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## Young Initiative

*2014-2015*

# Introduction

The last academic year has proven to be exceptionally productive for the Young Initiative at Occidental College. Through the leadership of **Professor Sanjeev Khagram** and the hard work of faculty, administration, staff, students, alumni and external partners, the Young Initiative has made significant progress toward establishing Occidental as the premier liberal arts college in global affairs.

## About the Young Initiative

**John Parke Young 1917** was a distinguished international economist, former chair of the College's economics department and the son of the **Rev. William Stewart Young**, one of Occidental's founders and a 50-year member of the Board of Trustees. The endowment funds the first ever John Parke Young Chair in Global Political Economy—held by **Professor Sanjeev Khagram**—together with programs and research designed “to promote national or international economic, social, financial or political policies or actions of general public and social benefit.”

*A Message From*

# the Chair



It is hard to believe that it has only been three years since I arrived at Oxy as the John Parke Young Chair on Global Political Economy. Together with amazing partners including faculty, students, administration, staff, alumni and community members, we have put the College on the map as among the leading liberal arts and sciences colleges for global affairs, the global economy and entrepreneurship. Just a few of the highlights over the past years include the completion of the renovation of Johnson Hall and launching of the McKinnon Center and Global Digital Crossroads; the organization of Oxy yearlong themes (Water in 2012-13, Emancipation in 2014-15 and Sustainability in 2015-16); the creation of a vibrant Entrepreneurship Initiative including student club Oxypreneurship and J-Term program; organizing the first ever TEDxOccidental; and the hosting of the first Young faculty conferences this past year (China in the World, The Craft of Diplomacy, etc.). In addition, we continue to strengthen our historic initiatives including the Young Student Grants program and U.N. program, among many others. I am particularly proud that we are now ranked No. 36 in the Forbes global rankings of most entrepreneurial colleges—the first time Occidental has made the top 50! We are not satisfied, however, and I am fully committed to realizing our vision of being the premier liberal arts and sciences college in the areas of global affairs, the global economy and entrepreneurship. Onward and upward!

## **DR. SANJEEV KHAGRAM**

*John Parke Young Professor of Global Political Economy  
Director, Young Initiative on the Global Economy*

## FALL 2014 VISITING GLOBAL SCHOLARS

2014-2015 marked the third year of the popular John Parke Young Series on *The Future of the Global Political Economy*. Prominent leaders from around the world were invited to campus to share their work on frontline issues such as diplomacy, peacebuilding, global governance and entrepreneurial leadership. The speakers' campus visits included formal campuswide lectures, seminar-style discussions in classes and faculty-hosted lunches.

### Peter Maguire

#### **"Never a Dull Moment: War Criminals, Smugglers and Surfers"**

Peter Maguire, Ph.D. is the author of three Columbia University Press Books: *Law and War: International Law and American History* (about the Nuremberg Trials in Germany following WWII); *Facing Death in Cambodia*; and *Thai Stick: Surfers, Scammers, and the Untold Story of the Marijuana Trade* (co-authored with Mike Ritter). Maguire is a historian and former war-crimes investigator whose works have been widely published. He taught law and war theory at Columbia University and Bard College, where he served as a trustee. A lunch in his honor was hosted by Stuart Chevalier Professor of Diplomacy and World Affairs Derek Shearer, and he spoke in Movindri Reddy's DWA 101 class. His main lecture, in the evening, was well attended by students.

**“Thanks to the Young Fund, Peter Maguire regaled the Oxy community with historical accounts of Nuremberg and on-the-ground analysis of the Khmer Rouge tribunal now taking place in Cambodia.”**

—SOPHAL EAR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DIPLOMACY AND WORLD AFFAIRS



## Ambassador Christopher Hill

### “Education of a Diplomat”

Ambassador Hill reflected on his 33-year career in the State Department and how this experience has influenced his role as dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Relations at the University of Denver. Hill’s career account, *Outpost: Life on the Frontlines of American Diplomacy*, is an adventure story of danger, loss of comrades, high-stakes negotiations and imperfect options serving as ambassador to Iraq, Korea, Poland and Macedonia.



For Hill’s full talk, please click the image above.



For Call’s full talk, please click the image above.

## Charles Call

### “Peacebuilding in the 21st Century”

Charles “Chuck” Call, professor of international peace and conflict resolution at American University, focuses on post-war peacebuilding, democratization, human rights and policing and justice reform. He has worked as a consultant for Human Rights Watch, the European Commission, USAID, UNDP, the U.S.

Department of Justice and the Washington Office on Latin America, and has received grants from the U.S. Institute of Peace, the MacArthur Foundation and the National Science Foundation. Call’s Occidental lecture discussed the past and future of peacebuilding, taking lessons from UN missions, U.S. involvement and the work of scholars.

## Malcolm Byrne

### “Iran-Contra: The Almost Forgotten Scandal and Why It Still Matters”

Malcolm Byrne, deputy director and director of research, has worked at the National Security Archive and supervised the research process of identifying and obtaining documentation for the archive’s collections. He directs the Openness in Russia and Eastern Europe Project and the U.S.-Iran Relations Project, both of which promote multinational and multi-archival approaches to the study of recent, controversial historical events. Previously, he served as co-director of the Iran-Contra documentation project and coordinated the archive’s project on U.S.-Soviet relations during the Cold War.



For Byrne’s full talk, please click the image above.

