Jeff Flake Speaks at Rotunda Room
Michael Schmid ’21
Production Editor

“Assume the best, look for the good.” That was the phrase written on a three-by-five notecard and hung on the fridge in the childhood home of retired Arizona Senator Jeff Flake. It was a mantra for the former senator, who began his career in Washington as a congressman, said that his mother lived by. And it is a mantra that he says he has carried with him throughout his life and his career. Senator Flake believes that such an outlook is lacking in Washington and is symptomatic of the broader issue of incivility in public discourse.

Senator Flake was invited to speak this past week at the Rotunda Dome Room on Main Grounds for the Joseph Smith Lecture on Religious Liberty sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies. His lecture was titled “Searching for the Better Angels of Our Nature,” referencing a line from Abraham Lincoln’s inaugural address in which our sixteenth president called for civility. Senator Flake wondered whether the country is an island, or if it has been left behind during the onset of the Civil War, and he worried that at times it is “inland only.” He also identified that “sidedwelled our better angels for good.”

Michael Schmid ’21, a professor of Mormon Studies at UVA and a distant relative of the invited speaker, provided introductory remarks before the senator was formally introduced by D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Thomas B. Griffith ’85. Professor Flake introduced his second cousin, Griffith ’85. Professor Flake said that he received a flurry of an email as a bipartisan politician. Perhaps this was never the case for him. But he acts in contradiction to his line; he has also drawn the ire of the aisle at different times. The senator has rankled the aisle at different times as well.

Several faculty members contributed to this year’s event, including Dean Goloboff and Professor Darryl Brown, George Cohen, Kevin Cope, Cade Jaffe, Kevin Koedala, Julia Mahoney, Dayna Matthews, Nelson Camilo, Santiago Leon, Fredrick Schauer, Crystal Shin, and Rip Verkerke. Wolfrey worked with Kate DuPree and Nikki Wolfrey ’21, and Crystal Shin, and Rip Verkerke.

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Hoos Pets Are These Too?

Last week, I began my deep-dive investigation into why my peers generally seemed so happy and found the reason: Pets. There were so many wonderful furry friends to be profiled that the article had to be split into two parts. This week, I got to put the finishing touches on this article while my new kitten, Lucy, ran around my room like a crazed monster. I’ve had Lucy for a little less than a week, but I can now officially confirm my hypothesis was correct. My life is immeasurably more fun with the addition of a three-pound little fluff ball. I don’t even mind cleaning the cat-box. For anyone contemplating joining the ranks of pet owners and who’s ready for the financial and time commitment, read up for some advice from the experts and hit up the CASPCA.*

Ellie Riegel and Stevie
Ellie Riegel got her puppy, Stevie, on Thursday, September 5. According to Ellie, “I had been hoping to get a dog for over a year, but when I met Stevie I knew I had to adopt him! He has an adorable personality and loves to play. We hit it off the first day I went to look at dogs at the SPCA.* Since getting Stevie, Ellie’s schedule now revolves around him, but she enjoys it. Ellie has to get up early with him, take him for walks and trips to the park, and, of course, nap time. Ellie particularly enjoys the puppy cuddles and seeing Stevie happy and comfortable in his new home after having a tough start to life. Stevie loves to play with his toys, particularly his Kong, which Ellie fills with peanut butter. Stevie also really likes his bones, which he hides in the couch cushions for safekeeping. Ellie advises anyone who’s contemplating getting a dog to go to SPCA, because they have a lot of wonderful dogs in need of good homes.

Lydia Parker and Harvey
Lydia got her puppy, Harvey, on August 16. Lydia wanted a dog for a long time, and “figured 3L was a good time to raise a puppy because my schedule isn’t too demanding.” Puppies like Harvey require a lot of time and training, since his current favorite activities include biting, gnawing, and chewing. Since getting Harvey, Lydia has loved meeting new people everywhere she goes. She said, “I love how Harvey brings so much joy to everyone around me.” As part of her new dog-mom lifestyle, Lydia has had to rearrange her schedule. She told me, “I can’t spend my days in the library and at the gym like I did 1L and 2L. This is really good for me! Harvey forces me to appreciate the present moment and connect with my community instead of constantly working towards my individualistic goals.” For anyone contemplating getting a puppy, Lydia said, “Make sure you have to be willing to sacrifice a lot of time, flexibility, and money in exchange for unconditional love. For me, it’s 100% worth it!”

