20th Anniversary Bollens-Ries Memorial Lecture

How Can California Government Meet the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century?

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PROGRAM

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University Welcome

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“How Can California Government Meet the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century?”

Moderator

Kevin Starr
State Librarian Emeritus

Guest Speakers
Former California Governors

Jerry Brown
Gray Davis
George Deukmejian

Question and Answer Session
Moderated by Kevin Starr
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The aim of the John C. Bollens/John C. Ries Memorial Lecture is to bring together the worlds of academic exploration and practical politics to illuminate discussion of the broader principles and ideas of representative government. Such a synthesis is true to the spirit of the lecture’s namesakes, former distinguished professors in the Department of Political Science at UCLA.

Professor John “Jack” C. Bollens

Born in 1920 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, John Bollens earned his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin before joining the UCLA faculty in 1950, becoming a full professor in 1960. A productive and influential thinker on local government, he was the author of 26 books, including a profile about California Governor and presidential candidate Jerry Brown. He served in numerous important appointed positions in the city and county of Los Angeles, as well as in Chicago and Seattle. Professor Bollens died in 1983. Shortly thereafter, the annual John C. Bollens Memorial Lecture was instituted to honor his life and work.

Professor John “Chuck” C. Ries

Born in 1930 in Marysville, California, John C. Ries earned his doctorate at UCLA and was one of John Bollens’ most promising students. Following a hitch in the Air Force, he joined UCLA’s Department of Political Science in 1965. Known as a caring and dedicated teacher both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, he rose to become an Associate Vice Chancellor while maintaining his commitment to quality teaching at the University. Along with his great accomplishments, he was an author or co-author of four books and numerous scholarly articles on defense policy and public administration. Professor Ries died in 1987. Shortly thereafter, the John C. Ries Memorial Fund was established in his memory.

In 1991 the John C. Bollens Memorial Lecture merged with the John C. Ries Memorial Fund creating the annual Bollens-Ries Memorial Lecture.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR., known as Jerry, was born in San Francisco on April 7, 1938. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School, studied at the University of Santa Clara and for the Catholic priesthood at the Sacred Heart Novitiate, a Jesuit seminary. He received his B.A. degree in Latin and Greek from UC Berkeley in 1961 and graduated from Yale Law School in 1964.

In 1969, Brown was elected to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees. In 1970, he was elected California Secretary of State. Four years later, he was elected Governor. He was reelected in 1978 by the largest vote margin in California's history.

As governor, Brown presided over a state where 25 percent of the nation’s new jobs were created. He established the first agricultural labor relations law in the country, started the California Conservation Corp (CCC), enacted into permanent law the California Coastal Protection Act, halted nuclear power development, and made California the leader in solar and alternative energy. He brought more women and minorities into high government positions than any other chief executive, including the first woman, African-American and Latino to the California Supreme Court. Brown also legalized the practice of acupuncture and strongly supported the rights of chiropractors, osteopaths and lay midwives.

Brown restructured the California Arts Commission so that it was composed of practicing artists and increased funding by 1,300 percent. As governor, Brown signed into law the removal of criminal penalties for sexual acts between consenting adults.

After his defeat by Pete Wilson in a 1982 U.S. Senate race, Brown spent six months in Japan and worked with Mother Teresa in India. He practiced law in Los Angeles and in 1989 became chairman of the state Democratic Party. He resigned from that position in 1991, expressing his disgust with the growing influence of money in politics, and sought the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination. During that campaign he refused to take contributions larger than $100 and used a toll-free number to raise funds. Using this strategy, he beat Bill Clinton in five states.

Brown began broadcast of his radio program, “We the People with Jerry Brown” on January 31, 1994. In 1997, he ran for Mayor of Oakland on a platform of crime reduction, education, downtown revitalization (his “10k Plan”) and a celebration of the arts. He won with two-thirds of the vote. Jerry Brown was reelected in 2002.
GRAY DAVIS was overwhelmingly elected the 37th Governor of California on November 3, 1998, winning 58 percent of the statewide vote. Despite a wave of Republican victories across the nation in 2002, Davis was reelected to a second term with 47 percent of the statewide vote. Even as the recall election was being certified in November 2003, Gray Davis was praised for his statesmanlike and graceful transition, and for his leadership in overseeing the efforts to combat the most extensive wildfires in California history.

