

“It is an affront to treat falsehood with complacency.” Thomas Paine

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A MILLENNIAL'S SEARCH FOR MEANING

By Judy Russell

“Real progress will be based on the reemergence of morals and biblical principles in the hearts and minds of all voters, regardless of political affiliation.”

In Demetrius Minor's autobiography, *Preservation and Purpose: The Making of a Young Millennial*, the young Pentecostal minister relates his journey of self-discovery through the grace of God and how ultimately this shapes his impression of the millennial generation.

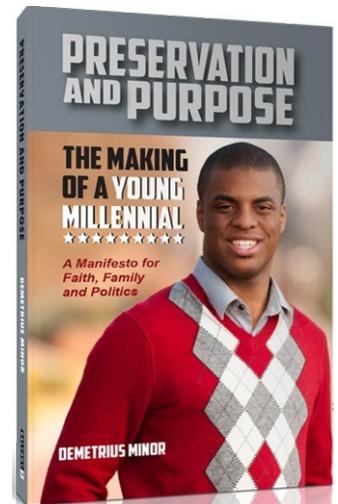
Through this self-discovery, Demetrius shapes himself into an unusual yet relatable character; a black American and a self-identified conservative in an increasingly secular country. By doing this, not only does he put our own lives into perspective while overcoming defeat through faith, family and politics, but inspires us to question the reasons for our beliefs.

“It will take the concerted effort of an entire generation to wake up the troubled souls in America today,” the pastor remarks, adding that “From my perspective, the angst and dysfunction facing them is likely the result of many factors, including not having a strong father figure to guide them, and the overuse of prescription drugs to cover up the negative effects of family dysfunction.”

As a millennial himself, he does not hesitate to remind us of the future which the upcoming generation is to be held accountable for, “Real progress will be based on the reemergence of morals and biblical principles in the hearts and minds of all voters, regardless of political affiliation.”

Upon reading you may ask, “How about the free establishment clause?” and “the government's divide between church and state?”

The young Republican accordingly concludes, “Until elected officials acknowledge God's principles as a cornerstone in government policy, we will fail in every area of government.”



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Director's Corner

By Malcolm A. Kline, Executive Director of AIA



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Dear Reader,

In this issue we feature two articles by a young lady who graced our office with her presence last summer—Judy Russell. Judy now joins a long line of alumni of the American Journalism Center internship program that Accuracy in Academia runs jointly with its big sister organization, Accuracy In Media.

In its first decade of existence, we have watched with pride as AJC interns have literally gone on to do great things:

- Natalia Angulo-Rico, went on to work as a news editor at Fox Business News;
- Jennifer Dekel went on to work at the Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET);
- Ben Giles became a reporter at the Arizona Capital Times;
- Alana Goodman currently works as a reporter for the Washington Free Beacon;
- Jocelyn Grecko became a writer at Allegheny West magazine;
- Matt Hadro went to work at Newsbusters;
- Mytheos Holt has written for The Washington Times and National Review;
- Emily Russo Miller became a reporter for the Juneau Empire;
- Luis Tartaglia became a cameraman at Fox; and
- Melinda Zosh became a reporter/videojournalist at [ABC 13 News- WSET](http://ABC13News.com).

Thus, in a very tangible way, our interns actually are bringing accuracy to media. Hopefully, the training and opportunities we have given them will make up for the lack of accuracy in academia they may have encountered.

All the best,

Mal Kline,
Executive Director

Governing Higher Education

By Judy Russell and Malcolm A. Kline

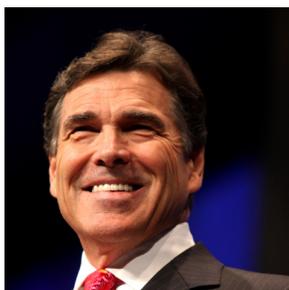
At least half a dozen current and former governors are running for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination. Two-thirds of that sextet have records on higher education that resemble those of their Democratic counterparts.

