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## ROGER NIELLO NAMED UCCS GOVERNANCE FELLOW

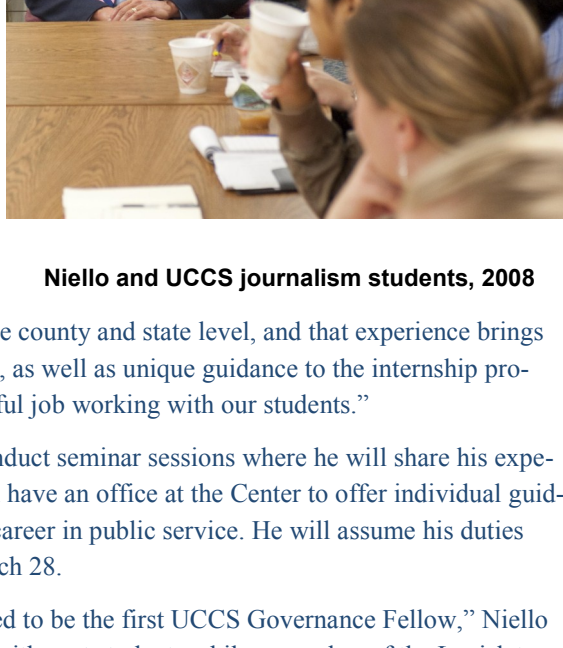
**Former legislator to teach and mentor UCCS students**

Former Assemblyman Roger Niello has been named UC Center's first Governance Fellow. A Sacramento-area Republican, Niello served in the state Legislature from 2004 to 2010. From 1999 to 2004, he was a Sacramento County supervisor. A UC "double-dipper," Niello holds a BA from UC Berkeley and a MA from UCLA. As a lawmaker, he served as vice chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee.

"We are delighted that Roger has joined the UCCS team," said UC Center Director Robert Huckfeldt. "He has a wealth of policy experience at both the county and state level, and that experience brings real-world perspective to the classroom, as well as unique guidance to the internship program. On top of that, he does a wonderful job working with our students."

As a governance fellow, Niello will conduct seminar sessions where he will share his experiences in the policy arena. He also will have an office at the Center to offer individual guidance to students who want to pursue a career in public service. He will assume his duties with Spring Quarter, which begins March 28.

"As a Cal and UCLA grad, I am honored to be the first UCCS Governance Fellow," Niello said. "I so much enjoyed my meetings with past students while a member of the Legislature, and I look forward to helping future students get the most out of their experiences with UCCS."



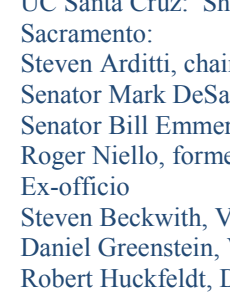
**Niello and UCCS journalism students, 2008**

## UCCS unveils advisory panels

UC Center has created a pair of advisory panels to guide UCCS through a period of growth and opportunity, and to help the Center fulfill its three-part mission of teaching, research and public service.

The Administrative Advisory Council — focused on operations, research and public service — has 16 members, representing UCOP, nine campuses, the Board of Regents, the UC Faculty Senate, and Sacramento's policy community.

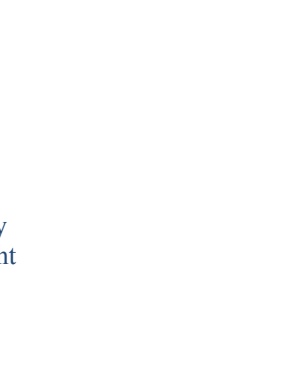
A second panel, the Academic Advisory Committee, will work with UCCS Director Robert Huckfeldt to hone and develop the Center's academic offerings and internship program. It has one faculty representative from each of the 10 UC campuses. Thad Kousser from UC



San Diego will serve as liaison between the two panels, and also will chair the Academic Committee.

"We are very pleased that such talented and capable people are willing to support the efforts of the Center," Huckfeldt said. "Their willingness speaks volumes not only regarding their support for the University of California, but also their support of the Center's mission."

Both panels met for the first time on January 31 at UC Center.



**REGENT KIEFFER**

## ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Regents: George Kieffer
  - UCOP: Steve Juarez, Director, State Government Relations
  - Faculty Senate: Laurie G. Smith, UC San Diego
  - UC Berkeley: Henry Brady, Dean, Goldman School of Public Policy
  - UC Davis: Kelly Ratliff, AVC for Budget and Resource Management
  - UC Irvine: Bernard Grofman, Director, Center for Democracy
  - UCLA: Frank Gilliam, Dean, School of Public Affairs
  - UC Merced: Shawn Kantor, Department of Economics
  - UC Riverside: Charles Louis, VC for Research
  - UC San Diego: Thad Kousser, Department of Political Science
  - UC Santa Barbara: Michael S. Witherell, VC for Research
  - UC Santa Cruz: Sheldon Kamieniecki, Dean, Division of Social Sciences
- Sacramento:
- Steven Arditti, chairman, UC Press Foundation
  - Daniel Greenstein, Vice Provost for Academic Planning, Programs and Coordination, UCOP
  - Robert Huckfeldt, Director, UC Center
  - Harris Lewin, Vice Chancellor for Research, UC Davis
  - G.R. Mangun, Dean, Division of Social Sciences, UC Davis

## ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- UC Berkeley: Laura Stoker, Department of Political Science
- UC Davis: Benjamin Highton, Department of Political Science
- UC Irvine: Victoria Basolo, School of Social Ecology
- UCLA: Lois Takahashi, Department of Urban Planning
- UC Merced: Jessica Trounstine, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts
- UC Riverside: Martin Johnson, Department of Political Science
- UC San Diego: Thad Kousser, Department of Political Science
- UC San Francisco: Appointment pending
- UC Santa Barbara: Lorraine McDonnell, Department of Political Science
- UC Santa Cruz: Appointment pending

## Registration for public seminars now online

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

The next public lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15, at noon and will be presented by Paul Zeemering, professor of Public Administration at San Francisco State. His talk will focus on the challenges facing cities as they move toward sustainability and "greening" their operations. A registration form for this event may be found [here](#). Other February events are listed in the calendar below.

