
PLNU Mission Statement:

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

IPPS Mission Statement:

The Institute of Politics and Public Service seeks to build bridges between the campus and our political and social world.

IPPS Program Learning Goals:

1. Engage students in public affairs by providing them with opportunities to meet with political leaders, activists, academics, and those involved in the policymaking process
2. Inspire students to consider careers in public service and civic leadership
3. Provide professional development training for students
4. Enrich the Department of History and Political Science by offering its students (all four majors) academic and personal growth opportunities outside of the classroom and off-campus
5. Assist students in obtaining and receiving credit for internships
6. Contribute to the public good by inspiring civic engagement, encouraging impactful community-minded inquiry, fostering public service, and facilitating civil community discussions
7. Advance the ideals of civic literacy, community involvement, and public service

IPPS Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

Students will:

1. Demonstrate their deep appreciation for politics and public affairs
2. Reflect upon the possibility of a career in public service or civic leadership
3. Establish a strong network of professional contacts that will prepare them for success after graduation
4. Analyze the moral, personal, and policy sides of public affairs
5. Receive credit for a 3-4 unit public affairs-related internship
6. Understand the importance of sustained civic engagement
7. Identify key access points for their future engagement with the political system

PLNU Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

1. Learning: Informed by our Faith in Christ (to teach...)
 - a. Members of the PLNU community will:
 - i. Display openness to new knowledge and perspectives
 - ii. Think critically, analytically, and creatively
 - iii. Communicate effectively
2. Growing: In a Christ-Centered Faith Community (to shape...)
 - a. Members of the PLNU community will:
 - i. Demonstrate God-inspired development and understanding of self and others
 - ii. Live gracefully within complex environmental and social contexts
3. Serving: In a Context of Christian Faith (to send...)
 - a. Members of the PLNU community will:
 - i. Engage in actions that reflect Christian discipleship in a context of communal service and collective responsibility
 - ii. Serve both locally and globally in a vocational and social setting

2016-17 Institute of Politics and Public Service Board of Directors:

- Dr. Lindsey Lupo – Director of IPPS; Professor of Political Science
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- Dr. Maria Zack – Professor of Mathematics at PLNU
- Dr. Jim Daichendt – Dean of the Colleges at PLNU

IPPS Events and Activities During the 2017-18 Academic Year:

“Lunch and Politics” with Bill Wachob – September 2017

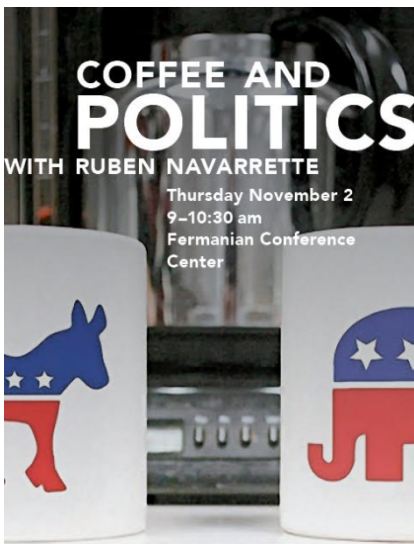
IPPS hosted a lunch for students, featuring Bill Wachob, a partner with The Campaign Group, Inc., a national media and political consulting firm. Mr. Wachob was elected to the Pennsylvania State Legislature at the age of 25 and went on to serve for three terms. After his time in elected office, Mr. Wachob moved into the political consulting arena, working for PACs and political campaigns. At this event, Mr. Wachob had a very engaging discussion with a group of fifteen students about how they can and should influence the policy process.

“Women in Local Politics” Panel hosted by CREW San Diego – September 2017

The leaders at CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) San Diego invited me to this intimate panel session with four women in local politics: Kristin Gaspar (San Diego County Board of Supervisors), Racquel Vasquez (Mayor of Lemon Grove), Rebecca Jones (Vice Mayor of San Marcos), and Kristal Jabara (Councilwoman in San Marcos). Five students attended this event with me and had a chance to speak with these elected leaders and take pictures (right) after the panel session.



