

Dear Students,

Here are the announcements for the week of October 13. Two of the events sponsored by the Department of Political Science are coming up on October 15 and 20. The deadline date for the Congressional Internship Program is also approaching. Applications for the Congressional Internship Program as well as the Minnesota State Senate internship program are available outside of the Undergraduate Advising Office in 1482 Social Sciences. If you haven't already picked up your applications, stop by today.

Coming Soon—

Views From the U: The Political Science of Election '08

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

Monday, October 20, 2008

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: Free!

Room Memorial Hall

McNamara Alumni Center

Minneapolis Campus

Contact: bethier@umn.edu

The University of Minnesota's Department of Political Science is hosting an open forum featuring six of its faculty experts on campaigns and elections, who will bring together theory and practice in a discussion of the current campaigns. These experts will address key issues in modern politics, including: campaign strategy; political advertisements; campaign finance; race and gender; the national economy; foreign policy; electoral rules and procedures; and the elements of politics that distinguish Minnesota's place in the nation. This forum is free and open to the community; it will be held Monday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the University of Minnesota's McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E. at Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis.

For more information, see <http://www.polisci.umn.edu/election/>.

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Coming Even Sooner--

What can I do with a major in Political Science? (THIS WEEK!!!)

Date: Wednesday, October 15

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: 2-215 Carlson School

Ever wondered what you can do with a major in Political Science? Come to this career session and get some tips from our U of M alumni. Find out what some of our political science alumni are doing now and how they got started in their careers.

Poli Sci Panelists:

Gulzar Babaeva

BA 2002, Political Science major, management minor
Law degree 2005 from U of M Law School
Gulzar is an attorney in Fredrikson & Byron’s Corporate, Internet, Technology & E-Commerce, Mergers & Acquisitions, and international Groups.

Alaina Lynch

BA 2008, Political Science major, German minor
Alaina is a recent graduate and a staff member for Congresswoman Betty McCollum

Emily Pugh

BA 2008, Political Science major, Communications minor
Emily is a recent graduate and a Legislative Assistant for Minnesota State Senator Geoff Michels

Joel Wessman

BA 1999, Political Science major
MA in Public Policy 2007 from the U of M Humphrey Institute
Joel works as a Political Economic Relations Officer for the Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis

Hope to see you all on October 15 & 20!!!

MORE Department of Political Science Sponsored Programs:

Congressional Internships **DEADLINE TO APPLY—Oct. 31**
Scholarships You Can (AND SHOULD) Apply For Now

Other On- and Off-Campus Events & Announcements

- U of M Study Abroad Scholarships
- Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political & Economic Systems
- It's More Than Politics: Policy 101
- 2008 Candidate Forums: 3rd Congressional District
- Humphrey Center Masters Programs
- Government Job and Internship Fair
- Business Careers for CLA Majors
- Volunteer/Internship/Job Opportunities

Department of Political Science Sponsored Programs:

Congressional Internships--Spring 2009 (DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31)

SPRING SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE WITH CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES MICHELE BACHMANN, KEITH ELLISON, BETTY McCOLLUM and SENATORS NORM COLEMAN and AMY KLOBUCHAR

Currently enrolled University of Minnesota undergraduates are eligible to apply for this internship program offered through the Department of Political Science. Interns work closely with the congressional staff in either the Minnesota District or Washington, D.C. office. This internship is available to students in all majors. Applicants must be degree-seeking students on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus. These are full-time and part-time unpaid internships. Students must register for a minimum of 4 credits in the Department of Political Science but may register for up to 13 credits for full-time internships. Applications will be reviewed and students will be invited to an on-campus interview with representatives from House congressional and Senate offices. Application materials are available on our web site at www.polisci.umn.edu/ugrad/postings.html.

Application Deadline: **October 31, 2008.**

Scholarships Are Now Available

Poli Sci Majors ONLY: Applications for the 2009-2010 Scholarships for Political Science Majors are now available online. Applications may be downloaded from the department's web site at www.polisci.umn.edu/ugrad/scholarships.html. Students may apply for five scholarships (Backstrom, Christensen, Larson, Schaper, and Smaby/Roberts) by completing a single application form.