Throughout his tenure, Davis made education his top priority, signing legislation to strengthen California’s K–12 education system, increasing accountability in schools, and expanding access to higher education. These reforms led to the recent improvement in student SAT scores and to the improvement of student achievement scores for five consecutive years.

Davis presided over California during a massive economic expansion that took California’s economy from the seventh to the fifth largest economy in the world. During the economic boom, he made record investments in California’s infrastructure, created four Centers of Science and Innovation on UC campuses, and expanded the state’s Healthy Families program to provide health insurance for an additional one million children. In response to the energy crisis which threatened the public’s safety and the state’s economy, Davis utilized emergency powers to streamline the permitting process of power plants without compromising environmental standards. This allowed for the construction of 24 new power plants and added more than 9,000 megawatts of new electricity to California’s energy grid, which helped stabilize the energy market.

Over the course of 28 years in public service, Gray Davis was known for a quiet tenacity that made him one of the most effective problem-solvers in California government. Prior to serving as Governor, Davis served one term as Lieutenant Governor from 1995–1999. During this period he focused on keeping jobs in California and encouraging new and fast-growing industries to locate and expand in the state. He was State Controller (1987–95), State Assemblyman (1983–87) and Chief of Staff to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. (1975–1981).

Shaped by his experience as a Captain in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star, Gray Davis throughout his career fought to provide greater opportunities for the next generation of Californians.
George Deukmejian served as Governor of California from January 1983 to January 1991.

Prior to his terms as Governor, George Deukmejian served for four years as the state’s Attorney General. Before that, he served in the California State Legislature for 16 years, both in the Senate and the Assembly, where he represented Long Beach and surrounding Southern California communities.

Shortly after leaving the Governor’s office, he joined the national and international law firm of Sidley & Austin as a partner in its Los Angeles office for approximately 10 years.

During the Deukmejian administration, California’s international business profile was raised to new heights. He created five foreign trade and investment offices in Tokyo, Hong Kong, London, Frankfurt and Mexico City, personally leading trade missions and holding talks with heads of state in these and other international business capitals.

His tenure was also highlighted by over $90 billion in planned investments in California’s public facilities, as well as tax, budgetary and regulatory policies which established a positive business climate in the state. As a result, California led the nation in major new business expansion and in the growth of small business. Nearly three million new jobs were created with California becoming one of the ten largest economies in the world.

A native of New York State, he was educated at Siena College and St. John’s University Law School.

George Deukmejian and his wife, Gloria, reside in Long Beach, California, have three children and five grandchildren.
KEVIN STARR, University Professor and professor of history at the University of Southern California and California State Librarian Emeritus, was born in San Francisco in 1940. After graduation from the University of San Francisco in 1962, Starr served two years as a lieutenant in a tank battalion in Germany. Upon release from the service, Starr entered Harvard University where he received his M.A. degree in 1965 and his Ph.D. in 1969 in American Literature. He also received a Master of Library Science degree from UC Berkeley and has done post-doctoral work at the Graduate Theological Union. Starr has served as Allston Burr Senior Tutor in Eliot House at Harvard, executive assistant to the mayor of San Francisco, the City Librarian of San Francisco, a daily columnist for the San Francisco Examiner, and a contributing editor to the Opinion section of the Los Angeles Times. The author of numerous newspaper and magazine articles, Starr has written and/or edited fourteen books, six of which are part of his “American and the California Dream” series. His writing has won him a Guggenheim Fellowship, membership in the Society of American Historians, and the Gold Medal of the Commonwealth Club of California. His most recent book is “Coast of Dreams: California on the Edge, 1990–2003” published by Alfred A. Knopf.
Albert Carnesale is Chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). As chief executive officer, he leads an institution comprising more than 38,000 students and 27,000 faculty and staff. He is responsible for all aspects of the University’s mission of education, research, and service; manages an enterprise with an annual budget of more than $3.5 billion; and serves as principal spokesman for the University.

An active teacher and lecturer, Chancellor Carnesale holds professorial appointments in the School of Public Affairs and in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science. He teaches an undergraduate course in international affairs and security. He is the author or co-author of six books and more than 50 scholarly articles on a wide range of subjects, including the control of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and challenges and opportunities facing higher education.

