Politics Department Newsletter
September 2, 2015

Important Dates:

Involvement Fair
September 3rd @ 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Gleeson Plaza

Labor Day – No Classes
September 7th

Census Date
(Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with Refund)
September 9th

Student Opportunities:

• Internship: Office of District 10 Supervisor Malia Cohen
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• Internship: Mujeres Unidas y Activas - Job Development Intern
• Internship: Generation Citizen - Democracy Coach (Sept. 14)
• Advocacy: Riley Center Survivor Advocate Training (Sept. 28)
• Summer 2016 Internship: U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program
• Summer 2016 Program: Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute (Nov. 1)
• Summer 2016 Program: Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) Fellowship (Nov. 1)

Upcoming Events:
This section of the Politics Newsletter lists weekly events on and off campus that are related to politics, curated for you. Check them out!

“Is Chinese Democracy Inevitable?” [World Affairs Council]
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015 @ 7:00 – 8:00 pm, World Affairs Council Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco

Many see China’s economic rise and growing middle class as precursors to democratization, as was the case for its neighbors in South Korea and Taiwan. This transition has not yet materialized, and some would argue that it won’t – and shouldn’t.
Is Chinese democracy inevitable? Professor Daniel Bell believes it is not, and supports many aspects of the Chinese political system, in which top leaders are selected based on merit and electoral democracy functions at the local level. While a transition to full democracy may not be necessary, many problems remain, including corruption, lack of transparency and repression of freedoms of speech and the press. Can these issues be addressed within China’s current political structure? How can reforms be instituted in certain areas without the system collapsing entirely? And what can other nations learn from the strengths of Chinese political meritocracy?

This event will also be available via live stream on September 2 at 7:00 PM PT. Tweet questions @world_affairs. For more information and to buy tickets, visit http://www.worldaffairs.org/events/event/1501

“Iran, ISIS and Other Challenges: A View From the House Intelligence Committee” [World Affairs Council]
Thursday, September 3rd, 2015 6:30 – 7:30 pm, World Affairs Council Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco

Whether it be drawing down from two foreign wars, the advancement of ISIS in the Middle East or the recent nuclear deal with Iran, the United States is facing numerous foreign policy challenges. As a Congressman representing California for eight terms, Adam Schiff has worked closely on many of the top security issues facing the United States. He has been a leader on national security and foreign policy efforts in Congress while serving as the ranking member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and as a member of the Benghazi Select Committee. Schiff will discuss his work in Congress to strengthen American diplomacy and reform intelligence efforts along with his thoughts on the Iran deal and what the United States needs to do to meet future foreign policy objectives.

Live stream available on September 3 at 7:00 PM PT. Tweet questions @worldaffairs. For more information and to buy tickets, visit http://www.worldaffairs.org/events/event/1505

The US Pivot and Regional Security in Northeast Asia
Thursday, September 10th, 2015 @ 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Berman Room, Fromm Hall

Are many East Asian nations feeling increasingly threatened, especially from China? It certainly appears so, and numerous observers see rising tensions in which war is possible and perhaps imminent. Over the last few months, North Korea has tested missiles and threatened the United States with nuclear war. China spars regularly with Japan over ownership of a group of disputed islands, and with several Southeast Asian countries over other sparsely inhabited rocks in the South China Sea. Furthermore, the US “rebalance” to Asia has been justified as being central to continued stability in the region. But at the same time, none of these rivalries have broken out into actual military conflict, the Chinese military has not fired a shot since 1988 and the Japanese have not been involved in any combat since 1945. This talk will explore the current regional
security dynamics and argue make an argument that – despite unresolved disputes – the region is more stable than at any time in the past half-century.

David Kang, Professor of International Relations and Business at the University of Southern California will be presenting this talk. Please register here.

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Moral Injury and Veterans Symposium
**Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 @ 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at the USF McLaren Conference Center**

Veterans who have participated in or witnessed intense human suffering and violence may experience moral injury, which extends beyond psychological effects to a veteran’s spiritual, emotional, and social belief system. This has a major impact on veterans’ mental health and their interactions with loved ones, community, and service providers.

The symposium will provide an opportunity for educators, students, primary and behavioral health providers, faith-based communities, advocates and veterans to examine this multi-layered framework; through presentations, panels, and facilitated discussions. Attendees will increase their understanding of this profound wound and become culturally and trauma-informed advocates for veterans.

