

POLICY STUDIES PROGRAM
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LAFAYETTE COLLEGE



## FROM THE CHAIR

"What problem are you solving for people?"
Christopher G. Caine '78, CEO of Mercator XXI

Chris Caine's seven-word question speaks volumes. He posed it at our spring 2017 conference as the foundational question an enterprise needs to answer. In one fell swoop, the answer can frame an organization's mission, identify its customers, and set up benchmarks to measure success. The Caine question struck a chord with me.

The Policy Studies program aspires to advance the problem solving capacity of our students. The major offers a multidisciplinary liberal arts approach, augmented by real world applications, and positions our students to address great challenges at the intersection of business, policy, and technology. Our effort to build this capacity stands on three principles:

- Private enterprise provides a proven path for solving many of the world's great problems;
- Leadership requires vision, a moral compass, and emotional and global intelligence; and,
- Students best realize their potential through a mix of theory and applications.

This report presents the projects, activities, internships, and curricular offerings the Policy Studies program employs to build the problem solving capacity of Lafayette students. In total, Policy Studies-sponsored events resulted in a remarkable 1,074 student interactions outside of the traditional classroom setting. As in past years, we are fortunate that distinguished Lafayette alumni provide creative opportunities for students to engage in real world applications. A few highlights include:

- 57 students are Policy Studies majors or pre-majors, including 16 graduates in the Class of 2017;
- More than 150 students collaborated to produce Emmy-nominated live coverage of the 2016 US national elections, which was aired on PBS-WLVT to 6.5 million potential viewers;
- 574 students entered our election forecasting competition;
- 140 students attended the Essentials of Entrepreneurship conference, co-sponsored with the Gladstone T. Whitman '49 Fund; and,
- 24 distinguished alumni representing the major sectors of the global economy engaged students with real world applications.

These and other accomplishments reviewed in this report were made possible by generous financial support from alumni and friends of the program, including major gifts from Donald Morel, Jr. '79, J. Peter Simon '75, George Jenkins '74, Chris Caine '78, Bruce Maggin '65, and Peter Jacoby '81. I appreciate their support of our mission. As always, I welcome your ideas and feedback.

Yours truly,

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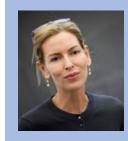
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# POLICY STUDIES AT A GLANCE

- Combines a passion for politics with the study of business, technology, and global challenges to civil society
- Employs a curricular model that connects the campus community and integrates knowledge across disciplines
- Provides a productive balance between theory and practice and opportunities for project-based and experiential learning
- Enriches the classroom experience by engaging alumni with distinguished careers in all sectors of the global economy
- Champions the role of market-oriented approaches to creating value and advancing human security
- Fosters innovation as a lifelong habit









# **HIGHLIGHTS**

1,074 Student Interactions Outside of the Classroom

**57 MAJORS AND PREMAJORS** *16 Graduates in the Class of 2017* 

**ELECTION FORECASTING COMPETITION**574 Student Entries

2016 LIVE ELECTION COVERAGE ON PBS39
Emmy Nominated, Involved More than 150 Students

LAFAYETTE LENS ON PBS39
Understanding Autism

OPEN FOR DEBATE ON PBS39
Editing Life, CRISPR-Cas9

CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS START-UPS 140 Attendees

CAINE SCHOLARS AWARD
Elizabeth Sulc '17

LEADERSHIP COURSE Crisis Decision-Making

WORLD RENOWNED LECTURERS & INTERVIEWEES
Luis Balaguer, Jennifer Doudna, Paul Offit, and Michael Useem

**ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT**24 Distinguished Professionals Return to Lafayette



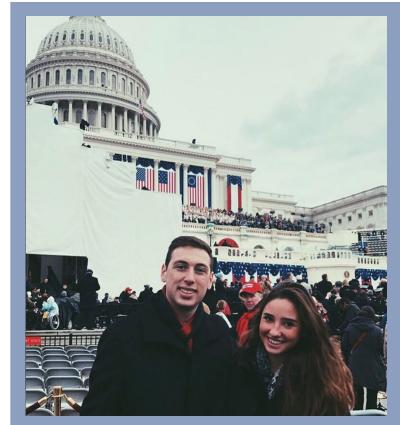
# 2016 LIVE ELECTION COVERAGE

#### First Vote in a Polarized Age

Farinon Student Center covered all of the 2016 US national elections and aired on PBS39 to 6.5 million potential viewers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Students delivered the results and provided up to the minute analysis and commentary. The broadcast also featured video essays, short segments about politics and policy from the perspectives of first time voters.