Prior to assuming the chancellorship of UCLA in 1997, Dr. Carnesale was at Harvard University, where he served as Provost of the University from 1994 to 1997. He held the Lucius N. Littauer Professorship of Public Policy and Administration at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he served as Academic Dean (1981–91) and Dean (1991–1995). Earlier in his career, he taught nuclear engineering at North Carolina State University.

As an expert in national security, Dr. Carnesale has represented the U.S. government in high-level negotiations on defense and energy issues, including the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT I) with the Soviet Union.
EDMUND EDELMAN is a distinguished public servant with a career in elected office that spans thirty years, including twenty years as a Los Angeles County Supervisor and ten years as a Los Angeles City Councilman. Prior to running for office Edelman worked in Sacramento as Deputy Legislative Counsel for the California Legislature and in Washington D.C., as Counsel to the U.S. House Labor Subcommittee. He was also Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Currently, he is an arbitrator/mediator specializing in resolving public and governmental disputes.

Edelman is a UCLA alumnus. He graduated cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from the political science department in 1954. He obtained an LL.B. degree from UCLA School of Law in 1958. UCLA has recognized his many important contributions to the campus and the broader Los Angeles community. He received the Professional Achievement and Public Service Award for Excellence from the University and Alumnus of the Year from the UCLA School of Law. He held faculty appointments at UCLA’s Institute of Industrial Relations and Whittier College School of Law.

While in the political science department, Edelman was a student of Jack Bollens. His fond remembrance of this mentor led him to work with the department to establish an annual lecture event honoring Professor Bollens and Professor Ries. He has worked tirelessly since that time to ensure the work and influence of these two professors is remembered by past, present and future UCLA students and residents of the Los Angeles community.
THE BOLLENS-RIES MEMORIAL LECTURE CHRONOLOGY

1985
JAMES Q. WILSON, Professor at UCLA Graduate School of Management and Department of Political Science, Inaugural lecture in John C. Bollens Lecture Series, “Strategic Decisions That Molded Los Angeles: Could They Be Made Today?”

1986

1987
WILLIAM HAMM, Vice President at World Savings, “Plebiscitarian Democracy in California: The Initiative Process.”

1988
THEODORE J. LOWI, John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions at Cornell University, “The Welfare State and Local Government.”

1989
DALE BUMPERS, U.S. Democratic Senator from Arkansas, “Military Spending vs. Social Spending: Can We Afford Both?”

1990
MERVIN FIELD, President of Field Institute and Director of the California Poll, “Some Promising and Dismal California Political Participation Trends.”

1991
CARL COVITZ, Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of California, “New Directions for California.”

1992
WALTER F. MONDALE, Former Vice President of the United States, “End of the Cold War: New Challenges for Governing.”

1993
STEVEN P. ERIE, Department of Political Science at UC San Diego, “Building and Rebuilding Los Angeles: How the City’s Development Agencies Shape Regional Growth.”

1994
MICHAEL DUKAKIS, Former Governor of Massachusetts, “Economic Security in a World of Change: Can We Have Both?”

1995
EDMUND D. EDELMAN, Former member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, “The Current Health of State and Local Government in California: What Prescriptions Are Needed?”

1996
JAMES FALLOWS, Washington Editor of the Atlantic Monthly, “Should We Hate the Media?: The Responsibility of the Press in the Decline of Public Life.”

1997
ANDREA RICH, President and CEO of LACMA, “Government’s Role in the Arts: What Is It? What Should It Be?”

1998
JAMES Q. WILSON, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at UCLA, “Politics and Ethnicity.”

1999
JENNIFER L. HOCHSCHILD, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs at Department of Politics, Princeton University, “Can the Rainbow Hold Together?: Racial and Ethnic Coalitions in a Diversifying Nation.”

2000

2001
GENETHIA HAYES, President of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and ANGELA OH, Member of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, “The State of Los Angeles: How Can Our City Be Improved?”

2002
KEVIN STARR, State Librarian of California, “Borough, Si! Secession, No! Or, It’s Time to Start Thinking About a Borough System for Los Angeles.”

2003
ROBERT M. HERTZBERG, Speaker Emeritus, California State Assembly; Partner with Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, “California’s Crisis: Budgeting in a Strait Jacket.”
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