

The Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics ANNUAL REPORT



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REFLECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

2021 began similarly to how 2020 went, and the Winston Center's programming continued mostly in the virtual format. As a result, we decided to once again postpone the **Clough Colloquium** (in both spring and fall) given that the treasured intimacy of community we enjoy at the dinners following the colloquium would not be possible. However, we decided to present both the **Brennan Symposium** and the **Chambers Lecture** in a virtual format last spring. The **Brennan Symposium** featured Ben Rattray, the founder and CEO of Change.org, who shared with students the ways they can use technology to influence social movements. Susana Martinez, the first female governor of New Mexico and the first female Hispanic governor in the United States, was the **Chambers Lecture** speaker. She shared with students the importance of bipartisanship in government. Our spring **conversation** series were also virtual. The **Social Impact** speaker was Malia Lazu, MIT professor and a diversity and inclusion specialist. Our **Ethics** conversation featured Patrick M. Gallagher '02, CEO, Americas of Gallagher Global Brokerage, and Thomas J. Tropp, global chief ethics officer of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (AJG). Other **conversations** featured Rupal Patel Poltack '94, the president of Walton Enterprises, and Steve Tumolo '84, the executive director of Heart to Heart.

In the fall, in **collaboration** with the Lowell Humanities Series, the Office of the Provost, the Jesuit Institute, the Law School, and the Boston College Forum on Racial Justice in America, Isabel Wilkerson, author of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, talked about systemic racism in America through both a historic and current lens, and how it compares to the caste system in India. Celebrating a return to in-person gatherings, the **Jane Jacobs Lecture** co-sponsored with the Joseph E. Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action to feature executives from Purpose Built Communities (PBC), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving racial equity, economic mobility, and health outcomes in communities across the country. The panel included CEO Carol Naughton and Senior Vice President Michelle Matthews, who spoke about the impact of their work.

It was moderated by Harvard Professor Paul Reville. Earlier in the day, Ms. Naughton and Ms. Matthews were joined by Ginneh Baugh, PBC's vice president of impact and innovation, for a **Social Impact** lunch discussion with students. The **Forum on Ethics** featured a play written and produced by Ron Jones, an Emmy Award-winning actor. *HER INVESTMENT: A Story of Women, Color and Access to Capital* was written specifically for us and the Carroll School's Portico program. It highlighted the inequities of access to capital in America. Returning to the in-person **Lunch with a Leader** format, our fall speakers were Donna Tiner, MSF '97, vice president of Liberty Mutual Insurance, Bill Priemer '89, president and CEO of Highland Software, Inc., and Commander John Benda, the 76th commanding officer of the *USS Constitution*. The semester's other **Social Impact** program featured authors Ben Wrobel and Meg Massey, who wrote the book *Letting Go: How Philanthropists and Impact Investors Can Do the Most Good by Giving Up Control*.

This upcoming spring, we will celebrate the return of the **Clough Colloquium** and feature John Kasich, Republican governor of Ohio from 2011–2019. Other speakers will include **Chambers Lecture** speaker Rosa Brooks, author and professor at Georgetown Law School, and Brandon Fleming, author of *Miseducated: A Memoir*, will be the **Brennan Symposium** speaker. We will also launch a new series that will look at **Belonging** and feature several area leaders who will come to campus to share their experience with students. Throughout the semester, we will also hear from alumni and other leaders for our other **conversation** series.

As we emerge from the isolation of the pandemic, I am thrilled that we are once again able to be in person and have the ability to enjoy being in the company of each other. I look forward to what 2022 brings and the continued generosity of all our supporters and benefactors, for without them the Winston Center would not have the incredible success we enjoy year after year. Thank you.

Be well,

Monetta Edwards
Director, Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics

SIGNATURE EVENTS

SPRING 2021



Governor Susana Martinez

The Chambers Lecture featured Susana Martinez, former governor of New Mexico (2011–2019), who talked about bipartisanship and women in leadership.

SIGNATURE EVENTS

FALL 2021



(l-r) Panelists Michelle Matthews and Carol Naughton, moderator Paul Reville

The Jane Jacobs Lecture

featured executives from Purpose Built Communities, who talked about the impact of changing neighborhoods and changing lives.

The Forum on Ethics

featured a new play by Ron Jones, *HER INVESTMENT: A Story of Women, Color and Access to Capital*, which addressed the inequities of economic access in America.



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COLLABORATIONS

In the spring, the Center partnered with the Political Science Department to bring **Miles Taylor**, a whistleblower who revealed that he was the author of the book *A Warning*, which details his experience in the chaotic Trump administration.