More than 150 students from seven courses

contributed to the broadcast for credit, and other students participated as a co-curricular activity. The students represented a variety of majors and spent the semester analyzing and researching the Presidential, Congressional, and state races, and learned the elements that go into producing a live broadcast from broadcast professionals. Rachel Robertson and John Ottinger produced the broadcast with guidance from executive producers Nicole Crain, Mark Crain, and Laura McHugh. The broadcast was nominated for an Emmy Award.



# **ELECTION FORECASTING CONTEST** winner David Shub

'20 received two tickets to the Presidential Inauguration and Inaugural Ball and travel expenses for correctly predicting 25 out of 29 Presidential, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House races. Nearly 600 students entered the contest, making Shub's win quite remarkable. "The inaugural weekend was nothing short of spectacular. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience, and I am eternally grateful to have had the opportunity to be in D.C. for what was a historic couple of days," Shub said. The prizes were a gift from Peter Jacoby '81.



## LAFAYETTE LENS

#### **Understanding Autism**

he spring 2016 edition of Lafayette Lens on PBS39 was a collaboration between two Policy Studies courses, the Health and Life Sciences seminar, independent study students, and students participating as a co-curricular activity. In total, about 60 students and five professors were involved in the production.

This project required extensive learning about multiple aspects of autism spectrum disorder: what may cause it, why the incidence is rising so rapidly, what treatments are available, challenges to the educational system, and what public policy options are in place or under consideration.

To learn about these various aspects of autism spectrum disorder students engaged with faculty in collaborative learning that frequently took place outside the classroom. For example, students made site visits to meet with and interview experts at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Penn State University Hospital-Hershey, Colorado State University, Easton Area Public Schools, and locations in Washington, D.C. At the PBS39 studio in Bethlehem, students interviewed Pennsylvania state legislators, an NGO leader, and a physician specializing in diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorders. Joanna Scotti was the student producer, guided by executive producers Mark Crain, Nicole Crain, and Laura McHugh.



## OPEN FOR DEBATE

#### Editing Life, CRISPR-Cas9

Policy Studies collaborated with PBS39 to launch a new series, Open for Debate, in the spring 2017. The premiere edition, entitled Editing Life, explored the breakthrough gene editing technology called CRISPR-Cas9, and featured an exclusive interview with Professor Jennifer Doudna, the UC Berkeley scientist credited with discovering the technology. About 50 students from multiple majors were involved. The show explored CRISPR's ability

to cure genetic diseases, how the technology can aid in the production of biofuel, and the ethics and policy challenges related to this complex biotechnology innovation. Student producers Calvin Prescott and Kathleen Nolan were guided by executive producers Nicole Crain, Mark Crain, and Laura McHugh.



### ON LOCATION AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

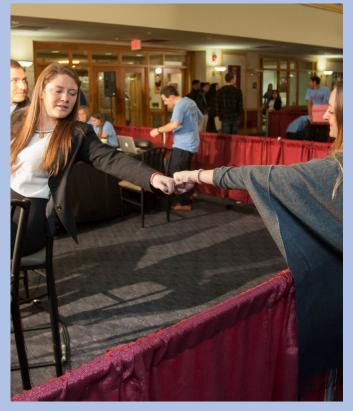




**Open for Debate** provides students a distinctive learning opportunity to address complex topics at the intersection of business, policy, values, and technology. Policy Studies major Hannah Doherty and neuroscience major Danielle Wolff interviewed **Dr. Jennifer Doudna**, the co-discoverer of CRISPR-Cas9 at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Students from the courses involved in the broadcast also travelled to the Franklin Institute to attend a presentation by Dr. Dounda called "A Conversation on CRISPR with Gene-Editing Pioneer Dr. Jennifer Dounda." The 30 minute broadcast aired on PBS39 four times in May 2017 and can be viewed on YouTube.

