

## **PPOL Students and Faculty:**

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### **1--For Those Graduating in Spring**

Please note the following important deadlines:

\* January 25, 2011 (deadline extended) – Candidacy Form deadline

<http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/images/stories/forms/CAND%20DEG%209%2002.pdf> (The Candidacy Form on file in the Graduate School cannot be more than one year old at the time of graduation.)

\* January 25, 2011 (deadline extended) – Registration deadline  
(Students must be registered for the term in which they graduate.)

\* January 31, 2011 – Application to Graduate deadline

1. Students can access the application by logging into 49er Express, selecting Banner Self Service, then Student Services, then Student Records, and then Online Graduation Application
2. Students should click on “continue” if this is the 1st time they have applied for graduation
3. Students should click on “create a new application” if they have applied previously

\* March 16, 2011 - final copy of the dissertation (approved by the committee) due

Once final grades have posted, all remaining balances on the student's account have been paid, and all of the above have been met, the student can be cleared for graduation.

Please contact:

\* Stella Butterbaugh with any questions about the Candidacy Form ([sabutter@uncc.edu](mailto:sabutter@uncc.edu))

\* Anita Smith with any other questions/make an appointment to review their dissertation ([afsmith@uncc.edu](mailto:afsmith@uncc.edu))

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### **2--School Payments**

For the Spring 2011 term - The second payment due date/cancellation for non-payment date is January 26th at 8:00 a.m.

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### **3--Summer Teaching Fellows Program**

As I mentioned previously, we are currently accepting applications for the teaching fellows program. I have not heard from any of you if you want to apply. I have to approve the applications from PPOL. The deadline is coming fast. This is a fantastic way to get some training on HOW to teach, to teach your own course, and get paid for it (at least \$4000). The course would be in the summer. Also, if you choose to also take a summer class, you will receive an additional stipend to help cover the tuition costs associated with that class.

If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible so I can make sure we hold spots for PPOL students in this program.

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### **4--Center for Graduate Life Training Sessions**

Here is a list of some of the upcoming CLG workshops that might be of interest to PPOL students.

Using LaTeX to Write Well-Formatted Papers

January 24, 2011

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Denny Building (lab), 101

Fundamentals of Copyright

January 27, 2011

10:00 - 11:00 am

Atkins, 125

Dissertation Boot Camp returns!

Due to the success of the first dissertation boot camp, the Center for Graduate Life has scheduled a spring camp starting February 4th. This session provides doctoral students with concentrated writing time and support. This spring camp is targeting students who are in the post-proposal phase and are actively writing. Students may register through the professional development site at <http://gradlife.uncc.edu/workshops/professionaldevelopment.html>

Writing Assistance for Grads

Encourage your students to seek out writing assistance in the Center for Graduate Life. Tutors experienced in graduate level writing are available three days a week in the CGL. Appointments are preferred but students can drop in as well.

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For a complete schedule of workshops, please go to

<http://gradlife.uncc.edu/workshops/professional-development.html>

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## 5--Sociology Speaker Series Guest, Friday February 4

Dr. Thomas DiPrete will be visiting campus to give a talk on "The Relational Structure of Executive Compensation."

Dr. Thomas DiPrete is a professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his doctorate degree from Columbia University and previously taught at Columbia University and Duke University. His academic interests include Social Stratification and Mobility, Education, Economic Sociology, Family, Demography, and Quantitative Methodology.

He is the Chair-elect of the section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility of the American Sociological Association. He was previously honored with the Willard Waller Prize by the Section on Education of the American Sociological Association.

The talk will be Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM in the Sociology Department Conference Room (Fretwell 480C).

PPOL students are invited to attend.

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## 6--Special PPOL Guest Friday, February 11

We are fortunate to have Jan Leighly visiting campus in a few weeks. Besides being a premier political scientist, she is also the co-editor of the **Journal of Politics**, one of the top journals in the field of political science. There are two events to which students are invited to participate. Tentatively, we are planning to have her meet with PPOL students at 10:30 that morning for a chat session about best practices for getting published in academic journals (something ALL PPOL students should know). Then at noon, she will make a research presentation on her own work.

I will send additional details and confirmation in a later email, but please pencil in her visit on your calendars. This is another very fortunate visitor for us to have here for the PPOL students.