Miles Taylor



Isabel Wilkerson

In the fall, together with the Lowell Humanities Series, the Office of the Provost, the Jesuit Institute, the Law School, and the Boston College Forum on Racial Justice in America, we featured **Isabel Wilkerson**, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Humanities Medal, who shared insights from her book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

SPRING 2021

Brennan Symposium for Inclusive Leadership

Mobilizing Youth to Change the World was the theme of change.org CEO and founder **Ben Rattray's** talk at this spring's symposium.



Ben Rattray



Malia Lazu

Social Impact & Lunch

Malia Lazu, diversity and inclusion specialist and MIT professor, spoke about community organizing and the importance of ally-ship to make systemic change.

Conversation about Ethics

Patrick M. Gallagher '02, CEO, Americas of Gallagher Global Brokerage, and **Thomas J. Tropp**, global chief ethics officer, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (AJG), spoke about their ethical framework “The Gallagher Way,” which defines the company’s shared values that transcend cultures. The duo also spoke about the importance of students seeking out places of employment with stated values that align with their own personal values.



Patrick Gallagher and Thomas Tropp



Conversation with a Leader

Steve Tumolo '84, executive director of Heart to Heart, an organization that provides support for the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated and their families, talked about the organization’s work and about finding purpose and giving second chances.



Rupal Patel Poltack '94, president of Walton Enterprises, LLC, talked about the importance of creating one’s own destiny and advised students about diversifying their experiences.

FALL 2021

Social Impact & Lunch

Members of **Purpose Built Communities'** executive leadership team talked about their work and purpose when it comes to creating livable and thriving communities. We also featured authors **Ben Wrobel** and **Meg Massey**, who shared insights and examples of the businesses and individuals they covered in their book *Letting Go: How Philanthropists and Impact Investors Can Do the Most Good by Giving Up Control*.



GINNEH BAUGH, MICHELLE MATTHEWS, and CAROL NAUGHTON



Meg Massey and Ben Wrobel

Lunch with a Leader

The speakers all talked about finding purpose in what they do. **Donna Tiner, MSF '97**, vice president of Liberty Mutual Insurance, also advised students that to stand out they need to create their own brand statement. **Bill Priemer '89**, president and CEO of Highland Software, Inc., said that the most valuable leadership quality is trustworthiness. **Commander John Benda**, the 76th commanding officer of the *USS Constitution*, shared the tenets of the Navy's Pathway to Leadership: Competence, Character, and Connection.



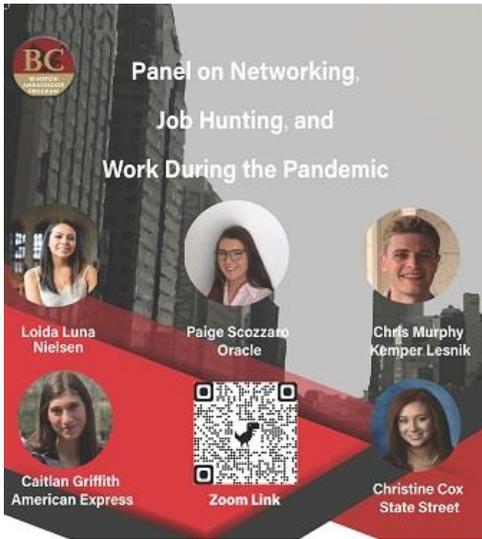
Donna Tiner



Bill Priemer



Commander John Benda, USN



Ambassador Program

In the spring, the Ambassadors led an alumni panel of recent BC grads who talked about job hunting, networking, and working during the pandemic.



Kayla Hernandez and Claire Greydanus



Class of 2021 student directors
Marcello Garber '21 and Claire Greydanus '21

Jenks Leadership Program

Kayla Hernandez '23 was the recipient of the 2021 Joseph G. Bonito Servant Leadership Award. Class of 2021 service projects were built around the theme of **love and inclusion at BC**, and focused on financial literacy, mental health of first-year students, the integration of international students, and a peer conversation series about race. Twenty-nine students were selected for the Jenks Class of 2023, representing 10 states, Puerto Rico, Turkey, and China.

STUDENT GRANTS



Urwa Hameed with girls in Pakistan

Grants were issued to students for unpaid summer internships at various civic organizations whose areas of focus included climate justice, criminal justice reform, education reform, and start-up entrepreneurship. A research grant was also awarded to a student working on a book about the underrepresentation of women in politics in Pakistan. The Center also provided grants to five female students to participate in the GenHERation Discovery Days program, which connected them with female leaders from Fortune 500 companies, tech giants, government agencies, retail businesses, the sports industry, and other companies for networking and mentorship opportunities.



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