
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 truth is pursued, grace is foundational, 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

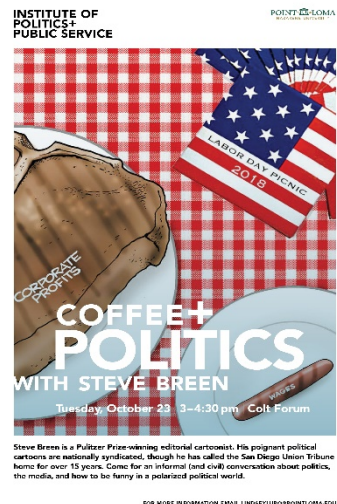
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IPPS Events and Activities During the 2018-19 Academic Year:

“Coffee and Politics” with Steve Breen – October 2018

Last fall, IPPS welcomed Steve Breen, a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist. His poignant political cartoons are nationally syndicated, though he has called the *San Diego Union Tribune* home for over 15 years. At this event, Mr. Breen had a very engaging discussion – while live inking his next day’s cartoon – with a group of students, faculty, and staff about politics, the media, and how to be funny in a polarized political world.



Internship Seminar- November 2018

Students from the Department of History and Political Science attended this seminar on internships. I facilitated the seminar, focusing on obtaining a position, writing a résumé and cover letter, interviewing, succeeding in an internship, and networking. Attendees also had a chance to hear from a recent international studies graduate who completed two internships while at PLNU: the Independent Voter Network and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. Before her graduation in May 2018, she had secured a permanent job with Southwest Strategies, a strategic planning and public affairs firm, where she remains today.

Preparing Women to Lead (PLEN) Seminar Sponsorship – January 2019

Earlier this year, IPPS had the great honor of sponsoring Lauren Cazares, a senior political science major and women's studies minor, as an attendee at one of the Preparing Women to Lead (PLEN) seminars in Washington, D.C. Lauren attended the "Women in Public Policy" seminar in January 2019. Upon returning from her seminar, Lauren began an internship in the City of San Diego's Office of the Mayor with Mayor Faulconer. Within two months of her return, she had also secured a post-graduation, full-time position with Kamiab Solutions, a political fundraising firm. Here is a testimony from Lauren about her experience:

This year I had the honor of attending the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) weeklong seminar for Women in Public Policy. PLEN was an incredible opportunity for me for a variety of reasons. I made connections with young women from all over the country working in the public policy sphere or working toward a career in the field. A few of them are people I now consider to be some of my closest friends and we have all helped connect each other to others that may help each other in the future. I also had the chance to network with established professionals including women working on Capitol Hill, the staff of my own Senator Kamala Harris, women running for office, lobbyists, grassroots activists, and presidents and CEOs of organizations such as Running Start, AARP, and Mathematica Policy Research.

Most importantly to me, I met real women who have done or are currently doing some of the jobs I have considered and received honest responses about work-load, work-life balance, and being a woman, especially a woman of color, in the public policy world here in the United States. I received answers to questions I wouldn't have been able to ask in any other place. I got career advice, HR professionals to look and make edits to my resume, and learned lessons that just can't be taught in the classroom. Overall, I made a huge number of authentic connections that I know I can (& will) call on when the time comes. Beyond this, I am now a part of a massive alumnae network of women who want to help each other and regularly post jobs they are hiring for and prefer PLEN alum.

Without PLEN Women in Public Policy, I truly don't think I would be in the job I am now. Speaking to women who do the importance policy research and women on Capitol Hill made me really evaluate what I love to do and am passionate about which lead me to my career in political & campaign fundraising and event planning. When asked at the end of my week in D.C. to write a sentence on what I learned from this seminar, I wrote "there is no 'right' path to success" and I truly believe that now.

These opportunities through IPPS and PLNU are something that I believe are invaluable. Since doing this, I have been even more inclined to jump at opportunities when they present themselves such as presenting my research at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting and representing PLNU at the San Diego Chamber of Commerce Congressional Luncheon.