This event is hosted by Swords to Plowshares’ Institute for Veteran Policy and the University of San Francisco’s Peace & Justice Studies Program and Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service & the Common Good. Presenters include:

- James Beneda – Iraq veteran (US Army) and PhD candidate, UC Santa Cruz
- Michael Blecker – Vietnam veteran, Executive Director at Swords to Plowshares
- Paul Cox – Vietnam veteran, Veterans for Peace and Swords to Plowshares Board Member
- Dyan Ferguson – Honoring the Path of the Warrior
- Fr. Paul Fitzgerald – University of San Francisco President
- Starlyn Lara – Iraq veteran (US Army), Women Veteran Program Manager at Swords to Plowshares
- Ken MacLeish – Assistant Professor of Medicine, Health, and Society and Anthropology at Vanderbilt College of Arts and Science
- Geoff Millard – Iraq veteran (US Army), Policy Associate, Swords to Plowshares
- Delores Mondragon – indigenous woman veteran, PhD candidate at UC Santa Barbara
- Eli Painted Crow – indigenous woman veteran (US Army)
- Susan Pangelinan – veteran, Behavioral Health Agency Coordinator for the California National Guard
- Kathleen Pierce – Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Oakland Vet Center
- Elizabeth Stinson – Executive Director Trauma Assessment Project
- Paul Sullivan – Gulf War veteran (US Army), Deputy Secretary Communications and Public Affairs for the California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Fred Tittle – US Marine Corps Chaplain (Ret)
Six (6) continuing education credits are available for:
MFT, LPCC, LEP, and LCSW professionals licensed in California.

If interested, a full agenda for the symposium can be found online with a link to register for the event.

**Pink Globalization: Hello Kitty’s Trek Across the Pacific**
*Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 @ 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Berman Room, Fromm Hall*

Hello Kitty, a Japanese character figure and logo most popular with girls of all ages, has made significant inroads in American culture through its disarming cuteness, clever design, and widespread distribution. Rather than a fad, the popularity of Hello Kitty has become a long-lasting phenomenon in the U.S. that began with Asian American communities and extended to other ethnic groups (particularly Hispanics) and the general public. The impact of Hello Kitty rests in “pink globalization”—the rise of cute culture from Japan—demonstrating the power of the girl as a consumer force and generator of emotion-based aesthetics. Examining pink globalization through the lens of gender politics, global capitalism, affective resources, and Asian American iconicity helps us understand the pleasures and politics of cute as a winking cool.

Christine Yano, Professor and Chair of Anthropology at the University of Hawai’i will be delivering this talk. Please register here.

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**In the Interest of Justice: Conviction Review Programs Conference**
*Friday, September 25th, 2015 @ 8:00 am – 3:30 pm at Santa Clara University School of Law*

Please join the Northern California Innocence Project and the Santa Clara University School of Law for a free symposium, "In the Interest of Justice: Conviction Review Programs."

We know the criminal justice system makes mistakes and convicts innocent people.* These innocent people have few avenues available to seek justice. Several jurisdictions across the country have established conviction review programs to evaluate convictions to ensure the guilty were convicted and the innocent go free. This groundbreaking event brings together prominent judges, district attorneys, defense attorneys, the innocence community and other criminal justice system stakeholders to discuss the critical issue of conviction review.

The symposium highlights various models for conviction review including conviction integrity units and statewide commissions. Distinguished speakers include:

- **Hon. Jeff Rosen** / District Attorney, Santa Clara County, CA
- **Kenneth Lynch** / Assistant Head Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, CA
- **Catherine Kobal** / Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, CA
- **Brent Thomas Neck** / Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County, CA
Speakers and panelists will describe the need for and approaches to reviewing cases post-conviction and to creating successful conviction review programs.

**Date:** Friday, September 25th, 2015  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:30 pm; breakfast starts at 8:00 am.  
**Location:** Santa Clara University, easily accessible by train, plane or car.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.  
MCLE credits are available.  
Register here.

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**“Spiritual Warfare in Machiavelli’s Prince” Lecture by Michael Anton**  
**Tuesday, September 2nd, 2015 @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Kalmanovitz 263**

Machiavelli is known for teaching that in politics expediency trumps all and, consequently, for focusing his writings on war and conflict. Less appreciated is his focus on “spiritual warfare,” the war of words or ideas that he wages against the Biblical and Classical traditions. Since Machiavelli develops this line of argument indirectly, through metaphor and other means, it is easy to miss. But as one begins to look, one finds traces of it on virtually every page of his great works.

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**Student Opportunities:**

*This section of the Politics Newsletter highlights some of the many opportunities the Politics Department receives. Contact information is provided in each posting. Please use that information to follow up. Also always remember to be pro-active and look beyond this newsletter for the opportunities that are best for you and match your passions – they are out there!*  

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**Office of District 10 Supervisor Malia Cohen**

The office of San Francisco’s District 10 Supervisor, Malia Cohen is looking for civically engaged, motivated, and thoughtful leaders to be a part of our team for the Fall 2015 Semester. San Francisco’s 10th district is the largest, most diverse, and rapidly
developing district in San Francisco. It is made up largely of the Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Bayview-Hunters point, Little Hollywood, and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods.

