IOP Spring Quarter 2014 Fellow Michael Steele with student Liz Greene
AGENDA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
LOCATION: THE PROMONTORY
5311 S. LAKE PARK AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60615

6:00 PM – Cocktail Reception
7:00 PM – Welcome Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
LOCATION: THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS
5707 S WOODLAWN AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60637

8:30 AM – Advisory Board Meeting Begins
12:00 PM – IOP Event: Midterm Elections Roundtable
1:30 PM – Closing Luncheon
2:30 PM – IOP Advisory Board Meeting concludes
7:00 PM – Chicago Ideas Week/Politics Talk (Optional)
Our Mission

The nonpartisan Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago is an extracurricular program designed to ignite in young people a passion for politics and public service.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“I am a Republican at a university where the vast majority is liberal. That might sound intimidating. Honestly, it’s actually a pretty cool thing. Fortunately for me – and other Republicans – the Institute of Politics is a non-partisan place where I have the chance to explore my political views in a safe zone and an intelligent, respectful space.”

– Miranda Cherkas, 4th year undergrad

“I think that the speakers that the IOP brought in gave me a lot to think about, in developing a mission … a driving force and a passion for public service. And it really helps to have that passion, to be able to tell yourself that what you’re doing is really for the long term in helping the people that you’re serving.”

– IOP alum Sam Scarrow, AB ’13

“During my time at UChicago, some of my favorite moments were the conversations I had at my house table in Bartlett Dining Commons: enthusiastic debates with friends, acquaintances and newcomers on subjects ranging from states’ rights to net neutrality to Best Picture nominees. The Institute of Politics has helped me recreate that in another setting. As head of the UChicago Political Union (UCPU), we’re dedicated to hosting biweekly debates on current political issues in a non-partisan environment.”

– IOP alum Charles Kargman, AB ’14
IOP director David Axelrod held an off-the-record discussion with RNC chairman Reince Priebus on February 7, 2014.

The Speaker Series aims to raise the level of dialogue around politics, public service, and media, and to offer students, staff, alumni, and friends of the University access to practitioners working in these fields. In keeping with this mission, the IOP has presented over 400 guest speakers in over 200 events (not including Fellows seminars) since its launch in January 2013.

2,800 - UNIQUE ATTENDEES AT EVENTS DURING THE 2013/14 ACADEMIC YEAR.

SPRING QUARTER BOOKINGS INCLUDED SPEAKERS SUCH AS RAND PAUL, AL GORE, AND THE IOP’S FIRST-EVER POLITICAL TV FESTIVAL. FALL QUARTER BOOKINGS INCLUDE SPEAKERS SUCH AS PAUL RYAN, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ AND TA-NEHISI COATES.

INCREASE GENDER, POLITICAL, REGIONAL AND RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY AMONG SPEAKERS.

2013/14 HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR SPEAKERS: Rand Paul, Joe Biden, Al Gore, Nikki Haley, John McCain, Rick Santorum, Chuck Hagel, Mike Mullen, Rahm Emanuel, and Elizabeth Warren

2014/15 HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR BOOKINGS: Paul Ryan, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Howard Dean, Tom Vilsack, Alan Simpson, Dominique de Villepin (embargoed) and Mitch Daniels (embargoed)

NEW STUDENT-LED INTERNATIONAL POLICY PROGRAM

The IOP’s new International Policy Program (IPP) is a student-run, IOP-staff-advised program at the Institute of Politics launching in Fall 2014. The goals of this new program are to increase international policy related programming on campus; to create a community for students interested in international policy to meet, discuss, and learn; and to connect students with job opportunities in international policy related areas in and out of Chicago.

CHICAGO STYLE

The Institute of Politics’ Chicago Style is a student-run event series, focused on Chicago-area issues and political figures. Students interested in Chicago politics invite speakers they are interested in hearing from and gain valuable event management experience in the process. Past speakers include: Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis, Deputy Majority Leader of the Illinois House Lou Lang and Chicago Alderman Will Burns among others. All events feature a signature Chicago-style meal.
FELLOWS PROGRAM

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“We did a seminar with Stella Creasy, who’s a young MP in the UK, and a number of people came up to me afterwards – American and International students – who said ‘I absolutely loved that session, I’m going to run for office’. That was wonderful, that somebody could spend some time with students and really have a big impact on how they saw life, and what they wanted to do with their life as a result.”

- David Muir, IOP Spring Quarter 2014 Fellow

“What the Institute of Politics offers is something different from just the professor-student relationship. This is an informal setting. The main place we meet is called the Living Room because it once was a living room. The fireplace is still there. It is a seminar in the true sense of encouraging people to think, to ask and to be open to new ideas.”

- Roger Simon, IOP Spring Quarter 2014 Fellow

“The folks who come here are men and women who are engaged in a broader discussion that the country is having and they’re bringing that discussion to you and you’re now a part of it. You maybe get to see and hear aspects of it that you don’t get to see and hear in a six minute interview with my friend Chris Matthews on ‘Hardball’ because there you’re in the moment and you’re jamming heavily on a topic and missing all the nuances and things that really sort of round out the discussion. Well, here at the IOP you get to round out the discussion and that’s really fulfilling.”

- Michael Steele, IOP Spring Quarter 2014 Fellow

“We hearing Kasim Reed come in and talk about his idea for the city of Atlanta, and his vision for the city was really instrumental in my understanding of local politics. The last day that he was here, I went up to him and I expressed an interest in working in the Atlanta City Hall in some capacity, and he told me he’d make it happen. I think that’s what the IOP is really about – it’s this exposure to people in the policy and political arena, and this ability to go out and make a difference.”

- Stephen Landry, 2nd year undergrad
The Fellows Program presents a unique opportunity for elected officials, campaign strategists, political journalists and policymakers to be in residence at the University of Chicago during an academic quarter. Engaging with students and the broader campus community, these political professionals draw on their first-hand experiences, as well as their research and professional networks to give insightful and unique perspective on politics and policy in action.

KEVIN BLEYER  
SCREENWRITER, AUTHOR, AND PRODUCER  
Kevin Bleyer spent most of the last decade as a writer for ‘The Daily Show with Jon Stewart’, where he won four Primetime Emmy awards, a Writers Guild Award, and the show became the most consecutive Emmy-winning program in television history. But it’s the on-air apology he squeezed out of Keith Olbermann he cherishes the most. 

SEMINAR: “Politics & Pop Culture: Making Politics Palatable Through Media”

Megan McArdle is a Bloomberg View columnist who writes on economics, business and public policy. She is the author of “The Up Side of Down.” McArdle previously wrote for Newsweek, the Daily Beast, the Atlantic and the Economist. She founded the blog “Asymmetrical Information.”

SEMINAR: “Inside the Sausage Factory: Between the Campaign Trail and Actual Policy”

ELISEO MEDINA  
CHAIR, SEIU CIVIL PARTICIPATION & IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE  
Eliseo Medina is described by the Los Angeles Times as “one of the most successful labor organizers in the country” and was named one of the “Top 50 Most Powerful Latino Leaders” in Poder Magazine. In 2013, he was one of the leaders of the Fast for Families movement where he fasted for 22 days on the National Mall in support of immigration reform.

SEMINAR: “Immigration and the American Dream: Change From the Ground Up”

PATRICK MURPHY  
FORMER CONGRESSMAN, D-PA  
America’s first Iraq veteran elected to the U.S. Congress, Patrick has been a litigator and champion for his fellow veterans. He is a partner at the national law firm Fox Rothschild LLP and Host of the MSNBC show ‘Taking the Hill.’ He authored the bill to repeal the military’s Don’t Ask Don’t Tell policy and spearheaded the Post 9/11 GI Bill which has already helped over 1 million veterans.