Eleanor Schmalzl and Maysie
Eleanor got her cat, Maysie, during fall 2018. Maysie was born in Eleanor’s aunt’s basement when a stray cat came in through the window and had kittens. Eleanor’s family found homes for the kittens when they were old enough and had received the appropriate vet care. Eleanor loves “waking up to her snuggles! She is so sweet at night and in the morning and it is so nice to have a purring kitten on your chest every morning.” Maysie likes to attack feet and play fetch with hair ties, which Eleanor appreciates as a good way to tire Maysie out. Eleanor said she does feel bad about not being home more, because it’s hard to leave her for long.

1. If you want to see pictures of her looking like a dragon or an adorable model kitten, hit me up.

2. They have a ton of cute animals who just want to come from St. Croix. If you’re interested in fostering or adopting, visit the CASPCA today!

3. Lydia was kind enough to let me play with Harvey as part of my very serious pet investigation, and I can confirm he’s the cutest, fluffiest Golden Retriever I’ve met in years!

Will Tucker and Maple
Will got his dog, Maple, between OGI and the start of fall classes last year. According to Will, “I was lucky that the rescue got her from let me wait until between OGI and the start of classes, because I could get her up to speed on Bluebook-ing, basic FRCP principles, and Westlaw terms and connectors before things got busy. She’s been an ideal research assistant ever since.” Will decided going into 2L was the ideal time to get a dog. He had wanted one for a while and finally had enough predictability as to his living situation and schedule to add a four-legged roommate. Since getting Maple, Will’s favorite thing about her is “her unstrained joy. Maple gives me a reminder every day to appreciate simple things and not let this or that external stress get me down for too long. It’s one of the best parts of my life having an endlessly enthusiastic running buddy, morning meal companion, and friend who is (presumably) neuro/physiologically incapable of talking about law school. She makes me happy every day, no matter what.” Maple likes making new friends, “be they canine, feline, human, bird, gopher, butterfly, tree branch moving slightly in the wind, or otherwise. Specifically, she’s a big fan of crawling onto the back of the couch when you sit there and licking your ears and kinda generally crawling onto your shoulders until she’s as close as possible to your face.” Will advised anyone thinking about getting a pet to “consider all of the factors very seriously—it can be a huge amount of work added to your life. It’s especially important that you time things well. For example, if you know you stay out late knowing you have a little critter waiting for you to come back. Eleanor had some advice for anyone contemplating getting a pet soon: “Don’t get a big dog if you’re going to live in a tiny apartment in a big city. If you do/already have, become a morning person and a runner to give them some exercise. But really, just get a cool cat—they sleep a lot and don’t require half the attention, but are perfect company at the end of a long day.”

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Draco Meow-foy does what he does best: sleeps.
want to get a puppy, get her at a time when you'll be able to be vigilant about house training and be okay with losing a little sleep here and there (sorry Bev, thanks again, pal). And remember that traveling with a pet can be VERY difficult! Plan ahead for that too. But so long as you're taking a great way of perspective of things into account, do what will make you and your potential pet happy! Maple is excited to meet you both!

Lena Welch and Draco
Lena got Draco in August, 2014, right before her senior year of college. Lena said, “I love cats. My friend’s mom is a vet and was volunteering in a shelter when a cat had a litter. She took in the litter to find homes for the kittens. My friend and I were the first people to come in, getting a kitten, and so Draco came into my life.” According to Lena, cats are pretty easy to take care of, but she definitely has more scratches than before she got Draco. Lena likes to cuddle with Draco and bump her forehead against his. Draco also likes to mow over until Lena or her mom gives him treats. Lena says that getting a pet has reduced her stress, because she loves him.

