The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics invites you to participate in the 2011 Joseph Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership to be held Thursday, March 3rd, through Saturday, March 5th. In Sacramento, students will have the opportunity to meet the executive and legislative leaders who shape the laws and policies of the state. Scheduled events include discussions with legislators, lobbyists, campaign strategists, journalists, Capitol staff and representatives of the Brown Administration. In addition to these formally structured events, students will have the opportunity to meet and network with political, policy and government experts throughout their time in Sacramento.

For those chosen to attend the Cerrell Seminar, transportation from Los Angeles to Sacramento, hotel accommodations in Sacramento, and most meals will be provided. Students will be responsible for personal and incidental expenses.

Eligibility:

The program is open to undergraduate students of all majors currently pursuing degrees at USC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. As this is a competitive program, in addition to exemplary academic work, candidates should have a demonstrated interest in politics, government or public service, as shown through means such as:

- Attending and/or organizing political events (especially on-campus)
- Prior political volunteerism
- Political internships
- Politically-related student activities
- Attendance and/or participation in Unruh Institute events

Application instructions:

Please complete the attached application, and include an unofficial transcript, a letter of recommendation from a professor (he/she does not have to be from USC), and your answers to the two questions listed within the application. The application deadline is Friday, February 11, 2011 at 5PM.

You may return all application materials via email to rpwarren@usc.edu or submit hard copies to:

The Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics
RE: Cerrell Seminar
University of Southern California, VKC 263
Los Angeles, CA 90089
Phone: (213) 740-8964
www.usc.edu/unruh

Please direct any questions regarding the Cerrell Seminar to Roslyn Warren, Program Coordinator at the Unruh Institute, at rpwarren@usc.edu or (213) 740-7906.
Name: ___________________________ Student ID: ___________________________
Major: ___________________________ Minor: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Year: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ Other
Please list the professor (and his/her institution) who is providing your reference:
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Please list all classes taken in Political Science or related subjects.
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Please list all previous political activity and/or involvement.
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Please list all Unruh events attended.
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Please respond to the following two questions (limit 1-page for each question):
1. What are the two most important issues facing the state of California in 2011?
2. What question would you ask each of the following people if you met him or her at the Cerrell Seminar?
   a. Governor Brown?
   b. A member of the State legislature?
   c. A representative of the California Teachers Association?
   d. A representative of the California Chamber of Commerce?
Please list your Thursday class/internship/work schedule.
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Please verify that you have attached all required materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
□ unofficial transcript    □ completed application    □ essay answers    □ letter of recommendation

I hereby certify that I am enrolled at USC during the spring term of 2011. I understand that if I accept the Unruh Institute’s invitation to attend the Joseph Cerrell Sacramento Seminar in Political Leadership, but notify the Unruh Institute after 5:00P on Tuesday, February 22rd, that I will not attend, I will be expected to reimburse the Institute $100 for the cost of non-refundable airfare to Sacramento.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________