## BEHIND THE SCENES







#### CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS START-UPS

#### Essentials of Entrepreneurship

n March 31 and April 1, 2017, Policy Studies co-sponsored a conference, "Essentials of Entrepreneurship," which featured a keynote address by Dr. Carl Schramm. Other sessions were led by Lafayette alumni Scott Bluni '89, Cassandra Toroian '94, and Chris Caine '78. Students learned the basics of business startups, including intellectual property, financing, and assessing the viability of an idea. Approximately 140 students and faculty attended the conference, which was planned and executed by students in Professor Nicole Crain's entrepreneurship course and co-sponsored by the Gladstone T. Whitman '49 Endowment Fund.



Carl Schramm
University Professor,
Syracuse University,
former President and CEO,
The Kauffman Foundation



Cassandra Toroian '94
Founder and Chief
Investment Officer, Bell
Rock Capital, IIc

"Entrepreneurial Capitalism: Where Our 'Millennial' Economy is Headed" "Lessons from a Bootstrap Entrepreneur"



Scott Bluni, Ph.D. '89
Senior Principal, Kacvinsky
Daisak Bluni, PLLC



Chris Caine '78
President and CEO,
Mercator XXI, LLC

"Protecting Innovation Through Intellectual Property" "Making it Happen: From Ideas to Business Success"

## BECOMING A RED CROSSER

#### by Elizabeth "Lizzy" Sulc '17

Recipient of the 2016 Caine Scholars Award in Global Leadership, Business, and Policy

t the beginning of my Lafayette career, I took a course on International Politics, where we Adiscussed the role of the Red Cross during times of war. I admired the organization's strong humanitarian mission, and dreamed of one day joining it. I realized this dream last summer when I interned for the American Red Cross (ARC) at their national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Caine Scholar Award not only made this unpaid internship financially possible, it also introduced me to Chris Caine '78, an incredibly knowledgeable and supportive mentor. Over the course of my internship, I led a project to evaluate the effectiveness of volunteer intake processes in various regional offices. The evaluation included conducting phone interviews with regional officers and volunteers in four regions in order to compare the processes and their effectiveness. Using Visio software to create process maps and document each region's process, I conducted research and applied data analytics to provide fact-based evaluations. At the end of the summer, I presented my findings and recommendations to the logistical directors within the Volunteer Services department for their consideration.

My experience interning at the ARC provided me with a valuable opportunity to explore my interest in the non-profit sector. Additionally, I had the chance to learn from staff members in different departments within the organization, while also participating in professional development workshops. While interning, I realized that my coursework at Lafayette has prepared me



well to think critically, collaborate, and communicate effectively. These skills aided my success as a Red Cross intern.

The opportunity to meet regularly with Mr. Caine was especially rewarding. In our meetings, he helped me reflect on and assess my internship in the larger context of my personal accomplishments and the overall value of my contribution to the mission of the American Red Cross. More broadly, the experience helped me discover what I value most in a job and in an employer. Mr. Caine and I discussed my various interests and skill sets, and he provided me with valuable insight into a variety of paths I can pursue. I am grateful for his continued support and guidance, as well as his generous gift through the Caine Scholars Award that made my summer internship experience possible.

THE CAINE SCHOLARS AWARD IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP, BUSINESS, AND POLICY is an annual award for a student majoring in Policy Studies. This award provides a stipend for an internship for a Policy Studies major who is proficient in at least two languages and who has been selected for an internship. The award was established by Christopher G. Caine '78, CEO of Mercator XXI in honor of his father, Anthony Caine '38 to develop the next generation of global US leaders who have an appreciation for public policy and business in a global environment.