The John William Pope Center looked at the proposals and records of Governors Scott Walker, Chris Christie and John Kasich as well as the vitae of former governors Jeb Bush, Rick Perry and Mike Huckabee. Although all of them claim to emulate Ronald Reagan, of the sitting governors, only Scott Walker comes close to this standard while among the retired execs, Rick Perry does.

The others have records that look similar to that of former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, whose policies helped turned the Free State's budget surplus into a deficit.

What Governor Walker gets a lot of attention for are his proposed higher education budgets and his advisories on downplaying tenure. Less noticed is his actual accomplishment—freezing tuition at state universities.

As governor of Texas, Rick Perry challenged state universities to come up with a college plan with a tuition price tag of \$10,000 per year. Several actually came close.



Governors Christie, Kasich, Bush and Huckabee, meanwhile, increased spending on higher education and tried to neutralize the one check and balance state universities have—boards of regents. Additionally:



- In New Jersey, Governor Christie signed New Jersey's version of the DREAM Act, allowing illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition at public colleges. He also signed off on an agreement establishing a partnership among higher education

institutions is New Jersey and Mexico.

- In Ohio, perhaps following Governor Walker's lead, Governor Kasich signed a budget in July that



will freeze tuition for two years at state colleges and universities but the budget also increases state funding for a program to help poor students get college credit; sets aside funds for dealing with campus sexual assault; and increases funding for

several state scholarships. Governor Kasich has also introduced performance-based funding, tying state funds to college outcomes. Previously, Ohio's colleges and universities received funding based on enrollment. As well, he expanded dual enrollment requiring public schools and colleges to partner and provide college-credit courses to middle and high school students.

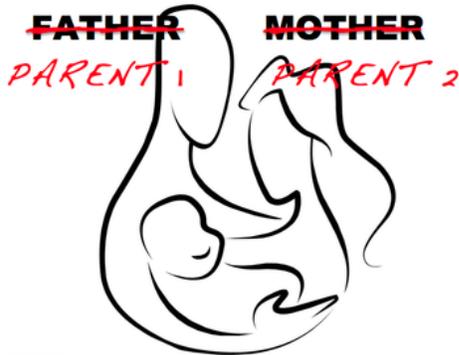
- Although Governor Bush eliminated race-based admissions by executive order, making Florida the only state to have done that, he also created a program guaranteeing the top 20 percent of high

SQUEAKY CHALK

by Deborah Lambert



The plague of political correctness that has afflicted higher education has now taken hold in Tennessee where the terms “Mommy” and “Daddy” are deemed so offensive by the PC police that they were recently banned – and replaced with the terms “Parent 1” and “Parent 2.”



Fox News reporter Todd Starnes said that he was informed of the decision by Memphis family law attorney Kendra Armstrong, who said that “a court spokesperson did not elaborate on why they felt compelled to change the longtime wording or whether Parent 1 brings home the bacon or whether Parent 2 wears the pants in the relationship.”

Starnes noted in his latest book, *God Less America: Real Stories From the Front Lines of the Attack on Traditional Values*, that since the goal of “gay marriage activists was to deconstruct the traditional American family,” he wasn’t surprised about the ban on mommy and daddy.

And the Bible Belt was the perfect target for their hostility.



LIBERAL EDUCATION TAKES A HIT

While there is no shortage of information about how colleges and universities rank in the higher education hierarchy these days, Mark Bauerlein wrote that a recent evaluation by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni examined the heart of the curriculum, namely the seven core subjects (composition, literature, foreign languages, U.S. government or history, economics, math, and science) and disclosed whether or not schools take their own requirements seriously enough to mandate student proficiency.

In their rundown of more than 1,000 schools, scored on an A-F scale, the results were shocking. “Today, fully 43 percent of all grades given in college are A grades, a bizarre leap from the 15 percent rate in 1960. But ACTA gave only 22 schools its highest score.”

