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UCCS summer interns secure rich variety of Capitol placements

The 36 scholar-interns enrolled in UC Center's summer policy program are now hip deep in politics and policymaking throughout Sacramento's capital community. With guidance and suggestions from Center staff, each student arranged for his or her internship after a process of interviewing, submitting a resume and writing sample and — in many instances — dogged persistence.

As many as six weeks before arriving for the start of the UCCS program, each student has a phone conversation with UCCS Associate Director A.G. Block to talk about an internship — a discussion that focuses on policy issues and venues that appeal to or interest the student. Block then scouts potential internships and sends each student a list of suggested placements. He also sends students a website link, name and contact information for each, and it is then the student's responsibility to secure the internship.

"The internship is the centerpiece of the UCCS program, and we want to steer students toward placements that reflect their individual interests," Block explains. "That said, we also want students to take ownership of that internship. So, we make it their responsibility to negotiate the placement based on information we provide."

According to Block, summer placements are a challenge, not only because of the relatively large size of the UCCS cohort but also because many other institutions have summer internship programs. The Cal-in-Sacramento Program from UC Berkeley, for instance, placed 28 students in Sacramento internships this summer.

In addition to the policy program, UC Center's Public-Affairs Journalism program began June 20 with a two-week Boot Camp designed to prepare students to cover the state Capitol for various news organizations. This summer marks the seventh year that UCCS has offered this program to students who otherwise have little opportunity at their home campuses to explore journalism as a career choice. The journalism program is a partnership between UC Davis and the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. The 10 students participating in 2011 also have been placed.

Here is a listing of UCCS scholar interns, by campus, with their placements. Journalism students are marked with an *:

UC Davis

- Kristina Ambra: Water Education Foundation
- *Deonna Anderson: Eastern Group Publications of Los Angeles
- *Richard Chang: Ventura County Star
- Gianna Delucchi: Press Office, Atty. Gen. Kamala Harris
- Zoe Diamond: Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)
- Jeffrey Gordon: Strategic Growth Council
- *Maricela Gutierrez: California Journal of Politics & Policy
- Michelle Hook: Sierra Club
- Christina Ives: Sierra Club
- Lina Khabytyuk: California Energy Commission
- James Kreidler: California Common Cause
- Kevin LaBarbera: Assemblyman Wes Chesbro (D-Eureka)
- Jacob Lam: Assemblyman Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia)
- Alice Phun: California Research Bureau, California State Library
- Ana Quiroz: Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
- *Ramon Solis: Orange County Register

UC Irvine

- Nirmal Patel: Center for International Trade Development

UC Los Angeles

- Joshua Hoover: Senator Bill Emmerman (R-Riverside)

UC Merced

- Fahad Ali: California Research Bureau, California State Library
- *Alisen Boda: Capitol Weekly
- Jennifer Hill: Fair Political Practices Commission
- *Rachel Johnson: New America Media
- Michelle Teran: United Farm Workers
- Thong Vang: Assemblyman Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)
- Matthew Wainwright: Phil Giarizzo (campaign consulting)
- Taylor Woolfork: Strategic Education Services

UC Riverside

- *Cristina Granados: Riverside Press-Enterprise
- Angela Manetti: Senator Alex Padilla (D-Los Angeles)
- Otto Ng: Assemblyman Chris Norby (R-Newport Beach)
- David Zeff: California Postsecondary Education Commission

UC San Diego

- Katherine Elliott: Institute for Local Government
- Dustin Gray: George Runner, member, State Bd. of Equalization
- Meggie Le: Assemblyman Ricardo Lara (D-South Gate)
- Kevin Liao: Steve Maviglio (campaign consulting)
- Julia Muro: Legislative Office, Department of Education

UC Santa Barbara

- Chelsea DeNova: U.S. Commercial Service
- Mark Hellmuth: Health Services, Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation
- Fatima Segura: School Innovations & Advocacy
- Khanh Tran: Center for International Trade Development

UC Santa Cruz

- *Dora Bromme: SacramentoPress.com
- Callin Curry: Assemblyman Jim Beall (D-San Jose)
- Danny Lee: Director's Office, Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation
- Manjit Singh: California Business Roundtable
- *Anandi Van Diepen: California Health Report
- Catherine Wahlgren: Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar)

ACADEMICS

Summer orientation gives students a quick introduction to Sacramento politics

Orientation Week at UC Center is designed to introduce students quickly to the culture and vagaries of life inside Sacramento's policymaking bubble. This summer, 36 policy and 10 journalism students were treated to sessions on insider politics, the state budget, and the roots and consequences of California's current fiscal mess. In a week that began June 20, students also were schooled in how to comport themselves in a high-functioning, fast-paced professional environment and given a brief history of UC Center — including its rescue by UC Davis after the program was suspended in the fall of 2009.

Guest speakers included UCCS Governance Fellow Roger Niello and Diane Cummins, who conducted a session on the politics of the then-current budget fight. Niello is a former republican legislator and former vice chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. Cummins is a special advisor to Gov. Jerry Brown and the governor's point person on realignment of services from the state to local government. Their session was held on Tuesday, June 21 — four days after Brown vetoed the budget and when a solution to the budget dilemma was very much up in the air.

Former UCCS Public Service Director John Griffing also conducted a session on how budgets are put together, including how to read them. Before his tenure at UCCS, Griffing was chief consultant to the Senate Budget Committee. And UCCS Associate Director A.G. Block provided an "Insider's Guide to the Capitol" based on his 22 years as a reporter and editor at *California Journal* magazine.