**“The Young Initiative generously supported a timely visit by the deputy director of the National Security Archive on the subject matter of his recently published book, *Iran-Contra: Reagan’s Scandal and the Unchecked Abuse of Presidential Power*. Mr. Byrne’s visit was comprised of a class visit and an evening lecture to the Oxy community.”**

—HUSS BANAI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF DIPLOMACY AND WORLD AFFAIRS



For Wright’s full talk, please click the image above.

## Jason Wright

### “Justice on Trial: Shedding Light on the Dark Side of the War on Terror”

Jason Wright had firsthand experience with the secrecy and malpractice of the American justice system at Guantanamo Bay. As the defense lawyer for Khalid Sheik Mohammad and Obaidallah, two detainees held without trial, Wright had to navigate the complex relationship between a JAG core-trained lawyer and clients who were subjected to cruel and inhumane practices by the U.S. government. During his Oxy visit, Wright spoke about the torture his clients were subjected to and how he remains committed to representing a fair and unbiased legal process in his role as Mohammed’s lawyer.

## Adam Hochschild

### “The War Within the War: An Unknown Story of World War I”

If there were a single event of the 20th century that we could magically undo, would it not be the war of 1914-1918? So much happened as a direct result: some 20 million deaths, the rise of Nazism, the Russian Revolution and another world war that was even more destructive. Adam Hochschild’s book *To End All Wars*—as well as his Oxy lecture—took a fresh look at this tragic conflict, and at those who refused to fight in it.

## Grace Kim and Octavio Herrera

### “Entrepreneurial Leadership”

Grace Kim and Octavio Herrera both visited DWA 151, “Entrepreneurial Leadership,” to talk about their own journeys as entrepreneurs. Herrera is the co-founder and manager at AlphaGenius, a quantitative hedge fund that was founded in 2010 and began trading in 2011. Kim collaborates with pragmatic idealists to design effective and creative solutions for social impact. As part of the founding team of GOOD/Corps, a social innovation consultancy firm, she has partnered with visionary CEOs and foundation leaders, startup entrepreneurs and civic leaders to design strategic initiatives for STEM education, polio eradication, entrepreneurship, civic engagement and web literacy.

## Peter Eigen

### “The Future of Global Governance and the Role of Civil Society”

Peter Eigen founded the Advisory Council of Transparency International (TI), a non-governmental organization promoting transparency and accountability in international development since 1993. Headquartered in Berlin, TI supports national chapters in more than 90 countries. A lawyer, Eigen has worked in economic development for 25 years, mainly as a World Bank manager of programs in Africa and Latin America. Under Ford Foundation sponsorship, he provided legal and technical assistance to the governments of Botswana and Namibia, and taught law at the universities of Frankfurt and Georgetown. Eigen spoke at Occidental about the lessons he has learned through his many initiatives as a global social entrepreneur. Read more about Peter Eigen’s talk [here](#).

## SPRING 2015 HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKERS SERIES

Additional campus programming and programming support was provided by the Young Initiative, in collaboration with the CSP Emancipation program and the departments of sociology and diplomacy and world affairs, to present the Spring 2015 Human Rights Speakers Series, co-organized by Anthony Chase and Sanjeev Khagram. This series highlighted the possibilities and challenges of human rights in a modern-day struggle for justice.

In an age of globalization, human rights are often seen as a tool with which to contest injustice both locally and transnationally. Speakers in this series addressed the varieties of ways in which human rights may effectively do so or may, on the contrary, be either irrelevant or even counterproductive in struggles for emancipation.

### Kathryn Sikkink

#### **“Emancipation Through Human Rights in Global Perspective”**

Kathryn Sikkink is the Ryan Family Professor of Human Rights Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and the Carol K. Pforzheimer Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. Sikkink works on international norms and institutions, transnational advocacy networks, the impact of human rights law and policies and transitional justice. In her talk, “Human Rights as a Tool for Emancipation,” Sikkink outlined the history of the transnational human rights movement, especially its roots in Latin America, and argued that human rights are relevant as a tool for achieving justice in the 21st century.



*For Sikkink's full talk, please click the image above.*

### Douglas Johnson

#### **“The Costs and Consequences of the Use of Torture”**

Douglas Johnson is the director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and a lecturer in public policy. He has been a committed advocate of human rights since the 1970s, when he chaired the Infant Formula Action Coalition. He also co-founded the International Nestle Boycott Committee, which had a collective membership of 40 million members and grew to include 120 major national organizations. In 1988, Johnson was hired by the Minnesota-based Center for the Victims of Torture. By the time he stepped down as executive director in 2012, the Center had become the preeminent treatment facility in the U.S., supporting 33 rehabilitation centers in the U.S. and 17 centers abroad. In his talk, “The Costs and Consequences of the U.S.'s Decision to Use Torture,” Johnson argued that the use of torture in Guantanamo Bay detention facilities was not only immoral and illegal, it was also strategically unsound and endangered American objectives abroad.



*For Foweraker's full talk, please click the image above.*

## Joe Foweraker

### “The Rhetoric of Human Rights in Latin America”

Joe Foweraker is director of the Latin American Centre, professor of Latin American politics, and a professorial fellow of St Antony's College. He has carried out extensive fieldwork in Brazil, Spain and Mexico, and has published monographs on these three countries with Cambridge University Press. He has also published widely on social mobilization and citizenship rights in Latin America, including books with Pluto Press (1995) and Oxford University Press (1997). In recent years, he has pursued comparative research on democracy, publishing a series of articles on the quality of democratic government and editing an encyclopedia of democratic thought (Routledge, 2001). Foweraker spoke on “The Rhetoric of Human Rights in Latin America.”

