

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, it is my pleasure to introduce the 2010 *Hinckley Journal of Politics*.

This year, the *Hinckley Journal* celebrates its eleventh edition, continuing the outstanding academic tradition of quality research on issues relevant to Utah, our nation, and the world. Topics include the French model of nuclear power, the development of international terrorism in Pakistan, the link between globalization and extinction rates, community-based research at the University of Utah, and malaria control in Africa. These articles come from bright and dedicated students seeking to expand their own knowledge and provide substantive research and analysis in their field.

In addition to student contributions to the *Hinckley Journal*, we are grateful for and enlightened by articles submitted by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Congressman Jason Chaffetz, who address the major domestic issues facing the United States Congress from both sides of the aisle.

This fantastic compilation could not have come to fruition without the diligent work of its 2010 co-editors Rochelle McConkie and James Egan. Additionally, the tireless efforts of Managing Editor Courtney McBeth, our Faculty Editor Luke Garrott, Faculty Advisors Matthew Burbank and Ron Hrebenar, student board members, and Hinckley Institute staff were pivotal in making this year's *Journal* possible.

Through the various opportunities provided by the Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah students are able to apply the theories and concepts they learn in the classroom to real world experiences. To date, the Hinckley Institute has placed and supported more than 5,000 interns in political offices throughout the State of Utah, in Washington, D.C., and in more than 35 countries on six continents. Interns are required to complete a research paper based on the issues pertinent to their internships and, therefore, reflect practical ideas and conclusions about some of today's most pressing issues. The *Journal* represents some of the best and most compelling of these papers.

This journal also features the Governor's Commission on Strengthening Democracy, which was established in 2009 by former Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. to address low voter turnout in Utah elections, indicating a broader decline in all forms of political participation. The Commission recommended landmark reforms to Utah's campaign finance, lobbying, and election laws to bolster participation and create more transparency and accountability within Utah government.

The 2010 *Hinckley Journal of Politics* captures the most pressing issues facing the United States and the world, ranging from the economic crisis to international terrorism to energy reform. This journal presents the most thoughtful research by Utah's students and government leaders.

Sincerely,



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