SEMINAR: “Charging the Hill: A Veteran’s Perspective on War, Policy, and the Media”

STEVE SCHMIDT  
FORMER SENIOR ADVISER TO JOHN MCCAIN’S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN  
As Vice Chairman of Public Affairs at Edelman, Steve is a strategic counselor to chief executive officers and senior decision makers at global corporations, professional sports franchises, non-profit organizations and academic institutions. Previously, he served as senior adviser to John McCain’s presidential campaign in 2008 and as top strategist to President George W. Bush’s 2004 re-election campaign.

SEMINAR: “Running for President”

The deadline to apply to become a Fellow for Spring 2015 is November 14, 2014.
STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“I’m expecting to learn what it really is like to be a legislator. I mean, it’s one thing to read things, to read articles, and to hear testimonials. But to actually be there, and follow a legislator and see what he does throughout his day – what his meetings are like, and how he interacts with people, and how he passes a bill, I’m just super excited to see that process firsthand because you can never really know unless you’re there.”

– Eliora Katz, 2nd year undergrad, speaking about an SCE visit to Springfield, IL

“As a member of New Americans UChicago, I tutor immigrants for their very real citizenship exams. Every Wednesday some other students and I drive to a community center to meet with immigrants in an effort to help them pass their exams. Even though I haven’t learned a lot of Spanish, I have gained a new appreciation for what it means to be an American citizen.”

– Chelsea Fine, 3rd year undergrad

“Citizen Schools is a nation-wide effort to increase the quality of education in low-income communities by providing an expanded school day; our apprenticeships contribute to this goal by exposing students to real-world learning experiences. Many of the other apprenticeships are run by professionals from big-name companies like Google and Deloitte, but through the IOP’s sponsorship, my two fellow students and I are able to teach a course on something we all love: politics.”

– IOP alum Katherine Sacco, AB ’14
The Student Civic Engagement Program is considered the main action arm of the IOP and is committed to giving students the opportunities and tools to connect and contribute to their neighborhood, their city, and their country.

### CURRENT STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

#### TURBOVOTE (FALL QUARTER)

TurboVote is a national, non-partisan organization that builds technology to make the voting process easier for all. Starting in Fall 2014, with the goal of doing so every September moving forward, the IOP and UChicago have partnered to push voter registration and engagement to students on campus.

#### STUDENT LEADERS IN ELECTIONS (2014 ELECTIONS PROJECT)

A short-term SCE project, the IOP has partnered with Student Leaders in Elections, Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to engage UChicago students with an element of the voting process by serving as election judges in Chicago on Election Day.

#### CHICAGO BOUND

Chicago Bound is a student-led pre-orientation program sponsored by the University Community Service Center and the Institute of Politics, intended to promote community awareness and civic engagement. Through this program students complete service projects at local organizations, learn about urban issues, and meet with community residents and leaders. In 2014, students performed a combined 576 hours of service in 20 different neighborhoods.

#### NEW AMERICANS UCHICAGO (NAUC)

NAUC provides students to help individuals in the citizenship pipeline and to prepare them for the citizenship exam. NAUC successfully completed its first year in 2013/14, and will continue this coming year.

#### CITIZEN SCHOOLS

Citizen Schools is a national organization which partners with public middle schools in low-income communities to provide an expanded learning day rich with opportunities. The IOP has partnered with Citizen Schools and a growing group of dedicated students to teach a Run for Office curriculum in CPS middle schools.

#### WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT (WPSP)

WPSP is a national program managed by the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative, empowering the next generation of women around the world and mobilizing them on issues of critical importance in public service. In 2013/14 the IOP was awarded $40,000 from the UChicago Women’s Board to support two years of WPSP programming for students at UChicago.

#### TECHTEAM

TechTeam takes students into Southside community-based organizations to provide capacity-building and digital media support. TechTeam members receive digital strategy training and mentorship from political experts, and apply this knowledge in the work they do with local organizations.

### 2014/15 PLANNED SITE VISITS AND TRIPS

- September 2014: WPSP to China
- December 2014: Visit to California
- January 2015: Visit to Springfield, IL
- March 2015: Career Trek to Washington, D.C.
Students gathered at the IOP House on January 28, 2014 to watch President Obama deliver the State of the Union address and the Republican response. Rooted in a desire to gain more practical skills in the politics and public service arena, the IOP Peer-to-Peer Skills Share Program is a new program starting in Fall 2014, and is developed, led, and attended by UChicago students, with IOP staff support and mentorship when needed. The program consists of three to five skills-based workshops per quarter, in hard and soft skills necessary for productive careers in politics, government, and public service. These workshops will be conceived of and developed by students to ensure peers are sharing relevant, valuable and desired skills.

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- Data analysis and use of statistic programs
- Networking
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- Political communication tools with regards to campaigns

**THE SARGENT SHRIVER PROGRAM FOR LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE**

The Sargent Shriver Program for Leadership in Public Service is a partnership between the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute (SSPI), the UChicago Institute of Politics, and the College. Launching this fall, the Shriver Program will bring to life the legacy of Sargent Shriver, who personified the spirit of public service. He made an enduring impact on America and the world as the founder of the Peace Corps and VISTA, and made his mark in Chicago as president of both the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago and the Chicago Board of Education. The Sargent Shriver Program for Leadership in Public Service, made possible by the generous support of the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute, will engage a select group of undergraduate UChicago “Shriver Undergraduate Fellows,” in a yearlong program of practical training in public service leadership based on the example, achievements, and methods of Sargent Shriver.

**2014/15 TIMELINE**

**FALL 2014**
To kick-off the Shriver Program, Jamie Price of SSPI will lead a series of four workshops exploring a case study related to a political achievement in the career of Sargent Shriver. These workshops will be open to the public. Applications for the Shriver Undergraduate Fellowship will be due in November.

**WINTER/SPRING 2015**
The inaugural cohort of Shriver Undergraduate Fellows will engage in a public service leadership training, including eight problem-solving workshops, geared to help them explore a significant urban challenge and develop a program to address it.

**SUMMER 2015**
Shriver Undergraduate Fellows will be placed in 10-week paid internships where they can apply first-hand the skills they have learned through the Shriver program workshops, trainings and experiences.

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM PILOT (2014)**
The Institute of Politics’ Professional Skills Program (PSP) pilot consisted of a series of six skill-based workshops offered from January through May of 2014. Each workshop focused on a different professional skill specific to excelling in a career in politics or public service. For the pilot program, an IOP staff member led each of the six workshops in his or her area of expertise; close to 200 students attended PSP workshops. The PSP aimed to develop both hard and soft practical skills that would help students translate their rigorous UChicago education into meaningful careers post-graduation. Our hope is that, equipped with skills strengthened through this program, students will feel empowered to excel in both internships and careers in politics and public service.

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UChicago student Rachel Corrigan working at the 3rd ward Alderman’s office in Chicago, where she had an IOP-sponsored UPReP internship.

Omar Safadi, 3rd year undergrad on his Summer 2014 internship with the U.S. State Department.

“This internship was a once in a lifetime experience. It made me seriously consider communications as a potential career choice, and put me into contact with some of the best and brightest in the field of politics, who shared with the interns their career journeys and gave us advice for paving our own path forward. The ability to experience life at the White House has been a dream of mine since I was very young, and walking through the gates every morning and working among some of the hardest working people alive gave me a sense of humility and a renewed sense of purpose.”