## Diane Amann

### “Children and the International Criminal Court”

Holder of the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law at the University of Georgia, Diane Marie Amann teaches public international law, international criminal law and the laws of war, and is an affiliated faculty member of the university's African Studies Institute. She also serves as the International Criminal Court prosecutor's special adviser on children in armed conflict. Amann focuses her scholarship on the ways that national, regional and international legal regimes interact as they endeavor to combat atrocity and cross-border crime. Her most recent publication is the *American Society of International Law Benchbook on International Law* (Diane Marie Amann, ed., 2014). Amann gave two presentations at Occidental, entitled “Obama and International Law” and “Children and the International Criminal Court.”

## E. Benjamin Skinner

### “Emancipation From Modern-Day Slavery: What Will It Take?”

E. Benjamin Skinner is an award-winning author and journalist who studies U.S. and global political economies, specializing in modern-day slavery. In researching his book *A Crime So Monstrous: Face to Face With Modern-Day Slavery* (Free Press, 2008), he observed negotiations for the sale of human beings on four continents. Skinner served on the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Illicit Trade. He has served as special assistant to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and as research associate for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. Skinner visited Occidental as part of the Cultural Studies Program lecture series on Emancipation and delivered a talk entitled “Emancipation From Modern-Day Slavery: What Will It Take?”

## Sofia Gruskin

### “Evolving Perspectives on Reproductive & Sexual Rights: Transgender Populations and the International Classification of Diseases”

Sofia Gruskin directs the Program on Global Health & Human Rights at the USC Institute for Global Health and holds appointments as professor of preventive medicine at the Keck School of Medicine and professor of law and preventive medicine at the Gould School of Law. A pioneer in global health and human rights, her work has been instrumental in developing the conceptual, methodological and empirical links between health and human rights, with a focus on non-communicable diseases, child and adolescent health, HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence and health systems.

## Sergio Aguayo

### “Masters of Denial: Massacres and other Atrocities in U.S.-Mexico Relations”

Sergio Aguayo received his B.A. in international relations from El Colegio de México and his master's and Ph.D. in international relations from John Hopkins University. Aguayo is determined to understand the roots of pervasive violence in Mexico and what can be done to prevent it. Aguayo's academic work focuses heavily on human rights, security, peace and violence and Mexican domestic and international relations. Aguayo delivered a talk entitled “Masters of Denial: Massacres and Other Atrocities in U.S.-Mexico Relations” as the final lecture of the College's Human Rights Speaker Series.



# Young Initiative 2014-2015 Sponsored Conferences



## CHINA AND THE WORLD

Where does China stand on the world stage? Organized by **Carol Wise** (USC), **Shaun Breslin** (Warwick), **Sanjeev Khagram** (Occidental) and **Sophal Ear** (Occidental), this conference co-sponsored by Occidental, the USC Center for International Studies, the USC U.S.-China Institute and Warwick University brought distinguished scholars from around the world to discuss this major superpower's relations with other nations. Sessions included China and the World, China-Africa, China-Indian Subcontinent, China-Southeast Asia, China-USA, China-Latin America, China-the Former Soviet Space and China-Europe. The output of this conference is "Working Papers of the John Parke Young Initiative on the Global Economy."



## Participants

**Deborah Brautigam**  
*Johns Hopkins University*

**Shaun Breslin**  
*University Of Warwick*

**Lan T. Chu**  
*Occidental*

**Clayton Dube**  
*USC*

**Victoria Chonn Ching**  
*USC*

**Sophal Ear**  
*Occidental*

**Carla Park Freeman**  
*Johns Hopkins University*

**Ronan Tse-Min Fu**  
*USC*

**David Kang**  
*USC*

**Saori Katada**  
*USC*

**Sanjeev Khagram**  
*Occidental*

**Beverley Loke**  
*Oxford University*

**Daniel Lynch**  
*USC*

**Stan Rosen**  
*USC*

**Jue Wang**  
*Leiden University*

**Carol Wise**  
*USC*



# CRAFT OF DIPLOMACY

As exemplified in the distinguished careers of diplomats and Foreign Service professionals, diplomacy as a vocation is decidedly more than a tool of statecraft. It is about the art of building and maintaining relationships between individuals, groups, organizations and states in international society. The everyday practices of diplomacy have many dimensions, manifest themselves in many forms and contain a multitude of social, political, economic, cultural and historical elements.



The diplomatic profession also mutates over time and is as dynamic as the men and women who partake in its construction and evolution. The central objective of the Craft of Diplomacy Conference, organized by **Ambassador Derek Shearer** and **Assistant Professor Huss Banai**, was to reflect on the changing roles and functions of diplomats as official representatives of state interests and values, as well as mediators of estrangement and conflict in the 21st century.



It emerged from the conference that it is more constructive to think of diplomacy as a practice concerned with determining the terms of coexistence between a range of actors, stakeholders and audiences in international society, whose beliefs and claims are as varied in their orientations as they are in their consequences. Viewed in this way, diplomacy is a craft in its own right: it is that constellation of interpersonal skills premised on humanistic understanding, language and professional training, improvised behavior, the execution of mandates and responsibilities, strategic thinking and above all

unceasing contemplation about demands on one's interests, values and identities for the sake of peaceful coexistence.