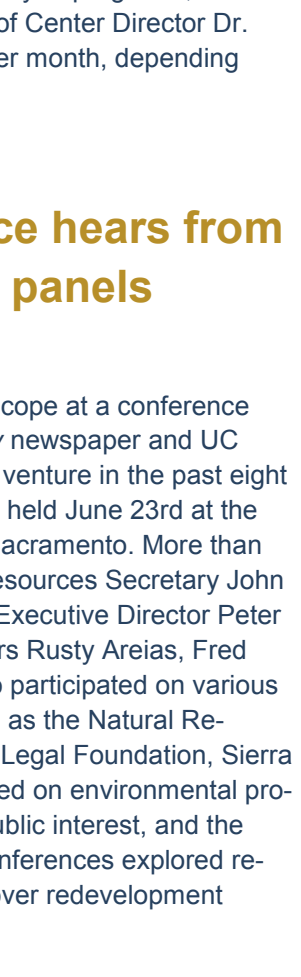
Finally, author and commentator Mark Paul explained California's fiscal and political travails in a session based on his book, "California Crack-Up," co-written with journalist Joe Matthews and published by UC Press.

Journalism students had additional sessions with a variety of Capitol-based experts, including Richard Zeiger, chief deputy to Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. They also had a two-day workshop conducted by the Committee of Concerned Journalists from Washington, D.C. The workshop, held annually during journalism "Boot Camp," was led by Gregory Favre, former executive editor of *The Sacramento Bee*, and Wally Dean, former head of CBS News in Washington, D.C. Both are now affiliated with the Project for Excellence in Journalism and the Poynter Institute. Favre and Dean used a variety of case studies to explore subjects such as bias, verification, journalistic ethics, and "the next newsroom." Students were joined at the workshop by professional journalists from the Capitol press corps.

The UCCS Team

Sharon Parks: UC Irvine

Editor's note: UC Center depends on the hard work of dedicated representatives on each UC campus, as well as a cadre of administrative staff from various departments away from campus to study. Parks is associate director for the Washington DC (UCDC) and Sacramento (UCCS) programs. In addition, she serves as assistant director for the Study Abroad Center.



Parks herself is a product of the UC system, having graduated from UCLA with a BA in psychology. She later earned an MS in higher education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. While at Indiana University, she worked part-time in the Career Center for its Professional Practice Program, helping to prepare and place students in internships throughout the local area. She has been working at UCI for the past 15 years and has been the campus representative for the UCCS program since it was established in 2003. As the person responsible for Irvine's academic internship programs in Sacramento and Washington, she oversees all aspects of UCCS and UCDC outreach, recruitment, advising, selection, and pre-departure orientation. Having visited both programs on-site, she feels fortunate to have seen Irvine students in action and to hear their feedback on how valuable these experiences are to their professional, academic, and personal development.

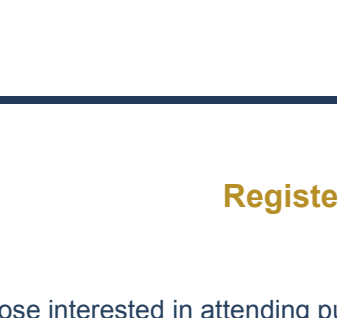
Wearing her other hat, Sharon also works with UCI's study abroad programs and advises students going to the United Kingdom and Ireland. She spent six months working in London, England, and has also completed month-long language programs in Barcelona, Spain and San Jose, Costa Rica.

Tidbits

UCCS Seeks Sacramento-based Program and Outreach Coordinator

UC Center is seeking a program and outreach coordinator to be based downtown Sacramento. The position will manage and implement a variety of programs, events and outreach activities and work under the direction of Center Director Dr. Robert Huckfeldt. The salary ranges from \$3646 to \$4740 per month, depending on experience. The deadline for applying is July 15.

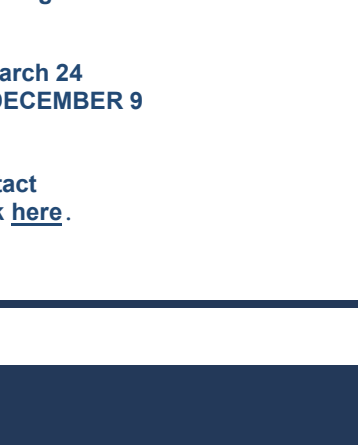
Coastal Commission Conference hears from Laird, Douglas, animated panels



The California Coastal Commission went under the microscope at a conference sponsored by *Capitol Weekly* newspaper and UC Center — the third such joint venture in the past eight months. The conference was held June 23rd at the Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento. More than 200 attendees heard from Resources Secretary John Laird, longtime Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas and former legislators Rusty Areias, Fred Keeley and Pedro Nava, who participated on various panels. Other panelists represented such diverse interests as the Natural Resources Defense Council, California Farm Bureau, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sierra Club and the Environmental Working Group. Panels focused on environmental protection versus development, private property versus the public interest, and the Commission's battles with local governments. Previous conferences explored results of the November 2010 election and the controversy over redevelopment

Register for public seminars online

Those interested in attending public seminars at UC Center may now register for events on line at <http://uuccs.ucdavis.edu/events>. Online registration will be available seven days prior to each seminar. April events are listed in the calendar below.



APPLY NOW FOR FALL 2011 or WINTER 2012

FALL 2011
Program Dates: September 19—December 9
FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 23

WINTER 2012
Program Dates: January 6—March 24
FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9

For more information contact Associate Director A.G. Block [here](http://uuccs.ucdavis.edu).

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