



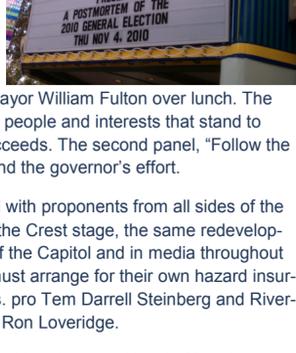
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UC CENTER, CAPITOL WEEKLY SPONSOR REDEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AT THE CREST THEATER

The folks who brought you a zippy post-mortem conference on the 2010 election have teamed up once again, this time to shed light on Gov. Jerry Brown's controversial proposal to do away with redevelopment agencies. *Capitol Weekly* newspaper and UC Center Sacramento will co-sponsor the event on Thursday, March 24, at the Crest Theater in Sacramento.

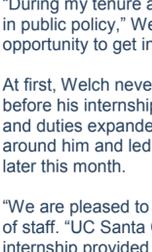


The half-day conference, tentatively scheduled from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, will follow the same format as the election post-mortem, featuring two panels and a keynote speech by Ventura Mayor William Fulton over lunch. The first panel, "Follow the Money," will focus on the people and financial forces that stand to gain and lose financially if Brown's proposal succeeds. The second panel, "Follow the Politics," centers on political battles raging around the governor's effort.

Sponsors have promised to balance each panel with proponents from all sides of the dispute. In other words, they plan to trigger, on the Crest stage, the same redevelopment brawls currently taking place in the halls of the Capitol and in media throughout California. A referee will be provided. Patrons must arrange for their own hazard insurance. Among confirmed panelists are Sen. Pres. pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and Riverside Mayor and National League of Cities Pres. Ron Loveridge.

A ringside seat costs \$99 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. More information may be found on the UC Center website [here](#) or the *Capitol Weekly* website [here](#), or by contacting Tim Foster at (916) 612-2613.

UCCS' STUDENT PATRICK WELCH JUMP-STARTS A CAREER



The transition from UC Center scholar-intern to legislative staff sometimes happens before the ink dries on a student's diploma. As a result, the Capitol Building is sprinkled with UCCS alumni who now serve as consultants and legislative aides both to Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

But for Patrick Welch, that transition took place before the ink was even *applied* to his diploma. A politics major from UC Santa Cruz, Welch currently is enrolled in the Center's policy program and is not scheduled to graduate from UCSC until the end of winter quarter. Undergraduate status aside, Welch has been offered a job with the Legislature.

Welch came to Sacramento this winter to take advantage of the Center's internship program, which engages students in the policy process. Prior to his arrival, Center staff helped Welch secure an internship in the Capitol office of Sen. Alex Padilla, a Los Angeles Democrat long involved with an issue of interest to Welch – combating childhood obesity.

"During my tenure at Santa Cruz, I studied politics and developed a keen interest in public policy," Welch explained. "I knew the UCCS program would give me the opportunity to get involved."

At first, Welch never imagined that "opportunity" would translate into "employment" before his internship ended. But as he settled into the Capitol, and his workload and duties expanded, his handling of those responsibilities impressed those around him and led to the offer of a permanent job once his academic career ends later this month.

"We are pleased to have Patrick join our staff," said Bill Mabie, Sen. Padilla's chief of staff. "UC Santa Cruz and the UC Center prepared him well. The UC Center internship provided us a unique opportunity to observe his work and test his skills. He quickly became a valuable member of our legislative team. Now the real work begins."

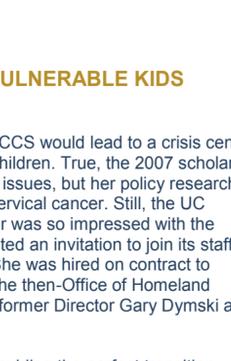
UCCS Associate Director A.G. Block has seen many former students go to work in "the building," but he believes this is the first time a scholar-intern made that leap while still a student. "This is terrific," Block said, "both for Patrick and for the program. This is why we exist: inspire students to a career in public service and to give them a chance to make that inspiration a reality."

"I am thrilled to have been offered a legislative aide position with state Sen. Alex Padilla," said Welch. "The Senate is an exciting place to be and a great place to start my career."

Register for public seminars online

Those interested in attending public seminars at UC Center may now register for events online at <http://luccs.ucdavis.edu/events>.

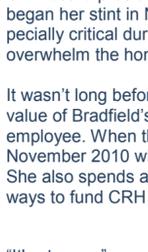
Online registration will be available seven days prior to each seminar. March events are listed in the calendar below.



ALUMNI NEWS

UCCS ALUM WORKS ON BEHALF OF VULNERABLE KIDS

Kelly Bradfield never thought her participation at UCCS would lead to a crisis center for abused and neglected children. True, the 2007 scholar-intern had an interest in health issues, but her policy research focused on efforts to combat cervical cancer. Still, the UC Berkeley political science major was so impressed with the UCCS program that she accepted an invitation to join its staff following graduation in 2007. She was hired on contract to facilitate a training grant from the then-Office of Homeland Security and also to work with former Director Gary Dymksi as a policy analyst.