– Meredith Bohen, 4th year undergrad on her Summer 2014 internship at the White House.

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Working alongside UChicago Career Advancement’s flagship Jeff Metcalf Internship Program, the IOP offers UChicago undergraduates more than 300 domestic and international internships each summer in over 180 organizations. Domestic internships are funded at $4,000 each, while international interns receive a $5,000 stipend. Students in DC, Chicago, and NY receive IOP-supported mentorship, and attend IOP events and workplace site visits.

SUMMER STIPEND PROGRAM
The Summer Stipend Program offers the opportunity for students who have independently secured internships in politics, policy, or a related field to apply for a $2,000 stipend to support their work.

URBAN RESEARCH AND POLICY PROGRAM (UPReP)
UPReP is an academic year internship program for University of Chicago undergraduate and graduate students. This program offers students paid, substantive research and policy internships at local government agencies and with Chicago aldermen, thereby creating opportunities for UChicago students to apply their rigorous academic training to complex urban challenges. UPReP is a partnership among various UChicago departments and centers, including: The Crime Lab, The Urban Education Institute, Career Advancement, and the Office of Civic Engagement.

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100,000 – HOURS OF WORK PROVIDED TO EMPLOYERS BY IOP INTERNS DURING THE SUMMER OF 2014.

PLACED STUDENTS IN 14 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES INCLUDING CHINA, GREECE, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND SWEDEN.

INCREASE SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN CALIFORNIA, AMONG THE GOP, AND IN THE MEDIA AND CONSULTING SECTORS.
“A huge part of my job [as the 2013 Summer in Washington Coordinator] was managing all the communications for our alumni, our potential guests, for any student who may be in D.C., and convincing them why it’d be worth their time to be involved with the Institute. I realized that I was developing skills of being really comfortable talking to people at any level in D.C., and I realized that was really important because in journalism a huge part of your job is getting any person to talk to you, and be comfortable having an in-depth conversation. This job helped me beyond what I thought it ever could.”

– Maira Khwaja, 3rd year undergrad

“Today, Chicago is facing many serious challenges... With all of these problems it is easy to fall in line and claim the city’s political system is fundamentally broken. The best way to change that reality is to stand up and get involved. Why not join in the scrum and make a little political disruption?”

– Will Fernandez, 4th year undergrad and SEB chair, writing in The Chicago Maroon in September 2014

“I am excited about working with the students and I expect what they want from me is my real world experience, what it’s like to be a journalist – not exactly pounding the pavement but pounding the internet – whereas what I’m interested in is getting an academic experience and having the chance to slow down a little bit and think about the larger implications of what we’re doing in daily journalism.”

– Ana Marie Cox, Spring 2014 Fellow
The IOP Communications team recently launched a new campaign to help increase student participation with the IOP:

- **GET INVOLVED** – reorganization and design of website language and graphics to break down the many ways for students to get involved

- **“THIS IS YOUR IOP”** – a social media and marketing-based awareness campaign

This campaign is a direct result of the IOP’s first ever student survey and town hall, held in June 2014.

**iTUNES U**

The IOP this fall is promoting its iTunesU account, enabling subscribers to enjoy video and audio of IOP Speaker Series events. Starting with the soft launch of the iTunesU account last spring, all past recorded events dating back to September 2013 were uploaded. Now this fall the IOP is starting a public roll-out of the account, aiming to increase awareness of and interest in the IOP’s events.

**IOPtv Series Highlights**

**RICK SANFORD**

MAY 8, 2014

“The Democratic Party is the one that’s putting all of their eggs in one basket right now. That can be a dangerous thing to do. Mrs. Clinton’s certainly had opportunities before to be the nominee of the party, and it didn’t turn out so well for her, and to now put all of their trust in her again to be the savior, if you will. I think there is a high risk strategy for them. Our challenge is that there are a dozen, or more, Republican potential candidates. … It would be much more of a free-for-all, which for me, I see as an opportunity.”

**ANA MARIE COX**

JUNE 16, 2014

“The main message I had, and I think it was heard for students, was that you think you’re not interested in politics, but your life is political. It’s not just about voting, it’s not just about supporting a candidate or supporting a particular policy. What you do in your life is political, and the way that you talk about it online is political. My hope is that students realized that doing activism or engaging in politics isn’t something that you have to make a plan for, and something that you’ll put on your list of things to do later in life, you can already be doing it.”
DAVID AXELROD
Executive Director
A University of Chicago alumnus, David Axelrod is a 35-year veteran of American politics and journalism. Prior to becoming a political consultant, Axelrod spent eight years as a reporter and columnist for the Chicago Tribune, including a stint as the City Hall bureau chief. As a political consultant, Axelrod has managed and communicated strategy for more than 150 local, state and national campaigns. Axelrod most recently served as Senior Strategist to President Obama’s 2012 re-election campaign. He served in that role in then-Senator Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign, before going on to serve in the White House as Senior Advisor to the President. After the 2002 campaign, Axelrod focused his efforts on the Institute of Politics to help inspire and train the next generation of leaders.

STEVE EDWARDS
Executive Director
For more than two decades, Steve Edwards has covered politics and public policy as a journalist and program host. His work has appeared on the BBC, Bloomberg News, PBS and on numerous public radio stations around the United States. Most recently, he spent nearly 14 years at WBEZ, Chicago's NPR member station, where he served as host of the acclaimed show The Afternoon Shift and Eight Forty-Eight. Steve has moderated numerous candidate debates, hosted the weekly political show The Week In Review, and was the correspondent for a BBC documentary on Chicago’s political culture. A native of Kansas City, he was a Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan and earned his A.B. in political science from Amherst College.

AMIN CYNTJE
Director, Programming
Prior to joining the Institute, Amin Cyntje was the director of National Journal Live, where he was responsible for building content and leading the execution of all of National Journal’s public policy programs. In this role, he worked closely with National Journal's editors, writers, and executives to build nonprofit programs that engaged national thought leaders on issues of national import. Before joining National Journal, he served as a program manager at the Partnership for Public Service, where he developed strategy, messaging, and communications for a nationwide public education campaign to honor America’s public servants. Amin has also held positions at Global Leadership Centre, where he managed the organization's Congressional hip-hop series and was the Washington Director for then-Senator Barack Obama and Representative Stephen Lynch. A native of St. Thomas, USVI, Cyntje is a graduate of the George Washington University and Bournemouth University.

MATTHEW JAFFE
Director, Communications
Prior to joining the Institute, Matthew Jaffe covered national politics as a reporter and producer for ABC News Network. Based in ABC's Washington, DC bureau, in 2008 he was an embedded reporter with the campaign of then vice-presidential candidate Joe Biden. Prior to that, he covered finance and the federal response to the economic crisis as ABC's Washington-based digital reporter covering the U.S. Senate. The following year, Matthew covered the Republican presidential primary for both ABC News and CNN. Most recently, he was an executive producer and reporter based in ABC's Chicago bureau, covering stories such as Hurricane Sandy, the Boston marathon bombing and the election of Pope Francis. A native of Philadelphia, he earned his B.A. from Georgetown University and has also studied in Spain, England, Mexico and Costa Rica.

