



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 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

2014-15 Institute of Politics and Public Service Board of Directors:

- Dr. Lindsey Lupo – Director of IPPS; Professor of Political Science
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- Dr. Rosco Williamson – Professor of Political Science at PLNU
- Dr. Maria Zack – Professor of Mathematics at PLNU
- Dr. Kathy McConnell – Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at PLNU

IPPS Events and Activities During the 2014-15 Academic Year:

Kettering Foundation “Centers for Public Life” Trainings in Dayton, OH and Charleston, WV – June 2014, September 2014, and February 2015

In my capacity as director of IPPS, I continue to work on regional civic engagement in collaboration with San Diego community groups and universities. In the fall of 2013, this cohort was selected by the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, OH to join a “New Centers for Public Life” learning exchange. Our 18 month training – fully funded by Kettering – led us to develop the San Diego Deliberation Network – a nonprofit organization that helps people, governments, and organizations collaboratively work through problems using deliberation techniques. Our goals are to advance civil civic dialogue, strengthen communities, and empower residents of San Diego to openly discuss and address



critical social issues. SDDN members will serve as facilitators of these democratic forums, but will also train our university students as deliberative facilitators. Of the major universities involved in SDDN, PLNU was the first university to train a group of students as facilitators (in spring 2015).

Over the last year and a half, I have made four trips with my cohort (three to Dayton, OH and one to Charleston, WV) to learn about best practices for building these regional centers. My cohort includes: Brian Adams (Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University), Leroy Brady (Professor of Business, San Diego City College), Vi Nguyen (Manager of Community Impact at the San Diego Foundation), Martha Cox (League of Women Voters), Kimber Quinney (Professor of History, Cal State San Marcos), Karen Shelby (Professor of Political Science, USD), Tiveeda Stovall (Community Service Program Coordinator at UCSD), Mary Thompson (League of Women Voters), and Nancy Fredericks (Professor of Business, San Diego City College).

San Diego Deliberation Network Deliberative Forums

As part of our training with the Kettering Foundation, SDDN was asked to hold some practice deliberative forums in the community or on our university campuses. During the 2014-15 academic year, we held three forums:

- September 2014 – SDDN members gathered 40 Cal State San Marcos students and facilitated a 90 minute deliberative forum on the issue of substance abuse.
- October 2014 – SDDN members were asked by the City of Chula Vista to hold a two hour deliberative forum on public perceptions of the city. In doing so, our participants discussed citizen involvement in Chula Vista, community events, and negative stereotypes. Most major politicians from the city were present, including the current mayor of Chula Vista.
- April 2015 – PLNU students enrolled in my *Issues in Public Policy* (POL 441) course planned, marketed, and facilitated a two hour deliberative forum on the water crisis in California. These 18 students extensively studied deliberative democracy theories and methods and then applied them in a real-life setting with 26 of their fellow PLNU students.

Lecture and Discussion with Clara Long on “Migration and Violence in Central America”– September 2014



For this event, the Institute of Politics and Public Service partnered with the World Affairs Council of San Diego to bring Clara Long, a researcher with Human Rights Watch, to PLNU to discuss migration and violence in Central America. Despite the short notice, 27 PLNU students attended this event.

Clara researches immigration and border policy with the US Program at Human Rights Watch. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, she was a Teaching Fellow with the Stanford Law School International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic. Clara has researched and advocated for human rights in Bolivia,

Brazil, Panama, and the United States, including litigation in the Inter-American system. She is also the co-producer of an award-winning documentary, *Border Stories*, about perspectives on immigration enforcement from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Documentary Viewing and Panel Discussion of “The Burden” – October 2014

Last fall, IPPS partnered with PLNU’s Office of Public Affairs and The Truman National Security Project to host a documentary screening of “The Burden,” a film about the relationship between fossil fuel dependence and national security. We had 72 PLNU students attend this evening showing of the film. After the documentary, Jill Monroe and I co-led a panel discussion with Congressman Scott Peters, Andrea Marr with the Truman National Security Project, Nicole Capretz with the City of San Diego, Dr. Rosco Williamson with PLNU, and Dr. April Maskiewicz with PLNU.

