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"Courage is the ladder on which
all the other virtues mount." —Clare Boothe Luce

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Bay Buchanan (third from right), United States Treasurer under Ronald Reagan, meets with women student leaders after her CBLPI sponsored lecture at the University of Wisconsin—Madison.

CBLPI Speakers Bring our Conservative Message to Campuses Across the Nation

Conservative women's voices are being heard at some of the most liberal institutions in America thanks to your support of our work at the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute. Read more about our campus lecture program on page 4.



Students at the University of California—Berkeley listen to a CBLPI sponsored lecture by author and news commentator Rachel Campos Duffy.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is only one national organization dedicated to training, mentoring, and providing outstanding role models for this generation of young women: the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute.

In 2018, we will work with America's finest women students, our greatest women leaders, and our tremendously generous supporters. We will fight Leftist schemes, double standards, and intolerance like never before.

Incredibly, a year after President Trump was inaugurated, liberals are still trying to deny the election results. And young women in school face bureaucrats insisting that they accept redefined marriage, newly created "genders" instead of male and female, and the destruction of our traditional culture.

We can't afford to be out-organized by the Left with their disrespect for the flag and spiteful attacks. And the Left is more vicious than ever. With your help we will support our brave conservative women leaders and the thousands of young women at schools around the country. God bless you and best wishes for a successful 2018.



I was delighted to accept President Trump's invitation to attend his White House Christmas party. Here I'm with my husband of 43 years in front of our favorite White House painting.

Michelle Easton

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Pass on Your Ideas to the Next Generation



CBLPI President Michelle Easton with her husband and her contribution to America's future success—her three sons, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.

Do you want to pass your ideas to the next generation of Americans? Unfortunately, many current educational institutions, including many of our universities, have not conveyed your principles. But the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute has a unique opportunity for you to shape the future of today's young Americans.

Through a bequest you can extend your support for our work to future Americans. Many of our supporters have contributed in a very important way to the building of the conservative movement by remembering the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute in their estate planning.

If you wish to add the Institute to your will, please contact us for more information. Our toll-free number is 888-891-4288.

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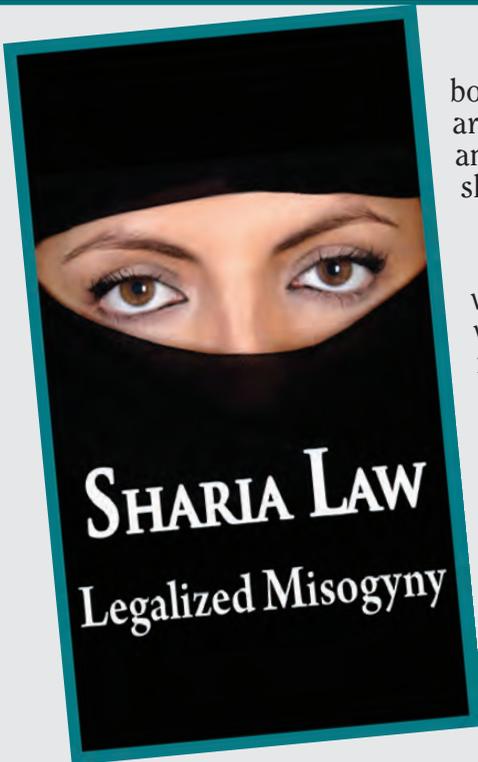
CWN In Review

The Conservative Women's Network (CWN) is a monthly luncheon co-hosted by the Luce Policy Institute and The Heritage Foundation. Held in Washington, DC, the luncheons provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about current issues from conservative leaders and connect with other women in the Washington area. For more information about CWN, visit www.cblpi.org or contact Camille Hart at chart@cblpi.org.

> CWN usually features the top women speakers in the Conservative Movement. But each December, it's CWN tradition to invite a special gentleman speaker to address CWN. This year **Congressman Mark Meadows** gave an excellent talk explaining how to decrease government overreach with reform of the tax system. Congressman Meadows was elected to serve the 11th district of North Carolina in 2012, after a 27-year career as a small business owner. C-SPAN and several other news organizations covered the talk.



Program Officer Elizabeth Campbell presents Congressman Mark Meadows with a CBLPI mug and tote bag after his remarks at our December CWN luncheon.