DILLAN SIEGLER
Director, Partnerships and Engagement
Dillan Siegler is the Director of Partnerships and Engagement and a member of the IOP’s founding team. In this role, he oversees close to 500 student engagement and internship opportunities for UChicago students, and helps manage the IOP’s 10-plus on- and off-campus partnerships. Dillan has worked at the University for six years during which time he founded and managed the UChicago Career Engagement (UCE) program for Career Advancement, a part of the pre-professional development at UChicago. In this role, he converted UChicago's educational into meaningful public service careers post-graduation. Prior to coming to the University, Dillan ran the Adult Teaching and Employment Program at a westside nonprofit, which provided resources and services to individuals with criminal backgrounds, disabilities, and other significant barriers to employment. Dillan received an MBA in Managerial and Organizational Behavior from UChicago's Booth School of Business and a BA in Psychology from Yale University.

KARNIKA IYENGAR
Assistant Director, Internship Programs
As a proud University of Chicago alumna, Karnika is thrilled to return to campus to serve the University community. Prior to joining the Institute, Karnika worked as an litigation paralegal at Covington & Burling LLP in New York City, focusing on intellectual property law, government, international affairs, and media. An Oklahoma native, she graduated from the University of Chicago in 2011 with a BA in Political Science.

MALLORY MCLAIRE
Assistant Director, Events
Prior to joining the Institute, Mallory Mclaire worked at the University of Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture where she assisted the Executive Director for three years. Before entering this role, she was a researcher on the Chicago Neighborhood Tourism Project, a groundbreaking assessment of tourism assets in Chicago’s neighborhoods. Her background in event management includes work in Millennium Park, the Chicago Cultural Center, and Mayor's Office of Special Events. Mallory is a Chicago native and holds a B.A. in English from the University of Missouri.

KATRINA MERTENS
Assistant Director, Operations & Budget
Since 2010, Katrina Mertens served as executive assistant to the general counsel and deputy superintendent of the Illinois State Board of Education. Prior to assisting the general counsel, she served as an administrative assistant in the special education division for the Board. Katrina moved to Chicago in 2008 from Baltimore, where she worked in the narcotics unit of the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. She has an MA in counseling from Roosevelt University and a BS in criminal justice and urban studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

EDDIE PAIN
Assistant Director, Fellows Program
Having recently received his Master's degree from UChicago's Harris School of Public Policy, Eddie Pain is excited to remain on campus and work with the visiting fellows and the University community at the Institute of Politics. Prior to joining the Institute, Eddie worked as the marketing manager in a start-up company and was on the executive board of the Dallas Chinese Community Center (DCCC). His experience in event organizing includes DCCC's annual fundraiser and community engagement events, nation-wide Chinese cinema screenings, short-term exchanges and students program at University of Texas at Dallas, and Chicago Harris School student recruitment program.

CHRISTINE HURLEY
Associate Producer, Speaker Series
Prior to joining the Institute of Politics team, Christine worked as an Associate Producer for Chicago Tonight on Chicago's PBS. While at channel 11, Christine was nominated for three Midwest Emmy Awards. She is a native of Chicago's southwest suburbs. She received her BA in English Literature from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2009. Christine returned to Chicago after graduation and began work on her Master's degree in Journalism at DePaul University, which she completed in 2011.

LUCY LITTLE
Multimedia Specialist
Prior to joining the Institute of Politics, Lucy served as the 2012 - 2013 Dr. Aizik Wolf Human Rights Post-Baccalaureate Fellow, where she worked with Heartland Alliance for Human Rights & Human Needs developing and implementing trauma-sensitive creative arts activities and group curricula for undocumented immigrant youth living in short-term residential programs in Chicago. A New York City native, she graduated from the University of Chicago in 2012 with a BA in music.

ZANE MAXWELL
Multimedia Specialist
Zane Maxwell comes to the IOP from the Heartland Alliance Policy and Advocacy team, where he served as the Communications and Policy Intern. He has also worked with the Mvisa Challenge, tutoring Chicago youth in social media advocacy and strategy. Zane is a long time filmmaker, graphic designer, and photographer and uses those skills to create everything from infographics to documentary films. He graduated in 2013 with a BA in Politics from Villanova University.

CHRIS HUFF
2014 - 2015 RESE Fellow, Student Civic Engagement Coordinator
Chris comes to the Institute of Politics through the New Sector Alliance’s Residency in Social Enterprise fellowship, an intensive 18-week learning opportunity for individuals pursuing careers in non-profit work. As a 2014 graduate of the University of Chicago’s School of Social Service Administration with an A.M. in Social Administration, Chris is excited to take on a new role within the CU community. Prior to receiving his Master’s, Chris attended Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, where he acquired a bachelor’s degree in Political Communication and Economic Development.
THE BOARD OF ADVISORS TO THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS INCLUDES A DIVERSE GROUP OF LEADERS IN CIVIC LIFE, POLITICS, BUSINESS AND JOURNALISM.

The principal responsibility of board members is to attend one-day, bi-annual meetings to review the Institute’s programs and activities. In addition we ask our board members’ assistance in four other areas:

- Recruiting of Fellows
- Arrangement of rewarding internship opportunities
- Outreach to elected and government officials, political operatives, journalists and others to participate in our Speaker Series and other Institute-sponsored events
- Promoting the Institute and its activities through any social media outlets used by the board member

Members have no fiduciary duty and they serve on a volunteer basis in an advisory capacity to the Institute director and staff.

The bi-annual meetings take place in Chicago in the spring and late fall. Board members are appointed to an initial three-year term, which is renewable upon mutual agreement.
The Institute of Politics Student Executive Board is the leading body of the IOP Student Association, which encompasses the various avenues for student engagement at the Institute. The SEB both supports staff-led efforts and develops its own student opportunities.

**CO-CHAIRS**

**WILLIAM FERNANDEZ, SENIOR CO-CHAIR**  
College Student, History ’15

**ANERI AMIN, JUNIOR CO-CHAIR**  
College Student, Law, Letters, and Society & Political Science ’16

**890 – TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN IOP INTERNSHIPS, SCE PROJECTS, SCE SITE VISITS, ALL AMBASSADORSHIPS, UCPU, THE GATE AND THE SEB.**

**RECEIVING DRAMATICALLY INCREASED STUDENT INTEREST FROM THE INCOMING FIRST YEAR CLASS (CLASS OF 2018) AS REPORTED BY ADMISSIONS.**

**WORK TO CREATE A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY BY STREAMLINING, EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-LED PROGRAMMING AT THE IOP.**

**EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

This committee assists IOP staff in overseeing the logistics and programming side of IOP events, manages student volunteers and ambassadors, and assists with the creation and implementation of programming ideas.

**CONSTANCE BOOZER**  
Master of Public Policy Candidate, Harris School of Public Policy ’15

**ANGELICA KAESER**  
College Student, Economics & Public Policy, ’15

**YANGYANG CHENG**  
PhD Candidate, Physics ’15

**ALEXANDER SERRATELLI**  
College Student, Political Science ’16

**FELLOWS PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

This committee assists IOP staff in bringing Fellows to campus and helps select the quarterly Fellows Ambassadors. The committee also leads the Fellows Ambassadors and works to keep the group engaged both during and after their time with the Fellows.

**ARLIN HILL**  
College Student, Political Science ’15

**ROBERT VANNESTE**  
Master’s Candidate, Harris School of Public Policy ’15

**SARAH MORELL**  
AB/AM Joint Degree Student, International Relations ’16

**STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee assists IOP staff in developing, managing and assisting each of the Student Civic Engagement program areas and projects, all of which are geared toward fostering student engagement in the local community. This committee is also tasked with managing the new project proposal process, and working with accepted student projects to help implement and grow the new IOP-supported civic engagement projects.