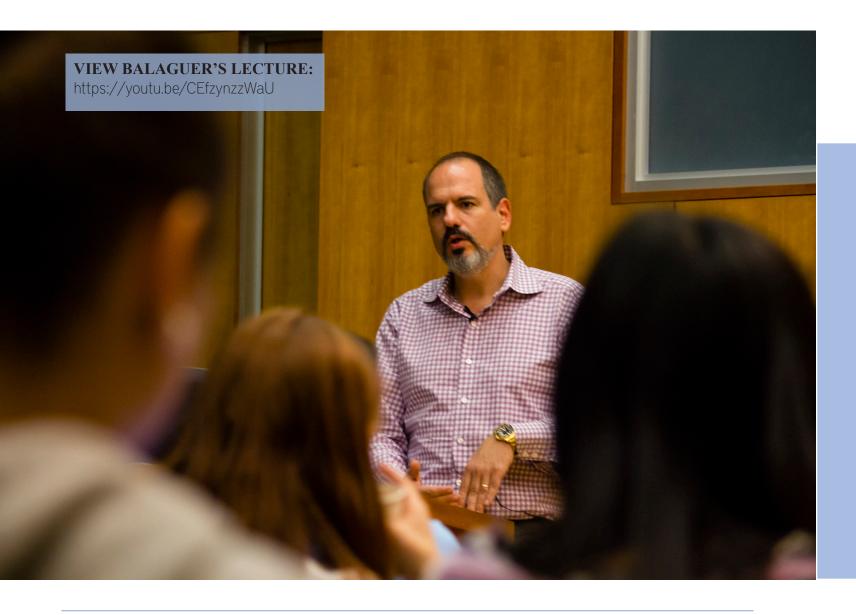
#### GUEST LECTURES SPONSORED BY POLICY STUDIES

# The Future of Hispanic and Cross-Over Branding in the US and Global Markets

Luis Balaguer, Founder & CEO, Latin World Entertainment

Luis Balaguer founded Latin World Entertainment in 1994 with his business partner Sofia Vergara. Latin World Entertainment (LWE) is the premier Hispanic talent management and entertainment-marketing firm in the United States. Balaguer's lecture described the founding and growth of LWE and touched on the various aspects of its business, including publicity, licensing, endorsements, brand integration, production, and content development. LWE is the number one Hispanic talent agency in the United States and 100% Hispanic owned.

During his visit to Lafayette College, Mr. Balaguer met with Policy Studies majors who are interested in potential careers in the entertainment and media business.



#### A Leader's Checklist for Your Leadership Moments

Michael Useem, William and Jacalyn Egan Professor of Management and Director of the Center for Leadership and Change Management at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Leadership has become all the more important in uncertain times, and the challenge is to build leaders and well-led teams in companies, communities, and colleges. That requires a capacity to think strategically, communicate persuasively, and decide decisively. Drawing on challenging times and moments of decision. **Dr. Michael Useem** identified what is required to strengthen leadership – and how a leader's checklist can help make students ready for those moments when they lead through difficult times. Dr. Useem's fall 2016 visit was co-sponsored by the Policy Studies Program, the Office of the Provost and the PSTD 310 Leadership course.



