



ANNOUNCEMENT

BACON PUBLIC LECTURESHIP AND WHITE PAPER COMPETITION, 2016-17

The UC Center Sacramento, located across from the State Capitol and jointly administered by UCOP and UC Davis, announces the third annual UCCS Bacon Public Lectureship and White Paper Competition, focusing on Evidence-Based Public Policy. This program is made possible by a generous gift from Kevin and Kim Bacon. **The purpose of the program is to stimulate evidence synthesis and creative thinking around a pressing public policy problem confronting California.** The winner of the competition will deliver a Public Lecture at the Center during Winter Quarter, 2017; prepare a short White Paper and Policy Synopsis that the Center will disseminate broadly; and receive travel support, editorial support, and a research stipend totaling up to \$10,000.

Proposals are due by midnight on May 16, 2016 and should address a public policy problem related to Childhood Poverty, Civic Engagement, or Clean Energy (please see list of specific questions appended to this announcement). Outstanding proposals will explain why the specific issue or question chosen is timely and important; describe how the final product will integrate the available evidence with the faculty member's own insights and/or primary research; and suggest how policymakers can make wise decisions in the face of insufficient or conflicting evidence. Incorporation of evidence derived from the experience of other states (including cross-state comparisons) is encouraged.

Members of the State Legislature and/or Executive Branch officials will participate in the Public Lecture as presenters and reactors.

All full-time UC Faculty (Senate and Federation) are eligible to apply. Application instructions are available on the UCCS website (uccs.ucdavis.edu/bacon-public-lectureship).

Please address any questions to uccsbaconlectureship@ucdavis.edu.

Themes for 2016-17 Bacon Public Lecture and White Paper Competition

1) Childhood Poverty

According to a report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, California's child poverty rate is the highest in the nation. Poverty rates are even higher among Latino and African-American children and among those living in certain counties (e.g., Monterey, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara). UCCS seeks policy research and analysis addressing innovative and sustainable solutions to the causes and consequences of childhood poverty in the state. Proposed solutions may target any aspect of the childhood poverty conundrum, including (but not limited to) health, nutrition, education, childcare, parental employment/earnings and housing.

2) Civic Engagement

Movements or projects led by engaged citizens can improve the lives of communities. Civic engagement can take many forms: voting, serving on state and local boards and commissions, volunteering with community organizations, joining political movements and campaigns, working for government or for the non-profit sector, launching ballot initiatives, even running for office. Under this theme, UCCS seeks policy research and analysis focused on innovative and potentially sustainable approaches to engaging California's residents, especially its youth, in key aspects of civic life, including community work, political participation, and public service.

3) Clean Energy

In 2015, the world emitted 36 billion tons of carbon emissions from fossil fuels. We need new forms of clean, cheap energy, not only to slow climate change but to give people in the developing world the same opportunities for healthy and productive lives as those in more developed regions. The Gates Foundation has recently pledged a \$2 billion investment to spur new clean energy technologies. Under this topic, UCCS seeks policy research and analysis focused on innovative approaches to developing, disseminating, and financing clean energy solutions for California and beyond.