

Lee Hamilton: "A balanced view of American power"



Photo by UGA Public Affairs' Paul Efland.

What do we do with all of this power? That was the question that Lee Hamilton, the co-chair of the Iraq Study Group and former vice-chair of the 9/11 Commission, posed to a captivated audience when he delivered the 102nd Sibley Lecture in March.

According to Hamilton, power is limited. "The United States has an awesome power, paired with an inability to bend the world to our will. This is the current issue confronting America," he said.

After recalling some of President George W. Bush's comments on U.S. strength made after 9/11, Hamilton said, "Today talks of transforming the world with America's power have diminished, and everywhere we turn we see the limitations of American power. Whereas our ability to accomplish things a few years back seemed to be unlimited, it now seems the problems often outpace our ability to confront them."

The former Congressman pointed out, however, that the United States' power is diminished, not dissipated. According to Hamilton, America needs to lead on issues around the world so that progress can be made; other world leaders look to the United States for leadership but are not willing to

subordinate themselves in doing so.

He sees changes surfacing in how America uses its power, shifting to a multilateral approach. "The country is beginning to accept that we cannot solve every problem," Hamilton said. As such, he sees the country turning increasingly to diplomacy.

"Our task is to apply American power pragmatically and skillfully," Hamilton continued. He applied this idea to the question of when it is appropriate to use American military power.

Hamilton believes the rules of engagement have become clear to all Americans.

While acknowledging that using force does have its place in the war in Iraq, he believes broad international coalitions must be formed for support. "Support on the home front must also be achieved," he said.

"Our policy position then must be more than what we demand others to do, although that ought to be part of it. It must include what steps we are willing to take to show the world that we are serious," Hamilton com-

mented about worldwide nuclear proliferation. "Robust diplomacy, not military invasions, should be used to approach nuclear disarmament across the globe."

In terms of foreign policy, Hamilton feels America needs to show the decency of its people through extended efforts. "It says to those countries we're on your side. We want to create an alternative system of education that gives you a decent education and not hatred of Americans and hatred of the American system. It says we're on your side. We want an agenda of opportunity for you. That's what American foreign policy has to do," he said.

Hamilton is currently president and director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He represented Indiana's 9th Congressional District for 34 years, beginning in January 1965. While in office, he chaired a number of committees dedicated to foreign policy.

In early 2006, Hamilton was named co-chair of the Iraq Study Group, which was charged with providing a forward looking, bi-partisan assessment of the situation in Iraq and was created at the urging of Congress. Previously, he served as vice-chair of the 9/11 Commission and co-chaired the 9/11 Public Discourse Project to monitor the implementation of the commission's recommendations.

The Sibley Lecture series is sponsored by the Charles Lovidans Foundation of Atlanta in honor of the life and work of John A. Sibley, a 1911 Georgia Law graduate.

This year's lecture also helped to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Dean Rusk Center – International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies in 1977. The center was created to expand the scope of research, teaching and service at Georgia Law into the evolving international dimensions of law. It is named after former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who taught at the law school for nearly 25 years.

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U.S. and European officials address the international fight against terrorism



Serving on the panel addressing the conflict between freedom of the individual and measures taken by governments in order to protect civil society are (l. to r.) Sarah Ludford, a member of the European Parliament representing the United Kingdom; Gabriel Wilner, panel chair and executive director of the Dean Rusk Center; and Stefaan Verhulst, chief of research at the Markle Foundation. Not pictured are Leslie Lebl, a senior fellow of the Atlantic Council of the United States and principal of Lebl and Associates; and Telmo Baltazar, justice and home affairs counselor of the European Union Commission Delegation to the United States.

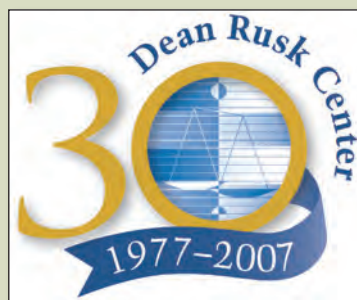
In April, the Dean Rusk Center – International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies presented a two-day colloquium titled “The International Fight Against Terrorism: A Colloquium on the Prospects for Further Cooperation Between the European Union and the United States.”

Speakers from around the globe were present to address a range of transcendent issues in the international fight against terrorism, including common challenges and achievements, data mining and the conflict between freedom of the individual and governmental measures taken to protect civil society.

The conference convened members of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union who joined colleagues and counterparts from the U.S. Congress, the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security.

Notable panelists included: Jim Marshall, U.S. congressman from Georgia; Jonathan Faull, director general for justice, freedom and security at the European Commission; Stewart Baker, assistant secretary for policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and several members of the European Parliament.

This conference was held in cooperation with the Centre for European Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.



