

Can Americans Be Civil and Work Together to Solve Public Problems?



Saturday April 16 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Alumni House, Toll Room

Panelists discuss polarization, civility, public participation and the opportunity for meaningful policy initiatives at the local, state, and federal level. Join **Dean Henry E. Brady**, the **Honorable Roger E. Dickinson (BA '73, JD '76 UCLA)** and **Professor Paul Pierson**, with Q & A moderated by **Richard "Dick" Beahrs (BA '68)**.

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Henry E. Brady—*Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy and Co-Director Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement*

Henry Brady is a political scientist and economist with interests in electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, political polling and policy-oriented surveys, statistical methodology, and the use of computers in management of social programs. He received his PhD in Economics and Political Science from MIT in 1980. He has written on electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, political polling, and statistical methodology, and he has worked for the federal Office of Management and Budget and other organizations in Washington, D.C. He is past president of the American Political Science Association, past president of the Political Methodology Society of the American Political Science Association, and was director of the University of California's Survey Research Center from 1998 to 2009.



Honorable Roger E. Dickinson—*California State Assembly, 9th District*

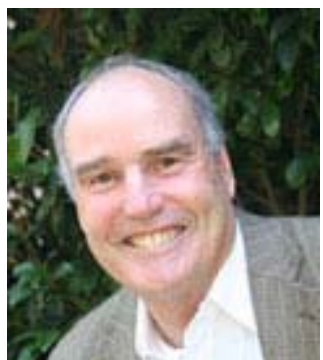
Assemblymember Roger Dickinson (BA '73) was elected in November 2010 and represents the 9th District which includes the city of Sacramento. He was a member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors from 1994-2010, where he played key roles on issues such as health care, welfare reform, youth issues, economic development, clean air, improved transportation, and smart growth. Before that, he spent eight years as a member of the Regional Transit Board of Directors and seven and a half years with the California Department of Consumer Affairs where he oversaw a statewide project to improve small claims court. Dickinson helped to form the firm of Kemnitzer, Dickinson, Anderson & Barron emphasizing in consumer protection and has litigated cases up to the California Supreme Court. Dickinson received his undergraduate degree in political science from UC Berkeley where he lettered in varsity basketball and earned a law degree at UCLA in 1976. He lives with his wife, Marj, in the Woodlake neighborhood of Sacramento.



Paul Pierson—*John Gross Professor of Political Science, Charles & Louise Travers Dept of Political Science*

Pierson's teaching and research span the fields of American politics, public policy, comparative political economy, and social theory. His most recent book, published in 2010 and co-authored by Jacob Hacker is *Winner-Take-All Politics*. Pierson is an active commentator on public affairs, whose writings have recently appeared in such outlets as *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New Republic*. Pierson's book, *Dismantling the Welfare State? Reagan, Thatcher, and the Politics of Retrenchment* won the American Political Science Association's 1995 prize for the best book on American national politics. His article "Path Dependence, Increasing Returns and the Study of Politics" won the APSA's prize for the best article in the *American Political Science Review* in 2000. From 2007-2010 he served as Chair of the Travers Department of Political Science.

Moderator:



Richard "Dick" Beahrs—*Senior Advisor for Revolution Foods, UC Berkeley*

Foundation Trustee, Board Member Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement

Dick Beahrs (BA '68) had a 35-year career as a media executive with Time Warner, during which he served as the president of Court TV and the Comedy Channel and as an executive of HBO and Sports Illustrated. After retiring in 2004, he continued his lifelong commitment to environmental issues, launching the Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program at Cal, serving on the UN Hunger Task Force, and serving as chairman of the Arbor Day Foundation. He is currently chair of Expo communications and the minor league San Jose Giants. Mr. Beahrs has received the Trustees' Citation and the Wheeler Oak Meritorious Award. His current campus affiliations include the College of Natural Resources Advisory Board and the Big C Society.



Mission

Public dialogue often lacks civility and efforts toward policy consensus rarely enjoy broad democratic engagement. Today’s hardened lines of political division threaten to aggravate and perpetuate social problems.

The *Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement* at UC Berkeley’s Goldman School of Public Policy focuses on preparing current and future leaders to successfully engage people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints in the resolution of public policy issues.

The need for more effective and successful democratic engagement is clearly seen in the paralysis and acrimony in our state and national governments and violence worldwide. Through research, teaching, fellowships/internships and public events, students and the wider public learn about the range of deep beliefs and values which drive human social behavior. Along with acquiring expertise in democratic engagement, this knowledge is essential in helping diverse stakeholders achieve productive and enduring resolutions to pressing issues facing societies today.

History

The Center was founded by the Cal Class of ‘68 to explore the legacy and advance the aspirations that characterize the spirit of the Class and their time at Cal. It is an exciting innovation in UC Berkeley alumni participation and relations with the University.

Programs

The Center, founded by the Class of ‘68 and led by co-directors **Dean Henry E. Brady** and **Professor Bruce E. Cain**, **Senior Fellow Robert B. Reich**, and a voluntary **Advisory Board** sponsors activities on the UC Berkeley campus and beyond, including:

- 1. Research into understanding the political, ideological and cultural factors that generate conflict and what enables productive problem solving locally, nationally and globally.
- 2. Teaching based on the research that equips students with techniques for dealing with conflict and skills in collaborative leadership and consensus building.
- 3. Fellowships and Internships for Goldman School undergraduate and graduate students’ public policy projects and for UC Washington Center students from Berkeley.
- 4. Public Events featuring prominent speakers on topics related to civility and democratic engagement and broadly communicating research results to the public and the media.

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