As the only major liberal arts college with a dedicated program for the study and practice of diplomacy, Occidental is uniquely positioned to be the leading institution among its peer competitors. The conference was an important step toward establishing the College's reputation, which we hope to nourish further in the coming years.

*For the full videos of the conference sessions, please click the images below:*



Session One



Session Two



Session Three



*“The Craft of Diplomacy Conference was a signature moment in the nascent institutional life of the McKinnon Center at Oxy. The conference not only inaugurated a conversation about a critically important, yet neglected, dimension of diplomacy, but it did so by demonstrating the indispensable utility of the liberal arts to a substantive understanding of the craft of diplomacy.”*

—HUSS BANAI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF DIPLOMACY AND WORLD AFFAIRS

## Participants

**Ambassador Derek Shearer**  
*Occidental*

**Huss Banai**  
*Occidental*

**Ambassador Barbara Bodine**

**Ambassador Cameron Munter**

**Kantathi Suphamongkhon**  
*UCLA*

**Ambassador Stephen Bosworth**

**Ambassador Nicholas Burns**

**Admiral William Fallon**

**Geoffrey Wiseman**  
*USC*

**Jeremy Curtin**

**Ambassador Tom Loftus**

**Ambassador David Dunn**

**James Mann**

**Terry McCarthy**

**James Fallows**

**Ambassador Chris O’Conner**

**Nicholas Cull**  
*USC*

**Philip Seib**  
*USC*

## PROTEST: THEORETICAL PRACTICAL, AND INTERNATIONAL

In a conference coordinated by diplomacy and world affairs Associate Professor **Lan Chu** and USC political science Professor **Anthony Kammis**, jointly sponsored by USC's department of political science and Occidental, undergraduates from both schools presented papers on protest in different international contexts. The conference aimed to foster discussion and collaboration between Oxy and USC students on issues that inform our understanding and practice of protest in all of its forms. Conference papers presented included: Jonathan Kanellakos '16, Occidental, "Cosmetic Morality: Hollywood's Support for the Occupy Movement"; Mehrdad Safvati, USC, "The Clash of Power and Utopia"; and Janan Burni '15, Occidental, "Translating Du Bois and Trayvon Martin to the Palestinian Diaspora." Conference participants were then invited to submit their papers for publication in a special issue of *Ilios*. Burni's paper can be found [here](#).

## VIETNAMESE IN AMERICA SINCE 1975: HISTORY, IDENTITY & COMMUNITY

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam War, diplomacy and world affairs Associate Professor **Lan Chu** worked with Professor **Tuan Hoang** of Pepperdine University to organize a conference that was held at Occidental. The purpose of their interdisciplinary conference was to bring together junior and senior scholars who explore and analyze the culture, politics and identity of Vietnamese Americans. The goal of the conference was to contribute to a greater understanding about the origins and continuities within diaspora and immigrant communities. The organizers of the conference have since been contacted by the *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (the flagship journal for this field) to compile these conference papers into a special edition for the journal, for which Hoang and Chu would serve as guest editors.

Possibly the most important conference takeaway is that Vietnamese Americans have been refugees, but also political actors and organizers, intellectuals and cosmopolitans, sojourners to the U.S. and seekers of opportunities in Vietnam. Vietnamese in America might have been victims of different forces, but the presentations at this conference demonstrate convincingly that they have been agents and actors in a lot of ways.



## Participants

**Lan Chu**

*Occidental*

**Janet Hoskins**

*USC*

**Vy Thuc Dao**

*Tulane University*

**Danvy Le**

*Cal State University, East Bay*

**Linh Hoang**

*Siena College*

**Tuong Vu**

*University of Oregon*

**Roy Vu**

*North Lake College*

**Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox**

*Western Connecticut State University*

**Tuan Hoang**

*Pepperdine University*

**Mariam Lam**

*UC Riverside*

**An Tuan Nguyen**

*Northern Arizona University*

**Mytoan Nguyen-Akbar**

*University of Puget Sound*



A photograph of two women in a rural setting. The woman in the foreground is wearing a green shawl over a red top and has a small bindi on her forehead. She is carrying a large, weathered brass pot balanced on her head. The woman behind her is wearing a light blue top and a blue beaded necklace. The background shows a dirt path and some greenery.

# Young Student Grants



The Young Initiative continues to support the vision of John Parke Young, promoting the study of the global political economy and global affairs. As part of this effort, this last year over 45 students applied to the Young Student Grant Program. After a competitive selection process managed by the Young Student Grant Committee, 23 students were awarded grants that supported independent research, internships and conference attendance around the world. Grants for the year totaled **\$54,897**. Upon completion of their research, students are required to submit a report summarizing their activities and findings, along with a visual project for the Global Digital Crossroads.