**MARA HENEGHAN**  
College Student, Public Policy ’16

**ERIN SIMPSON**  
College Student, Public Policy ’15

**MAIRA KHWAJA**  
College Student, History ’16

**SAMANTHA WEISS**  
College Student, Economics & Political Science ’17

**STEPHEN LANDRY**  
College Student, Economics & Political Science, ’17

**DIVERSITY AND CAMPUS COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Working with IOP staff, this new committee is comprised of one SEB member from every other committee and is tasked with ensuring that the Institute continues to be an inclusive forum that represents diversity in areas such as, but not limited to, the following eight pillars: race, religion, sexual orientation, political ideology, gender, occupation, geography and academic discipline. The committee aims for these pillars to be represented equally throughout our programming and outreach, and is tasked with ensuring that the IOP maintains strong ties with the campus community.
“I was talking to an alumna who has just placed two interns this summer – it’s really fun to be able to so actively help make sure current students have opportunities that we weren’t able to seize when we were students, and to really see the UChicago presence growing.”

- Ngiste Abebe, AB ’09, DC Alumni Club Communications Chair

A key element of the IOP’s engagement strategy involves the continued participation of the UChicago alumni community, both those who graduated before the IOP opened, and young alumni who were able to experience IOP programming before leaving campus. All opportunities for alumni to engage with the IOP center around the mission to ignite in young people a passion for politics, and to engage current students with UChicago-connected practitioners at various points in their political and public service careers. Currently, our main avenues of alumni participation take place during our Summer in Washington, New York, and Chicago programs, when many students from the IOP are interning in those cities. As the IOP grows, more UChicago alumni will have actively participated with the IOP while they were students. We are currently developing opportunities for our recent graduates to remain actively engaged with the IOP, including an IOP Alumni Advisory Committee and “IOP Alumni Liaison” volunteer positions to help maintain connections between the IOP and regional communities.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALUMNI:

> Become a mentor
> Host a workplace site visit
> Participate in career conversations and seminars for students
> Host “office hours” with interested students
> Organize social activities for alumni and students to interact and work with each other
> Host a summer intern at his/her home if outside Chicago
> Become an employer and host student interns in his/her organization
> Attend IOP events

FUNDRAISING

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE: $4.9M (+20%)

ENDOWMENT: $1.5M
INTERNSHIPS: $1.5M
FELLOWS: $1.5M

MAJOR FUNDERS

Alphawood Foundation: $1.0M
Pritzker Foundation: $1.0M
Bernard & Carol Winograd/Tricoastal: $1.0M
Blum-Kovler Family Foundation: $200,000
Lester Crown: $100,000
Emily Nicklin: $75,000

NEW GRANTS

MacArthur Foundation: $500K ($100/5) for Fellows
Irving Harris Foundation: $250K/5yrs for Internships
Bloomberg Philanthropies: $50K for General Ops

DIRECTOR’S CIRCLE ($10K AND ABOVE):

Members: 14
Total Raised: $3.5M

2014/15 STRATEGY

ENDOWMENT

Focus on landing lead gift
> Hired Jim Feldstein of Feldstein & Co as strategic advisor
> Aug: Research and identify 5-10 lead gift targets
> Sept/Oct: Refining case messages & products
> Nov-June: Solicitations and cultivation

OPERATING SUPPORT

Develop and implement annual giving campaign
> Trimester appeal to alumni, parents and Chicago friends
> Focus on student programs (internships) and speaker benefits to Chicago
> Refine Director’s Circle and expand membership
> Robust, organized stewardship efforts

A double rainbow over the National Mall during the 2014 Summer in Washington program.
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296 TOTAL INTERNSHIPS

272 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

24 ACADEMIC YEAR INTERNSHIPS

DIVISION BY FOCUS AREA*

> 36 are Communications
> 35 are Public Policy
> 30 are in Research
> 26 are Advocacy
> 22 are Healthcare
> 20 are Law
> 20 are Local Government
> 18 are Legislative
> 14 are Finance/Economics
> 12 are Consulting
> 12 are Education
> 11 are International Relations
> 10 are Rights/Discrimination
> 4 are Environmental
> 2 are Science/Tech

DIVISION BY COLLEGE MAJOR

> 55 are Political Science
> 46 are Public Policy
> 37 are Economics
> 20 are in the Sciences/Math
> 19 are International Studies
> 13 are Law, Letters, & Society
> 12 are History
> 11 are Undeclared

The remaining majors include: Anthropology, Comparative Human Development, English, Environmental Studies, Fundamentals, Geographical Studies, NELC, Philosophy, Sociology, and SALC.

DIVISION BY GRADUATION YEAR

> 33 are Class of 2014
> 107 are in Class of 2015
> 85 are Class of 2016
> 45 are Class of 2017
> 1 is CIR 2014
> 1 is PhD 2019

DIVISION BY SECTOR

> 102 are in Advocacy/Non-Profit
> 70 are in Government Agencies
> 49 are in Political Offices
> 21 are in Media/Communications
> 15 are in Political Consulting
> 15 are at Think Tanks

DIVISION BY LOCATION

> 73 are in Washington, DC
> 113 are in Chicago, IL
> 24 are in New York, NY
> 27 are internationally-based, in Belgium, Chile, China, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and U.A.E.

* All numbers based on Summer 2014 internship metrics
STUDENT PROGRAMS

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

> Argonne National Laboratory
> Chicago Transit Authority
> Democratic Legislative Office of Monroe County, NY
> Division of Indian Affairs, Office of the Solicitor
> Foreign Service Institute (State Department)
> Gobierno de Chile, Ministerio de Hacienda (International: Chile)
> Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
> Illinois Governor’s Office of Legislative Affairs
> Illinois Office of Trade and Investment (International: Belgium)
> New York City Department of Health
> New York City Queens County District Attorney’s Office
> Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (International: France)
> Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board
> State Attorney’s Office (Domestic Violence Division)
> United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (International: Hungary)
> U.S. Agency for International Development
> U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of California
> U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
> U.S. Department of Commerce
> U.S. Department of Energy
> U.S. Department of the Interior
> U.S. Department of Homeland Security
> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
> U.S. Department of State
> U.S. Department of State (International: Belgium)
> U.S. Department of State (International: China)
> U.S. Department of State (International: Greece)
> U.S. Department of State (International: Japan)
> U.S. Department of State (International: The Netherlands)
> U.S. Department of State (International: Sweden)
> U.S. Department of State (International: Switzerland)
> U.S. Department of Transportation
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
> U.S. Peace Corps
> U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
> The White House
> The World Bank

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ELECTED & POLITICAL OFFICES

> Office of Alderman Brendan Reilly, 42nd Ward
> Office of Alderman George Cardenas, 12th Ward
> Office of Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL)
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> Office of Council Member Corey Johnson (NYC-3)
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> Office of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)
> Office of U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)
> Office of U.S. Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL)
> Office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (R-OR)

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NON-PROFIT & ADVOCACY GROUPS

EDUCATION (15)

> Advance Illinois
> Chicago International Charter School
> CivicLab
> Collegiate Scholars Program
> IIRON Student Network
> Illinois Association of School Boards
> Illinois Federation of Teachers
> National Endowment for the Humanities
> Noble Network of Charter Schools
> Stand for Children
> University of Chicago Center in Beijing (International: China)
> University of Chicago Crime Lab
> University of Chicago Institute of Politics
> University of Chicago Office of Federal Relations
> University of Chicago Urban Education Lab

LEGAL (13)

> American Refugee Committee
> Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
> JusticeWorks YouthCare
> Lawyer’s Committee for Better Housing/Legal Assistance Foundation
> Lawyers Without Borders
> Legal Aid Society of New York
> Legal Services Corporation
> National Immigrant Justice Center
> Orleans Public Defenders
> Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
> Southern Poverty Law Center
> The People’s Lobby
> Vera Institute of Justice

HEALTH/SCIENCE (7)

> Alliance for the Great Lakes
> Center for Neighborhood Technology
> Chicago Wilderness
> Forest Preserve Foundation
> Museum of Science and Industry
> University of Chicago Hospitals
> University of Chicago MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics

OTHER (30)

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> CHANGE Illinois
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> Common Cause Illinois
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SPEAKER SERIES  
FALL 2014 SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2 PM  
REP. PAUL RYAN, R-WI

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6 PM  
IS THE AMERICAN DREAM DEAD? GROWING THE MIDDLE CLASS IN AN ERA OF INCREASING ECONOMIC PRESSURE, featuring Dr. Austan Goolsbee, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Jason Furman, and Megan McArdle

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 6 PM  
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“There are two ways to stand out in Hyde Park,” said an economic adviser to President Obama who was here speaking at an event during my first year. “One is to literally be on fire and the other is to be a Republican.”

