

**Global Perspectives on Democracy  
U.S.-Afghanistan Professional Partnership Program**

University of Virginia Center for Politics  
Relief International  
U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

**DAILY SCHEDULE  
July 3 – 23, 2011**

**WEEK 1**

Sunday, July 3, 2011

- 3:00PM Afghan participants arrive in Charlottesville – check in to lodging
- 5:00-6:30PM Welcome reception with Center for Politics staff and supporters

Monday, July 4, 2011

- 6:00-7:00AM Breakfast
- 7:15AM Depart for Monticello
- 7:45-10:30AM Monticello Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony**
- 5:30PM Depart for Wintergreen
- 6:30 – 10:00PM Wintergreen 4<sup>th</sup> of July Jubilee**

Tuesday, July 5

- 7:00-8:00AM Breakfast
- 8:00AM Pick-up for trip to Montpelier
- 9:00AM-4:00PM U.S. History 1776-1814 and “From Slavery to Citizen”**  
Bill Rhatican, the Constitutional Convention and Bill of Rights  
Center for the Constitution at Montpelier, home of James Madison

The Center for the Constitution will provide classroom sessions which will focus on U.S. history and the foundations of U.S. government from 1776 to 1814, the Early National Period. Participants will learn about the founding of the U.S. with emphasis on the Bill of Rights, checks and balances, and the importance of the U.S. Constitution. They will also experience how James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution and President of the United States, lived and gain greater insight on his vision of the founding of the American republic.

The group will participate in a hands-on program called “From Slavery to Citizen” during which they will visit sites on the Montpelier estate with particular connections to the slave and African-American experience at Montpelier and the U.S. in general. Participants will tour Montpelier,

learn about George Gilmore and family who were slaves, then freed at the conclusion of the Civil War, visit the home farm that he built after slavery's end, and see the newly restored Jim Crow Era Montpelier railroad station. Relief International will pay for Entry fees of participants and Center staff, transportation, and lunch for participants, Center staff and program speakers.

This day's program will put into context all that the participants will experience during the program.

*Mr. Rhatican is in his fifth year at Northern Virginia Community College, his first as a full-time professor. He is a former advisor to two presidents of the United States and three United States Cabinet officers (Treasury, Commerce, and Interior). A former consultant to members of Congress, he is now a master teacher for the Bill of Rights Institute. He has written and published numerous articles on personalities prominent in the American Revolutionary War period and has edited three books on American history and the U.S. Constitution.*

- 4:30PM Refreshments at the home of Daman Irby in Gordonsville
- 5:30PM Depart for Charlottesville
- 6:00PM Dinner & Flex Time

Wednesday, July 6

7:00-8:30AM Breakfast

**9:00-10:15AM Open**

**10:30 -11:45AM Contemporary Politics and Policy**  
Larry Sabato, U.VA. Center for Politics

Participants will gather for this presentation and discussion on contemporary politics and current trends and challenges in U.S. policy and administration.

*"Politics is a good thing!" is the slogan of professor Larry J. Sabato, founder and director of the U.VA. Center for Politics. According to the Wall Street Journal, Dr. Sabato is "probably the most quoted college professor in the land." The author of over 20 books on politics, he has taught more than 14,000 students in his career at Oxford University, Cambridge University, and the University of Virginia. Sabato regularly appears on all of the major television networks to provide political analysis on the issues of the day. He has received every major teaching award at the University of Virginia, and in 2001 he was named the Thomas Jefferson Award winner. At the Center for Politics he brings his years of academic study together with an equally long career as both a political practitioner and commentator on local, state and national elections.*

12:00-1:15PM Lunch

**1:45 -3:00PM            The Judiciary and Public Administration**  
Justice William Mims

Participants will learn about the U.S. judicial system from a sitting state Supreme Court judge.

