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SUMMER PROJECT: PUBLIC SERVICE
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STUDENTS, DRAWN TO PUBLIC SERVICE, SET RECORD LEVEL OF INTEREST IN IOP INTERNSHIP & STIPEND PROGRAMS

LEFT: 2009 IOP Director’s Interns, who will work throughout the world this summer, pose with Director Bill Purcell and Institute staff.
Following the historic 2008 election results, it is clear that American youth are ready to answer a new call to public service. The call immortalized by President John F. Kennedy – to whom we serve as a living memorial – is at the center of our students’ vision for themselves and our nation. The work of the Institute of Politics is, therefore, as relevant as it was the day we were founded, and the purpose of our work remains centered on our students.

As you will note in this newsletter, every day we are seeing proof that this generation of students believes politics is important to their own lives and world, and are personally interested in engaging in public service during and following their education. Perhaps most striking is the record number of student applications we received for Institute internships and summer stipends (see next page). After expanding resources for these critical programs, we are very encouraged to see such a strong response by young people here at Harvard to take advantage of unique opportunities for experience in the public service arena.

The Institute’s other programs – developed and refined through five decades – have performed very well over the past five months. Our five Resident Fellows and three Visiting Fellows engaged fully with our students and the Harvard community through their study groups, and our Forum events continue to be recognized as the most timely and topical in higher education. Our National Campaign Conference held in April brought together teams of students and administrators from our twenty partner colleges and universities for important discussions on ways to maintain high levels of youth engagement.

Please be sure to visit our homepage at www.iop.harvard.edu to learn more about our programs and events and to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter featuring recent photos and information on upcoming IOP programming. The Institute’s e-newsletter is sent on Fridays during the semester, keeping thousands of our friends up to date on IOP happenings.

This is the most exciting time imaginable to be a part of the work here. It is a great privilege for me to work with the staff and students who make this Institute the best in the nation at understanding and advancing the political and civic engagement of this very special generation of students. I hope to see you soon at the IOP.

Bill Purcell
Director
One of the Institute’s major priorities has always been to support services that enhance public service career choices for our students. Two of the most visible examples of the IOP’s work in this area are the Institute’s Director’s Internship and Summer Stipend programs, which help support fantastic summer employment opportunities for Harvard students in many different public service areas.

While Director’s Internships are merit-based awards supporting Institute-arranged opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers in politics or public service, Summer Stipends are need-based awards supporting students who independently secure their own non- or low-paying summer jobs in local, state or federal government, public interest groups, non-governmental organizations, political organizations, campaigns, and non-profit groups.

For 2009, the Institute increased the number of Director’s Internships from 40 to 50 and raised available funding resources for both the Director’s and Stipend program by over twenty percent, hopeful that the enthusiasm for the political process generated by the 2008 presidential election would translate into greater interest in exploring public service career opportunities. The IOP was very pleased to receive a record number of student applications for these two important programs this spring (see graph below).

The expanded pool of 50 Director’s Internship opportunities includes nineteen new host organizations, five of which offer undergraduates work exclusively on sustainability and environmental issues. While the Institute had funded a sustainability internship at D.C.-based “Resources for the Future” (where IOP Senior Advisory Committee Member and former Institute Director Phil Sharp serves as president) for the past three summers, the addition of five new internships is an exciting expansion for the IOP’s internship program in a rapidly expanding career area.
In April, the IOP gathered students and administrators from the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement’s twenty consortium schools for a two-day workshop training conference on political advocacy (see photos at left). After young people served as a key driver of turnout during the 2008 elections – contributing to the largest number of votes cast in history – maintaining high levels of youth political engagement going forward remains a critical goal for the National Campaign and the Institute.

The National Campaign worked closely with John F. Kennedy School of Government lecturer in public policy Marshall Ganz and his team of facilitators to create a non-partisan agenda for the conference, providing students and administrators from attending schools with skills necessary to motivate and encourage their peers to remain politically engaged. Through small interactive breakout sessions, participants learned how to be civic leaders through “public narrative” training: underscoring the responsibility of civic leaders to motivate others. A key aim behind the conference was to offer students the tools and strategy to accomplish this goal and achieve results on their campuses and in their communities.