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## 7--Summer Funding Opportunities

The **Eben Tisdale Fellowship**, which includes a \$5,000 grant, is a summer internship available to undergraduate and graduate students where the high-tech sector meets the government. The program offers outstanding opportunities for students to learn about high tech public policy issues with hands-on experience in Washington, D.C. Tisdale Fellowships are open to students from colleges and universities all over the country.

The **Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship**, which includes one \$5,000 grant for one student each year, is part of the Tisdale Fellowship program. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who is interested in diversity and ethics issues, and in learning about high-tech public policy issues, can apply for this Fellowship.

The application for both of these Fellowships is the same, except that those applying for the Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship should include an additional essay on diversity and ethics.

The Fellowship has two main elements:

(1) Internship: Fellows participate in an eight-week internship in the government relations office of a leading high technology company or association. In the recent past, fellows have interned at such companies as **Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Philips Electronics** and **Monster Worldwide**, as well as associations such as the **Business Software Alliance** or **TechAmerica**.

(2) Issues Seminar: The issues seminar is a weekly lunch hosted by the different sponsoring companies and associations. Expert speakers lead discussions of current public policy issues in Washington, and the methods the high technology industry uses for effective advocacy. The Summer 2011 Fellowship runs from June 13th – August 5th, 2011. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a supportive and collegial environment in which a new class of public policy professionals will be mentored to help ensure that the high-tech industry continues to have highly capable and well-trained individuals in both policy advocacy and senior management positions. The Final deadline for all applications is **February 15, 2011**.

Students may find more information and apply at [www.tisdalefellowship.org](http://www.tisdalefellowship.org).

Questions? Contact Jonathan Tilley at [info@tisdalefellowship.org](mailto:info@tisdalefellowship.org) or 202/986-0384.

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## 8-- EITM 2011 Summer Institute, University of Chicago

The Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago is seeking applications for the 2011 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute.

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), this program trains graduate students and junior faculty in EITM, a research strategy that integrates theoretical models and empirical research to improve and expand our understanding of politics. The institute will incorporate developments and findings from throughout political science, including the substantive areas of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy.

This summer's institute will accept advanced graduate students and junior faculty through a competitive selection process. There are no fees or tuition. Dormitory lodging, meals and domestic travel expenses will be provided for participants through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Please visit the 2011 EITM website for applications and additional information on instruction design, participating faculty, and an overview of curriculum. The website can be found at <http://harrisschool.uchicago.edu/Blogs/EITM/>

Applications for the program are due via email to [eitm@uchicago.edu](mailto:eitm@uchicago.edu) on March 1, 2011.

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## 9--Student and faculty news

PPOL student Mary Jo Shepherd was interviewed on the local Fox News affiliate for their morning show Fox News Rising on Thursday, January 16th regarding the Walk to School program she helped to start at her children's' school. The story is available online at: <http://www.foxcharlotte.com/rising/wilsons-world/Kids--113004374.html>

Once again, PPOL was well-represented at this year's annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association meeting.

PPOL student Jason Giersch presented his paper: Effects of Teachers' Unions on Charter School Legislation.

PPOL student Beth Wemlinger presented her paper: Women's Political Equality and Traditional Attitudes Toward Women in the US.

Dr. Jim Douglas (POLS) participated on the roundtable discussion: Government Bashing 101: Dealing with Skepticism, Misinformation and Distrust in Undergraduate Courses

And in other news:

Drs. Peter Schwarz and Craig Depken (ECON) were interviewed for the article "Filling up is hard to do: Several factors combine to send gas prices soaring" published in the Shelby Star.

Dr. Steven Ott (MKTG) has been appointed dean of Belk College of Business. Dr. Ott has been serving as the John Crosland Sr. Distinguished Professor of Real Estate and Development.

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## **10--Fellowship Opportunity**

### **ANNOUNCING A NEW WASHINGTON DC SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Annenberg Schools for Communication at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Southern California, and the Departments of Communication at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan are pleased to announce a new collaborative summer fellowship program, designed to provide Ph.D. students in Communication and Media Studies with hands on experience in the development and implementation of communication policy. Fellows would intern (8-weeks from mid-June to mid-August) in DC-based government offices or agencies, think tanks, political party or advocacy organizations, or other communication-related public or private sector institutions. All Fellows would also participate in an orientation prior to beginning their internship, and a follow-up retreat at which they will share their experiences and how these experiences might be connected to their research and teaching with a small group of scholars and practitioners.