*Justice William Mims was recently appointed to the Virginia Supreme Court. He took his oath of office April 1, 2010 and was formally installed on April 9, 2010. Before becoming a Justice, Mims was elected as the Attorney General of Virginia by the General Assembly in February 2009 to take over for Bob McDonnell. Bill Mims served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1992-1997, and in the Virginia Senate from 1998 to 2005. He was Chief Deputy Attorney General from January 2006 until February 2009. Mr. Mims has worked as an attorney in Leesburg, Virginia, and served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf and as Deputy Legislative Director to Senator Paul Trible. He served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association from 2002 through 2004, and was a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law at George Mason University from 2002 through 2005.*

**3:15-4:30PM            Civic Engagement in Emerging Democracies**  
H. Timothy Isaacs and G. Michael Pace, Jr.  
The Virginia Bar Association Rule of Law Project

Messrs. Isaacs and Pace will share the VBA Rule of Law Project program as a possible model for the delegates to adapt to their own needs in expanding civic education among young people in Afghanistan. Issues experienced in other emerging democracies will serve as a springboard for facilitating the discussion.

*Tim Isaacs serves as Education Coordinator for The Virginia Bar Association Rule of Law Project where he works with educators, legal professionals, and national and international groups to promote the rule of law as the foundation for democratic societies. He has been a teacher and coach, educational supervisor, and Education Policy Analyst. Presentations include the Harvard Institute on Writing, Reading, and Civic Education; the National Curriculum Network Conference on Gifted Education; the Virginia Department of Education; World Justice Forum II; and The National Council for the Social Studies.*

*Mike Pace is the managing partner of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP, based in Roanoke, Virginia. His practice concentrations include commercial real estate development, land use and zoning, business and finance. He was elected President of the Virginia Bar Association in 2008, served on the Board of Governors from 2004-2009 and is the co-founder and law coordinator of the VBA Rule of Law Project. He is a Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College and served in 2005 as the President of the college's Alumni Association.*

**4:45-5:30PM            Internship Program Preparation**  
Meg Heubeck & Daman Irby, University of Virginia Center for Politics

Participants will receive an overview of what to expect during their job shadowing internships, assignments will be distributed, and key contacts/mentors at the intern sites will be introduced.

*Meg Heubeck serves as the Center for Politics Youth Leadership Initiative's director of instruction. As director of instruction Meg is responsible for developing curriculum materials that encourage and develop civic engagement in students. She leads major YLI projects such as the annual national Mock Election and a bill writing simulation entitled e-Congress. Before her arrival at the Center, Mrs. Heubeck taught at the middle and high school levels for 12 years including subjects such as world cultures, reading, language arts, art, economics, government, and United States history.*

*Daman Irby serves as the Center's director of operations and the Youth Leadership Initiative's (YLI) deputy director of instruction. With YLI Daman focuses on the fiscal and general administration of the program as well as assisting in organizational outreach. As the Center for Politics' director of operations he works with the Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer on management issues and takes on the direction of special projects including Global Perspectives on Democracy programs.*

5:30-6:00PM Photo Shoot on U.Va. Lawn – Meet photographer at Pavilion IV

**6:00-7:00PM Tour of the Central Grounds of the University of Virginia**

7:00-11:00PM Dinner and Flex time

Thursday, July 7

7:00-8:00AM Breakfast

8:30AM Pick-up for job-shadowing

**9:00AM-3:00PM Job-shadowing activities**

3:15PM Return to University grounds

**4:00-5:15PM Minority Perspectives on Governance – Part I**  
Stephen Adkins, Chief of the Chickahominy Indians of Virginia

This multifaceted presentation will teach participants how different spheres of governance impact and improve the lives of under-represented populations. Chief Adkins will also a valuable perspective of the American experience from a citizen who has lived a life of great challenges and successes.

*Stephen Adkins worked for 37 years for DuPont and was appointed by former Virginia Governor Tim Kaine to serve as Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Human Resource Management for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and also served on the federal Jamestown 400<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Commission. Chief Adkins has a lifetime of experience and in-depth knowledge on the advocacy needs of minority groups and perspective and has a thorough understanding of the value of informing the public about those needs.*

5:30-11:00PM Dinner and Flex time

Friday, July 8

7:00-8:00AM Breakfast

8:30AM Pick-up for job-shadowing

**9:00AM-3:00PM Job-shadowing activities**

3:15PM Depart from Job Shadowing sites to Monticello

3:45 – 6PM Site Visit to Monticello, Home of President Thomas Jefferson

Students will experience how Thomas Jefferson, founder of the University of Virginia, author of the Declaration of Independence, and President of the United States, lived and gain greater insight on his vision of the founding of the American republic and freedom of expression. Tour begins at 4:20.