# YOUNG STUDENT GRANTS

## Fall/Winter 2014

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### **Julia d'Amours '17**

*The Lenkin Summit, Washington, D.C.*

### **Alique Berberian '15**

*Commission on the Status of Women, Honduras*

### **Rourke Healey '15**

*Effects of Increased Middle Class Consumerism on Traditional Livelihoods in East Africa (research)*

### **Emily Linebarger '16**

*AshokaU Exchange Conference, Maryland*

### **Lawrence Larabee '15**

*The Relationship Between Maori Representation and Ethnic Rhetoric Since 1996, New Zealand (research)*

### **John Richardson '15**

*Transnational Preferences in the Circular Economy, Konnektid Internship, Netherlands*

### **Ellery Ward '15**

*Cleft Lip and Palate in India: Determining the Socioeconomic Factors That Influence Quality of Life and Treatment Received, With a Focus in Rural Nainital District, Uttarakhand state (research)*

## Spring/Summer 2015

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### **Natasha Anderson '16**

*H.I.J.O.S as a Protagonist of Justice: A Case Study of Argentina (research)*

### **Ashley Andreou '17**

*Global Health and Innovation Conference, New Haven, Conn.*

### **Shilpa Bhongir '16**

*Young Readers Program Arodhum International, India*

### **Ripsime Biyazyan '16**

*International Careers Studies Internship, Cuba*

### **Bianca Phoebe Chang '16**

*Sulong Pilipinas Internship, Philippines*

### **Emily Eichenthal '18**

*Senate Foreign Relations Committee Internship, Washington, D.C.*

### **Olani Ewunnet '17**

*Participatory Urban Planning: An Analysis of Copenhagen & Addis Ababa, Denmark (research)*

### **Jonathan Kanellakos '16**

*Research on Law of Foreign Investment, Hong Kong*

### **Ama Peiris '17**

*Changemaker Summit, San Diego*

### **Cholpon Ramizova '15**

*Internship at the Center for Arab-West Understanding, Egypt*

### **Beebe Sanders '15**

*Fellowship with Religions for Peace, New York*

### **Sophie Shafer-Landau '17**

*American Security Project: Washington, D.C.*

### **Sydney Silver '16**

*Summer Corporate Partnerships Internship, Washington, D.C.*

### **Michael Tonetti '16**

*The Art of Mapuche Diplomacy, Chile (research)*

### **Katherine Waddell '15**

*Global Health and Innovation Conference, New Haven, Conn.*

### **Victoria Walker '17**

*Internship with U.S. State Department at U.S. Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique*

# Faculty Grants and Activities

The Young Initiative continues to support an array of activities conducted by the faculty of the diplomacy and world affairs department.



## SANJEEV KHAGRAM



Dr. Khagram had one of his most active years to date, despite being on sabbatical during the spring semester. In terms of research, he continued his major global projects on open government and government budget accountability. He also initiated two more related projects on open data, and harnessing the data revolution for sustainable development. All of these projects are tied to the announcement of the U.N. Sustainable Development

Goals, a set of bold goals ranging from ending extreme poverty to combatting climate change, being agreed to by 193 governments in September 2015.

Khagram also was a keynote speaker at numerous global forums and conferences, including:

- June 2015: Washington, D.C., “Towards a Global Multi-Stakeholder Partnership on Sustainable Development Data”
- May 2015: London, workshop on international governance, sponsored by the Open Society Foundation
- February 2015: China in the World Conference, Occidental College and USC
- November 2014: “What Investors Can Do to Advance Government Transparency and Accountability in Emerging Markets,” hosted by Bloomberg
- November 2014: InterAmerican Bank Conference on Transparency and Anti-Corruption in the Caribbean
- September 2014: UNGA Annual Conference on the SDGs

Khagram continued to be active on campus as well. He coordinated with Anthony Chase the Young/McKinnon/DWA Human Rights Speaker Series and brought Professor Kathryn Sikkink of Harvard University to campus to be a featured speaker to all frosh in the Core Studies Program—she spoke on “Emancipation and Human Rights.” In addition, he continued to steward the Young Initiative Student Grants and entrepreneurship initiative on campus and be the faculty advisor of Oxypreneurship. Finally, he was an active member of several committees, including SCOF and the search for a new chaired professorship in urban and environmental policy.

## ANTHONY CHASE



The Young Initiative was a significant boost to the research of Professor Chase this year. It provided primary or secondary funding for four academic trips: One to London for a small workshop at SOAS (London) on political Islam and the Arab Spring, and a second to Casablanca for a meeting with leading Arab human rights activists. The third trip was to Copenhagen for a meeting at the Danish Institute for Human Rights Studies for meetings on interdisciplinary approaches to human rights and the Arab Spring and human rights, as well as a workshop on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and human rights. Lastly, the Young Initiative provided funding for participation in the Law & Society annual meeting in Seattle.

All of this travel is part of ongoing research projects that have already resulted in publications and will result in future publications. First among these is “The Organization of Islamic Cooperation as a Case Study of the Role of International Organizations in Advancing Human Rights,” which the Danish Institute for Human Rights published as a working paper during fall/winter 2014. It is available [here](#).

This working paper will also be part of a planned edited volume, which was presented at the LSA meeting in Seattle and is planned for submission by next fall. The Copenhagen meeting on interdisciplinary approaches to human rights is part of Chase’s research for an article tentatively titled “Understanding Human Rights’ Impacts: An Interdisciplinary Approach.” And, lastly, the meetings in London and Casablanca have been key in helping Chase conceptualize and attract contributors to the forthcoming *Handbook on Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa* (Routledge, expected publication 2016).

As part of Chase’s DWA 410 Task Force, in which his students worked for Shaarik Zafar, the State Department’s Special Representative to Muslim Communities, Young supported the event in which the presentation of the Task Force’s final report was made to Zafar and Kyle Ballard, an Oxy alumnus at the U.S. Defense Department.

## LAURA HEBERT



The Young Initiative supported Professor Hebert's research for two manuscripts, both of which are currently under peer review: "Invisible & Expendable: The Trafficking of Third Country National Men by US Military Contractors," and "Always Victimizers, Never Victims: Engaging Males in the Literature on Human Trafficking." Ongoing research support was also provided for her book project, *Gender and Human Rights in the Age of Mobility*.