CBLPI has published a booklet titled, "Sharia Law: Legalized Misogyny." The booklet highlights some of the ways that Sharia law is legalized misogyny in its archaic perception and treatment of women. It also illustrates why—if the liberty and equal rights of all women are to be safeguarded and preserved—no aspect of sharia can be tolerated either formally or informally in the United States.

Young people need to know that, "The religion of Islam is unique among major world religions today in that it inextricably intertwines its moral code for believers with a legal governance code, called sharia law, that sets rules and consequences for a full range of social, individual, family, civil, economic, and criminal activities and behaviors. As such, Sharia represents a theocratic form of governance that is wholly incompatible with secular Western democratic governance systems. In nations, regions, communities, and enclaves where sharia law is formally or informally adopted, women and girls suffer demonstrable injustice and prejudicial treatment by Western democratic standards, particularly in the area of family law and individual liberty."

To read the full booklet on this important women's issue often overlooked by the Left, visit our website at cblpi.org or call CBLPI Headquarters at 888-891-4288 to receive a hard copy.

CBLPI Staff *Spotlight*

CBLPI is happy to welcome Elizabeth Campbell to our Headquarters staff. Elizabeth is a graduate of Virginia Tech and was one of the top conservative activists at her school, hosting a CBLPI lecture by Nonie Darwish and doubling the size of her campus conservative club during her time as its chairman. Elizabeth contributed significantly to our office as a CBLPI summer Fellow in 2016 and will now continue to fight the Left by running our important student programs.

"CBLPI is the reason I got involved in the Conservative Movement," Elizabeth said. "In college, I met a girl who had been an intern for the Institute. She encouraged me to share my conservative values on campus. This resulted in me gaining leadership of a conservative group at my school, as well as eventually becoming 2016 Fellow for the Luce Institute."



CBLPI Program Officer Elizabeth Campbell



Left: Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers spoke at Rutgers University after 2016 summer Fellow Andrea Vacchiano was inspired to bring her to campus. Right: Students from the University of Florida pause for a photo with Bay Buchanan after her lecture on the topic of "Abortion and Feminism: the Left's War on Women."

Campus Lectures (continued from page 1)

Students are hungry to hear a conservative woman's point of view. Yet for most, in four years of college the only women's voices they hear are radical feminists and other Leftists. That's why our work at CBLPI is so important—often a lecture by one of our women leaders is their first exposure to a conservative point of view. And students on campus talk about the conservative ideas for weeks—that is why the Left tries to shut them down.

CBLPI lectures reach thousands who hear the lectures in person and watch online. But they also make a significant, life-long impact on young women leaders who work with the Institute to bring the speaker to campus.

Recent CBLPI sponsored lectures include news commentator Rachel Campos Duffy at University of California–Berkeley; Bay Buchanan, United States Treasurer under President Ronald Reagan and one of our most popular campus speakers, at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the University of Florida; and Christina Hoff Sommers at Rutgers University.

Looking Ahead to a Bright 2018

CBLPI is poised to expand and reach more women than ever after a successful 2017

In 2017, CBLPI trained, motivated, and mentored young conservative women across the country and shined a spotlight on the top women leaders in Conservative Movement. A few highlights from 2017 include:

- Our Western Women's Summit in Arizona featuring dynamic women speakers like 2nd Amendment Activist Antonia Okafor
- A sold out Capitol Hill Summit where young women learned about key policy issues and received practical advice for a successful internship in Washington, D.C.
- Our Woman of the Year dinner at Trump International Hotel where we honored Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway
- College and High School mentoring luncheons to inspire and connect student leaders from across the country
- Lectures by top women speakers like Star Parker and Bay Buchanan at some of the most liberal campuses in America, including the University of California-Berkeley



Students at our 2017 National High School Mentoring Luncheon

As we begin 2018 and celebrate the Institute's 25th year of preparing and promoting conservative women leaders, we look forward to building on our success and expanding our work. Later this year we'll open our Center for Conservative Women at our new expanded Headquarters which will allow us to reach and welcome in even more young women, and plans are underway for a new Regional Women's Summit this spring in Orlando. Thank you to our supporters who have been so critical to our success, our strong speakers who are such excellent role models, and most of all, our brave young women—the students who stand up to the Left on college campuses.