Brooke and Christopher
Swann and Lucy and Loki
Brooke and Christopher, Brooke’s husband, have two dogs, Lucy (a miniature dachshund) and cat Loki, who they got last year. Brooke’s favorite thing about having pets “is that no matter what happens during the day, they’re always going to love me and be happy to see me when I get home. They’re the best company for late night reading, and they’re the best listeners when it comes to life chats.” Lucy likes to hide her treats around the apartment for later while Loki likes to sit in the window and creep on people until he falls asleep. Brooke advises those contemplating getting a pet to “be prepared for planning your days and life around them! They’re such blessings, but they’re also a lot of responsibility. I can’t just stay gone all day or drop everything and leave town for the weekend. With that being said, I wouldn’t trade them for anything! Also, your new furry friend may be free to adopt, but vet visits are never free and neither is all of the gear you’ll need to get before bringing them home.”

Matt Simpson and Lacrosse
Matt got Lacrosse, his guide dog, during his sophomore year of college about ten years ago. Matt applied to a guide dog school in California. The process was lengthy—it required interviews, mobility assessments, and assessments of Matt’s living environment. After being accepted, Matt went to two weeks of training with Lacrosse. Matt’s favorite thing about Lacrosse is the way he makes his life easier, because he’s a conscientious guide dog. When not working, Lacrosse likes to sleep (as anyone who’s ever been in class with Lacrosse can attest), chew on bones, and lounge in the sun. Matt thinks that Lacrosse particularly likes how law school, because class gives him plenty of time to sleep. Matt advises those considering getting a pet to think carefully about the responsibility and time commitment—not all pets get to take their owners to class.

Club Spotlight: Virginia Law First-Generation Professionals
A group of us founded Virginia Law First-Generation Professionals (VFLGP) in April 2010 to facilitate the transition and integration of first-generation professional students into Virginia Law and the legal profession. The organization, chair chairs—Erin and Josh—have been developing our mentoring program to connect 1Ls with 2Ls and 3Ls. Through this program, we hope to provide a forum to discuss various topics, including financial considerations associated with law school and career opportunities, balancing academics with competing professional and personal demands, what “Big Law” and “business casual” mean, and what elec- tives to take during S1. Additionally, we hope to provide community and mentorship to first-generation students. For anyone interested in getting involved, please reach out to the co-presidents, Nicole (and Jenny, at either ncp6yn@virginia.edu or kjokek@virginia.edu).

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meet their peers. Wolfrey noted, “I enjoyed getting to meet some of the 1Ls that I haven’t had the opportunity to meet, and getting to see them enjoying an event that is largely intended to welcome them to the Law School.” Trombly-Shapiro Jonas confirmed the event has functioned similarly in years past: “I loved the event and loved that it was very early in the fall semester and open to all. It was a great way to show that VLW is a powerhouse organization at the school, and as a 1L I know I really appreciated getting a chance so early on to meet my professors in a more casual setting. It was definitely one of the very first chances to do so. Each year after that was just a fun opportunity to hang out with VLW, friends, and pro- fessors I liked. It was also a great way to get those interested in being more involved with VLW hooked.”

The University of Chicago Law School and other peer institutions have conducted studies on gender disparities in the classroom. In 2018, UChicago found that women were less likely to voluntarily participate in class, particularly at the beginning of the term. Women were also significantly less likely to volunteer in a class session when the first speaker was a male.1 Wine and Cheese, falling at the beginning of the semester, can hopefully encourage females to feel more comfortable in class. It is hoped that Wine and Cheese, as an event early in the semester, can serve as one opportunity to combat these phenomena in UVA Law classrooms.
On the Road in the Post-Apocalypse: A Problematic Journey (Part I)

So, there we were, out of gas and low on water, sitting on the hood of the Jeep and musing on our next move. The Blue Checks, who had found us, my traveling companion, Dennis, and I, were proceeding at hand. Dennis dropped down from the hood. “It’s not that I’m particularly woke, my man,” he pronounced. “I’m just not an asshole.”