## Journalism program to celebrate seventh year

When former *California Journal* editor A.G. Block first arrived at UC Center in February 2005, he was surprised to learn that no campus in the UC system offered an undergraduate major or minor in journalism. It was an omission already familiar to Rob Gunnison, former Sacramento bureau chief for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and director of school affairs at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism.

"I was stunned," recalled Block, who would collaborate with Gunnison to correct that oversight. "Seemed to me that UC students would be hard-pressed to decide if they wanted a career in journalism. That didn't seem good for the profession, or good for UC. Our program gives undergrads a chance to get their hands dirty by working as reporters for a summer in Sacramento."

With enthusiastic encouragement from then-UCCS Director Gary Dymski, Block and Gunnison created a journalism program as a partnership between UC Center and the graduate school at Berkeley. A 2005 gift from the Pauline K. Salzman Trust launched the program.

That was six summers ago. In June 2011, the Center will entertain its seventh cohort of journalism students.

The program is not, as Block warns, "for the faint of heart." It begins with an intense, two-week "boot camp" where students are introduced to reporting and editing, journalistic ethics, multi-media storytelling, sourcing, public records research and other skills required for a reporter's tool box. They also are steeped in the culture, lingo and history of California government and politics — the unique universe they will enter as reporters. "Boot camp" meets six days a week, eight to 10 hours a day, and is heavy with writing and reporting assignments. Block and Gunnison edit each assignment and are joined in that effort by former Capitol journalists who volunteer as editors and mentors.

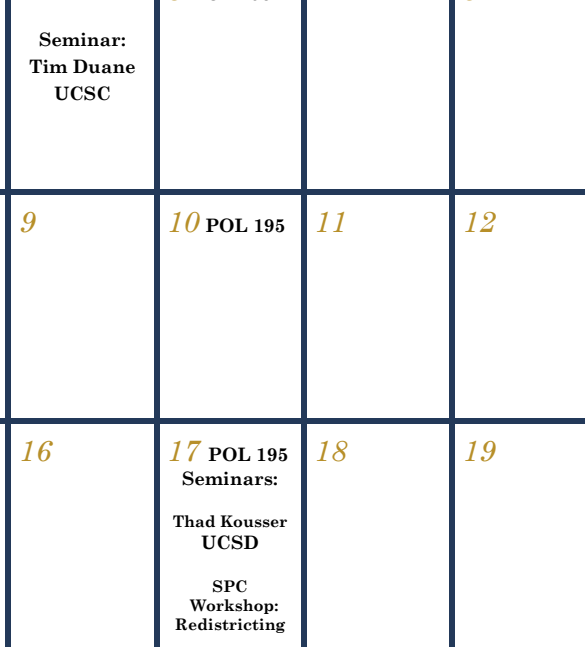
A highlight of the camp is a two-day training session by the Committee of Concerned Journalists — a journalism education nonprofit that normally conducts workshops in professional newsrooms but has made an exception for the UC Center program. Those workshops are led by Gregory Favre, former executive editor of *The Sacramento Bee* now with the Poynter Institute.

Once "boot camp" ends, students are, as Gunnison says, "thrown out the door" and into the waiting arms of media organizations that cover state government and politics. Among those organizations are the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Ventura County Star*, *Riverside Press-Enterprise*, Capital Public Radio, KQED Radio, New America Media, *La Opinion*, [voiceofSanDiego.org](http://voiceofSanDiego.org), *California Health Report*, *Orange County Register*, *Capitol Weekly*, *Sacramento Press*, *The Sacramento Observer*, and KCRA-TV. Block maintains a thick binder of clips produced each summer by UC Center scholar-interns.

Block and Gunnison say the program has accomplished what it set out to do — introduce UC undergrads to the world of public-affairs reporting so they can make an informed decision about career choices. Some students decide not to pursue journalism, but the vast majority of program participants are bitten by the bug.

"Three of our students from 2009 alone were in the fall class at Columbia School of Journalism," Block noted recently. "Two others are currently at Berkeley."

Students interested in the journalism program should contact their UCCS campus representatives, or email Block at [agblock@ucdavis.edu](mailto:agblock@ucdavis.edu). The application deadline for summer 2011 is April 15.



**ROB GUNNISON (seated) and A.G. BLOCK**

**APPLY NOW FOR 2011**

**Journalism Program Dates: June 20– August 26**

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2011**

**More information about journalism can be found [here](#) or contact Program Director A.G. Block [here](#).**

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**Summer 2011  
Deadline Ahead**

Deadline for applying for the 2011 summer session is April 15, 2011. More information may be found on the UCCS website at <http://uccs.ucdavis.edu>.

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