**7:00 – 10:00 PM Dinner at Ken Stroupe’s House**

Participants will eat dinner and socialize at the home of Ken Stroupe, Chief of Staff of the U.Va. Center for Politics.

Saturday, July 9

6:30-7:30AM Breakfast

**7:45AM-8:45 PM Shenandoah National Park / Luray Caverns / Rodeo Day Trip –**

Participants will travel along Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park and participate in a two hour hike, visit Luray Caverns in Luray, and attend a rodeo near Gordonsville.

9:00PM Pick-up for return to Charlottesville

Sunday, July 10

8:00-9:00AM Breakfast

9:15AM-2:30PM Flex time for relaxation and exploration of Charlottesville

**3:00PM-5:00PM Interfaith Understanding**  
Muslim Christian Women’s Group of Charlottesville

The participants will meet with the Muslim Christian Women’s Group of Charlottesville to discuss differences and commonalities between their faiths and ways Muslims and Christians can work together. This session will attempt to build interfaith understanding and show the pluralistic nature of American society.

Evening Flex time for reading, blogging and other study

## WEEK 2

Monday, July 11

7:00-8:00AM Breakfast

8:30AM Pick-up for job-shadowing

**9:00AM-12:30PM Job-shadowing activities**

**1:00-3:00 International Rescue Committee**

Participants will receive a presentation from the IRC highlighting the various programs that are provided to immigrants new to the Charlottesville Community including ESL classes, financial planning, and housing seminars.

3:15PM Return to University grounds

**4:00-5:15PM Stress Management Workshop**  
Elizabeth Irvin, The Women's Initiative

This workshop will look closely at the physiology of stress and how illness such as anxiety, depression, diabetes, and heart disease are directly linked to chronic stress. This program, often presented to front-line providers such as nurses, social workers, teachers, probation & parole officers, etc., will offer concrete tools for self-care.

*Elizabeth Irvin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Program Director for The Women's Initiative. She began working with women and trauma 13 years ago at a resource agency for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Since that time, she has gone on to receive her master's in Social Work and Juris Doctor at UNC Chapel Hill. She specializes in trauma, addiction recovery and empowerment for English and Spanish speaking women. She currently provides individual, couples and group therapy at The Women's Initiative.*

5:30-10:00PM Dinner and Flex time

Tuesday, July 12

7:00-8:00AM Breakfast

8:30AM Pick up for J. Harvie Wilkinson presentation at the U.S. District Courthouse, Charlottesville

**9:00-10:00AM Rule of Law in the United States**  
J. Harvie Wilkinson, Fourth District Court of Appeals

At the U.S. District Courthouse in Charlottesville, the Honorable J. Harvie Wilkinson will convey the importance of the rule of law to the rights and freedom of Americans. Participants

will learn how law can affect and protect the rights of citizens and how that relates to United States democracy.

*J. Harvie Wilkinson III was born in New York City and raised in Richmond, VA. After graduating from Yale and serving in the U.S. Army, he entered U.Va. as a law student where he became the first student appointed to the University's Board of Visitors. Following his clerkship for Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell he returned to U.Va. as an associate law professor from 1973 to 1978. Six years later he was nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by President Ronald Reagan. Wilkinson has served on the court since 1984 and was its chief judge from 1996 to 2003. In 2004 Judge Wilkinson was also considered as a top candidate to replace Justice Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2004, he was honored with the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law, the highest external honor bestowed by the University.*

10:15AM                      Departure for Children's, Youth and Family Services

**10:30AM-4:45PM      Children's, Youth and Family Services**

Participants will meet with Hilary Nagel and tour the various programs provided to families throughout the Charlottesville area. Highlights include the mobile parenting unit, parenting classes and counseling services.

5:00PM                      Return to University grounds

5:30-10:00PM              Dinner and Flex time

Wednesday, July 13

7:00-7:45AM              Breakfast

8:00AM                      Pick-up for trip to Richmond

**10:00-10:45AM              Justice and State Government  
Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II, Attorney General of Virginia**

Attorney General Cuccinelli will discuss the role of the Attorney General's Office in state government at his office in Richmond.