“Well, I mused, looking towards the sustainably-clad bikers. No, let’s hope they think so too.”

The Blue Checks pulled up in a cloud of dust, popped their kickstands, and observed us for a moment. The closest of them, a tall, stooped specimen, stepped away from their bike and ambled towards us, face unreadable under a dirty plastic Guy Fawkes mask (made in China). Fawkes stopped a few paces away and spoke in a toneless voice.

“You come here uninvited. Judgment is required,” he intoned, “You can just put the bags on and take your leave.”

“I’m just not really concerned with changing their beliefs. I just want to turn this out of here with my rear end un-rotost,” I shot back, not particularly kindly.

“Well, it was definitely a trap, ‘Uh-huh,’” Dennis interjected. “You can just put the bags on and take your leave; we’ve done the whole abducted-by-marauders thing before.”

“I turned and addressed the robed officiants. ‘Who cares?’ said the Chief of Equals. ‘That was yesterday,’” I said. “You’re forgetting what’s at stake. ‘Just don’t arrest me,’ I continued. ‘Well, it was either die of thirst by the side of the road, or get snatched by the Blue Checks and hope for water out of the deal, so we can’t complain that much on your part. And that’s what’s behind door number three,’” I replied. “The Bridge Trolls! I’m not forgetting them. I just prefer to not think of their existence. Say what you will about eating granola, at least the Blue Checks don’t spend their free time baying and howling. Without the short-sentimentalized statutes that no one will ever read.”

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“The Chief of Equals de- creed, two robed Blue Check acolytes rolled an iron cage onto the stage and opened the door. Inside were yesterday’s charred human remains. Socks’s eyes widened. He asked no one in particular, “What did that guy do? Not a Kap fan either?” The robed officiants turned to him. “Who knows?” said the Chief of Equals. “Who cares?” said the Chief of Equals. “That was yesterday,” finished the Chief of Equals. “That was yesterday,” finished the Chief of Equals.

They dragged Socks into the cage and rolled it offstage. The congregation of Blue Checks followed, leaving Dennis and I alone with Fawkes and the Chief of Equals. Fawkes gestured to one of the departing attendants. “Bring the Macropods.” “Big-foot?” I asked Dennis under my breath. “I think big-feet is the prefered nomenclature,” he shot back.

The Chief of Equals, hearing us, turned with a grin both menacing and delighted. “Our Bailiffs, the guardians of this righteous court and the executors of the jus- tice herein set forth. You might know them by a crasser name: Kangaroos.”

Fawkes turned to the four lumbering, mishapen figures—roder, cowed, and masked in the baroque livery of their byzantine order—which had just entered my peripheral vision, and gestured at us with a head tilt that conveyed un- admired, ecstatic glee.

The Macropods were shrouded to the point of un- recognizalibility. I found myself wondering, as two of them seized each of my biceps with anhuman strength, whether they in fact were in the marsupial’s title proclaimed. The one who glared at my right arm turned the hooded darkness which served as its face to receive the confiscated objects.

The Chief of Equals, with that same undigussed rapprochement, had chosen to display throughout the whole of this strange proceeding, pointed to me and Dennis, and pronounced their sentence: “To the say minerals with them!”

To be continued...

**Faculty Quotes**

B. Spellman: “This better not end up in the Law Week.”

G. Rutherglen: “It’s something like trying to figure out the Uniform Commercial Code on your own. It’s something only the brave and foolish attempt.”

M. Gilbert: “Have any of you had Professor Bowers? Yeah...okay.”

A. Woolhandler: “I have silenced the glass by filibuster ing it myself.”

M. Collins: “Run? See generally Canada.”

C. Nelson: “If the 1997 statute had been on display throughout the whole of this strange proceeding, pointed to me and Dennis, and pronounced their sentence: “To the say minerals with them!””