To a new college student from a traditionally red state, these words came as a warning: I am a Republican at a university where the vast majority is liberal. That might sound intimidating. Honestly, it’s actually a pretty cool thing.

Sure, our college Republican group is a little smaller than the Democratic one, and there are not that many local campaign jobs I’m interested in pursuing. On the other hand, most people on campus are not talking about politics all the time, so my political affiliation is not that big a deal. Ultimately, I feel more marginalized on campus for being a low-income student and a devoted religious person than I do for being a Republican.

That is not to say being a conservative here does not have its quirks. When going into meetings with other politically-minded folks, normally the opening joke is about the small amount of Republicans in the room (by “small amount” I mean “one” and by “one” I mean “me”). It is only natural, then, for people in a discussion to assume that everyone in the group feels the same way on most issues. It is difficult for me to be in the dining hall or house lounge and hear comments like, “If it weren’t for those [bleeping] Republicans...” At the same time, I wonder, “Do my peers and I make similar comments about Democrats when we’re back home?”

Fortunately for me – and other Republicans – the Institute of Politics is a non-partisan place where I have the chance to explore my political views in a safe zone and an intelligent, respectful space. At the IOP it’s not about which side you are on, but rather about what you can contribute to the issues that our country faces today. My hope is that my experiences here as a conservative on campus will teach me to compromise and understand both sides of the political spectrum so that when I work in policy one day, I can affect real, substantive changes for the better.

Another quirk from being a Republican at UChicago is that when I go home on breaks, people ask if I’ve been turned into a flaming liberal yet by being up in “Obama-town”.

“Not yet,” I reply. “But I now understand so much more about the world of politics – and that’s exactly what I’d hoped for in the first place.”
An education at the University of Chicago famously prioritizes theoretical knowledge over practical skills. We even have a self-deprecating t-shirt that proclaims, "That’s all well and good in practice – but how does it work in theory?"

That’s not all true at the Institute of Politics. Interning at the IOP has felt like taking a crash course in event planning, communications, marketing, and crisis management – all at once. As the Events Intern, I have helped to coordinate logistics and planning for the 200-plus events that the IOP has held thus far.

Planning an event is an exercise in empathy. You have to imagine the struggles your guests might face in attending an event and plan for every scenario. Is there parking available nearby? Will handicapped guests be able to easily access a restroom? Does the speaker know how to get from the green room to the stage? These are all questions the Events team has to ask before every event. Murphy’s law says that anything that can go wrong will go wrong – and the Events team has to develop a Plan B in case it does.

Until I began interning at the IOP, I never realized how much work goes into making a single event happen. The IOP has a checklist that contains over 50 boxes that need to be ticked off before an event takes place. A year ago, I couldn’t have told you the difference between bunting and drape if my life had depended on it. Now I can recite that 50-step checklist in my sleep.

Will I ever need to know Durkheim’s theory of social class in the future? Probably not – although I wouldn’t have come to the University of Chicago if I weren’t eager to read Durkheim. But being an IOP intern means that I’ve learned practical skills like event planning and marketing while taking classes on philosophy and Taylor polynomials. Being an IOP intern also means that in advance of a large event, you can find me leading a Secret Service detail on a tour of our beautiful campus.
INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION
KATHERINE SACCO, MAY 27, 2014

Emmanuel loves to ask questions. Trezhur is quiet, but thoughtful. Shayanne likes to greet me with a hug.

Every Tuesday, I head six miles south on Stony Island to work with Emmanuel, Trezhur, and Shayanne and other fifth through eighth grade students as part of a ‘Run for Office’ apprenticeship program in conjunction with Citizen Schools. Citizen Schools is a nation-wide effort to increase the quality of education in low-income communities by providing an expanded school day; our apprenticeships contribute to this goal by exposing students to real-world learning experiences.

Many of the other apprenticeships are run by professionals from big-name companies like Google and Deloitte, but through the IOP’s sponsorship, my two fellow students and I are able to teach a course on something we all love: politics.

We wanted to get the students engaged in political issues pertinent to their own lives, so we structured our ten-week curriculum around building an issue campaign. The students chose four issues that were important to them—minimum wage, animal abuse, gang violence, and bullying—and we helped them develop convincing campaigns to address these problems. At the end of the apprenticeship, the students produced creative, clever campaign commercials about the issue they cared about most.

It’s been challenging at times: politics doesn’t exactly get middle school students fired up. But it’s been incredibly rewarding. Over the past ten weeks, I’ve seen our students sincerely invest in the issues they were working on and think innovatively about ways to improve their community. One day they even got to meet an alderman during a class visit that the IOP helped to arrange.

While the opportunity to share my passion for politics has been fantastic, the relationships I’ve formed with the students have been even more valuable. Now we can only hope that the students will continue to develop their political awareness and maybe, a few years from now, remember a tidbit of something we taught them about campaigning. I know I’ll remember them.
THE MOST IMPORTANT TEST OF YOUR LIFE
CHELSEA FINE, JUNE 3, 2014

In January I nearly failed a U.S. citizenship test. While I knew that Benjamin Franklin was the author of Poor Richard’s Almanack, I wrongly guessed that the Constitution was signed in 1782 and was unable to define the rule of law. Fortunately, it was only a practice test and I don’t have to worry about the real thing.

As a member of New Americans UChicago, I tutor immigrants for their very real citizenship exams. Every Wednesday some other students and I drive to a community center to meet with immigrants in an effort to help them pass their exams. We teach them about the three branches of government, explain the difference between the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, and conduct practice interviews.

It would be easy were it not for the language barriers I face. While I know how to say “por favor,” “gracias” and “dónde está la biblioteca?” I don’t know how to teach them in Spanish about, say, the accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King Jr.

Even though I haven’t learned a lot of Spanish, I have gained a new appreciation for what it means to be an American citizen. When you are working with a woman whose husband in the U.S. illegally and desperately needs citizenship to support her disabled daughter, you stop taking citizenship for granted.

I will never forget my first day of tutoring, because it was my birthday and it happened to be my student’s birthday, too. Even though we had only just met, we ate cake and sang happy birthday in English and Spanish. One month later she passed her citizenship exam. Just last week I learned that the two students I worked with this quarter passed their exams, too. Looks like it’s time for another celebration.
THAT'S DEBATABLE  
CHARLES KARGMAN, JUNE 6, 2014

During my time at UChicago, some of my favorite moments were the conversations I had at my house table in Bartlett Dining Commons: enthusiastic debates with friends, acquaintances and newcomers on subjects ranging from states’ rights to net neutrality to Best Picture nominees. Meals became a great chance to get away from classes and talk about issues that matter to me.