*Ken Cuccinelli was elected Attorney General of Virginia and sworn into office on January 16, 2010. As Attorney General, he is responsible for overseeing an office of more than 300 attorneys and staff. Prior to serving as Attorney General, he served in the Senate of Virginia from August 2002 to January 2010. Attorney General Cuccinelli earned a degree in mechanical engineering from University of Virginia, a master's degree in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University, and his juris doctor from George Mason University School of Law and Economics.*

**11:00AM-1:00PM**    **Visit to the Virginia Capitol and the Virginia General Assembly**  
Tour of the State Capitol and meetings with representatives of the state government.

1:30-2:45PM        Lunch at Coliseum (Halal)

3:00PM              Return to Charlottesville

4:30-10:00PM      Dinner and Flex time

Thursday, July 14

7:00-8:00AM        Breakfast

8:30AM              Pick-up for trips to job-shadowing sites

**9:00AM-3:00PM**    **Job-shadowing activities**

3:15PM              Return to University grounds

**4:00-5:15PM**        **Open**

Friday, July 15

7:00-8:00AM        Breakfast

8:30AM              Pick-up for job-shadowing

**9:00AM-3:00PM**    **Job-shadowing activities**

3:15PM              Return to University grounds

4:00-5:00PM        Program Check-in  
Ken Stroupe, Mary Brown

The participants and the leadership team will meet to discuss the progress of the program as well as any questions or concerns that may have arisen.

**5:30-9:00PM**        **Dinner and live music at Fridays After 5**

Students will attend the Fridays After 5 concert and eat dinner on the Downtown Mall pedestrian zone. Members of U.VA. student groups and internship colleagues will meet at location.

Saturday, July 16

6:00AM              Pick-up for Southeastern Virginia Day Trip – boxed breakfast provided by Relief International



**9:00AM - 8:15PM Williamsburg/Jamestown/Virginia Beach Day Trip –**

Participants will visit Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia to gain hands-on experience with United States colonial history and the foundation of many of the American rights and freedoms that have been presented during the residency. Dinner will take place at Virginia Beach

8:30PM Pick-up for return to Charlottesville

Sunday, July 17

8:00-10:00AM Breakfast

Day/Evening Flex time for participants

**WEEK 3**

Monday, July 18

7:00-8:00AM Breakfast

8:30AM Pick-up for job-shadowing

**9:00AM-3:00PM Job-shadowing activities**

3:15PM Return to University grounds

4:00PM Depart for City Hall and meeting with Mayor Dave Norris

**5:00-6:00PM Local Government and the Importance of Public Service**  
Dave Norris, Mayor of Charlottesville

Mayor Norris will meet with the delegation in the Charlottesville City Council chambers and discuss how the local Charlottesville government functions and the importance of public service.

*Before Dave Norris was elected Mayor in 2008 he was voted onto City Council in May 2006 on a platform that focused on four key issues: creating affordable housing for renters and homebuyers, enhancing educational opportunities for children and adults, fighting poverty and reducing racial disparities in our community, and promoting environmental sustainability in local and regional planning. Dave currently works as Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge, which helps area children realize their highest potential through one-on-one mentoring relationships. In previous positions, he's served as Executive Director of PACEM, Associate Director of Madison House, Interim Director of PHAR (the Public Housing Association of Residents), as founding Director of the Connecting People to Jobs Initiative (a joint venture between PHAR and Piedmont Virginia Community College), and as Coordinator of the Virginia Economic Development Corporation's Micro Loan Program for low-income, minority and female entrepreneurs.*

## **7:00-8:30PM**            **Charlottesville City Council Meeting**

The delegation will attend a Charlottesville City Council Meeting to experience firsthand how the local government in Charlottesville operates.

