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Event Honored Friends of the Center Chancellor Katehi honored partners in the Capitol community



UC Davis Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi joined UC Center faculty and staff to honor those in the Capitol community who have supported the Center's academic program. Honorees included those who have hosted internships or shared their experiences and expertise during meetings with students.

The invitation-only reception was held at The Sutter Club on February 28. Honorees included Supt. of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, Secy. of Food & Agriculture Karen Ross, Community College Chancellor Jack Scott, Senate Pres. pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Assembly Speaker John A. Perez, and 17 other members of the Legislature. Each honoree served as a co-host and had taken a UCCS student into his or her office as an intern.

In addition to hosting numerous interns, Superintendent Torlakson also lent his daughter to the program. Tamara Torlakson, a 2008 UCCS scholar-intern from UC Santa Cruz, interned with Dewey Square public affairs group, where she now works as a senior associate.

Chancellor Katehi was instrumental in resurrecting the UC Center's system-wide academic program after a budget crunch forced its suspension by the UC Office of the President in December 2009. Since then, the chancellor has taken a keen interest in the Center as a way to strengthen her campus' ties to the state capital while continuing the Center's primary mission to offer students from all 10 UC campuses the opportunity to work and study in Sacramento.

"This event was one way to say 'thank you' and to recognize the contributions of the many people who have supported UC Center during its nine-year existence," said Center Director Dr. Robert Huckfeldt.

Center Hosts Michael Dukakis

Former Massachusetts governor urges students to pursue a career in public service

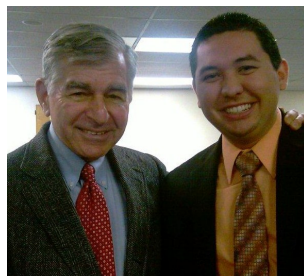


Michael Dukakis and UCCS students Mouang Saechau, Lori Wells, Elena Evans and Vanessa Madrid.

Former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis met with UC Center students and invited guests on February 27. Dukakis traveled across the causeway to Sacramento as part of an all-day visit to UC Davis. Later that afternoon, he spoke to an audience of nearly 400 at Mondavi Center. But UCCS students were treated to a more intimate luncheon session with Dukakis. They were joined by several UCCS alumni who now work in the Capitol, as well as by Center staff and faculty and 10 participants from the Center for California Studies fellowship program at CSU Sacramento.

The former governor shared his experiences as a politician and candidate to illustrate the value of a career in public service. He urged those considering a career in elective office to follow their own instincts during campaigns, citing what he now calls a misplaced confidence in the cadre of consultants who helped guide his unsuccessful 1988 presidential campaign against then Vice President George H.W. Bush.

Dukakis, who lives in Brookline, Massachusetts, teaches public policy each winter at UCLA. Among those who lunched with the governor at UCCS was Joshua Hoover, who took that policy class while a student at UCLA. Hoover, a 2011 UCCS alum, now works in the Capitol office of Senator Mimi Walters (R-Laguna Niguel). Hoover and the governor are pictured on the right.



PUBLIC SEMINAR SERIES

Spring Seminars Feature Energy, Jobs and the Achievement Gap

Mark Modera, Ann Stevens, Robert Ream begin eight-part series



MODERA



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UC Center's Spring Seminar Series begins on April 19 with a session on energy use during times of peak demand. Mark Modera, director of the Western Cooling Efficiency Center at UC Davis, will explore energy performance of cooling systems in hot, dry climates.

The following Thursday, Ann Stevens, a UC Davis professor of Economics, will examine the impacts of job loss on individuals and families.

On May 3, Robert Ream of UC Riverside, argues why narrowing the achievement gap should remain a national priority in education.

In addition to Modera, Stevens and Ream, the spring seminar series will continue each Thursday through June 7. Among the speakers scheduled to appear are Mary Wolshok of UC San Diego, Scott MacKenzie of UC Davis and Steve Erie of UC San Diego, Ethan Elkind of UC Berkeley's Boalt School of Law, Shawn Kantor of UC Merced, and Frank La Ferla of UC Irvine and the Mind Institute.

All UC Center seminars are open to the public and are 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.

REGISTER FOR SEMINARS ON LINE

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 UCCE [website](#).



Tribes, Tracks, Card Clubs — and MONEY UC Center, *Capitol Weekly* sponsor Online Gaming Conference

Tribes, racetracks, card clubs, casinos, technology, and the vast potential of the internet. Mix those elements into a complex turf war, liberally season it with money and power — and you have one of the more fascinating dust-ups of 2012: online gaming.



To explore online gaming in depth, *Capitol Weekly* and UC Center teamed up to present another in their series of day-long conferences. The March 16 event, held at the Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento, attracted 125 attendees. It brought divergent views together to examine the politics, technology, financial impacts and turf wars that make online gaming such a complex issue. The dollars and resources involved, the political calculations, the cultural and societal impacts all come together in the state Capitol where the Legislature and governor currently are considering landmark legislation under the title SB 1463 (Steinberg).

Hanna, We Hardly Knew Ye Hanna Snider wooed away by a job with the Legislature



Hanna Snider, UCCS Outreach and Program Coordinator, has left The Center for a position with the Legislature. Hired last summer to spark The Center's recruitment efforts on UC campuses, Snider traveled extensively throughout the system, meeting with students, advisors and faculty. She conducted Webinars and re-invigorated UCCS' network of campus representatives. She also maintained The Center's Website, designed a new brochure, and created reports that analyze how students hear about the UCCS program.

Snider's last day was Friday, March 9. The following Monday, she began her new job as a legislative assistant for Assemblyman Mike Allen (D-Santa Rosa). Snider, a graduate of UC Berkeley, said she has always wanted a career in public service and the opportunity to work "in the Building" was an offer she could not refuse.

The Center has started the process to replace Hanna. The position was posted and applications were due on March 8.

ON LINE

UC Center Seminars Available on Web



Didn't have a chance to make it to UC Center last November for a lecture on community colleges by Chancellor Jack Scott? Fear not. The chancellor'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](#).

**APPLY FOR
SUMMER 2012**

SUMMER 2012
Policy Program Dates:
June 18—August 24
Journalism Program Dates:
June 25-August 31

**FINAL APPLICATION
DEADLINE: April 27**

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


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