Updates for the week of March 8, 2010

THE UNRUH UPDATE

STUDENTS TALK BACK
Brown Bag Lunch Series
THE BATTLE FOR THE US SENATE:
Can Barbara Boxer hold off the Republicans?
Wednesday, March 10th, 11:30am-1:00pm
in DML 233, Intellectual Commons
FREE lunch will be served.

Three-term California Senator Barbara Boxer is facing a difficult reelection campaign this fall. Polls show her with only a narrow lead above any of her three possible Republican opponents: Assemblyman Chuck Devore, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, and former U.S. Congressman Tom Campbell. While California is generally considered a blue state, Republican Senator Scott Brown’s surprise victory in the Massachusetts special election served as a warning shot to Democrats across the country, indicating, in Boxer’s own words, that “every state is now in play.”

Whom will the Republicans pick to face Boxer, and how will their challenger position himself or herself against her? How will the incumbent defend her record? Is California the next Massachusetts? This, and more, at Wednesday’s Students Talk Back.

Featuring Lee Wochner of the Democratic State Central Committee, senior Republican strategist Jonathan Wilcox, as well as 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.

Currently Seeking Interns

LA City Councilwoman Janice Hahn is running to be California’s next Lieutenant Governor. Unpaid internships are currently available, with interns working for approximately 8 hours/week.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley is running for California Attorney General in 2010. Immediate unpaid internships with the campaign are available.

Meg Whitman, former CEO of eBay Inc., is running as a Republican candidate for Governor of California in 2010. Summer internships are available in Cupertino, CA, and other locations around California. Deadline to apply is March 31st.

USC alum James Lau is a Democrat running for California’s 53rd Assembly District. Intern, volunteer and coordinator positions are currently available.

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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 an 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 USC Center for Feminist Research
NEW DIRECTIONS IN FEMINIST SCHOLARSHIP Lecture with Adrien Katherine Wing Conceptualizing Global Substantive Justice in the Age of Obama: A Critical Race Feminist Perspective Directed by Ange-Marie Hancock (Political Science) Wednesday, March 10th, 3:00-5:00pm in the Leavey Library Auditorium

President Obama’s election gave hope to many in the United States that we could be on the verge of a new era. This period might be one in which the U.S. government seriously addresses many of the lingering inequities that have plagued us since the founding of the U.S. — racism, sexism, homophobia, and other isms. The world is clearly excited as well. Many hope that the U.S., as a global superpower, might stand on the side of peace and justice after many years of being regarded as standing on the side of war and injustice. What would the United States look like if it stood on the side of peace and justice? The lecture will use the intersectional approach of critical race feminism to address the contours of what true substantive justice would look like. Ratifying CEDAW and other treaties, adopting an equality clause like the South African constitution, and considering gender quotas are among the topics to be discussed.

Adrien Katherine Wing is the Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law, where she has been teaching for 22 years. She is the director of the London Law Consortium, a semester study abroad program in London as well as the director of the summer abroad program in Arcachon, France. She is the former Associate Dean for Faculty Development. Her subjects include International Human Rights, Law in the Muslim World, Critical Race Theory, and US Constitutional Law. The author of over 100 publications, she is editor of Global Critical Race Feminism and Critical Race Feminism. She holds her degrees from Princeton, UCLA and the Stanford Law School.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Feminist Research and PERE, the USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity.

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Diana Chudacoff Levin Summer Political Internship Awards
The Diana Chudacoff Levin Internship Awards is a competitive scholarship program designed to provide support for outstanding students who would like to explore the real world of politics through an internship experience. Applications now available on our website, usc.edu/unruh. 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 work with an organization directly related to the political process. Internships must be unpaid, and students must work a minimum of 120 hours curing their internship (usually about 25 hours/week).

Applications now available online or in VKC 263!

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