian media for high quality interview talent, commentary and analysis on the US – from politics, the economy, business and foreign policy to sustainability, society and culture. The Centre’s profile has been supported by the website and e-newsletter, both which have become an increasingly important part of the Centre’s outreach and external communication.

Media coverage for the 2009-2010 period:


- Appearances on premium radio ABC The World Today, AM, PM, Radio National Breakfast and Margaret Throsby Classic FM total 31 in 2009 and **33 in 2010**.

- Interviews on new TV outlet ABC News 24 between its August 2010 launch and December 2010 **total 38**.

Media coverage grew by an impressive 38 per cent on the previous year, as detailed in the box on the opposite page. In the 12 months from January to the end of December 2010 there were close to 1,000 media references, articles and interviews involving the Centre, its experts, visitors and activities across print, online, radio and television.

An analysis of the media data also reveals that while the Centre attracted more media coverage, the quality of that coverage also went up, with an 18 per cent increase in premium appearances compared to the previous year.

Commentary and analysis included topics such as the upset result in the Massachusetts senate election, the first anniversary of President Barack Obama’s inauguration, his State of the Union address, Obama’s cancelled visits to Australia, the health care reform debate, legal policy, the Gulf oil spill, Obama in Asia, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton down under, the midterm elections and Oprah Winfrey’s visit to Australia.

Highlights of the 2010 media portfolio include:

- James Fallows’ 7.30 Report interviews from Washington on Obama’s State of the Union address and the midterm elections.

- Geoffrey Garrett’s major opinion piece on Obama’s two-year report card in *The Australian Literary Review*.

- A total of 11 pieces based on essays from the Centre’s *American Review* magazine published in Australian and international newspapers.
Growth in coverage

- **TV**: 38% increase in TV appearances (following a 100% increase from 2008 to 2009)

- **Radio**: 10% increase in radio appearances (following a 45% increase from 2008 to 2009)

- **Print and online**: 50% increase in print and online coverage (following a 100% increase from 2008 to 2009)

- **Overall**: 38% increase in media coverage (following an 83% increase from 2008 to 2009)

International coverage

The Centre’s international media presence also grew, with its experts and visitors interviewed on Australia Network Television’s Newsline, Radio Australia’s Asia Connect and Asia Pacific programs, CNBC (Asia), and published or quoted in print and online in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Guardian, The Globe & Mail, The South China Morning Post, Hindustan Times, Real Clear Politics and The American Interest.

Conferences and events in the media

The Centre held two important conferences in 2010 on inequality and urban development. Guest speakers at these events all featured prominently in the media:

- Inequality Workshop: Glenn Loury, Henry Farber, Kenneth Prewitt, Gary Segura, Jennifer Hochschild.


Other international visitors who attracted media coverage included: David Brady, Peter Katzenstein, Mark Danner, James Hansen, Henry Cisneros, Jonathan Greenblatt, Gail Fosler, Mark Tushnet, Judith Ehrlich, Susan Vogel, Jeffrey Schott, Kevin Gaines, Amy Zegart, Greg Castillo, Michael Kranish, Peter Beinart, Jack Miles, Daniel Kurtzer and Morris Fiorina.

“I am constantly impressed by the calibre of writers and thinkers attracted to the Centre, and their ability and willingness to engage in public debate.”

Mark Scott, Managing Director, ABC
Online

2010 saw the website build on the substantial gains it made after its re-design, with nearly 100,000 hits over the year. The website remains pivotal to the Centre’s marketing and communications as a showcase for its events and high calibre academics, visitors and students.

It is a highly contemporaneous, content-rich source of analysis and commentary on US affairs, with fresh media announcements, op-eds, TV interviews and news stories all placed online the day they appear. More than 550 news items were placed on the website last year, which is indicative of the Centre’s importance as the place to go for media commentary on US affairs.

A feature of the website has been Star TV, an interview segment shot and edited in-house, which has become one of the most visited areas of the website. Interviewees have included Polly Trottenberg, Assistant Secretary for Transport in the Obama administration, US Assistant Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Raphael Bostic, Professor James Fallows, former US Ambassador to Israel and Egypt Daniel Kurtzer, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Miles, Judith Ehrlich, co-director of Academy Award nominated documentary ‘The Most Dangerous Man In America’, US Ambassador to Australia Jeffrey Bleich, senior political writer for The Daily Beast Peter Beinart, and renowned climate scientist James Hansen.

