The exhibit includes a wealth of photographic and archival footage, as well as documents and interviews spanning the lives and contributions of Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz. Visitors have access to more than one and a half hours of short videos—never before seen photos—and a walking tour of Malcolm X with his family—historic scenes of Harlem, travel photos taken by Malcolm X and postcards that he wrote to friends. The kiosks also include interviews with scholars and contemporaries of Malcolm X, as well as interactive, interpretive features a timeline about the lives of Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz, a map of Malcolm X's activities in Harlem and an interview with actor and activist Ossie Davis, who was a personal friend of Malcolm X.

CRED, in collaboration with the Institute for Research in African-American Studies under the leadership of Manning Marable, gathered the content for the exhibit. With the assistance of the Shabazz family, DKV designed and executed the three multimedia kiosk presentations. The memorial center itself was designed by the renowned architectural firm Davis Brody Bond.

CUMC Heralds 20th Anniversary of First Malcolm X Scholar

The day after the opening, Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) hosted a luncheon on to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first graduating class of Malcolm X Scholars and the 2004–2005 Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons (P&S) Malcolm X Scholar, Adel Perrote, MD/PhD.

Established 21 years ago by Betty Shabazz and CUMC, the scholarship is awarded to African-American students at P&S who demonstrate academic merit and show financial need. The awards help further the education of future physicians interested in medical and public health problems prevalent in African-American and underserved communities.

The first recipient of the Malcolm X Scholarship, Carol Brown, graduated from P&S in 1986 and today specializes in gynecologic oncology and surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. The event's keynote speaker, she received the American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Career Development Award for her research in cervical cancer and was named one of America's leading physicians by Black Enterprise magazine. In addition to performing surgery for gynecologic cancers, Brown focuses on fertility-sparing treatments for early-stage cancers, screening and prevention of cervical and ovarian cancer.

Supported through Columbia's endowed funds, the Malcolm X scholarships have provided assistance for more than 150 medical students who now practice in fields as diverse as anesthesia and pediatrics in hospitals and clinics across the country. Four awards are traditionally given each year to students in their third or fourth year of medical school. But for the 2005–2006 academic year, a single award of $25,000 for four years will be made to a first-year P&S medical student. Perrote is a graduate of Princeton University, and in addition to his medical studies at Columbia he serves as vice president of the Black and Latino Student Organization. He also has been a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health and is a J. F. Bohmfalk Scholar.

The House Turns to Federal Research and Development Funding

By Ellen S. Smith

Toward the end of May, the House of Representatives passed stem cell research legislation and began the initial phases of work on the annual funding bills for science. Even with tight budgets, there were increases in some of the agencies addressed.

On May 24, bipartisan legislation led by Representatives Mike Castle (R–DE) and Diana Degette (D–CO) resulted in approval of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005 (HR 810). The legislation broadens President Bush’s 2001 policy. Immediately prior to the vote on the House floor, Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger joined more than 300 scientists in a letter to all members of the House urging passage of the bill.

CRED will provide support to those who need to respond to conditions of climate uncertainty.

Research projects include a wide range of decision makers—farmers, water resource managers and policy makers—in a variety of geographical regions around the globe. Bridging the social and natural sciences, CRED is a joint center of the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP) and the Earth Institute, and is affiliated with ISERP's Center for the Decisions Sciences. The work of the center is coordinated by Director Eric Weitz, Associate Director Sabine Marx and Assistant Director Defaka Shone.

Peter Bearman, chair of the Department of Sociology and director of ISERP is an enthusiastic supporter of the new center. "As an interdisciplinary initiative linking the social and natural sciences, and one that brings basic science to bear on matters of critical public concern, CRED exemplifies the kind of project that ISERP was established to promote."

Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute, also expressed strong support. "It is likely that climate change will further stress the lives of the world’s poorest people, especially those in the tropics and arid regions of the world. CRED’s work will be of critical importance to learning how society can best manage these changes and minimize their impacts," he said.

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Legislative Update

CRED is led by David Krakua professor of psychology and statistics at Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Ilke Weber, Jerome A. Chazen Professor of Management at the International Business and Psychology at Columbia Business School, Roberta Baktal, director of the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN); and Kenneth Broad, associate professor of psychology at Columbia Business School.

"This memorial represents an important chapter in our nation’s history, and is a significant achievement in our nation’s history, and is a significant achievement," said Baktal.

The center will provide a cross-disciplinary approach to research. According to Krantz and Weber individual and group decision mechanisms have generally been studied separately, but decisions can be made by cognitive and social psychologists and the second by social workers. CRED will integrate these approaches and provide research based in the laboratory and in field sites.

Another mission of the center is to develop new techniques and tools to improve decisions by those who respond to conditions of climate uncertainty by education and science. CRED directors aim to improve the quality of information flow to experts and policy makers concerning climate change. The center also will develop new programming and outreach for audiences ranging from high school students to academic researchers and policy makers.

CRED currently serves as an umbrella for 16 projects conducted by 24 researchers at eight universities.