Three of the schools are military: West Point, Air Force Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. “Interestingly, the most represented state is Georgia, with Clark Atlanta, Morehouse, Kennesaw State, Georgia Southern, and University of Georgia. Most noteworthy of all is that ten schools, nearly half of the list, are religious colleges.

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The results of this survey might very well shock the socks off those at secular research universities, many of whom believe that higher education should involve “thinking your way out of parochial” religious perspectives. For example, the curriculum at Bluefield College focuses on the creation of a “Christian academic community, a term that irreverent professors regard as oxymoronic. After all, academia and Christianity don’t go together. Does Southwest Baptist have a vibrant queer theory collective?”

But here we have evidence of the opposite, according to the Wall Street Journal, since religious schools demand more history, languages, and science than do their worldly competitors. The large number of religious institutions on the list suggests another conclusion: that the course material at religious schools actually opens the mind, and that the departure from religion in secular institutions actually functions as a constraint, not a freedom.



HIGHER LEARNING OR ANIMAL FARM?



The University of Denver Law School’s newly created professorship in animal rights is regarded by many as “moving one step closer to unleashing a real *Planet of the Apes*.”

The challenge of the professorship’s first recipient, Justin Marceau, is to “get two chimps released from a research facility on the legal theory that they have human rights. . . The ALDF (Animal Legal Defense Fund) professorship is the first known position of its kind in the country,” the group said in a press release. “Once relegated to the ‘back seat’ of practice areas, animal rights law has

recently experienced a tremendous surge of interest and commitment.”

According to Denver weekly *Westword*, Marceau is serving as an “expert” in a New York lawsuit by the Nonhuman Rights Project, which is arguing that two research chimps, Hercules and Leo, are “autonomous and self-determining beings” being held against their will.



The College Fix thought it had uncovered all of the most ridiculous microaggressions that leftist minds had drummed up until *Fix* editor Jennifer Kabbany came upon a University of Missouri list of so-called “environmental microaggressions,” which cites one example as “a college or university with buildings that are all named after white, heterosexual, upper class males.”

Such a college is an environmental microaggression in and of itself, because it allegedly implies that “you don’t belong/you won’t succeed here.”

I’d never heard of an “environmental microaggression” prior to reading that list, noted Kabbany. It actually clarifies that there are “macro-level microaggressions, which are more apparent on systemic and environmental levels.”

Other examples are “television shows and movies that feature predominantly white people, without representation of people of color” and “overcrowding of public schools in communities of color.” These examples appeared in a University of Missouri-Columbia “Racial Microaggressions in Every Day Life” list posted on its website, a supporting document of the public university’s effort to make the campus more “inclusive.”

As summer vacation ends, it is likely that a certain percentage of America’s student population may have spent untold hours making lists of their campus’ building names, “looking up the history behind what each name represents, and getting offended by the results.”



THOUGHT CONTROL IN ACADEMIA

Professor Walter Williams, a brave crusader against “academic fascism,” noted in a recent column that “Deceitful college officials, who visit high schools to recruit students and talk to parents, conceal the worst of their campus practices.” According to the Pope Foundation’s Director of Research George Leef, “the article exposes the nasty truth about speech codes, the lunatic obsession with ‘diversity’ and the groveling of college officials before groups claiming victimhood.

So what do we do? Professor Williams suggests that “benefactors should stop giving money to universities that endorse anti-free speech and racist diversity policy. Simply go to a university’s website. If you find an office of diversity, close your pocketbook.” Read more at: <http://www.nationalreview.com/phi-beta-cons>



CLIMATE CHANGE CAUSES RACISM



According to social activist and best-selling author Naomi Klein, climate change isn’t just destroying our planet — it’s making racism worse, too. “You see that in Australia where the treatment of migrants is a profound moral crisis,” she said, according to a piece published in *The Guardian*.