# Communicating Science to the Public: The Vaccine-Autism Controversy

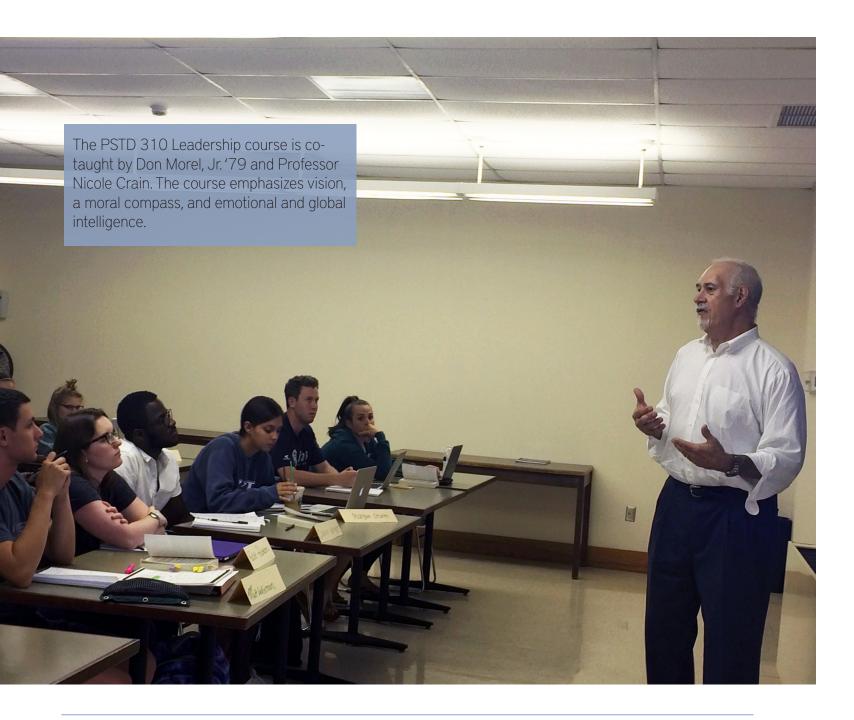
Paul Offit, M.D., Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and the Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Maurice R. Hilleman Professor of Vaccinology and a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Co-sponsored by the Policy Studies Program, the Health and Life Science Program, the Health Professions Program, and the Office of the Provost, **Dr. Paul Offit** spoke at Lafayette College in spring 2016. Arguably the world's leading authority on vaccines, he contributed to the Understanding Autism broadcast through student discussions about autism spectrum disorders and an oncamera interview for the broadcast.

#### SPOTLIGHT: LEADERSHIP COURSE

his course considers leadership through theory, case studies, discussions, and examples of high-impact leaders. Topics include leadership styles, characteristics leaders share, and transformational leadership. Intelligence and leadership are analyzed with a particular focus on the relationship between

leadership and emotional and global intelligence. At the end of the semester, students present their research on crisis leadership and the characteristics that enable individuals to deliver extraordinary performance under unimaginable challenges.



# SPOTLIGHT: FOUNDATIONS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

he entrepreneurship seminar was taught twice during the period covered by this report. It explores business entrepreneurship as foundational in the transformation, growth and development of an economy. Its analytical underlay is that entrepreneurship converts ideas into economic opportunities.

In this seminar, students learn the theoretical foundations of markets, and how they are usually the

best means through which resources are allocated and improvements in human welfare are achieved.

With this foundation laid, the role of various types of entrepreneurship is examined and discussed. Professor Fluney Hutchinson brought successful Lafayette alumni entrepreneurs back to campus to share their insights with his class. Professor Nicole Crain's students created and held a conference entitled Essentials of Entrepreneurship and learned from alumni experts.





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Emily Fogelberg '05
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Kamine Development
Corporation and KDC Aq



Chris DiMarco '98 Lamps.com and Perpay



Michael Schmidt '05
The New York Times

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI PARTICIPATING IN THE INDUSTRY, STRATEGY AND POLICY COURSE



Carl G. Anderson, Jr. '67
Partner, Cannondale Partners, LLC
MANUFACTURING

Carl Anderson presented several business cases to emphasize a critical point: understanding the customer is essential for success.



James R. Fisher, Sr. '77

Member, Public Pension Capital, LLC
IDENTIFYING & CREATING VALUE

Fisher presented two case studies to provide real world examples that illustrate how a private equity firm identifies and creates value.



Christopher G. Caine '78

President & CEO, Mercator XXI, LLC THINK TANKS AS CONSULTANTS AND CONSULTING FIRMS AS THINK TANKS

Caine discussed emerging trends in these two sub-sectors.



Susan Fox '88

Vice President, Government Relations, The Walt Disney Company MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Fox discussed the relationship between the U.S. federal government and the entertainment industry as well as some of the changes taking place in the entertainment industry.



