Updates for the week of January 18, 2010

STUDENTS TALK BACK Brown Bag Lunch Series
Obama One Year Later: What Have We Learned?
Weds., January 20th
11:30am-1:00pm
(Program begins at 12:00 noon)
in Doheny 233
FREE lunch will be served.

One year following President Obama's historic inauguration, many questions remain about his first term in office. While some argue that his administration had its successes - from the stimulus plan, to the commitment of 30,000+ troops to Afghanistan, to the likely passage of the first comprehensive health care bill in fifty years - others are disappointed with Obama's performance. Among the unfulfilled promises and broken campaign pledges are immigration reform, cap-and-trade, and the financial system regulatory overhaul. All of these issues feature a potential downside for President Obama as he comes under increased criticism for alienating his base of liberal supporters over the past 12 months, and for the receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize. While his inauguration a year ago seemed to herald a new era for American politics, many remain frustrated with the country's economic situation and concerns over Obama's "big government" policies. With the 2010 midterm elections less than a year away, it begs the question: After one historic year, what will the next 3 look like?

Featuring off-campus experts and Daniel Lopez of the USC College Democrats and Nick Bradica of the USC College Republicans. Moderated by Kate Mather of The Daily Trojan; and Dan Schnur, Director of the USC Unruh Institute of Politics.

STUDENTS TALK BACK is a weekly lunch series giving USC students the opportunity to discuss national and state politics with professional experts from the worlds of campaigns, government, policy and journalism. Every Wednesday, we'll discuss one issue that dominates political debate.

New internship opportunities available for Spring semester!
Earn course credit while getting real-world work experience through POSC 395
Registration deadline Friday, January 29th.

Internship placements are available in a variety of political offices and organizations, ranging from elected officials, political consultants, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, state, local and federal government agencies, environmental organizations, political parties and campaigns, interest groups, political media and more. Internships are available in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington D.C., and other cities throughout the U.S.

With over 60 opportunities currently available and actively recruiting interns, students have a wide range of internships to choose from...and more internship opportunities are being added each week!

For more information about POSC 395 and other spring or summer internship opportunities/programs, stop by the Unruh Institute in VKC 263 or email the Internship Coordinator at yutani@usc.edu.

2010 Sacramento Legislative Seminar
Sun., Feb. 28th –
Tues., March 2nd
Application deadline Friday, February 5th

The Jesse M. Unruh Institute invites all undergraduates to apply for the 2010 Sacramento Legislative Seminar. Sponsored by the Unruh Institute in conjunction with several other California colleges and universities, the Sacramento Seminar is designed to provide students with the opportunity to meet the executive and legislative leaders who shape the laws and policies of the state. Seminar panels include
One issue that dominates political debate in Washington and Sacramento. Students will participate as panelists and analysts, and our guest experts will answer questions and respond to comments from those in attendance. The Brown Bag lunch series is co-sponsored by the Unruh Institute, the Department of Political Science, The Daily Trojan, Political Student Assembly, College Democrats and College Republicans.

The program is open to undergraduates with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who have a demonstrated interest in politics, government or public service. For those chosen to attend, transportation from Los Angeles to Sacramento, as well as accommodations in Sacramento and most meals, will be provided.

Click here for the 2010 application form.

Viewing & Discussion: 2010 State of the Union Address
Wednesday, January 27th — Annenberg East Lobby
5:30pm discussion starts  6:00pm address begins

For more information about Unruh Institute Events and Programs, visit us on the web at www.usc.edu/unruh.

For questions/comments, please Email unruhins@usc.edu or call 213-740-8964.