The e-newsletter remains an important tool to enable a growing international online audience to stay up to date with events and activities at the Centre. Every week it is sent to around 5,000 subscribers with the latest news, commentary and analysis.

The Campaign Tapes

The Campaign Tapes, a series of interviews conducted by Research Associate and ABC broadcaster John Barron, featured on the website in 2010. Barron has covered Presidential campaigns for almost 20 years, and for the Tapes he was able to provide an insider’s perspective on US presidential campaign politics. Interviews published on the Centre’s website include George McGovern, Michael Dukakis and Ben Self.

2010 midterm elections

A separate website section was developed by undergraduate students for the 2010 midterm elections. It provided an interactive and informative tool in which users could better understand and keep up to date with the midterm elections in October and November. Content included the purpose and history of the midterms, a comparison of US and Australian political systems and media commentary on election news by the Centre’s experts.

Blogging

The Centre’s bloggers went international in 2010, reporting on contemporary American issues from both sides of the Pacific. Dr Lesley Russell provided updates from DC on the policy disputes and political entanglements of the day. Her particular expertise on health care provided great insight into Obama’s reforms. Meanwhile Masters student Jonathan Bradley wrote from Seattle about the midterm elections and the rise of the Tea Party while in Sydney Erin Riley, also a Masters student, attracted attention with posts dissecting Kerry O’Brien’s interview with Barack Obama, and US Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich’s appearance on ABC television’s Q&A program.
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Summary financial report for the year ended 31 December 2010

The following information has been extracted from the United States Studies Centre’s Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2010.

**REVENUE**

The Centre continues to grow non-member sources of revenue with additional funding received from corporations supporting research activities, and a greater number of students enrolling in the undergraduate units offered by the Centre. Funding from these sources exceeded 30 per cent of total revenue during 2010.

**EXPENDITURE**

The Centre’s expenditure increased by more than $1.5 million with a significant expansion of activities in Research & Analysis, funded significantly by corporate grants. More than 70 per cent of expenditure was directed towards the Centre’s strategic outcomes of teaching, research and outreach.

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<th>2010 $</th>
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<td>Teaching &amp; Training</td>
<td>1,046,687</td>
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<td>Research &amp; Analysis</td>
<td>2,239,782</td>
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<td>1,975,298</td>
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<td><strong>6,724,816</strong></td>
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Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2010

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<td><strong>Revenue from continuing operations</strong></td>
<td>7,991,341</td>
<td>5,349,993</td>
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<td><strong>Expenses from continuing operations</strong></td>
<td>6,724,816</td>
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<td><strong>Operating result for the period</strong></td>
<td>1,266,525</td>
<td>127,775</td>
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Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2010

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<td>5,284,325</td>
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<td>Non-Current Assets</td>
<td>266,519</td>
<td>388,781</td>
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<td>Retained earnings</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EQUITY</strong></td>
<td>4,722,770</td>
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**RETMAINED EARNINGS**
Owing to several one-off revenue gains, the Centre achieved a surplus during 2010, and increased its retained earnings to be directed towards growth in following years.

**UNUSUAL ACTIVITY**
During the period covered by this report, there was no unusual activity evident in either income or expenditure.

**NOTE:** Full copies of the Audited Financial Statements are available on request; please contact the Company Secretary.
The Centre would like to thank its partners and supporters whose financial and in-kind contributions significantly increased the quality and quantity of our work. The range of our stakeholders testifies to the scale and scope of the Centre’s activities.
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Reserve Bank of Australia
RMIT University
SBS
Sinclair Knight Merz
Sydney Film Festival
Sydney Ideas
The American Club
The Power Institute
Turnbull Foundation
University of California, Washington Center
University of New South Wales
University of Sydney
University of Sydney Union
University of Technology, Sydney
University of Texas, Austin
Urban Development Institute of Australia
Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority
Westpac
The United States Studies Centre

January: Soil Carbon Initiative
As part of its Dow Sustainability Program and in collaboration with the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Agriculture, the Centre hosts leading scientists from Australia and the US to work with government and industry on prospects for tackling climate change, food security and water retention by putting carbon back in soils.