The Internship consists of a combination of substantive work, equivalent to that of an entry level position. Based on intern’s interest and skills they will have the opportunity to meet and engage multiple city leaders and agencies. In addition, interns may be asked to manage community projects, events, and outreach efforts in a high responsibility work environment.

Internships offer qualified applicants an opportunity to work on projects in these areas:
- Education
- Social media and public relations
- Violence awareness and prevention
- Statistical research
- Neighborhood outreach and engagement
- Transportation

Duties Include:
- Interacting with constituents and troubleshooting concerns
- Engaging multiple city agencies and community partners to resolve community issues
- Conducting research related to the neighborhoods within district 10
- Administrative support
- Attending various events and community meetings and providing staff with technical support
- Assisting staff with other duties as needed

Qualifications:
- Self starter, an individual with initiative and creative ideas
- High level of organizational skills
- Strong Computer skills i.e. Microsoft office programs
- Excellent writing skills
- Availability of 5 hours per week
- Commitment of at least 4 months
- Multilingual is a plus (especially Cantonese, Tagalog, and Spanish)

*This is an unpaid position. Interested individuals should contact Mawuli Tugbenyoh at 415.554.7670 or email a cover letter and resume to mawuli.tugbenyoh@sfgov.org

Office of District 19 Supervisor Phil Ting

Internship opportunities are accorded on a per-availability basis, with flexible internship hours on Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 1:00pm or 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Please contact Alex Walker at alex.walker@asm.ca.gov for an application form and directions on how to apply.

Mujeres Unidas y Activas - Job Development Intern
Position Objective: The Caring Hands Workers' Association, made up of members of Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA), is a job training and placement program that acts collectively to help Latina immigrants achieve dignified and just employment while providing tools for them to be leaders in their own lives and their community. The Job Development intern will play a key role in job placement.

Start Date: Flexible, ideally the week of 9/8 or 9/14

Expected Commitment: 15-20 hours per week, minimum 2 days per week, minimum of 4 months, unpaid

Location: Women's Building, 3543 18th St, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94110

Responsibilities:
- Intake house cleaning, childcare, and patient care job requests from employers
- Dispatch jobs to monolingual Spanish speakers
- Assist members with interview prep, including resume development and technology literacy (e.g. Google Maps, Google Translate, etc.)
- Support members in marketing our services

Requirements:
- Spanish-English bilingual, excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Extremely organized and highly motivated
- Commitment to social justice, specifically women’s and immigrant rights
- Customer service experience is a plus, but not required

To Apply: Please send resume and cover letter to Kira Cummins at kira@mujeresunidas.net.

Generation Citizen - Democracy Coach
(Application Deadline: September 14, 2015)

Democracy Coach volunteers work with a local classroom to help youth engage in direct political action through an innovative in-class curriculum, in which students work with local leaders to address local issues. Help San Francisco teens make real change in their community.

BENEFITS
• Earn service-learning hours & valuable leadership experience to build your resume
• Learn about local community issues, real-world advocacy and civic action
• Help San Francisco youth make their voices heard
• Transportation stipends available!

COMMITMENT
• One semester commitment: Sept 19 – Dec 11
• Go into your classroom twice a week for a total of 90-120 minutes each week
• Attend 1-hour meetings each week on campus with fellow USF Democracy Coaches
• Serve as a role model and mentor to students
Riley Center Survivor Advocate Training
(Application Deadline: September 28, 2015)

The Riley Center, a program of St. Vincent de Paul, offers safe and confidential services for survivors of domestic violence. We believe that everyone has a right to live a life free from harm. We offer support to survivors through our hotline, community office, emergency shelter, transitional housing program and our specialized advocates in Family and Children Services. We believe that survivors are fully capable of making empowered choices for themselves. It is our role to support survivors in identifying and expanding their options by utilizing a feminist, peer-based model. The Riley Center’s next 40+ hour Survivor Advocate training is coming up!

St. Vincent de Paul’s Riley Center seeks people committed to:
• Supporting survivors of Domestic Violence
• Challenging all forms of oppression that contribute to intimate violence
• Developing valuable counseling, facilitation, and leadership skills

Our volunteer training is done in collaboration with WOMAN, Inc. We are excited to come together to train new advocates and hope that in doing so we can create a greater sense of community.

Training takes place tri-annually, in the summer, fall and winter. We meet on Fridays from 9:30am-5:30pm. Please save the following dates for the next training: Tues. & Thurs. evenings, and some Saturdays, October 15th, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 29th, 31st and Nov. 5th.

With questions, please contact jenny@riley.svdp-sf.org. Community members, or those seeking the certificate or professional development are also welcome to apply; there are costs associated.