Fellowships include assistance in locating an appropriate internship placement, a stipend of \$5,000, and travel expenses for attending the follow-up retreat. Students' home graduate institutions are expected to provide support for housing/expenses in DC (\$2,000), though a limited number of scholarships are available if home institutions are unable to provide support. Up to eight fellowships are available for the summer 2011. Candidates for these fellowships must be Ph.D. students in Communication or Media Studies, and must be nominated by their home department or school.

Applications should include:

- (1) a brief nomination letter from the department/school indicating whether or not you would be able to provide \$2,000 in housing support and living expenses;
- (2) a letter of recommendation from the student's advisor or another faculty member familiar with the student's work/ability: and
- (3) a letter from the student indicating how a summer internship would connect to/enhance his or her research and/or teaching, and what kind of placement would be most useful in this regard.

Completed applications are due no later than Monday, February 28, 2011 and should be sent Larry Gross [lpgross@usc.edu]. Students who have been accepted will be notified by Monday, March 14, 2011 at which point the placement process would begin.

The Washington DC Summer Fellowship Program is a project of the Consortium for Media Policy Studies (COMPASS) and is made possible through the generous support of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands.

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### **11--Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity**

The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt University's Department of Political Science seeks applicants for up to two (2) Fellowships to support research on political institutions, opinion or behavior. Applications are welcome from scholars who have received their doctoral degrees within the three years prior to the start of the fellowship, or who will complete their degrees by August 1, 2011. The fellowships involve a year of supported research at Vanderbilt University starting September 1, 2011. There is no teaching requirement associated with the fellowship, but teaching can be arranged if desired by the successful candidate. There may be some research associated with the mission of Center as part of the fellowship, but no more than a few hours per week. Successful candidates will be given a competitive salary, health care benefits, office space, computing resources, and a research account.

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### **12--Postdoctoral Opportunity #2**

Hertie School of Governance Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
in the field of  
Political Economy

The Hertie School Political Economy Fellow will be supported by the Political Economy Cluster and the Center for Fiscal Governance. Within the framework of his or her own research interests the postdoc may develop a fundable proposal for a research project on a topic of his or her choice in political economy, broadly defined, in collaboration with Hertie School faculty. To this end the fellow is invited to collaborate with the Political Economy Cluster and the Center for Fiscal Governance in which the postdoc will also be involved. No teaching is required but the option is available. The fellowship is for two years, conditional on a review at the end of the first, and carries a stipend of €30.000 per annum and a fund for travel and research of €1500. Fellowships can be assumed any time between 1 April 2011 and 1 September 2011. The Hertie School offers a rapidly expanding research environment and encourages postdoc participation in multiple projects and seminars.

Requirements and Expectations:

- excellent doctoral degree in political science or economics
- potentially fundable project ideas
- fluency in English, good drafting skills
- participation in research cluster activities, frequent interaction with collaborating faculty

The Political Economy Cluster and the Center for Fiscal Governance:

The Political Economy Cluster organizes scholarly exchange and speaker series at the Hertie School and supports research into the interaction of markets and government. Political economy is broadly understood and considers both domestic and international processes. Beginning in 2011, the Hertie School will launch a new Center for Fiscal Governance to support research into the determinants of budgetary effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability along with the causes and consequences of levels and forms of taxation.

The Hertie School of Governance:

The Hertie School is an international teaching and research center of excellence that prepares students for leadership positions in government, business, and civil society. An internationally-recruited faculty, interdisciplinary in outlook, research, and teaching, offers analytically-challenging courses on governance, policy analysis and management, and helps students grow intellectually in a professional, research-intensive environment, characterized by public debate and engagement. Located in the center of Berlin, the School attracts an active and diverse set of scholars who contribute to a rich environment for intellectual exchange.

To apply:

Please send your application (including a CV with a research section and contact information of up to three academic references; a research paper as a writing sample; transcripts; and a cover letter of up to three pages stating your background and research interests) by 31 January 2011 to Annette Praus at the HR-department, e-mail: [applications@hertie-school.org](mailto:applications@hertie-school.org). Please mention "Political Economy" as reference code in your application. For queries, please contact Prof. Mark Kayser at [kayser@hertie-school.org](mailto:kayser@hertie-school.org).

