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UC Center hosts Michael Dukakis 1988 Democratic Presidential nominee to meet with students

Michael Dukakis, the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, will meet with UC



Center students this month in a session focused on Dukakis' long experience in state and national affairs. The former Massachusetts governor teaches public policy at UCLA during winter quarter and will trek across the causeway to UC Center as part of a larger visit to the UC Davis campus. He will spend about 90 minutes with UC Center students before making an appearance at the State Capitol.

"This is a terrific opportunity for UC Center students," said Center Director Dr. Robert Huckfeldt. "Governor Dukakis' visit is part of our ongoing effort to expose our students to a wide variety of policy and political expertise."

Dukakis, who still spends most of the year in his hometown of Brookline, Massachusetts, was first elected governor in November 1974 by defeating incumbent Republican Governor Francis Sargent, his margin of victory nearly 200,000 votes.

Four years later, however, Dukakis himself was ousted by fellow Democrat Ed King, who beat Dukakis in the Democratic primary and went on to win the governorship. The key to voter dissatisfaction in 1978 election was high property taxes, the same issue that fueled passage of California's Proposition 13 that same year.

Dukakis turned the tables on King in 1982, defeating the incumbent in the Democratic gubernatorial primary and then dispatching Republican John Sears in the general election. His lieutenant governor that term was John Kerry, in the early stages of his political career. In 1986, Dukakis won an unprecedented third term as governor with a landslide victory over Republican George Kariotis.

That victory set the stage for Dukakis' successful 1988 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Dukakis and his running mate, Texas U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, lost that election to then-Vice President George H.W. Bush 53% to 46%.

Home Away From Home

Collaborations give programs a base in Sacramento



UC Berkeley law professor Mary Louise Frampton leads her Social Justice Workshop in the UCCS conference room.

Throughout its nine-year history, UC Center has offered a Sacramento home to courses and programs from around the UC system. Early this month, for instance, UC Berkeley law professor Mary Louise Frampton used the UCCS conference room for a Sacramento session of her Social Justice Workshop on Legislative Advocacy. During a morning session, Frampton and students met with legislative staff and others as part of an introduction to the capital's policy-making community. The previous week, UCCS Associate Director A.G. Block traveled to Berkeley to talk with Frampton's class about Sacramento politics and the Capitol's policy process.

In the first quarter of 2012 alone, UC Center has provided or will provide assistance for organizations such as the CORO Foundation, Leo T. McCarthy Center at the University of San Francisco, UC Berkeley's Cal-in-Sacramento program, the California Budget Project, PACE, and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, among others.

Campus-based groups that plan to hold conferences, events or meetings in Sacramento and that need a "home away from home" near the state Capitol should contact the Center [here](#). Because the Center's conference room is a popular venue for Sacramento-based organizations as well, it is recommended that UC groups reserve space at the Center well in advance of a planned event. Best of all, the Center provides its meeting facility free of charge to UC entities.

Meanwhile, the Center is about to embark on a modest remodel, gutting parts of its former suite of offices to create a larger conference room. Included in the remodel are video monitors and an improved sound system. The new conference facility should be ready for the start of summer session. The Center will use its current conference room — LL 3 — as a second meeting facility once the remodel is complete.

PUBLIC SEMINAR SERIES

Research experts from UCLA, Merced, Davis and Irvine highlight February and March

Topics include immigrants and public transit, incumbency and responsiveness in local elections, adolescent well-being, and the impact of female managers on gender inequality in the workplace



Blumenberg



Trounstine



McCarthy



Huffman

UC Center's Winter Seminar Series wraps up with four more sessions before the end of the quarter in late March.

On February 23, Evelyn Blumenberg will analyze the impact of immigration on the state's mass-transit systems. Blumenberg is a professor of Urban Planning at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs.

UC Merced Political Science Professor Jessica Trounstine will appear March 1 to discuss the reasons why an incumbent's victory in a local election may not be the result of that incumbent's responsiveness to the needs of his or her constituents.

On March 8, Bill McCarthy, chair of the UC Davis Sociology Department, examines adolescent happiness and its consequences for three negative outcomes: poverty, crime, and alcohol and illegal drug use.

Finally, on March 15, Matt Huffman, director of the Graduate Program in Demographic and Social Analysis at UC Irvine, looks at female managers as agents of change in the workplace — do they reduce inequality among subordinates, or not?

All four UC Center seminars are open to the public and will be held in Room LL 3 at UC Center, 1130 K Street in Sacramento. Lectures begin at noon, with a modest lunch provided by the university. Registration information may be found below.

TRAVELS WITH HANNA SNIDER

Outreach Coordinator's ambitious effort includes travel, Webinars



Hanna Snider is on the move. Hired last summer to bring UC Center's message to each UC campus, Snider recently completed visits to every campus, participating in career fairs, meeting with students and joining in information sessions about the Center and its activities.

Now, the UC Berkeley grad is on to round two. During these visits she meets with professors, academic advisors, campus representatives, and anyone who can help raise the program's profile. She also is building networks of contacts on each campus that include financial aid and registrar offices and other staff who meet with students on a regular basis. Her most important "audience," however, consists of students at those career fairs and info sessions.

Even when she isn't boarding a plane or driving down the Central Valley or along the Northern California coast to yet another campus, the Center's Outreach and Program Coordinator is available to students and staff over the computer. That's because not every info session happens in person. Once a quarter, the UC Center conducts online info sessions where students from every campus can tune in and learn about program basics and to hear from other students currently enrolled at UCCS. These sessions are a great way for students to ask current participants about experiences in their internships and with the program itself. A recording of our most recent webinar info session can be found [here](#).

**Want Hanna at your
event?**

**Have a career fair or information session scheduled
and want Hanna Snider to attend?**

**For more information contact
Hanna [here](#).**

UC Center Seminars Available on Web



Didn't have a chance to make it to UC Center last January for a lecture on water by Jay Lund of UC Davis? Fear not. Lund's talk is available for viewing on the UCCS website. So, too, are a talk on the Kyoto Protocol by UC Riverside Professor Ariel Dinar and a seminar on "correctional policy in an age of austerity" by author and UC Davis lecturer Sasha Abramsky.

The California Channel tapes most of the UC Center lecture series, and then makes the videos available to UCCS through the Cal Channel website. You can access the series through [UCCS](#).

Those interested in attending the public seminars mentioned above may register for events on line at <http://uccs.ucdavis.edu/events>. Online registration will be available seven days prior to each seminar. Monthly events are listed in the calendar section of each newsletter and on the UCCS [website](#).



APPLY FOR SPRING 2012

SPRING 2012
Program Dates: April 2—June 14
FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 2

For more information contact
Outreach and Program Coordinator Hanna Snider [here](#).

APPLY FOR SUMMER 2012

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Policy Program Dates: June 18—August 24
Journalism Program Dates: June 25-August 31

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 27

For more information contact
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