"I'm so grateful to UCCS for providing the perfect transition from my academics to a real-world career," said Bradfield, who admits that her default mode of talking about the Center is somewhere between awning and synapahntic. "UCCS is such an asset to the UC system! UC has an unassailable academic reputation, but it becomes even more valuable to students when it also provides opportunities for real-world experience."

Bradfield left the Center in September 2009 when the grant expired and UCCS temporarily suspended operation during its administrative shift from Office of the President to UC Davis. She did not remain idle during this forced hiatus, however. An accomplished dancer, she and her then-fiancé, now-husband Bryant, taught ballroom dancing.

She also kept in touch with former colleagues at UC Center – two of whom, Erika Peters and A.G. Block, are on the board of directors of the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. Like all nonprofits that rely in part on public funds, CRH struggled throughout 2009 to fulfill its primary mission: providing a safe haven for children removed from their homes for safety and protection. At the time, CRH was diversifying the array of services it offered to these children but was under heavy financial constraints. It simply didn't have the cash for important administrative functions that also advanced its core mission. Every nickel was spent on direct services to kids.

One function that fell through the cracks involved the home's network of volunteers. Many people wanted to help, either with time, sweat equity or donations of toys, clothing, and other items for kids who ranged in age from two to 17. But a greatly reduced staff was unable to effectively coordinate the efforts of volunteers.

What the Receiving Home needed, perhaps, was a "volunteer volunteer coordinator."

Enter Kelly Bradfield.

In September 2009, shortly after UCCS went into hibernation, Block suggested that Bradfield consider helping CRH organize and manage its network of potential volunteers. When the "job" appealed to Bradfield, Block approached Peters, then-CRH board president, and Executive Director David Ballard. As a result, Bradfield began her stint in November, working eight to 10 hours a week. Her help was especially critical during the Christmas season, when donations of toys threatened to overwhelm the home's mid-size donation shed.

It wasn't long before Ballard and other CRH administrative staff recognized the value of Bradfield's contribution and sought ways to keep her on board as a paid employee. When the home's financial straits eased, the transition took place in November 2010 when Bradfield officially became the paid volunteer coordinator. She also spends about half her time in development, seeking new and diverse ways to fund CRH operations.

"It's strange," says Bradfield. "I drove by the Receiving Home all the time as a kid growing up in Sacramento and never realized that it was such an integral yet unheralded resource for our community. I'm so glad that I'm more involved now."

SPRING QUARTER

INCOMING COHORT REFLECTS SYSTEM'S ACADEMIC DIVERSITY

The 14 scholar-interns who will make UCCS their academic home for spring quarter once again mirror the UC system's far-flung network of campuses. More significant, they also reflect its diversity of academic pursuits. Six of the nine undergraduate campuses are represented, with the biggest contingent – five – trekking across the causeway from UC Davis.

Although political science remains the most popular major among participants, 10 other disciplines are represented. The spring cohort includes the following students, their home campuses and majors:

- Chelsey Anderson**, Riverside, Psychology
- Carlos Barba**, Santa Cruz, Politics & Sociology
- Daisy Chavez**, San Diego, Communications
- Katelyn Cowan**, Riverside, Business Administration
- Dee Hamby**, Santa Barbara, Feminist Studies
- Tania Herrera**, San Diego, Political Science
- Ali Huda**, Davis, History
- Israel Landa**, Riverside, Urban & Environmental Policy
- Kevin Navarro**, Davis, Political Science
- Sarah Palmer**, Davis, Sociology
- Christina Robinson**, Davis, Anthropology
- Anthony Seto**, Irvine, Political Science
- Joseph Steinberger**, San Diego, Communications
- Raymond Tan**, Davis, Political Science/International Relations

Spring quarter begins March 28 and continues through June 9.

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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](#).

TIDBITS

SEN. EMMERSON VISITS POLICY SEMINAR

Senator Bill Emerson spent time with UCCS policy students last month, sharing insights accumulated over more than 30 years as a legislative consultant and member of the Legislature. Emerson, a Riverside County Empire Republican, represents Senate District 37, which includes the cities of Palm Springs, Hemet, Riverside, Banning, Corona and Perris. The UC Riverside campus lies just outside his current district boundary.

An orthodontist by trade, Emerson was first elected to the Assembly in 2004 and then won a 2010 special election to the Senate where he replaced fellow Republican John Bennett, who had been elected to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to his role as a legislator, Emerson was named by UC Provost Lawrence Pitts to serve on the UC Center Administrative Council. He is one of two legislators on the Council, joining Democratic state Senator Mark DeSaulnier.

During his February 3 session with students, Emerson urged students to consider a career in public service, citing the rewards of working on behalf of the community.

ANDREW CROTTO LEAVES UCCS FOR CAMPUS

UCCS office manager and events coordinator Andrew Crotto has left UC Center for a position on campus at UC Davis. Crotto, one of two UCCS staff who made the transition from UCOP to UCD, will become an events manager in the UC Davis Office of Ceremonies and Special Events. The office is a division of University Relations and is responsible for coordinating and planning chancellor-hosted events. Crotto has been with UCCS since October 2008.

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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://luccs.ucdavis.edu>.

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