“Coffee and Politics” with Ruben Navarrette – November 2017



IPPS was incredibly honored to have the chance to host Mr. Navarrette – a nationally recognized and well-respected speaker, columnist, and cable news contributor. He is the most widely read Latino columnist in the country, and the 16th most popular columnist in America according to Media Matters. He is a nationally syndicated columnist with The Washington Post, where his twice-a-week column appears in nearly 150 newspapers. He is also a contributor to USA Today and FoxNews.com, and a columnist for the Daily Beast. During this morning session, Mr. Navarrette spoke with the students about immigration, political participation, national and racial identity, politics in the age of Trump, and the importance of youth engagement.

Insider Insights Seminar – February 2018

At this on-campus seminar held in the Colt Forum, three community “insiders” – Jenna Harris (Director of Outreach, Office of San Diego City Councilman Chris Cate), Wes Jones (Communications Manager, San Diego Gas and Electric) and Lisa Kalal (Vice President of Philanthropy, United Way of San Diego) – spoke to a group of twenty students about public affairs career planning, professional development, networking, and graduate school.

Life After Loma: Recent Graduates Panel – April 2018

This on-campus panel consisted of four recent graduates from the Department of History and Political Science: Mitch Price (2012), Paige Woodward (2014), Corinna Hobart (2016), and Seth Patton (2017). All four of these students are currently working in San Diego in the field of law or public affairs. Twenty-two students attended the panel and listened to advice on entering the job market, making the most of an internship, and the importance of networking.

Other IPPS Activities for 2017-18:

During the 2017-18 academic year, I began sending students from the Department of History and Political Science a quarterly email called “things that make you go hmmm.” In this email, I include 3-5 news stories, articles, videos, or TEDTalks that touch on professional development, college life, or personal growth. Often, these links offer students information and advice on the job market, needed skills (and how to develop them), emotional intelligence, and vocational discernment. The goal is to help students develop a mindset and a skillset that will prepare them for their professional post-Loma life.

Student Internships (Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018):

Casa Cornelia Law Clinic	Office of State Senator Toni Atkins
Plant with Purpose	Alliance to Rescue Victims of Trafficking
YALLA (Youth and Leaders Living Actively)	Center for Justice and Reconciliation
United Way of San Diego	Feeding San Diego

Some of the IPPS Events Planned for the 2018-19 Academic Year:

September 2018 – “Lunch and Politics” Speaker Series
This event will focus on the 2018 midterm elections.

November 2018 – Lunch Discussion with Dr. Rich Mouw
In this so-sponsored event (with PLNU’s Center for Pastoral Leadership), IPPS will welcome the former president of Fuller Theological Seminary and current professor of faith and public life. Dr. Mouw will discuss the importance of civil civic discourse in today’s divided political climate.

November 2018 – Internship Seminar
This is IPPS’s regularly occurring internship seminar, where I discuss with students the ins-and-outs of interning, job searching, and prepping for post-PLNU life. I will also invite a recent PLNU graduate to speak to them about career planning and the importance of internships.

External Relations:

Over the last few years, I have worked hard to grow IPPS's roots in San Diego, linking both PLNU and IPPS to the San Diego public affairs community. As part of this effort, I was involved in the following ways during the 2017-18 academic year:

- Served on The San Diego Foundation's public policy committee
- Participated in the San Diego Deliberation Network (SDDN)
- Attended the annual dinner for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation
- Remained in close contact with many of my San Diego LEAD cohort members (class of 2017)

Student Testimonials about IPPS:

"The IPPS and the events put on throughout the year were one of the best ways to see how materials learned in class can apply to life after college. The events not only allowed me to network with professionals already in the workforce, but also gave me the ability to see where my academic interests could intersect with my future career."

-Ryan Binder (Political Science 2020)

"I have consistently enjoyed the events hosted by the Institute of Politics and Public Service here on campus. They have provided me with insight from professionals working in public service, have been great networking opportunities, and have broadened my knowledge of the possibilities of what a Political Science degree can lead to."

-Evan Strawn (Political Science 2020)