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program
(Summer 2016 Application Deadline: October 2015)

Intern in Washington, D.C. or Overseas

The U.S. Department of State Internship Program is an unpaid internship with the opportunity to work in U.S. Embassies and Consulates throughout the world, as well as in various bureaus located in Washington, D.C. and at Department offices spread around the United States. This program is designed to provide substantive experiences in a foreign affairs environment. More information will be available over the next few months. Please subscribe to receive email updates regarding this program.

For internship program details such as duties of an intern, participating offices and bureaus, types of internships, and housing information, please view and download the Student Internship Brochure.
Eligibility Requirements

• U.S. citizenship
• Have good academic standing
• Successfully complete a background investigation
• Be able to receive either a Secret or Top Secret clearance (pdf).
• You may be subject to random drug testing.
• Furthermore, you must be:
  o A student. This means you have been accepted for enrollment, or are enrolled as a degree-seeking student in an accredited college or university
  o A full- or part-time continuing college or university junior, or graduate student (including graduating seniors intending to go on to graduate school). An applicant is considered a junior if he/she will have completed all sophomore credits (60 or more hours or 90 quarter hours) by the time the internships begins and will be entering at least the junior year immediately upon completion of the internship.

IMPORTANT: You are eligible to apply for the Department's internship program if you have not yet completed your registration at a college or university for graduate or post-graduate studies (including law school) or are awaiting an admissions determination for graduate or post-graduate studies (including law school). However, if selected for an internship, you must provide proof that you have registered, or have been accepted for enrollment for studies in the semester or quarter immediately following the internship before you can begin your internship.

For overseas assignments, applicants must present evidence of medical insurance coverage. All students must be available to begin their internship within the appropriate application timetable.

Compensation and Benefits

• Unpaid Internships may be able to earn college credit.
• Unpaid interns assigned to the U.S. qualify for SmartBenefits Metro Transit Subsidy.

How to Apply

Please subscribe to receive email updates about this position.

All applications are submitted online through the "Gateway to State" system, which also screens applications to make sure that they are complete, and that applicants meet the eligibility criteria.

You can also visit the Career Resources Download Center for a list of Position Descriptions. For more information on how bureaus select interns, and more detailed information on the application process, please view and download the Student Internship Brochure.
For direct inquiries about this internship, please contact Madeline Sweeney (mcsweeney@dons.usfca.edu).

Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute (Summer 2016 Application Deadline: November 1)

The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs is pleased to announce that the **2016 PPIA Junior Summer Institute** will be held at Princeton University from June 8 through July 29, 2016.

The PPIA Junior Summer Institute is a fully funded 7-week summer fellowship program that prepares rising college seniors for advanced degrees and careers in public policy and international affairs. The summer institute provides rigorous training in policy analysis and serves as a springboard to exciting careers in public service. You can find more information about this program on our website. Also, check out our featured video for a visual introduction to the JSI program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Similar summer programs are offered at UC Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon and University of Michigan with some differences in eligibility.

The **online application** form will be available in just a few weeks through the Public Policy & International Affairs Fellowship Program (PPIA) website. **The application deadline is November 1, 2015.**

We hope that you will recommend this fellowship program to eligible college juniors or pass this information along to individuals who may benefit from this program.

*If you would like to be informed of future developments, please contact us at wwsjsi@princeton.edu.*

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**Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) 2016 Fellowship Applications (Application Deadline: November 1, 2015)**

**About the Fellowship**

PPIA’s mission is to promote the inclusion and full participation of underrepresented groups in public service and to advance their leadership roles throughout our civic institutions serving domestic and international affairs. The PPIA program prepares undergraduates to be competitive candidates for top degree programs in the fields of public policy, public administration or international affairs through participation in a Junior Summer Institute (JSI).

JSI is an intensive, 7-week, academic program during the summer at one of these host campuses:

- The Ford School - University of Michigan
Eligible candidates are current undergrads who will be completing their B.A. between December 2016 and August 2017. The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2015**.

**Apply Today >>**

**Benefits of Participation**

- Full tuition at a PPIA Junior Summer Institute.
- Eligibility to receive assistance with travel expenses.
- A stipend of up to $1,500 (funding determined by each JSI).
- University housing with a meal plan.
- Books and related course materials at your JSI.
- Each JSI may offer additional benefits, such as GRE preparation, at their discretion. Please check with each JSI about any additional benefits.
- Minimum of a one-time $5,000 scholarship at a PPIA graduate school if admitted for a Master’s degree or select PhD programs. PPIA Fellows often receive financial offers above and beyond this minimum from their graduate program.
- Fee waiver when applying to programs that are members of the PPIA Graduate School Consortium.