ALL Undergraduates: Applications for the 2009-2010 A. I. Johnson Scholarships are also available. All degree-seeking U of M—Twin Cities Campus undergraduates are eligible to apply. Applications may be downloaded from the department's web site at www.polisci.umn.edu/ugrad/scholarships.html.

Other On- and Off-Campus Events & Announcements

U of M Study Abroad Scholarships

Each year the University of Minnesota distributes approximately \$500,000 for study abroad scholarships. The scholarship deadline for Winter Break 2009, Spring Semester 2009, and Calendar Year 2009 is Wednesday, October 22, 2008. The application can be used to apply for the Study Abroad Scholarship, Diversity in Study Abroad Scholarship, and the Access Abroad Scholarship.

Selection of scholarship recipients is not based on financial need or merit, but rather the essays that each student writes. Currently one-third of all students who apply receive a scholarship. If you are planning a study abroad experience for Winter Break 2009, Spring Semester 2009, or Calendar Year 2009, visit the Learning Abroad Center's scholarship webpage at www.umabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/uofmScholarships.html.

Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political & Economic Systems

This summer: June 6 – August 1, 2009

Approximately 135 undergraduate leaders attend the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES) in order to gain real-world experience in the nation's capital interning on Capitol Hill, federal agencies, think tanks, political groups or international affairs organizations.

ICPES students Erin Nagy and Ivy Haskins pose in front of the US Capitol after the Congressional briefing

Academic study is focused on current public policy issues, political trends and the economics of the free market within two tracks – Public Policy or International Policy.

One of Washington's top academic and internships programs, ICPES has provided undergraduates with the ultimate Washington, DC summer experience for more than forty years. A single application provides enrollment at Georgetown University, on-campus housing, and an eight week internship.

Part of the Institute experience, ICPES students attend exclusive briefings at various sites around Washington, including the White House complex, U.S. Capitol, the Federal Reserve, State Department and CIA Headquarters. Additionally, students attend the Judd Lecture Series featuring notable leaders and policy makers discussing today's critical issues.

For details, see <http://www.dcinternships.org/icpes/about/index.asp>.

It's More Than Politics: Policy 101

Presented by the Citizens League Emerging Leaders Group

With the election season in overdrive, it is hard to see where politics ends and policy making begins. As citizens of a democracy, we are encouraged to engage in the creation of policy; some even argue it is our duty. This raises many questions: What is public policy? What does it mean to engage in the development of policy? How can the average Minnesotan play a role in shaping policy? How do policy decisions, like the recent economic bailout, affect young?

The Citizens League Emerging Leaders Group invites you to attend a panel discussion about what policy is (and isn't) as well as the ways in which legislators, business leaders, and the public can come together to form policy throughout our state. Panelists include: Senator Dave Durenberger, Former United States Senator from Minnesota
Nate Garvis, Vice President of Government Affairs for Target and Citizens League Board Member

Dianne Krizan, Senior Administrative Director at Minnesota Public Radio and Co-Chair of the Citizens League Water Policy Committee

They will discuss how they got started in public policy, how policies have influenced their professional and personal lives, and the role of the Citizens League in Minnesota public policy.

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Networking 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Program 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$10

Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres will be served

Five Event Center

2917 Bryant Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Register at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0ub3eT_2bBGwEagRDU5IU2gA_3d_3d.

Please contact Catherine Wood at cwood@citizensleague.org if you have any questions about this event.

2008 Candidate Forums: 3rd Congressional District

(The 3rd Congressional District is Congressman Jim Ramstad's former district. Congressman Ramstad has represented the 3rd District since 1990 but he has opted not to seek reelection this fall.)

Humphrey Forum

Hubert H. Humphrey Center

301 19th Ave S., Minneapolis

The Center for the Study of Politics and Governance is hosting a series of public forums with the major party candidates for Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District to foster informed and substantive discussion of important matters of public policy. The forums create an opportunity for the candidates to rise above the talking points and fractious back-and-forth of the campaign to address the important policy challenges facing Minnesota and the country. It also creates a forum for students and citizens to listen and raise questions with the candidates. The events are free and open to the public.