Lecture and Discussion with Col. Will Hooper on “Civilian and Military Leadership”– November 2014



Col. Hooper discussed civilian and military relations during the 2003, 2007, and 2014 wildfires in San Diego County. He also discussed the role of leadership in forecasting and defining the most likely and most dangerous crises for the region. This event was sponsored by University of San Diego’s Public Service Leadership Initiative and was held at the University Club in downtown San Diego. We invited local political staffers as well, and 10 staffers mingled with 6 of our PLNU students.

Internship Seminar – November 2014

A group (16) of Department of History and Political Science students attended this seminar on internships. I facilitated the seminar, focusing on obtaining a position, writing a resume and cover letter, interviewing, succeeding in an internship, and networking.

Conversation with Stephen Puetz – February 2015

This spring, 12 PLNU students had the opportunity to hear from Mayor Faulconer’s Chief of Staff, Stephen Puetz, at the University Club in downtown San Diego. Stephen offered the students ten pieces of advice for their college and post-college years. We also had some political staffers in the room, allowing our students to engage in a lively and informative conversation about a career in public service.

Internships Held by Students during 2014-15:

AjA Project	League of Women Voters
Office of County Supervisor Greg Cox	Scott Peters for Congress Campaign
Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition	Carl DeMaio for Congress Campaign
Center on Policy Initiatives	International Rescue Committee
Hunger Advocacy Network (Jewish Family Service)	Office of Councilman Scott Sherman
City of San Diego International Affairs Board	Crux Partners
Office of Councilman Todd Gloria	U.S. Navy

Some of the IPPS Events Planned for the 2015-16 Academic Year:

October 2015 – Insider Insights Seminar

IPPS will host 3-4 political insiders to speak to students about engaging with the political world, both professionally and personally.

November 2015 – Internship Seminar

This is IPPS’s annual internship seminar, where I tell 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.

January 2016 – “Coffee and Politics” Speaker Series Reception

IPPS will be inviting a local public servant (possibly Jerry Sanders) from San Diego to speak to a small group of students during an on-campus reception.

External Relations:

Over the last few years, I have worked hard to grow the IPPS’s roots in San Diego, linking both PLNU and IPPS to the San Diego public affairs community. As part of this effort, I engaged in the following during 2014-15:

- Served on The San Diego Foundation’s public policy committee
- Participated in the San Diego Deliberation Network (SDDN) (including monthly meetings)
- Appeared on two KUSI television shows to discuss the politics of the confederate flag
- Attended the fall fundraiser dinner for the Equinox Center
- Presented the work of the San Diego Deliberation Network to the Catfish Club of San Diego
- Helped students begin a nationally-recognized “No Labels” club on campus to partner with Campus Republicans and College Democrats
- Attended a number of campaign and election-related events

Student Testimonials about IPPS:



*Students from the Department of History and Political Science
at a 2014 IPPS event in downtown San Diego*

The Insider Insights Seminar gave me tremendous insight into what it truly means to find joy and fulfillment in public service and local politics as a whole. This event has thus changed my beliefs of local politics and created newfound interest in public service as something I want to explore and focus on as a career. With this event in particular, but also the other events offered by IPPS, I am constantly having the opportunity to interact with members of the community that challenge my thinking, motivation, and future decisions (Kirby Challman, political science, class of 2016).

The events hosted by IPPS are pivotal in the advancement of academic life. They provide a crucial perspective of professionals in the field. It is events like these that further the mission and values of Point Loma and create unforgettable, enhancing moments (Austin Flanagan, political science, class of 2016).

The IPPS events have broadened my horizons and brought my attention to possible career choices that would have gone otherwise unnoticed. The events bring life into the department and allow the students to not only interact, but to also learn from some of the brightest minds in our area of study. Needless to say, the Institute of Politics and Public Service is an integral part of my time as an undergraduate student and I look forward to future events (Jacci O'Keefe, political science, class of 2016).