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THE UNRUH UPDATE

Diana Chudacoff Levin Summer Political Internship Awards

Application Deadline
Monday, March 29th!

The Diana Chudacoff Levin Internship Awards provide support to outstanding students who would like to explore the real world of politics through an internship experience. Applicants should demonstrate a serious interest in the political process and have aspirations which include political and civic engagement. Interns may take positions in political or governmental offices in the Los Angeles area, Sacramento, Washington D.C., and other locations.

The program is open to undergraduate students of all majors currently pursuing degrees at USC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. During Summer 2010, selected interns must register for POSC 395, work with an organization directly related to the political process. Internships must be unpaid, and students must work a **minimum of 120 hours for a 2-unit internship.**

[Click here for the 2010 application form.](#)

For more information about POSC 395 or the Levin Award, stop by the Unruh Institute in VKC 263 or Email Jeanine at yutani@usc.edu.

WEB POLITICS: Are new rules needed to regulate paid political activity on the Internet, social networking sites and in Email?

The USC Gould School of Law hosts Fair Political Practices Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, March 24th, 9:00am-1:00pm
Ackerman Courtroom, LAW 107

STUDENTS TALK BACK **Brown Bag Lunch Series**

Health Care: What Happens Next?

Wednesday, March 24th, 11:30am-1:00pm

(Program begins at 12:00 noon)

in EVK Senior Commons Room

FREE lunch will be served.

On Sunday night, the House of Representatives passed historic and sweeping legislation that will dramatically reform the nation's health care system. While there are still several steps before the bill becomes law, it appears likely at this point that President Obama will accomplish his primary policy goal and that health care reform will therefore become a central point of debate in this November's midterm elections and beyond. Will Obama benefit politically from the bill's passage? How about Democrats up for re-election this fall? Can Republicans use the issue to win back seats in Congress, or will they look like they're standing in the way of progress? And once health care is passed, what are the next issues for Washington to take on?

Featuring off-campus experts and student representatives from the USC College Democrats and the USC College Republicans. Moderated by a representative 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 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.



USA Today



**Wednesday, March 24th, 9:00am-1:00pm
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The subcommittee will discuss current trends of paid political activity on the Internet, email and social networking sites. They will also look at whether new rules are needed to regulate paid political activity on the Web. FEC Commissioner **Elizabeth Garrett** of USC Law is co-chairing the hearing with Commissioner **Timothy Hodson** of Cal State, Sacramento.



Featuring **Tony Miller**, Chief, Political Reform Division, Secretary of State's office; Federal Election Commission Commissioner **Ellen Weintraub**; and political law experts, political consultants, and representatives from non-profit organizations.

For more information or call-in instructions, contact Gilien Silsby at 213-740-9690.

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