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EDUCATION

Tad Daley was born in Detroit and raised in Chicago by a mother from Brooklyn and a father from Georgia. He has spent a good chunk of his adult life in college. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois (where he participated in extracurricular activities from newspaper writing to radio talk show hosting to student government to cross-country running to theatre performing – and ranked 16/200). He holds an M.Sc. in International Relations from the University of Southampton in England (where he received an A on a master’s thesis examining the effect of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan on Moscow’s broader foreign policy agenda, and where he also served as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Fellow, delivering speeches to more than 25 Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland). He holds a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law (where he undertook coursework in Soviet law and international law, served as research assistant for two years to international law specialist Professor Francis A. Boyle on American nuclear doctrines, and ranked in the top third of his class – even though he absolutely hated law school). And he holds a Ph.D. in International Policy Analysis from the RAND Graduate School and the RAND/UCLA Center for Soviet Studies in California (where – after one “B+” in his first term – he received straight “A’s” in his international policy coursework, was selected for summer workshops for “promising junior scholars” by the Social Science Research Council, American Society of International Law, and Academic Council on the UN System, and published several articles in places where graduate students normally do not appear).

During all this time in university, he was often accused of being “a perpetual student,” and was repeatedly asked by his grandmother when he was going to get a “real job.”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Daley has served since the summer of 2007 as the Writing Fellow with International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (www.ippnw.org), the venerable organization that received the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize for its anti-nuclear organizing and advocacy. From early 2005 until the summer of 2007, he served as Peace and Disarmament Fellow in the Los Angeles office of IPPNW's American affiliate, Physicians for Social Responsibility (www.psr.org, www.psrla.org). Although during this time he has published numerous articles, delivered numerous speeches, and conducted numerous radio interviews, his primary professional occupation for PSR and IPPNW has been to conceptualize, research, and write his first book. *APOCALYPSE NEVER: Forging the Path to a Nuclear Weapon-Free World* is forthcoming in January 2010 from Rutgers University Press. It will explore not only why we must abolish nuclear weapons, but how we can, and what the world will look like after we do. More information is available at http://rutgerspress.rutgers.edu/acatalog/Apocalypse_Never.html. IPPNW's Executive Director Michael Christ and IPPNW's Program Director John Loretz will provide excellent references for Dr. Daley. So too will Jonathan Parfrey, former Executive Director of the Los Angeles office of PSR, and Bob Musil, former Executive Director of the national office of PSR.

Dr. Daley spent much of 2003 and 2004 serving as Issues and Policy Director for the 2004 presidential campaign of Congressman Dennis Kucinich, (D-Ohio, 1997-Present). In this capacity, he worked closely with the congressman to define and articulate the campaign's overall message and policy content, wrote innumerable candidate remarks, issue briefs, press releases, and web alerts, and was dispatched into the field more than 50 times to serve as a candidate surrogate. He also managed three full-time policy staffers as well as about a dozen policy volunteers. Congressman Kucinich himself will provide an excellent reference for Dr. Daley, as will his campaign manager, Dorothy Maver, as well as two of the staffers who worked under Dr. Daley, Julia Prange and Aliza Weidenbaum.

Dr. Daley served as a Visiting Scholar at the UCLA Burke Center for International Relations from 2001-2003, where he did extensive research, writing, speaking, and publishing in both the nuclear and global governance arenas. UCLA Professor and former Center Director Michael Intriligator will provide an excellent reference for Dr. Daley.

During this time, Dr. Daley also jumped in a race for U.S. Congress, in a 2001 special election to represent mid-city Los Angeles, after the sudden death of Congressman Julian Dixon (D-Cal, 1978-2000). He produced an impressive group of endorsers including academics, religious leaders, and "three American presidents" – Michael Douglas, Jeff Bridges, and Martin Sheen. He enlisted over 250 volunteers -- many of them high school and college students who signed up after hearing Dr. Daley speak on their campuses – and created a smooth operation to manage and deploy them. In addition, because he talked about issues that no one else would touch, he received a volume of positive media coverage probably superior to all the other candidates put together. One example was Harold Meyerson, now a weekly liberal columnist for The Washington Post, who wrote in the Los Angeles Weekly: "Tad Daley ... boasts the most impressive credentials and much the most thoughtful platform of all the 16 candidates in the race. ... He is campaigning on his opposition to Bush's Star Wars proposals, creating a UN Rapid Reaction Force that could intervene to stop genocide, increasing the U.S. commitment to stop AIDS in Africa, and much else that is as sensible as it is unconventional."

He later served as foreign policy consultant to the woman who won that race, Congresswoman Diane Watson (D-Cal, 2001-Present) – after she heard him on the stump many times at candidate forums, and was impressed with what she heard. Both Congresswoman Watson and her former chief of staff, Jim Clarke, will provide excellent references for Dr. Daley.

Dr. Daley spent 1998-2000 at the State of the World Forum, the Global Security Institute, and the Gorbachev Foundation USA, serving as deputy to the late U.S. Senator Alan Cranston (D-California, 1969-1993). Senator Cranston devoted himself exclusively to the cause of nuclear weapons abolition -- at a time when very few foreign policy establishment figures were willing to join him -- from the moment of his retirement from the Senate in January 1993 until his death on December 31st, 2000. During this time, Jonathan Schell wrote in *The Nation* magazine, "Alan Cranston ... has, in all likelihood, quietly done more than any other American to marshal public opinion behind the abolitionist cause." Dr. Daley served as the former senator's research director, grass roots organizer, sometime ghostwriter, and brainstorm partner during the last three years of his life.