House lecturer targets the struggle for disability rights

In the midst of Women’s History Month, Harriet McBryde Johnson, a nationally recognized disability rights attorney and activist, presented Georgia Law’s 25th Edith House Lecture, titled “Disability Rights: A liberation movement for all people.”

“I am now living in a world very different from that which I was born into – very different from anything I had ever imagined,” Johnson, who has a congenital muscle-wasting disease, said.

Chronicling her life’s journey in conjunction with the changing nature of disability rights, she alluded to the ugly duckling fable to illustrate her story. “[Those with disabilities] all have one thing in common – they are different than the ducks,” she said.

For nearly 30 years, Johnson has been active in the struggle for social justice, particularly in the field of disability rights. She said disabled people “didn’t quite get to be people in the 1970s but were still persons with disabilities. [Today] society still sets us apart, outside the norm.”

Her private law practice in Charleston, S.C., specializes in benefits and civil rights claims for poor and working people with disabilities. She is currently involved with Charleston’s Disability Resource Center, the Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment and the National Lawyers Guild Disability Rights Committee.

Johnson earned her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. She also holds a bachelor’s degree from Charleston Southern University and a master’s degree from the College of Charleston.

The Edith House Lecture Series is hosted annually by the Women Law Students Association (WLSA) in honor of one of the first female graduates of Georgia Law. House, a native of Winder, Ga., was co-valedictorian of the law class of 1925, the first class to graduate women.

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Georgia Court of Appeals hears cases on campus

The Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia held oral arguments at Georgia Law earlier this year in recognition and celebration of the court's centennial anniversary.

Dean Rebecca H. White said this was a unique educational opportunity for students to observe the Court of Appeals first-hand and to be front and center for the courtroom proceedings.

"The court's visit allows our students insight into the legal system that will be very valuable as they begin their careers."

Chief Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes and Presiding Judge J.D. Smith, both Georgia Law alumni, were present for the three hearings held in the Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom.

The last time the court heard oral arguments at Georgia Law was during April 2002.



Chief Judge Anne Barnes (J.D.'83) and Presiding Judge J.D. Smith (J.D.'71) heard oral arguments in the Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom in honor of the Court of Appeals' centennial anniversary. Photo by UGA Public Affairs' Dot Paul.

Law library honored with Briggs Award

Earlier this year, the Alexander Campbell King Law Library was presented with the Briggs Award, which recognizes employers who make efforts to create a workplace that reflects the entire community and who embody the Shakespearean philosophy "there's a place and means for every man alive."

"In the nomination, the law library was recognized as the employer in Athens that best met the Briggs philosophy – that any person who has the desire [to work also] has the ability to be productive and successful in the workplace," Jennifer Briggs, president of Briggs & Associates in Atlanta, said.

Briggs & Associates Career Specialists Jennifer Bradford, Audra Pursell and Jennifer Fobart, who provide career assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities, and Regional Director Mollie Atkinson nominated the law library for the honor due to its work with employee Janeanne Napoli.

"The goals of the award are to thank the law library for their resourcefulness in overcoming obstacles that allow Janeanne to thrive in the workplace and to share this story with other employers so they might follow their lead," Briggs said.

"It was a complete surprise but a great honor to be recognized in this capacity," E. Ann Puckett, law professor and director of the law library, said. "All the credit for this award goes to the staff of the law library, most particularly Maureen Cahill (J.D.'79), who has been an extraordinary supervisor and friend to Janeanne."

Wentworth honored with service award



Robin Jennings (left) presented Cindy Wentworth with the 2006 Emma P. Terrell Employee of the Year Award. This honor recognizes and rewards employees for their service to the law school.

Georgia Law's Staff Council presented Cindy F. Wentworth with the 2006 Emma P. Terrell Employee of the Year Award in December. This annual award recognizes and rewards employees for their service to the law school.

Robin Jennings, the award's 2005 winner, presented Wentworth with the honor, citing her tireless work ethic to serve the law school on a daily basis as one of many reasons she won the award.

Wentworth has worked as an administrative associate at the law school for more than five years.

One nomination for Wentworth stated, "No matter how busy she is, she is always willing to help when assistance is needed. She shows total dedication to her work and remains professional while keeping her wonderful sense of humor."

An Oglethorpe County native, Wentworth has been serving the legal community in Athens since 1982.

"It was a great honor for me to receive the award," she said. "I enjoy my work at the law school and really appreciate the nominations from the faculty and staff members I work with."

Wentworth said she was surprised to receive the Terrell award because the law school staff council had managed to keep it a secret from her, even though she serves as the committee's chair.

The award, formerly known as the Employee Distinguished Service Award, was renamed in February 2005 in memory of the late Emma P. Terrell, a long-time employee remembered for her dedication to and enthusiasm for the law school.