The Institute of Politics has helped me re-create that in another setting. As head of the UChicago Political Union (UCPU), we’re dedicated to hosting biweekly debates on current political issues in a non-partisan environment. It’s a break from schoolwork – a chance to talk gun control, college sports, you name it – with politically engaged people from a variety of backgrounds.

Thanks to the IOP’s assistance, our debates have only grown richer and more enjoyable. Not only does the IOP let us use their facilities to host our debates and email lists to publicize our programming, but they frequently lend their Fellows and visiting speakers to contribute their perspective to the Union. Former members of Congress Sue Kelly (R-NY) and Lincoln Davis (D-TN) spoke about the costs of military action at our humanitarian intervention debate, while Kasim Reed, the Mayor of Atlanta, observed our roundtable about drug legalization. It’s hard to believe how often the IOP facilitates us to talk politics with actual practitioners.

In moderating our debates, I feel like a judge, student, and spectator, all at once. At the IOP’s Politipalooza, I pitched the Union to incoming first years as a place where “political theater is king.” My pitch wasn’t that far off – but the theater is as informative as it is entertaining. Watching all this even as I am moderating the proceedings, I often find myself simultaneously laughing and questioning my own political beliefs at the same time. Whether it’s NAFTA or the NBA, hopefully the IOP and the Union are inspiring students to get involved and debate the issues that matter to them.
VOTING IS EASY
LESLIE GLOTZER, OCTOBER 1, 2014

In November 2012, only 45% of citizens ages 18-24 were registered to vote. Of that group, only 21% actually turned out on Election Day. And that was a presidential election year, which always attracts a higher voter turnout than midterm elections. In other words, yikes.

I can understand why voter turnout amongst college students is so low. At a time when you can talk to someone halfway across the globe, pay your bills, and order almost anything online in seconds, an overwhelming number of states still rely on pen and paper to register new voters. Navigating state board of elections websites to request an absentee ballot can seem nearly impossible. Besides, what college student has stamps lying around the dorm room to send in a registration form or an absentee ballot?

But here’s the thing – voting doesn’t have to be so difficult. Founded in 2010, TurboVote is a nonprofit, nonpartisan online voter platform that allows you to register to vote, request absentee ballots, and sign up for email and text reminders for upcoming election deadlines, all in less than five minutes. Through a partnership with the Institute of Politics, UChicago has its own TurboVote site, which means that all UChicago students get registration forms and absentee ballots in a pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelope. All you have to do is sign your name and put the form in the mail.

Thanks to the IOP Metcalf internship program, I had the incredible opportunity to work at TurboVote this summer. It was inspiring to see how much progress can be accomplished in real time; every day hundreds of students across the country become new voters.

At the IOP, UChicago students can come together and talk about the issues that matter. All political beliefs are welcome, and I love having a community that allows for thoughtful debate with my peers. But no matter what we believe, I think we can all agree on one thing - voting is important. Moreover, it is our democratic responsibility. So in this new age of voting, when it takes under five minutes to get all of the election materials you need to be prepared this November, let’s all make our voices heard. It starts here: http://tvote.org/1B3KnYb
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IOP FALL FELLOWS ANNOUNCE SEMINAR TOPICS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

The University of Chicago Institute of Politics Fall Quarter Fellows today announced the dates and topics of the seminars that they will lead at the IOP in the coming months.

Kevin Bleyer, Megan McArdle, Eliseo Medina, Patrick Murphy and Steve Schmidt arrive on campus next week, starting with a “Meet the Fellows” welcome at 4:30p CT on October 1. RSVP at http://2014fallmeetthefellows.eventbrite.com. All Fellows events are off-the-record, closed press, and free of charge, but registration is required. Registration info is at the end of this email and can be found on Eventbrite. Learn more at http://uchipolitics.eventbrite.com.

Bleyer, a former writer for “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” will lead a Tuesday seminar series entitled “Politics & Pop Culture: Making Politics Palatable Through Media.” Starting with his first seminar on October 21, Bleyer will look at how Hollywood turns politics into art, with the help of leading screenwriters, producers, essayists, and authors including a writer from “The Colbert Report” and a writer formerly with “The West Wing.”

A columnist for Bloomberg View who has an MBA from Chicago Booth, McArdle will hold a Tuesday seminar series called “Inside the Policymaking Sausage Factory: What’s Promised on the Campaign Trail and What Actually Makes Policy.” During the series, which begins October 7, McArdle will delve into how the policymaking process works and why it systematically produces different outcomes from what voters, and even politicians, are expecting. With topics ranging from ObamaCare to marijuana legalization, McArdle will assess how these policies were described and how they actually happened. Guests include Doug Elmendorf, director of the Congressional Budget Office.

Medina, chair of the SEIU’s Civil Participation & Immigration Initiative, will lead a Wednesday seminar on “Immigration and the American Dream: Change from the Ground Up.” Featuring guests such as Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-FL, Medina’s seminar will kick off on October 8 and look at the problems with the current immigration system, the building of an immigrant rights movement and coalition, the status of legislative reform efforts, and the movement’s political and social impact.

Starting October 9, Murphy, America’s first Iraq veteran elected to Congress, will lead a Thursday seminar series called “Charging the Hill: A Veteran’s Perspective on War, Policy and the Media.” The former Democratic congressman from Pennsylvania will reflect on his time in office as he explores the political realities that often serve as barriers to solving our country’s biggest challenges, from national security and veterans policy to domestic policy issues. During the seminar, which will feature guests such as Rep. Tammy Duckworth, D-IL, Murphy will examine timely topics such as the threat of ISIS and, in this election year, the lessons he learned as a Democrat who won in a traditionally Republican district.

Schmidt, the vice chairman of public affairs at Edelman who formerly served as a top strategist to President George W. Bush in the 2004 election, will hold a Thursday seminar called “Running for President.” During the series, which starts October 9, Schmidt will discuss his time working with candidates such as Sen. John McCain and will examine the rise of billion dollar presidential campaigns as they have become intertwined with entertainment culture, negative advertising, social media, dynamic political coalitions, and an insatiable news media.
UCHICAGO IOP KEY PART OF EFFORT FOSTERING YOUTH POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Two representatives from the University of Chicago’s Institute of Politics will travel to Harvard University this week to participate in an intensive training and conference featuring top political practitioners on bipartisan advocacy and campus political engagement, the UChicago IOP announced today.

The UChicago IOP is a member of Harvard’s Institute of Politics’ “National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement,” a consortium of 25 colleges and universities around the country aiming to engage and encourage the next generation to improve our communities through bipartisan politics and public service. On September 27-28 Harvard will host UChicago student Yangyang Cheng, a member of UChicago IOP’s Student Executive Board (SEB), and Chris Huff, a recent graduate of the UChicago School of Social Service Administration and current IOP staff member, along with four dozen other National Campaign school students for a conference entitled “Bipartisan Advocacy: Finding Common Ground.” Several of the conference’s discussions on Saturday – featuring leading professionals with expertise in campaign and issue advocacy, federal and state government, communications, negotiations and team-building – will be live-streamed on the Harvard IOP’s website at http://bit.ly/IOPNC2014.

“We’re excited that these UChicago students will have the chance to participate in this great effort to boost youth participation in politics,” said Steve Edwards, executive director of the UChicago IOP. “Given the current challenges we face in our politics, youth have a central role to play in addressing both the problems of today as well as the challenges of tomorrow.”