The conference’s first day also featured a luncheon panel discussion, moderated by IOP Director Bill Purcell, which included four student panelists from schools across the country who successfully mobilized their peers to advocate for change (see top corner photo). Panelists discussed mobilization efforts around controlling the cost of textbooks, pertinent legislation (including the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007), tobacco control and high-speed rail. Feedback from attending students indicated the panel was a conference highlight, emphasizing the impact students can make in their communities on issues affecting their everyday life.

Day two focused on how students could apply “public narrative” skills upon their return to campus. IOP Fellow Theresa Vilmain led a workshop training session on building campus coalitions, specifically how students can harness existing social networks and peer communities toward a common goal (see third photo). Additionally, Louisiana State University professor Bob Mann gave students an intensive instructional session on working with campus and local media outlets to help promote their efforts and raise awareness about a cause or issue (see fourth photo).

The students and administrators left the conference with ideas and plans for using the skills they learned over the weekend to impact their communities. Stephanie Heck, a student civic engagement fellow at the University of Oklahoma’s Carl Albert Center, was enthusiastic about her participation: “It was an honor to be able to come to the IOP and to hear the great information presented. I got even more out of the experience than I expected, and I came away with some ideas that I am excited to get started on.”
In early April, the Citizenship Tutoring Program, a joint project between the Institute of Politics and Harvard’s Bridge to Learning and Literacy, honored the achievements of 33 Harvard employees who received their U.S. citizenship in the past year. The Citizenship Tutoring Program was started seven years ago by an undergraduate at the Institute and is designed to help Harvard employees study for their citizenship exam by meeting weekly for one-on-one tutoring sessions with University undergraduates.

During the April 8 dinner celebration, the new U.S. citizens, joined by their proud families and Institute student tutors, were congratulated by Harvard President Drew Faust, Institute of Politics Director Bill Purcell, and Bridge Director Carol Kolenik. In addition, Institute student citizenship tutoring chair and Harvard sophomore Courtney Yadoo addressed the audience on the program’s great success this past year, as did three new U.S. citizens who spoke in personal terms on what American citizenship means to each of them. Harvard Bridge and IOP staff then presented the new citizens with congratulatory certificates for successfully completing the program and passing the citizenship exam.

Participation in the program has grown from only a handful of student instructors to approximately 45 Harvard undergraduates and several Harvard Kennedy and Extension School students now serving as citizenship tutors. In addition to citizenship exam preparation, student tutors also offer Harvard employees information on how to be active citizens in their communities by registering to vote and engaging with their local elected officials.

Throughout the program year, undergraduate tutors also took part in a discussion series on immigration policy with invited Harvard professors, Institute of Politics resident fellows, and policy makers. These discussions help tutors connect their community service tutoring activities to political action and policy discussion, enabling participating students to gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding highly-charged immigration policy debates. For example, this semester student tutors visited U.S. Senator and IOP Senior Advisory Committee member Edward M. Kennedy’s Boston office and met with the Senator’s immigration policy adviser, Emily Winterson, for a lively discussion on state and federal immigration reform efforts.
Improving Boston’s urban communities and the lives of its citizens has long been a personal and professional goal for Meghan Haggerty, a native Bostonian born and raised in Dorchester, the city’s largest neighborhood. Haggerty’s time as an undergraduate at the Institute of Politics and Harvard – where she was active in IOP programming, graduating from the College in 2006 – certainly helped strengthen this commitment.

Now a student at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Haggerty was named the Institute’s 2009 Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Alumni Scholarship winner in support of her work toward a two-year Master in Public Policy Program (MPP)/Urban Planning degree. The SAC Alumni Scholarship is a merit-based opportunity for students active as undergraduates with the Institute’s programming and Student Advisory Committee to receive financial support toward a graduate degree at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS). As the Institute is dedicated to inspiring students into a life of politics, public service and leadership, the scholarship furthers that mission by providing a full, one year scholarship to IOP alumni to enhance their educational experience at HKS.

Haggerty’s undergraduate experiences at the Institute and at the community service organization Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) helped illustrate an interconnection between community and public service. “I did a lot of work through Phillips Brooks House, running a camp in South Boston, and also came to the IOP for study groups, in particular on women in politics. The IOP experience really helped push me to connect my PBHA community work with working in government, which I then did right after graduation, for Mayor Menino.”