Conference travel was also made possible for Hebert by support from the Young Initiative. She traveled to Washington, D.C. to present a paper entitled, "Migrant Laborers and the U.S. War against Terrorism" as part of a panel on Gender, Work, and Migration Politics at the 2014 American Political Science Association Conference; and to New Orleans to present her research on Third Country National Men and U.S. military contracting as part of a panel on Global Human Trafficking & Gender at the 2015 International Studies Association Conference.

The Young Initiative underwrote the visit of guest speaker Julia Bleckner of Human Rights Watch and a DWA alumna on U.N. peacekeeping in Hebert's fall 2014 International Organizations course, as well as guest speaker Katherine Carey of Free the Slaves, also a DWA alumna, on human trafficking in the United States for her spring 2015 Human Rights & Trafficking in Persons course.

## HUSS BANAI



In the 2014-2015 academic year, the Young Initiative was instrumental in facilitating Banai's research, conference travel and general teaching at the College. He used the funds primarily to pay for membership in professional organizations (International Studies Association, American Political Science Association; Middle East Studies Association, International Society for Iranian Studies, Association for Political Theory and the European International Studies Association), research, teaching-related books and conference travel (to the annual meetings of the International Studies Association, International Society for Iranian Studies and the Western Political Science Association). As a co-organizer of the Craft of Diplomacy Conference, Banai was also a beneficiary of the very generous support by the Young Initiative for travels and lodging for the participants at the conference.

## LAN CHU



This past year, the Young Initiative sponsored Chu's attendance at an important conference at Pepperdine University. In early November, she was invited by Professor Tuan Hoang to serve as moderator for a panel he composed for the sixth Engaging with Vietnam—An Interdisciplinary Dialogue Conference held at the University of Oregon. The conference theme was *Frontiers and Peripheries: Vietnam Deconstructed and Reconnected*, and her particular panel explored the relationship between the Vietnamese-American diaspora and Vietnam. This conference was an excellent opportunity to learn about new research and to network with major scholars in the field.

## MOVINDRI REDDY



With support of the Young Initiative, Reddy traveled to South Africa twice in 2014. The first trip was a personal one; however, she used her free time to set up meetings with potential informants for her planned trip in December to Johannesburg and Cape Town for fieldwork, focusing on the collection of information to update a chapter of her book that dealt specifically with the indigenization of Indian culture in South Africa and to begin conversations about post-revolutionary South Africa, particularly focusing on the expectations of participants in the various social movements and their views on the current trajectory. This research forms part of the project she is working on during her sabbatical in 2015-16.

The Young Initiative also supported Reddy's purchase of many texts on revolutionary theory and practice as it pertains to contemporary revolutions in Africa, as well as technical products to assist in the creation of an online database.

## SOPHAL EAR



As the newest faculty member in the department of diplomacy and world affairs, Ear was able to keep the forward momentum of his research this year by using funds provided by the Young Initiative to subsidize the editing services for material that will form the basis of his third book. The work is on the political economy of emerging infectious diseases and is made all the more relevant with the recent experience of Ebola in Africa.

Even before his arrival at Oxy, Sanjeev Khagram asked Ear to join him, Carol Wise (USC) and Shaun Breslin (University of Warwick) in co-organizing the joint Oxy-USC conference on China and the World. Ear considers himself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to present on China and Southeast Asia during the conference, both at USC and at Oxy, and to interact with an impressive roster of China experts, including Deborah Brautigam of Johns Hopkins University and David Kang of USC. An edited volume is in the planning stages.

Ear also attended the World Economic Forum on Africa, which took place in Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the conference was Then and Now: Reimagining Africa's Future. This marks Ear's fourth WEF event as a Young Global Leader, but his first as an Oxy professor and ambassador, and he identified and recruited speakers, especially from the global south, for all of Oxy's Sustainability 2015-2016 initiatives, including the international speakers for the Core Studies Program, the Young Speaker Series on Sustainability, and for TEDxOccidentalCollege 2016, for which the theme is Sustainability.

## AMBASSADOR DEREK SHEARER



The Young Initiative supported two important trips for Ambassador Shearer. The first was to Cambridge and Providence, where Ambassador Shearer spoke at Harvard's Kennedy School on Obama foreign policy, and had meetings with leading professors, including Oxy parent and international relations professor Stephen Walt, and with former president of Finland Tarja Halonen, whom he invited to campus and who will be visiting in October. Ambassador Shearer also met at Harvard with the former national security adviser of India and with *Washington Post* foreign policy columnist David Ignatius, attended a dinner at Oxy parent Shanti Fry's home with leading Harvard faculty, and met with member of the McKinnon board Richard Locke at Brown University, where he is director of the Watson Institute.

The second trip was to New York, where Ambassador Shearer had dinner with McKinnon advisory board member Nayan Chanda to discuss his return to India, exchanges with a new Indian liberal arts university in Delhi where Chanda and his wife Geeta will be teaching; had coffee with former *New York Times* editor Bill Keller (and Pomona trustee) to discuss the Marshall Project—a reporting site on criminal justice—and to invite Keller to speak about it at Oxy; had lunch with Orville Schell, a leading China scholar and author and director of the U.S.-China Institute at the Asia Society, to invite Orville to speak on China at Oxy in the fall; and had lunch with former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at Asia Society to invite him to Oxy. Ambassador Shearer also was part of Oxy's Road Scholar Series, giving a talk to Oxy alumni in NYC on Obama and the future of American diplomacy. After the talk, he dined with former DWA students working in NYC. During this trip, he also conducted an informal meeting with former Indian national security adviser Shankar Menon to invite him to Oxy to speak on Indian foreign policy.

