Updates for the week of
January 25, 2010

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Brown Bag Lunch Series
Homeland Security:
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in Doheny 233
FREE lunch will be served.

After the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt, Americans are once again questioning their safety in the air. As President Obama accepted responsibility for the incident, a number of structural changes to the way Americans travel quickly followed - leading privacy advocates to question if new provisions infringe upon civil liberties. Among these provisions are full body scanners, increased use of pat-downs, and mandatory “extra security screenings” for individuals traveling from 14 specifically named countries, and the expansion of the “no fly list”. Some argue that the new measures violate travelers privacy. Others claim that flying is a choice, and as such, travelers are choosing not only to fly but also the additional screening that it necessitates. Even so, President Obama is being forced to confront an extremely difficult question - Are civil liberties more important than homeland security? And are the two mutually exclusive?

Participating in a political internship can help you gain a competitive edge in today’s job market, plus it provides practical real-world experience, helps build invaluable relationships with potential employers, and can help you earn college credit by taking POSC 395. With POSC 395, you may be able to earn between 2 and 8 credits for your major/minor course requirements or university electives.

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 in the LA-area, all actively recruiting interns, students have a wide range of internships to choose from...and more internship opportunities are being added each week!

Some summer internship opportunities, especially in Washington, D.C., have deadlines in February or even sooner. Keep checking the Unruh Institute’s website or visit the Internship Coordinator for updates about summer listings and opportunities in LA, and outside the Los Angeles area.

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.

Viewing & Discussion:
President Obama’s 2010
State of the Union Address
Wednesday, January 27th
In the Davidson Conference Center, Cardinal & Gold Room
Food served beginning at 5:00p.m. Pre-speech discussion begins at 5:30p.m., and Viewing at 6:00p.m.
Co-sponsored by the USC Annenberg School for Communication, the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, and the USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences.

NEW LISTINGS

LA League of Conservation Voters
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield

2010 Sacramento Legislative Seminar
Sun., Feb. 28th—Tues., March 2nd
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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 members of the Senate and the Assembly, lobbyists, reporters, and legislative and executive branch staff.

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.](#)

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