



## Making a Summer Splash

Xenia Institute to hold special series for dialogue fellows in coming months

Hello friends of Xenia,

Well, it's summer again, and this year we're trying something new. Even though summer is usually more of a down time for us, a time when we work on ideas for our dialogue sessions, public events, and series for the Web site, we've decided to offer a couple of summer programs this year.

First, we'll be offering an event series this summer for our existing dialogue fellows. We're going to treat it like Phase II of our traditional dialogue series, which means we'll be looking at an issue area from several different angles. After talking it over with our dialogue fellows, it was decided that the issue area we would most like to study is water. So in five sessions this summer, we'll be looking at the natural water cycle, problems with water usage and conflict, water issues in Oklahoma, and water issues in Norman. At each session, we'll have an expert on the topic who can help us dig deeper into various questions and ideas. We'll also be holding some sort of concluding event to talk about ways we can get involved locally.

Also this summer, our third phase dialogue fellows will be participating in a book study.

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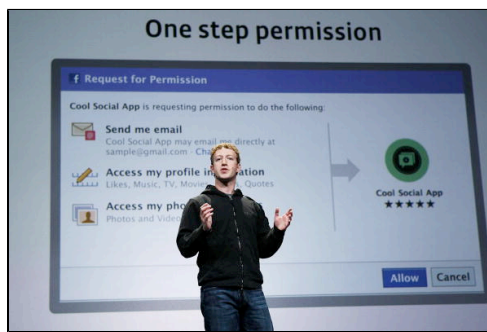
## Meet Xenia's Newest Board Member

For Michael Palermo, coming to Norman was like coming home

The Xenia Institute's Executive Director Clint Williams spent a few minutes in May talking with Michael Palermo, the owner of Michelangelo's Coffee & Wine Bar and the newest member of Xenia's Board. Michael talks about his involvement in the Norman community and the role that The Xenia Institute plays in helping bring diverse people together.



[Read Clint's interview with Michael.](#)



## Facebook Privacy Policy May Drive Users Away

News & Analysis

Dialogic's [News & Analysis](#) focused on Facebook in May. The social networking giant recently changed its privacy policy, requiring users to opt out of keeping private information private from third-party sites. Those changes, plus comments by founder Mark Zuckerberg, had prompted some ex-Facebook devotees to flee the networking site altogether. Bloggers and commenters weighed in on the debate, with some longing for a new social media home, and others saying users can do more by staying.

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