January: G’Day USA
The Centre hosts day-long conferences on emerging Asia and sustainable cities in Los Angeles and Boston led by Geoffrey Garrett and Robert Hill, as part of Australia’s annual G’Day USA program of activities across America.

February: John Howard on George W. Bush and the US
In conversation with Paul Kelly, John Howard reflects on his decade-long relationship with the US as Prime Minister – most notably his personal relationship with President George W. Bush beginning the night before the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

March: 21st century Australia-US alliance
The past and future of the Australia-US Alliance is celebrated with the announcement in New York by Prime Minister Julia Gillard of $2 million in support for the Centre. With matching support from multinational companies, the three-year 21st Century Alliance project brings together leading American and Australian experts and policy makers to map the path of relations between the two countries.

April: Robert Putnam on religion and social capital
The Centre hosts Harvard’s Robert Putnam, the ‘father of social capital’, to discuss his new book on religion, American Grace. Despite the prominence of the radical right and the war on militant Islam, Putnam shows that Americans are remarkably tolerant of the religious practices of their fellow citizens.

May: Bob Hawke on US relations at the end of the Cold War
Bob Hawke discusses with Paul Kelly his close relationship with former US Secretary of State George Schultz as Australia and the US responded to the end of the Soviet empire in 1989. Australia’s longest serving Labor Prime Minister also talks about working with a Republican administration to integrate China into the global system and to form APEC.

June: National summit – ‘The 9/11 decade’
On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks, the Centre’s third National Summit focuses on ‘The 9/11 decade’, covering topics such as the nature of American power, the war on terrorism, the freedom agenda, homeland security and civil liberties.

Speakers from government, universities, think tanks and the media in America, Australia and Europe debate the consequences of one of the most significant events of the new millennium.

July: Relocation to the Institute building
To cater for significant growth the Centre moves to newly renovated three storey premises in the historic Institute Building on campus. The Centre’s new home has teaching facilities, meeting areas and a range of spaces to make it a dynamic hub of research and teaching on the US and its global role.

August: Tom Friedman, American author and journalist
The Centre hosts major public forums at the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne Town Hall with Pulitzer Prize winning American author, New York Times columnist, and foreign affairs and terrorism expert Thomas Friedman.

August: Economics Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahnemann
Princeton’s Daniel Kahnemann visits the Centre to apply his 2002 Nobel Prize-winning work on the irrationality of markets to the contemporary American economy after the global financial crisis.

November: American CEO on why ethical business is good business
Joe Bozich, CEO of major clothing company Knights Apparel, discusses how taking seriously the ethical concerns of young Americans regarding working conditions and the environment, has helped Knights dominate the collegiate apparel market.

The World Rethinks Climate

OPINION

Ewan Morgan

If you aren't already in a state of man-made global warming distraction, you're about to be. The Eyjafjallajökull eruption is very likely to become the great climate change event of 2010. It's not because of the eruption itself, eye-opening as it was. It's because the eruption is a spectacular backdown by a prime minister seen as a symbol of the movement for a low-carbon future. In Australia, the government's emissions trading scheme has been forced to go on a Buggins' turn basis, and this is not just because Mr. Rudd has rejected a proposal from the Liberal-National Party to back a carbon tax. It's also because of the Eyjafjallajökull eruption. It's a reminder that high profile, doesn't exactly equal experience of running the sport—or at least, the ICC believes it doesn't. The cricket world was split over being between Mr. Howard and the other, those who would have put sport above politics. In Italy, the Vatican is now the one president of the sport's global body in that country. The ICC is controlled from the ICC is controlled from the body of the World Cricket Committee, so run from India. Mr. Howard's enthusiasm for cricket is perhaps not surprising, given how much he has been involved in the sport. But it's still a bit like, say,imar Maradona's decision to wear a green and gold shirt was as much a vote of confidence in himself as it was in the cause of Argentina's football team.
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