Scheduled Forums:

Ashwin Madia (DFL)—FYI Ashwin Madia is a U of M poli sci alum, class of 1999.

Monday, October 13, 2008

Noon - 1:15pm

Erik Paulsen (GOP)

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Noon - 1:15pm

David Dillon (IP)

Friday, October 17, 2008

Noon - 1:15pm

The Center for the Study of Politics and Governance develops practical, independent, and non-partisan solutions to pressing political and policy challenges. Founded in 2005, CSPG fosters effective and efficient governance, increases the transparency of government processes, and rebuilds the public trust in order to counteract negative influences that threaten our democracy.

Humphrey Center Masters Programs

Greetings from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs!

I am writing to let you know about upcoming information sessions that may be of interest to you. These sessions cover our graduate programs in Public Policy (MPP) and Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) and will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

The full information session schedule (and instructions for how to RSVP) can be found here: http://www.hhh.umn.edu/admissions/request_information.html

All sessions will take place in Room 205 Humphrey Center (Freeman Commons). Beverages and pizza will be served. Faculty and current students will speak briefly about the MPP and MURP of our degree programs and will also be available to answer questions.

Space is limited, so please RSVP via our online links, or email HHHAdmit@umn.edu or call 612-624-3800.

We offer concentrations and specializations in Public and Non-Profit Management and Leadership, Community and Economic Development, Social Policy, Policy Analysis, Global Public Policy (including International Development), Science, Technology and Environmental Policy, Women and Public Policy, Transportation Planning, Environmental Planning, Land Use and Urban Design, Housing and Community Development, and Regional, Economic and Workforce Development. We also offer joint degrees with the schools of Business, Law, Social Work, Public Health, Design, and Civil Engineering.

More information about the Humphrey Institute can be found on our website at www.hhh.umn.edu.

Thank you,

Julie Harrold

Director of Graduate Student Services

Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs

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Government Job and Internship Fair

Friday, October 24, 2008

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Coffman Union, Great Hall

Stop by this free event to learn about open positions related to public interest and government.

Business Careers for CLA Majors

Thursday, October 30, 2008

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: TBA

Come to this panel discussion to learn how a Liberal Arts degree can lead to a successful business career.

Volunteer/Internship/Job Opportunities

Job Opportunities

Legislative Assistant I

(Open to Public)

Date Posted: October 10, 2008

Application Deadline: October 24, 2008

Salary: Beginning Annual \$32,290

Status: Full-Time Regular Benefit-Eligible

Office: Reports To: Republican Caucus Chief of Staff

Primary Responsibilities:

Answers phone, routes calls, answers questions and receives visitors

Composes and types correspondence, reports and forms

Conducts research on issues

Opens and sorts mail

Reads and clips articles

Maintains schedules, files and records

Responds to information requests

Qualifications: Strong knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Access and Excel)

Prior legislative experience highly desirable

Strong oral and written communications skills

Excellent keyboarding skills

Demonstrated self-starter

Strong organizational ability, good judgment and ability to multitask

Good knowledge of grammar, punctuation, spelling, and composition

Ability to work long hours

Application Procedure: To apply submit: Résumé Cover Letter including current salary to:

Dan Wolf

Senate Republican Caucus Chief of Staff

100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 155

St. Paul, MN 55155-1206

dan.wolf@senate.mn

ATTN: December 2008 Grads

For those of you who will be graduating in December and are looking for short- or long-term job possibilities, make sure you check out the State Legislature's web site at

<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/jobs.asp>. Starting soon, the State Legislature will be posting job openings that need to be filled for the upcoming 2009 legislative session.

Some jobs are temporary through the session (January to May) and others are permanent.

Sometimes temp jobs turn into permanent ones, too. The previous job posting was listed on this web site.

OR

Plan to attend the 1st ANNUAL Job Fair at the Minnesota State Legislature

The Minnesota State Legislature will be hosting a job fair in mid-November. Details

about the job fair should be posted on the legislature's web site within the next week or

two. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those of you who are graduating in

December to network and find out more about temporary and permanent jobs at the State

Capitol.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards,

Rose Miskowiec
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