“It’s clear that as sea levels rise, this mean streak and open racism is going to become more extreme – climate change is an accelerant to all those other issues,” she continued. Yes — “clear.”

The idea that racism rises with the sea is just so “clear”

that no further evidence or explanation is needed. Climate change is making people more mean, and that is just a fact. If you’re dying to know more, the *National Review*’s Katherine Timpf says you’re in luck: “Klein has written plenty of books about climate change, including *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate* and *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, which MSNBC host Rachel Maddow praised as “the only book of the last few years in American publishing that I would describe as a mandatory must-read.”

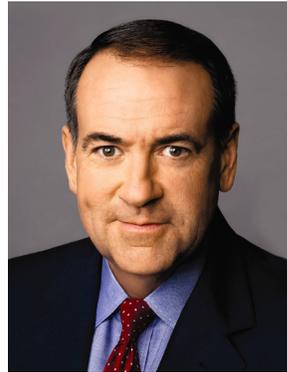
“That’s a compelling endorsement, but I still don’t think I’ll read it — after all, the fact that Klein is totally right is already so ‘clear.’” — Katherine Timpf is a reporter for *National Review Online*. Read more at: <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/422661/climate-racism-worse-naomi-klein?target=author&tid=1274245>

A promotional graphic for a book. On the left is the cover of the book "GOLDWATER: The Man Who Made A Revolution" by Lee Edwards, featuring a portrait of Barry Goldwater. On the right is a portrait of Lee Edwards, the author, smiling and wearing a suit and tie. The background is a light blue gradient.

AIA’s next author’s night will feature Lee Edwards on his reissued biography of Barry Goldwater

school graduates admission to college, similar to Texas' law guaranteeing admission for its top 10 percent. As well, he introduced a First Generation Matching Grant Program, a 2006 law designed to help low-income students attend college.

- In Arkansas, Governor Huckabee expanded two state-funded scholarships: the Governor's Distinguished Scholarship and the Academic Challenge Scholarship. He supported a measure that, if it had passed, would have allowed the children of



illegal immigrants to receive the Academic Challenge Scholarships. Indeed, Governor Huckabee's administration increased higher education spending in nine out of the 10 years of his governorship. Huckabee also redirected federal funds to community colleges for career education and work training programs.



AJC Spotlight: Judy Russell

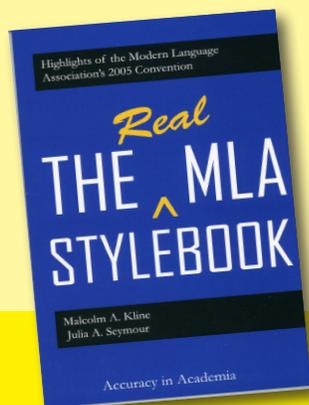
Judy Russell was an intern last summer in the American Journalism Center internship program that Accuracy in Academia runs jointly with its big sister organization, Accuracy in Media. In just two months she researched and wrote 10 stories on a variety of subjects ranging from global warming to school choice. In the course of these assignments, Judy attended congressional hearings and made the rounds of think tanks in our nation's capital—left, right and center.

She is currently a student-athlete practicing fencing and studying journalism and French language and culture at St. John's University.

The REAL MLA Stylebook

To show what college and university English Departments are really teaching, Accuracy in Academia compiled *The REAL MLA Stylebook*, filled with quotes from a recent convention of the Modern Language Association (MLA) where thousands of English professors gather to push their politically correct, radical agenda. Outsiders who attend this event expecting to learn more about Chaucer, Milton and Shakespeare are in for a rude awakening when they discover that panels are more likely to focus on topics such as “Marxism and Globalization;” “What’s the Matter with Whiteness;” and “Queering Faulkner.”

This book is must-reading for anyone interested in learning more about the mindset of faculty members who are tasked with teaching the great works of the English language to our nation’s students.



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