The Young Initiative also underwrote numerous books and periodicals for Ambassador Shearer's research, primarily on sports diplomacy.



## OXYPRENEURSHIP

Entrepreneurship at Oxy remains a major focus for the Young Initiative. The entrepreneurial energy that was unleashed via Oxypreneurship and the collaboration across students, faculty, administration and alumni for this initiative continues to be one of the great successes of the Young Initiative to date and a strong force for movement on Oxy's campus.

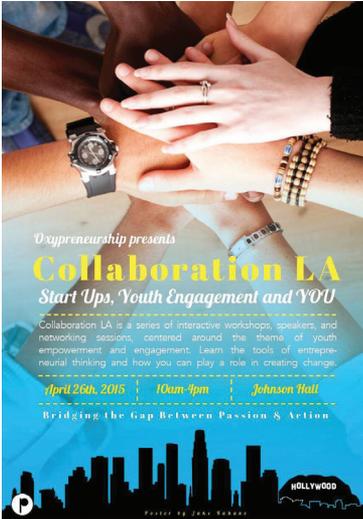


## J-Term

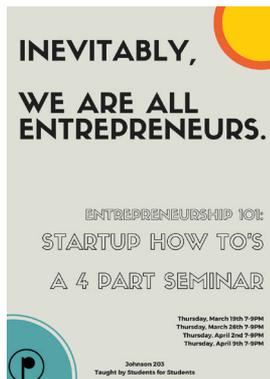
Oxypreneurship hosted its second-annual January Term, or J-term, on campus. This 12-day entrepreneurial boot camp featured networking opportunities with entrepreneurs from Southern California, site visits to co-working spaces and startups and workshops to develop hard skills. The program culminated in presentations where students presented the business ideas they had developed over the two-week program. Read more about the January Term here.



## Collaboration L.A.



Collaboration L.A.: Startups, Youth Engagement and YOU was a collaborative event dedicated to exploring youth engagement and empowerment in Los Angeles as well as enabling participants to find value in the tools of entrepreneurial thinking. This event was designed to provide students with a platform upon which they could learn about a variety of opportunities for their growth and outreach in L.A.



## General Assembly Event/Innovate Pasadena

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Oxypreneurship co-hosted an event with General Assembly and Innovate Pasadena to discuss the future of entrepreneurship in northeast L.A. The event was well attended by local entrepreneurs and organizations, and was a hugely successful networking opportunity for Occidental students.

## AdVantage

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Spearheaded by first-year Oxy student Eunice Ko, AdVantage was dedicated to raising awareness and empathy about homelessness. The event was a fundraiser for alumnus **Kevin Adler**, who works to bring humanity to homelessness through his “Homeless Go-Pro Campaign.” The event combined dinner, a fashion show, an auction and an art piece where attendees could reflect upon their own identities and how they might be similar to those of homeless persons.

## L.A. Council on Entrepreneurship

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Oxypreneurship spearheaded an initiative this year to connect Southern California-area universities interested in entrepreneurship. Oxypreneurship connected directly with Caltech Entrepreneurs, UCLA Bruin Entrepreneurs and USC Spark, and in the upcoming academic year will be exploring ways to create events and partnerships with these area schools.

## Incubator Team

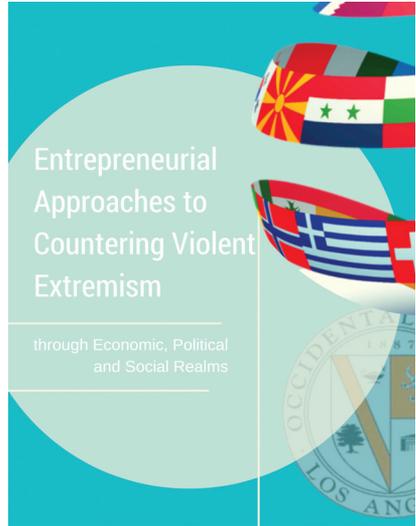
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The Incubator Team underwent a process of reevaluation and growth this semester as Valdair Lopes '16, Emily Linebarger '16 and Arun Chadda '17 led the team toward a more viable understanding of how to nurture entrepreneurship at Occidental. The Incubator team advised four startups over the year and secured a partnership with Santa Monica-based Anthos Capital. The connection was initiated by Oxy alumnus Ed Wilson, who is currently working at Anthos. The Incubator Team and Anthos will partner on teaching Incubator team students how to coach businesses, as well as create internship opportunities for Oxypreneurship students.

Read more about Oxypreneurship 2014-2015 activities [here](#) and [here](#).

# DWA 410 TASK FORCE

In **Professor Anthony Chase's** 410 Task Force Class, students examined how violent extremism could be countered by entrepreneurship. A group of nine students worked directly with the U.S. State Department to craft a set of policy recommendations on increasing economic, social and political entrepreneurship in the Middle East, North Africa and Muslim diasporas around the world. Policy recommendations included increasing economic opportunities for refugees, increasing diplomatic dialogue in Muslim diaspora communities and empowering women and LGBTQ peoples in Muslim communities. The Young Initiative supported the event in which the presentation of the Task Force's final report was made to **Shaarik Zafar**, the U.S. State Department's Special Representative to Muslim Communities, and **Kyle Ballard**, an Oxy alumnus at the U.S. Defense Department who served as our connection to Zafar.