Harry S. Cherken, Jr. '71

Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE

Drawing on his experience on the Urban Outfitters board, Cherken described the unprecedented challenges facing the retail trade sector.



Peter D. Holran '87

Director, U.S. Public and Government Affairs, Enbridge, Inc. ENERGY

Holran shared his perspectives on corporate social responsibility, public affairs, and some major challenges facing the energy sector, such as climate change and constructing the Keystone Pipeline.



Peter G. Jacoby '81

Vice President-Federal Relations & Director of Legislative Strategy, AT&T Services, Inc.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Jacoby, a seasoned government affairs veteran, provided powerful examples to illustrate the critical role of public policy in successful business performance.



J.B. Reilly '83

President, Landmark Communities and Center City Investment Corporation REAL ESTATE

Reilly hosted the students for a walking tour of Center City Allentown, his award-winning development that is credited with revitalizing the downtown area.





Maulik S. Joshi '90

Executive Vice President and COO, Anne Arundel Medical Center HEALTHCARE

Joshi discussed compensation schemes used in the health care industry and the potential value of mergers between health care and insurance providers.



John Stephenson '05

Senior Manager, US Public Policy, Amazon

TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS SERVICES

Stephenson detailed some of the key business areas at Amazon, including Amazon Web Services (AWS).



Pamela S. Passman '83

President & CEO, Center for Responsible Enterprise & Trade NOT-FOR-PROFITS/NGOS

Passman addressed decisions about the choice of organizational structure and major challenges facing the notfor-profit sector, such as performance metrics and attracting top talent.



#### Robert Strouse '70

President, Wind River Holdings, L.P. PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES

Strouse described how Wind River, a private equity firm, devised an Uber-type platform to create one of America's largest and most successful asset management and facilities maintenance companies.



Stephen D. Pryor '71

Retired President, ExxonMobil
Chemical Company
ENERGY

Pryor gave students the "big picture" on the world's energy outlook though the year 2040, the factors driving energy demand, and plausible responses to satisfy this demand.



Robin Wiessmann '75

Secretary of Banking and Securities, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania FINANCIAL SERVICES

Wiessmann provided an overview of the state government's role in regulating the financial services sector, and how her agency is innovating to keep pace with this rapidly-changing sector.

## POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES

#### **Employers and Graduate Schools**

AB Bernstein Global Financial Markets Association

Accenture GoldenTree Asset Management

AIG Goldman Sachs

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Google

Avison Young Guggenheim Partners

AXA en France Hill and Stone Insurance Agency, Inc.

Balyasny Indeed.com

Bard College Center for Environmental Policy J.P. Morgan Asset Management

Bed Bath & Beyond Corporate KDC Ag

Booth School, University of Chicago Kelley School of Business, Indiana University

Brooklyn Law School Kin Community
Carbon Credit Capital Kiski Group Inc.

CariClub KPMG US
CB Insights L Brands

CBRE Lazard Asset Management
CharityEngine Liberty Mutual Insurance

Chatham University London School of Economics and Political

Comedy Central Science
Cornell University Merck

COTA (Cancer Outcome Tracking Analysis) Moody's Analytics

Deloitte MorganFranklin Consulting

Democracy Prep Public Schools

EisnerAmper LLP

National Express LLC

Natural Lands Trust

Executive Office of the President. The White PA Department of Banking and Securities

House Park Hill Group
FactSet Point One Percent

First Eagle Investment Management PricewaterhouseCoopers

Gannett Company, Inc.

Principato-Young Entertainment

Principle Solutions Group

Ralph Lauren

Red Fuse Communications

Roadrunner Recycling

Stamos Capital Partners, L.P.

Suvoda

Teach for America

TeleGeography

The PFM Group

The Travelers Companies

The Walt Disney Company

Unilever

University of California, San Diego

UpSpring PR

Ventura, Ribeiro & Smith

Vimeo

West Monroe Partners

Wilgro Services, Inc

Woodbrook Elementary

Xiaomi VR



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