“The IOP is honored to host dozens of students from across the country who share our belief that politics and public service are a force for good to improve our communities,” noted Harvard IOP director Maggie Williams. “The IOP’s National Campaign conference and training will help foster political engagement both here at Harvard and at Campaign schools throughout the nation.”
THE SARGENT SHRIVER PROGRAM FOR LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

The University of Chicago Institute of Politics today announced the Sargent Shriver Program for Leadership in Public Service, a new initiative to engage a select group of third-year UChicago undergraduates in a yearlong program of practical training in public service leadership.

The program, made possible by the generous support of the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute (SSPI), will launch this fall, bringing to life the legacy and methods of Sargent Shriver, who under President John F. Kennedy led the creation of the Peace Corps and, at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson, served as Director of the War on Poverty.

“Through his example and his leadership, Sargent Shriver personified the spirit of public service the Institute of Politics was founded to promote,” said IOP Director David Axelrod. “It’s only fitting that we, at the IOP, would team with the Shriver Foundation as we pursue our mission of encouraging young people to consider lives in the public arena.”

The Shriver Program will consist of three consecutive components starting this fall and continuing through the summer of 2015. During the fall quarter, students can attend four workshops exploring innovative approaches to decision making. These workshops will use a case study methodology to understand how to build lasting collaboration and surmount seemingly intractable obstacles when building programs or addressing complex societal challenges. During the winter and spring quarters, selected Shriver Program students will be given an urban challenge and be led through weekly workshops to develop a new city-wide program to address the challenge. Students who participate in the 2014-2015 academic year components of the Shriver Program will have access to summer 2015 internships where they can engage hands-on in problem solving and program-building across disciplines.

“We are very pleased to be launching the Shriver Program in partnership with the IOP and the College this fall,” said Jamie Price, the executive director of the SSPI. “It will provide a wonderful opportunity for UChicago students to wrestle personally with the model of public service leadership Sarge exemplified, and to gain hands-on experience in the problem-solving methods he employed. We look forward to getting started next month.”

Price, who holds a Ph.D. from the Divinity School at UChicago, will serve as the inaugural Shriver Fellow at the IOP, helping to implement and execute the program in collaboration with the College and the IOP. He will officially begin this fellowship in October 2014, to coincide with the launch of the Shriver Program on campus.

Since its launch in January 2013 the IOP has presented over 400 guest speakers, hosted 34 Fellows and over 200 Fellows seminars, and placed over 500 students in internships around the world.

For more information about the IOP, visit http://politics.uchicago.edu and follow the IOP on Facebook and Twitter.

For more information about the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute, visit sargentshriver.org and follow SSPI on Facebook and Twitter.
IOP ANNOUNCES TRIP TO CHINA, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE DEPARTMENT, AUGUST 13, 2014

With a motto like “Igniting a Passion in Politics & Public Service,” the University of Chicago Institute of Politics has been committed from day one to helping students pursue careers in public service, as evidenced by the relationship between the IOP and the U.S. Department of State.

Through a variety of programs, the partnership between the IOP and State is one that has already made a difference in the lives of students, from here on campus in Chicago all the way to China. This summer alone, the partnership between the IOP and State has led to 17 internships. As part of this partnership, next month a group of 10 students will travel to Beijing at the invitation of the China Women’s University as part of the State Department’s People-to-People exchange program.

For Dillan Siegler, the IOP’s Director of Partnerships & Engagement, the relationship between the IOP and State continues to open new doors for UChicago students.

“The State Department’s internship program is extremely competitive,” Siegler said. “The rate of acceptance for UChicago students is close to double that of all students nationwide. We are incredibly proud to have such a large number of students interning there this summer.”

The relationship between the IOP and State can be traced back to before the IOP even opened its doors. In 2011 then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton founded the national Women in Public Service Project (WPSP), with the goal of achieving 50 percent representation of women in public service by 2050. Earlier this year the IOP brought the WPSP initiative here to campus in Chicago, becoming a full partner school in the program. With the generous support of the University of Chicago Women’s Board, the IOP is now helping to empower young women here to pursue careers in public service.

“We’re very excited to have this initiative on campus,” Siegler said. “Providing young women with this kind of programming and mentorship is invaluable to helping them become empowered and effective leaders.”

Come this fall, the IOP will oversee a student-led WPSP working group and, in the winter, the IOP will offer an eight-week curriculum, including national speakers and leaders, on topics and challenges critical to women’s global leadership. During Spring Quarter, UChicago students will also participate in a community action project on the South Side, just one more way students are becoming involved in public service, from Chicago to Beijing.
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SYMPOSIUM MONDAY IN CHICAGO, MAY 13, 2014

The University of Chicago Institute of Politics, the Harris School of Public Policy and The Pew Charitable Trusts are pleased to announce a May 19 symposium on the reform recommendations made by the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.

Established by President Obama after the 2012 elections, the Commission was tasked with recommending forward-looking solutions that remedy problems at the polls, modernize how Americans vote, and highlight best practices for accurate, efficient and fair elections. Join us as we convene elections experts, elected officials, advocates, researchers and academics to explore the path to implementing the Commission’s critical report for 2014, 2016 and beyond.

Participants include Bob Bauer and Benjamin Ginsberg, Presidential Commission on Election Administration co-chairs; Tammy Patrick and Chris Thomas, members of the Commission; Nate Persily, the Commission’s senior research director; and academics, experts and election officials from numerous states.

The symposium, made possible by the generous support of the Joyce Foundation, will take place on Monday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mid-America Club on the 80th floor of the Aon Center. The Aon Center requires all guests to show a state or government photo I.D. upon entering the building.

The event is open press. If you are interested in attending the event, please RSVP here.
The Institute of Politics congratulates IOP Student Executive Board member Erin Simpson on winning a prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

“Erin personifies the spirit of the Institute of Politics, where she has been an inspiration from the start,” said IOP director David Axelrod. “She is committed to making a difference and already has, leading programs at the IOP and student-run projects that are enriching local communities. We're thrilled, but not surprised, that the Truman Foundation has recognized her potential.”

Simpson, one of four University of Chicago students awarded Truman scholarships this year, is the leader of the IOP's TechTeam, a civic engagement project that connects students interested in digital campaign strategies and web technology to organizations in need of bolstering their online presence and outreach efforts.

“The four scholars are really a testament to the University of Chicago. Given the history of organizing on the South Side and all the opportunities at the Institute of Politics, this is a great place to pursue public service,” said Simpson, a third-year majoring in public policy studies. “I especially want to thank the IOP for all the support I have received. Between the many great events, the mentorship I’ve received from the fellows and staff, and their support of my leadership in local service programs and engagement with national issues, they’ve transformed my college experience and my future in public service.”

In the summer of 2013 Simpson, a Wisconsin native, served as a White House intern as part of the IOP's Summer in Washington program.

“Erin is a perfect fit for the Truman Scholarship as she is 100 percent committed to a long-term career in public service,” Dillan Siegler, the IOP’s Director of Partnerships & Engagement, said. “Last summer, not only was she selected to work in the White House’s Domestic Policy Council but she was chosen to introduce First Lady Michelle Obama. Mrs. Obama, who founded the University of Chicago Community Service Center, where Erin is also heavily involved, was thrilled to see the impact of her legacy here by witnessing such dedication and promise in UChicago students like Erin.”

The Truman Foundation this year reviewed 655 files from 294 institutions; the Finalist Selection Committee then picked 204 students from 138 institutions to participate in Regional Review Panels that were conducted between March 6 and April 11 before announcing the scholarship winners on Wednesday evening. Simpson and the other students selected as Truman Scholars will receive up to $30,000 for graduate education.