

Political Science and International Relations Newsletter



Chambers Lecture

The Department of Political Science and International Relations, the College of Arts and Science, and Pi Sigma Alpha are pleased to present:

“What’s Next for California? November’s Lessons for Policy Paths and Constitutional Change” by

Dr. Thad Kousser,

Associate Professor with the Department of Political Science,

University of California San Diego

Friday, December 3rd at 6:30PM

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theater

Thad Kousser is an Associate Professor of Political Science at UC San Diego and the director of the California Constitutional Reform Project at Stanford’s Bill Lane Center for the American West. His publications include work on term limits, the initiative process, historical state legislatures, the powers of political parties, voting by mail, reapportionment, campaign finance laws, the blanket primary, health care policy, and European Parliament elections. He is the author of *Term Limits and the Dismantling of State Legislative Professionalism*, a co-author of *Adapting to Term Limits: Recent Experiences and New Directions*, a co-editor of *The New Political Geography of California*, and a co-author of *The Logic of American Politics, 4th Edition*. He is a recipient of the UC San Diego

PS/IR Pizza Party

We are celebrating the end of the semester with a Political Science/International Relations Pizza Party! Join your PS/IR Faculty and fellow students for pizza and relaxing before finals begin. The Pizza Party will take place on **Tuesday, December 7th from 1:30-2:30PM in IPJ 253** (the Map Room). Please RSVP to Kari at kdelongpre@sandiego.edu by Monday, December 6th so we know how much pizza to order! We look forward to seeing you there!

Fall 2010 Week of November 29th

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Washington Center Deadline

Deadline for applying for Washington Center Intersession class – PS 434 is December 8th. All students planning on enrolling in the course need to apply with the Washington Center AND with USD by December 8th. **Pre-departure meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 4:00 p.m. in IPJ 253.** If you have any questions please contact Drs. Norton or Dickson
norton@sandiego.edu;
Dickson@sandiego.edu

Internships

- **San Diego County Democratic Party:**
 - Voter registration, voter contact, work a Democratic party event, attend committee meetings
 - Contact: Margaret Mandy sdcdp-office@sbcglobal.com or (858) 277-3367
- **Republican Party of San Diego County:**
 - Voter registration, Local Elected Official Association, Club Coalitions, Precinct Organization, Event Coordination
 - Contact: Campaign Headquarters (858) 450-4600 or tetlow@sandiegorepublicans.org
- **Councilwoman Marti Emerald ****NEW****:**
 - Assignments may include answering phones, preparing constituent mailings, attending weekly Council and monthly Committee meetings, sitting in on local community council meetings, assisting District 7 residents, and joining the Councilmember and her staff to meet with constituents.
 - Please provide a cover letter, résumé, 2-3 references and letter of recommendation via e-mail to crharris@sandiego.gov. A brief writing sample is recommended.
- **Senator Diane Feinstein**
 - Great opportunity to become involved in our political system and gain first hand experience with the daily activities of the United States Senate
 - Contact: Laura McGann (619) 231-9712

Internship Spotlight: Ashley Simmons

I completed my internship during the Summer of 2010 at a government relations and strategic counseling firm called Whitmer & Worrall in Washington, DC. Throughout my time there, and with The Washington Center, I had the opportunity to attend hearings on Capitol Hill, complete memos for clients, do business and political research/implementation, meet members of Congress, and network throughout DC. My internship related to a variety of information that I have learned in my political science classes. I was able to get a behind-the-scenes look at lobbying, the lawmaking process, how the appropriations bills work, and the legislative process in general. It was one thing to read about all of these concepts in a book, but to be able to experience it all firsthand really helped me understand the material that I was taught and how it is put into practice in DC. I heard about my internship through signing up with The Washington Center. My TWC advisor asked me what areas/fields I would be interested in pursuing, and they sent out my resume to a variety of places that they thought would fit with what I wanted. At first, I did several interviews with places that I didn't really like, but after I got the call from Whitmer and Worrall, I knew that it was the place I could see myself working at. When they offered me the job I was so happy, and I couldn't wait to accept. Overall, my experience was great! DC is such a fun place to be and other than the outrageous heat wave that went through there this summer (I'm pretty sure I complained about it every day), I have no regrets or complaints. Because I was the only intern who worked at the firm, I was able to make a name for myself and build great relationships with the people that I enjoyed working with. Now that I have lived and worked in DC, I could definitely see myself going back there after I graduate to work on my law degree and pursue other career aspirations that I have.

We are still looking to highlight students who have participated in internships! Did you have an internship over the summer or last academic year? We want to hear from you!! Please contact Kari deLongpre at kdelongpre@sandiego.edu to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, on the department's website and the Facebook page! It will only take a few minutes to complete a brief electronic interview on your internship experience.



For further information on internships and receiving credit for internships please contact our Internship Coordinator, Professor Gary Gray in IPJ 254A or ggray@sandiego.edu.

Professor Gray's Fall 2010 Office hours are
Monday-Thursday
4:00-5:15PM

Also check out our Facebook Page "USD Political Science and International Relations" for new internship opportunities!

University Events

- **World Aids Day**
 - Wednesday, December 1st 12:00-2:00PM Plaza Mayor
 - World AIDS Day is an event that will be held in front of the Student Life Pavilion at Plaza Mayor. There will be free subs, educational information on how to prevent and test for HIV/AIDS, MAC makeovers and Viva Glam lipstick, a bake sale, and other booths with AIDS-related information.
- **The Pursuit of Happiness Speaker Chris Gardner**
 - Thursday, December 2nd 1:00-2:00PM IPJ Theater
 - Gardner will be speaking on the importance of perseverance in overcoming obstacles and how hard-won success can come from breaking the cycles. Tickets are available at the University Center Ticket Office.
- **La Gran Terraza Holiday Lunch Buffet**
 - Tuesday, December 7th 11:30-2:00PM
 - Buffet menu only, check out their website for further information
- **A Southern Christmas Holiday Buffet and Carolers**
 - Wednesday, December 8th 5:00-9:00PM La Gran Terraza
 - Check out their website for further information
- **A Madrigal Christmas Dinner**
 - Saturday, December 11th 7:00PM La Gran Terraza
 - Join us for a festive Christmas dinner that will be a choral, cultural and culinary experience. The USD Choral Scholars will perform a ceremony of carols, song and instrumentals to accompany a seasonal three-course meal. The evening will capture the mood of the Renaissance and Baroque eras in true Madrigal form
 - To make reservations or call (619) 260-7936

Department Events

- **Study French Politics in Paris this summer!**
 - POLS 363: French Politics will be taught by Dr. Randy Willoughby
 - No prerequisites required
 - May 29th-June 24th, 2011
 - Application Deadline: December 15th
 - For more information and to apply online: <http://gointernational.sandiego.edu>
 - Questions: contact Dr. Willoughby rwilloug@sandiego.edu
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