Heard a good faculty quote? Email editor@lawweekly.org
Rashida Tlaib’s blunt remarks on impeachment proceedings, which included an obscenity directed at President Trump, were a surprise to many. Senator Flake pointed to changes during his time on Capitol Hill that he sees as indicative of a decline in civility. One such example was the rapid decline of “sparring votes,” in which a Senator or member of Congress will abstain from voting on a matter because a counterpart across the aisle, who would have voted contrary, was unable to be present for the vote. Senator Flake recalled that Chris Coons, a Democratic senator from Delaware, was known for voting on advancing the nomination of Mike Pompeo for Secretary of State to the full Senate out of deference to Republican senator Johnny Isakson who was unwell when I was a kid, and it’s four sandwiches at the Deli, and Bene Pizza. Now, the only thing. We used to get to go to school. Where did you grow up? Right here in Charlotte—she always wants to know about basketball. I think he wants to be a superstar, but there aren’t as many opportunities for being the “only mechanism” that forces parties to come together to produce thought-out, enduring legislation. Furthermore, he faulted the two-party system for creating an inherently antagonistic clash between two camps that leads to tribalism. Rather, he generally prefers the two-party system, but believes that it has worked in the past because when the political pendulum swung too far in one direction, if one party became too far outside the mainstream, the pendulum would swing back. Now, he questions whether our current political culture has reduced that elasticity which he believes once provided balance. Yet largely absent from the retired senator’s lecture were policies in which he believed there was hope for compromise. At times, the unspoken assumption behind Senator Flake’s words were that if one says and believes the right things, current political divisions can break down. When asked where you grew up, some students, thank you for every-thing that you do. Thank you for always being so nice and pleasant to me. There is a good energy in this building that I can feel from my box. I love every-thing I encounter at my coun-ter! Where would it be? Everyone to be nice to one another. What’s your favor-ite thing about the Law School? The students, faculty, and atmosphere. Everyone is so nice and pleasant to me. There is a good energy in this building that I can feel from my box. I love every-thing I encounter at my coun-ter! What would you like to tell all the students? I want to tell all the stu-dents, thank you for every-thing that you do. Thank you for always being so nice and pleasant to me when you come to my coun-ter. Stay positive! Don’t let school stress you out!...
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suits, a massive philosophical and political chasm remains on
the issue.
As the senator noted, issues did not fall neatly along party
lines when he began his political career. Today, sharp tones are
accompanied by even sharper disagreements over fundamen-
tal issues that are deeply held
among politicians and mem-
bers of the public. The divide, it
seems, goes deeper than uncivil
rhetoric and extends to diametri-

cally opposed views on key is-

sues with little apparent room
for compromise. Nonetheless,
the vast majority of the sena-
tor’s anecdotes focused on sym-

bolic gestures and kind words
rather than on how to address
finding legitimate agreement on
deeply contested policy points.
Throughout the night, he re-
turned to his support for lifting
the travel ban with Cuba that
was largely unpopular within
his own party as the evidence of
his substantive bipartisanship.

Overall, however, the senator ap-
peared to be focused on the sin-
gular ability of unifying rhetoric
to snap back to a more civil time
and bring together those with
ideologically opposed views.

Senator Flake expressed a
hope that the country will return
to its “old ways” where com-
promise is essential and people
operate on “shared facts and
shared values.” His optimism
reflects the adage that adorned
the refrigerator in his childhood
home. For Senator Flake, to “as-
sume the best” means, perhaps,
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Cartoon By Raphael

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Overall, however, the senator ap-
peared to be focused on the sin-
gular ability of unifying rhetoric
to snap back to a more civil time
and bring together those with
ideologically opposed views.

Senator Flake expressed a
hope that the country will return
to its “old ways” where com-
promise is essential and people
operate on “shared facts and
shared values.” His optimism
reflects the adage that adorned
the refrigerator in his childhood
home. For Senator Flake, to “as-
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