Dr. Daley spent 1995-1997 (immediately after receiving his Ph.D. and motivated by the extensive debate on "global governance" during the UN's 50th anniversary year in 1995) leading a swing-for-the-fences NGO initiative called "The Campaign for a New UN Charter." The campaign did not advocate any particular kind of new UN Charter but instead activating Article 109 of the present Charter, to launch a process directed at discerning the optimal structures of global governance for the challenges of the 21st Century. Paul Vandeventer, who served as chair of the board of the non-profit organization, will provide an excellent reference for Dr. Daley.

Finally, from 1986-1994 Dr. Daley served simultaneously as a student in the RAND Graduate School and RAND/UCLA Ph.D. program, and as member of the International Policy Department of the RAND Corporation -- the world's oldest and largest "think tank," and inventor of many of the nuclear theories of the Cold War era. He completed a Ph.D. dissertation on "the lessons of Afghanistan for the Soviet Union and Russia," under the guidance of renowned international affairs scholars and practitioners Dr. Jeremy Azrael, Dr. John Van Oudenaren, Dr. Zalmay Khalilzad, and Graham Fuller (former Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council at the CIA). Dr. Khalilzad left the committee for government service. Dr. Azrael died in March 2009. Both Dr. Van Oudenaren and Mr. Fuller will provide excellent references for Dr. Daley.

PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Dr. Daley's scholarship and advocacy has focused on defining a progressive foreign policy vision for the post-9/11 world, abolishing nuclear weapons, ending genocide forever, reinventing the United Nations, and articulating an ethic of allegiance to humanity. He has spoken about these topics hundreds of times before academic conferences, high school and college audiences, church congregations, political rallies, and NGO gatherings in the antiwar, antinuclear, human rights, and UN reform arenas.

One example? In December 2004, someone came up with the idea that Dr. Daley should deliver "an alternative presidential inaugural address." Let us pretend, the exercise went, that a visionary, progressive, compassionate world citizen had been elected president -- someone who might be considered "the opposite of George Bush." Dr. Daley took up the challenge, drafted a talk, and delivered it before an audience assembled by Southern California Americans for Democratic Action (the premier liberal advocacy group in Los Angeles) in early January 2005, at the Bechtel International Center at Stanford University the night before Bush's inauguration, and at the International House at the University of California at Berkeley on the night after the inauguration. More than 100 people attended each event, KPFA radio ran the entire speech on their air in the San Francisco Bay area, it was published in its entirety on www.commondreams.org, and was a fabulous success by every measure.

Beyond his professional affiliations above, Dr. Daley has worked with dozens of other citizen activists, serving on the boards and steering committees of numerous peace and progressive advocacy groups, including the Pacific/Los Angeles chapter of the United Nations Association, Southern California Americans for Democratic Action, and Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS). At CGS, he worked closely with the organization's president, former U.S. congressman and 1980 U.S.

Presidential candidate John Anderson, who will provide an excellent reference for Dr. Daley. In addition, Dr. Daley served in 2004 as a cofounder of Progressive Democrats of America, one of the fastest growing advocacy group on the left in the country today, with a board comprising “outsider” activists and “insider” members of Congress. PDA’s Executive Director, Tim Carpenter, will provide an excellent reference for Dr. Daley.

WRITING AND PUBLISHING

In most of Dr. Daley’s professional pursuits, however, research and writing has been his core mission and central activity. He has written countless memos and policy papers and speeches for various professional projects.

Moreover, he has published more than 50 major articles in newspapers, magazines, professional journals, and web forums on positive future visions and the politics of hope. Most of these have been reprinted in multiple fora. His newspaper op-eds have appeared in the International Herald Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, USA TODAY, the Christian Science Monitor, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Miami Herald, the Baltimore Sun, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the LA CityBeat, the Los Angeles Daily Journal and the San Francisco Daily Journal (the cities’ legal newspapers), The Forward (the national Jewish newspaper), the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles, and The Tidings (Southern California’s Catholic newspaper). His longer magazine and journal articles have appeared in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, TIKKUN magazine, the Foreign Service Journal, The Humanist magazine, the United Nations Chronicle, Sojourners magazine, Asian Survey, UCLA TODAY magazine, and The Futurist magazine. And his commentaries have appeared on the internet at www.commondreams.org, www.alternet.org, www.huffingtonpost.com, www.truthdig.com, www.truthout.org, and www.counterpunch.org (all six wildly popular sites for news and views from the left), www.inthenationalinterest.com (the online version of The National Interest magazine), and Foreign Policy in Focus (the “think tank without walls,” at www.fpif.org).

PERSONAL

Tad Daley is married to award-winning public radio journalist Kitty Felde of KPCC FM 89.3, National Public Radio for Southern California. Kitty’s at the top of her game – she’s been named by her peers as the “Los Angeles Radio Journalist of the Year” no less than three times in this decade. In spring 2009 Kitty and Tad moved from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., so that Kitty could open a Washington bureau for KPCC to report on the California congressional delegation and the California/Washington nexus. In Los Angeles, Kitty and Tad were active members of St. Monica's Catholic Church in Santa Monica (they met there on a young adult retreat). They both volunteered as youth mentors at the Fulfillment Fund and the Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) Youth Center. They have a perfect marriage except for fighting over the TV – she’s hooked on Project Runway while he prefers 24 or Battlestar Galactica reruns on the “Science Fiction Channel.” Kitty does ballet, while Tad runs and bicycles – on the oceanfront bike path along Santa Monica Bay, mostly on the National Mall so far in Washington. They swim together a couple of mornings per week. In 2003, Tad launched a chess club for kids at the inner city branch of the Los Angeles Public Library system in Baldwin Hills. It’s still going, every Monday night, despite his departure. Drop by.

Tad Daley’s world vision is perhaps best captured by the late 1995 Nobel Peace laureate Joseph Rotblat, who told Tad in 1998, "My short term ambition is to abolish nuclear weapons. My long term ambition is to abolish war itself."