City Council makes policy in the areas of city planning and finances, human development, public safety and justice, public utilities, and transportation. It has specific powers to pass ordinances, levy taxes, collect revenues, adopt a budget, make appropriations, issue bonds, borrow money, and provide for the payment of public debts. Regular meetings of the council are held the first and third Mondays each month at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers (in City Hall on the Downtown Mall at 7th and East Main Streets). Meetings are open to the public and time is available for speakers on subjects not scheduled for a public hearing at the beginning and end of each regular meeting.

### Tuesday, July 19

7:00-8:00AM            Breakfast

8:30AM                 Pick-up for Hope Community Center

### **9:00AM-3:00PM**        **Hope Community Center**

Participants will visit the Hope Community Center to hear about their grassroots efforts to create change in the 12<sup>th</sup> street neighborhood of Charlottesville. Highlights include a tour, educational programs for children, a toy swap and other programs to assist the poor.

3:15PM                 Return to University grounds

4:00PM                 Depart for Morven Farm

### **4:30-9:00PM**            **Afghanistan Dinner at Morven Farm** – Photos beginning 6PM

Participants will cook native foods of Afghanistan with U.Va. Center for Politics and Relief International staff in attendance. Dr. Ruhi Ramazani will speak about the universal significance of the Declaration of Independence in reference to the current movements in North Africa and the Middle East.

### Wednesday, July 20

7:00-8:00AM            Breakfast

8:30AM                 Pick-up for job-shadowing

### **9:00AM-2:00PM**        **Job-shadowing activities**

2:15PM                 Return to University grounds

**3:00-4:00PM**                    **Minority Perspectives on Governance – Part II**  
Daphne Maxwell Reid

Participants will continue to learn about the impact of legal and public administration issues on minority communities in the U.S., and the evolving role of African-Americans in U.S. history. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of the election of Barack Obama, America’s first African-American president.

*Daphne Reid, an actress well-known for her television roles, co-founded and is a principal partner with her husband, actor Tim Reid, in New Millennium Studios, the first full-service film studio in Virginia. She also co-founded the Tim Reid Scholarship Foundation, raising scholarship funds annually to assist college students in historically black colleges and universities in Virginia. She presently serves on the Petersburg Library Foundation, Virginia Commonwealth University Foundation Board, the Virginia Capitol Foundation Board, and served on the federal Jamestown 400<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Commission.*

**4:00-5:15PM**                    **Lessons from Great American Campaigns**  
Michael Cornfield

Participants will learn how historic campaign victories have shaped political strategy, candidate behavior, and civic engagement. Topics to be discussed include the 1787-88 ratification of the Constitution, Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s accession to power in 1932-33, and the Obama campaign of 2007-08.

*Michael Cornfield runs a consulting practice specializing in campaign communications research, training, and content creation. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) of The George Washington University, where he has taught since 1994, and at the School of Public Policy at The George Mason University. Dr. Cornfield is interviewed frequently by the press about online campaigning, online journalism, and American presidential politics, and has lectured on these subjects around the world.*

5:30PM                                Dinner and flex time

Thursday, July 21

7:00-8:00AM                        Breakfast

8:30AM                                Pick-up for job-shadowing

**9:00AM-3:00PM**                    **Job-shadowing activities**

3:15PM                                Return to University grounds

4:00-5:15PM                        **Job Shadowing Wrap-up**  
Meg Heubeck and Daman Irby, University of Virginia Center for Politics

Meg and Daman will lead a wrap-up to review the experiences of the participants during their job-shadowing week and experiences with legal and public administration officials.

Friday, July 22

- 7:00-8:00AM Breakfast
- 8:30AM Pick-up for job-shadowing
- 9:00AM-3:00PM Job-shadowing activities**
- 3:15PM Return to University grounds
- 4:00-5:00PM Program Wrap-up and Survey**  
Meg Heubeck & Daman Irby – GPD staff

The participants and the leadership team will meet to discuss their experiences of the previous three weeks and will complete the post-GPD survey.

**7:00-10:00 PM Farewell Reception**

The Center for Politics and those involved with the program will gather at the home of Ken Stroupe, the Center for Politics Chief of Staff, to celebrate the accomplishments of the Afghan participants at University of Virginia and to discuss what was learned during the exchange.

Saturday, July 23

- 8:00-9:00AM Breakfast
- 11:00AM Depart for Philadelphia