*“Students learned to prepare policy briefings grounded in their academic study of complex global issues. Beginning under the broad rubric of ‘Social Movements, Underrepresented Populations and Foreign Policy: Engaging Religious Communities,’ this Task Force worked with Kyle Ballard of the Defense and State departments to develop the research, writing and presentation skills to produce in-depth briefings. Eventually, in cooperation with Mr. Ballard, this rubric evolved into a task force working for Shaarik Zafar, the U.S. State Department’s Special Representative to Muslim Communities, on the topic of ‘Entrepreneurial Approaches to Countering Violent Extremism: Social, Economic, and Political Dimensions.’”*

—ANTHONY CHASE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
DIPLOMACY AND WORLD AFFAIRS

# U.N. USA/OXY MODEL U.N.

Occidental was host to 50 local high school students for the second annual OxyMUN Model United Nations Conference. The topics this year tackled some of the most pressing issues facing the United Nations today: biological weapons and non-state actors, refugees in conflict situations and access to vaccinations. Delegates were split into three committees representing the World Health Organization, the Human Rights Committee and the Security Council, and over the course of a day responded to a mock unfolding crisis situation involving all three committees' focus areas. A secretariat of current Occidental students led the high school delegates in communicating between committees and writing a final report of policy recommendations that would represent all countries' interests and address the full scope of the crisis. This conference was jointly sponsored and hosted with the United Nations Association, Pasadena Chapter.



*“Thank you to the Young Initiative for sponsoring this event and making it possible to amplify Occidental’s role as a convener and catalyst for global innovation among young people throughout Los Angeles. Our new programmatic partnership with the UNA USA team will continue to provide annual training ground for young global leaders.”*

—SHERRY SIMPSON DEAN  
YOUNG SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE AND MCKINNON  
CENTER FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS SENIOR FELLOW



# PEOPLE

## Young Initiative Leadership



### Sanjeev Khagram

*John Parke Young Professor of Global Political Economy  
Director, Young Initiative on the Global Economy*



### Sherry Simpson Dean

*Assistant Dean of Intercultural Affairs (interim)  
Scholar-In-Residence, Young Initiative on the Global Political Economy  
Senior Fellow, McKinnon Center for Global Affairs  
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Diplomacy and World Affairs*



### Marisa MacAskill

*Assistant Director, Administration & Programs  
McKinnon Center for Global Affairs  
Young Initiative on the Global Economy*



# PEOPLE

## Young Initiative Program Assistants

*Young Initiative programming and events are supported by a diverse group of student-leaders across campus.*

### **Shilpa Bhongir**

*Class of 2016, economics major*

- Co-coordinator of Oxypreneurship
- Studying entrepreneurship in Shanghai, China in summer 2015
- Intern at the Kahane United Nations Program, expected fall 2015

### **Lencia Kebede**

*Class of 2016, diplomacy and world affairs major*

- Intern at the Kahane United Nations Program, expected fall 2015
- Intern at L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Public Engagement
- Member of Dean's Advisory Council
- Member of Glee Club

### **Emily Linebarger**

*Class of 2016, diplomacy and world affairs/economics major*

- Leader of Oxypreneurship's Incubator Team
- Awarded "Contributions to Intellectual Life Outside of the Classroom" (2015)
- Intern at the Kahane United Nations Program, expected fall 2015

### **Gaea Morales**

*Class of 2018*

- International Student Scholar
- Ethics Fellow for the Future (Carnegie Council)
- Glee Club
- Newman Catholic Community
- International Admissions Intern

### **Christina Seyfried**

*Class of 2015*

*Diplomacy and world affairs/economics major*

- Awarded "Best Quantitative Senior Comprehensive Project"
- Currently working at the World Bank in Vienna
- Intern at the Kahane United Nations Program, fall 2014
- Bennett W. Schwartz Award for outstanding graduating senior majoring in economics (2015)
- Phi Beta Kappa Society (2015)
- Best Quantitative Thesis, DWA department (2015)
- Davis Projects for Peace Award recipient for a self-designed biofuel project in Kadelso, Ghana (2014)
- Young grant recipient for an internship with the International Budget Partnership in Nairobi (2013)
- Founding team member and coordinator elect, Oxypreneurship (2012)
- Student coordinator of the Occidental Emerging Leaders Program for First Years (2012)
- Resident Advisor, Multicultural Hall and Themed Living (2012-2015)
- Member, Impact Fund (2012)

### **Daniel Tobin**

*Class of 2016, diplomacy and world affairs major*

- Diplomacy and World Affairs Major Association
- WorldTalk
- Awarded "Contributions to Intellectual Life Outside of the Classroom" (2014)
- Intern at the Kahane United Nations Program, expected fall 2015

# ENDOWMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Financial Review *(as of June 30, 2014)*

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Corpus.....	\$10,886,698.27
Market Value.....	\$11,787,333.44
Spending.....	\$523,245.75

## Endowment Investment Policy

*Occidental College's endowment spending is calculated on a 21-quarter moving average of the endowment's market value ending the September prior to the current fiscal year. For example, with respect to the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which began July 1, 2014, the 21 quarters ended Sept. 30, 2013. Our endowment spending policy is 5.25% of this 21-quarter moving average (beginning July 1, 2015, and as approved by the College's Board of Trustees).*