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## 13--Jobs

### **Institute for Physical Sciences Multiple Research Analyst Positions**

IPS (the Institute for Physical Sciences) is a not-for-profit, multidisciplinary research institute in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. We are recruiting full-time Research Analysts at all ranks in political science, economics, physics, mathematics, computer science, and related fields. IPS joins advanced computational research, social science, and theory to produce high-end customized technical work for clients requiring well-crafted, substantive analysis. This work runs the gamut from critical analysis to advanced computational modeling.

Preference will be given to candidates with PhDs or other advanced degrees and related work experience. Strong research, writing, and analytic skills are essential. Training in quantitative methods, statistics, and mathematics is desirable, but not required. Strong candidates with a theoretical orientation, whether in political philosophy, empirical analysis, or other theory-rich discipline, are encouraged to apply. The ability to conduct research in one or more foreign languages is an asset but not required. The successful candidate is expected to work effectively in collaborative, multidisciplinary settings, as well as to conduct individual research. Each

applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a US security clearance, which includes US citizenship.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. IPS offers an outstanding benefits package and a challenging and rewarding work environment. To apply, send CV to [hr@ips.edu](mailto:hr@ips.edu).

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**American Politics, Public Policy, and Research Methodology (tenure-track)**

We seek an Assistant Professor who is broadly educated in American Politics, Public Policy (all fields welcome), Public Administration, Economics, Political Demography, Sociology, or a related field to serve as the Director of our Government Research Bureau <http://www.usd.edu/grb>, which is a vibrant unit of the Department that provides significant practical research opportunities for students and faculty throughout the University. The role of the Director is to lead the GRB in its mission of serving the state/region and to secure associated grants & contracts. (The GRB currently has in excess of \$500k in active research contracts for public, non-profit, and for profit entities.) For this research / outreach / administrative position, the successful candidate should have extensive experience with grant writing, management, contract management, and be an entrepreneur who will engage clients in all sectors in order to expand the GRB's contracts and grants. Optimally, the person would have applied research experience, experience working with public and private sector individuals, be outgoing and business-minded, and be willing to travel to grow the GRB's footprint. Significant interaction with officials and citizens at the state & local levels is expected.

The ideal candidate will also be expected to excel at teaching & mentoring students within the context of a strong liberal arts curriculum. High quality teaching is expected in at least two of the following areas: American politics, public policy, demography, and/or research methodology (with preference to individuals with a background in survey methodology and practical applications of research methods to public sector problems/challenges). The person hired for this position will be expected to undertake an active research program, advise students, share in the work of the Department, and apply his or her professional expertise in the service of the University, the community, and the discipline.

The Department of Political Science <http://www.usd.edu/polsci> has the only NASPAA-accredited MPA program in the state, a very strong undergraduate liberal arts curriculum, a vibrant criminal justice program <http://www.usd.edu/cjus>, an International Studies program <http://usd.edu/internationalstudies>, an MA <http://www.usd.edu/arts-and-sciences/political-science/ma.cfm>, a Master of Science in Administration program <http://www.usd.edu/arts-and-sciences/political-science/master-of-science-in-administration/index.cfm>, and a Ph.D. <http://www.usd.edu/arts-and-sciences/political-science/ma.cfm>. The Department's unique Farber Fund <http://www.usd.edu/farbfundannually> provides nearly \$165,000 for student-faculty travel, scholarships, and related activities. (The fund enables the Department to run regular international study tours/programs in such recent places as Italy, France, Ireland, Morocco, and Turkey while also subsidizing numerous domestic tours.) This is a 9-month, tenure-track position with a start date of August 16, 2011 and is dependent on budgetary approval. Normal teaching load will be flexible in recognition of the special research and outreach responsibilities of the administrative position. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Ph.D. or DPA required by date of appointment. Review of applications will begin February 11, 2011 and continue until a suitable candidate is hired. Apply on-line at <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu> <<https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu/>>. A complete application consists of a

letter of application, current C.V., official graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference.  
Materials may also be submitted to:

Chair, GRB Director Search Committee  
Department of Political Science  
The University of South Dakota  
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Vermillion, SD 57069-2390