“Lunch and Politics” with Eric LeCompte – January 2019

For this event, IPPS partnered with PLNU’s Center for International Development to host a lunch with Eric LeCompte, executive director of Jubilee USA. Based in Washington, D.C., Jubilee USA is an interfaith, non-profit alliance of religious, development and advocacy organizations working to address the structural causes of global economic inequality and poverty. Twenty-five students attended this lunch and had the opportunity to ask Mr. LeCompte questions about the advocacy efforts of Jubilee, the ins and outs of running a non-profit organization, and his career path.

Dinner with EJ Dionne – February 2019



When PLNU journalism professor, Dean Nelson, brought acclaimed journalist EJ Dionne to campus for the annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea, he asked if IPPS would organize a student dinner with Mr. Dionne. Three students joined me for this dinner and spent close to three hours listening to Mr. Dionne’s reflections on his many decades in political journalism in Washington, D.C. He also asked the students many poignant and thought-provoking questions. These students continue to tell me that this evening was one of their most memorable moments of their time at PLNU. One of the students, Maddy Garrett, has since graduated and started a job as a policy advisor in the Office of City Councilman Chris Cate.

Documentary Viewing – February 2019

IPPS showed “Reflections Unheard: Black Women in Civil Rights,” a documentary feature-length film that is the “first of its kind to focus exclusively on black women’s contributions and experiences during the Civil Rights era.” IPPS partnered with PLNU’s Center for Women’s Studies for this event. Attending the event were members of the local 1619 Club – the National Celebration of Black Women, Inc. These women had the opportunity to speak to the students and answer questions after the documentary viewing.



Other IPPS Activities for 2018-19:

During the 2018-19 academic year, I continued 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 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019):

Office of City Councilmember Chris Cate	California Innocence Project
Office of State Senator Joel Anderson	San Diego Housing Commission
Office of San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer	San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation
Tree San Diego	L.A. Translation
Office of City Councilmember Scott Sherman	Center for Justice and Reconciliation
Jen Campbell for City Council Campaign	International Rescue Committee

Some of the IPPS Events Planned for the 2019-20 Academic Year:

February 2020 – Insider Insights Seminar

At these on-campus seminars, three community “insiders” speak to students about public affairs career planning, professional development, networking, and graduate school.

April 2020 – Life After Loma: Recent Grads Panel

These on-campus panels consist of recent graduates from the Department of History and Political Science, all of whom are currently working in San Diego. Students can attend the panel and listen to advice on entering the job market, making the most of an internship, and the importance of networking.

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 2018-19 academic year:

- Attended the annual “Restoring Respect” conference hosted by USD’s Institute for Civic Civil Engagement.
- 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
- Attended the “Changing the Odds” fundraising breakfast for the United Way of San Diego

- Had lunch or coffee with a number of contacts from my year spent in the LEAD San Diego program (2016-17)

Student Testimonials about IPPS:

I am a huge supporter of IPPS, as it helped me in many ways throughout my schooling career as well as post-grad. The “Insider Insights Seminar” with IPPS connected me with someone who worked for Councilmember Chris Cate, and I soon thereafter became their intern – lucky for me, that internship turned into a full-time job after graduation! Through IPPS, I was also invited to a dinner with EJ Dionne, which was an absolute pleasure and eye-opening experience. IPPS has helped me build professional relationships, valuable work experience and unforgettable experiences.

- Maddy Garrett (Political Science 2019)

The IPPS events I attended gave me the opportunity to learn from and network with professionals involved in politics and other awesome careers. It is always refreshing and informative to discuss politics with educated individuals in the field, and IPPS events give you the opportunity to do just that!

- Elina Mendoza (Political Science 2019)

Attending the internship seminar put on by IPPS has been extremely helpful in my search for an internship, through providing resources that guided my resume and cover letter construction.

- Maggie Valentine (Political Science 2021)