Haggerty served Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino as his neighborhood liaison to Boston’s South End and Bay Village communities for two years, which was work close to her heart. “I was born and raised in Dorchester, and would love nothing more than to be able to give back to my neighborhood, and the city that I love,” she said.

After completing her first year at HKS, Haggerty will return to Boston City Hall this summer to work on budget and finance issues as a Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston Public Policy Fellow before resuming studies at Harvard Kennedy School in the fall.

“I really enjoyed working for the City of Boston before graduate school, and now the public finance, management, and local government classes that I’m taking at the Kennedy School are giving me the skills to accomplish even more.”

Past recipients of the IOP’s Kennedy School scholarship include Eli Rosenbaum (SAC 2005) and Emily Nielson (SAC 2004).
Fall 2008 IOP polling showed public service is a priority for America’s youth, with 59% saying they are personally interested in engaging in public service to help the country and 47% of this group supporting working in government. This data point seems supported by the sizeable number of young Harvard alumni joining the Obama Administration. We asked a few recent IOP Student Advisory Committee (SAC) and Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) alumni taking Obama Administration jobs to describe their path to and passion for public service.

“After freshman year, I worked for Senator Clinton through an IOP Director’s Internship. Years later, not much has changed! I’m now with her at the State Department, where my awe and admiration for her continues to grow. Upon graduating, I had a terrific experience at a Manhattan consulting firm. However, the historic 2008 campaign prompted me to follow her advice to audiences past and present: to ‘not sit on the sidelines of history.’ So I joined the campaign’s press shop and jumped from the sidelines to the campaign trenches to the State Department.” – Caroline Adler (SAC and Harvard College ’04), Bureau of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State

“I’ve always been fascinated by how a single person can impact their community. I discovered my passion for public service while interning for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. At the time, I was researching my grandparents’ immigration histories and noted similarities between their experiences and the Senator’s constituents. I realized a personal connection to my work and my potential to make a difference. Since then, I’ve worked on economic development in New York City and toward improving voting accessibility through the passage of federal election reform.” – Candace J. Chin (Harvard Kennedy School MPP ’08), Special Assistant to the Director of Presidential Personnel

“I was inspired to serve by the President’s notion that the answers to our problems don’t lie beyond our reach. That despite such daunting challenges, we have the capacity to make things better. With that in mind I headed to New Hampshire. And like many others who believed our country needed a change, I did anything I could to help, from stuffing countless envelopes and knocking on endless doors to corralling errant suitcases. I stuck with the campaign from beginning to end. And now in Washington, my belief in our capacity to change has only grown stronger.” – Eric Lesser (SAC and Harvard College ’07), Special Assistant to White House Senior Advisor David Axelrod
TOP CORNER: U.S. Representative Barney Frank discussed the financial crisis in an Apr. 6 Forum; FIRST ROW: Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge leads an Apr. 22 study group as a spring visiting fellow; IOP Senior Advisory Committee member Caroline Kennedy talks with SAC student Jay Lundy during the Institute’s May 4 Committee meeting; IOP Director Bill Purcell (L) listens as spring fellow Tina Flournoy introduces former Vermont Governor and DNC Chairman Howard Dean (R) during a Mar. 19 Forum; SECOND ROW: IOP Senior Advisory Committee member and Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Greyson speaks with SAC student Caleb Weatherl during the IOP’s May 4 Committee meeting; Massachusetts Senate President Therese Murray discusses the state’s health care system during an Apr. 14 Director’s Dinner; Obama for America campaign manager and spring visiting fellow David Plouffe engages with students during an Apr. 15 study group; THIRD ROW: HKS Dean David Ellwood stands with CARES founder Susan Taylor during an Apr. 17 youth mentoring Forum event; Service Employees International Union (SEIU) President Andy Stern meets summer 2009 SEIU Director’s Intern Matt Garcia on Apr. 2; Former Ambassador Jendayi Frazer speaks on U.S.-Africa policy during an Apr. 8 forum.
TOP CORNER: Author Doris Kearns Goodwin poses with her IOP 2009 Director's Intern Arjun Ramamurti on Apr. 10; FIRST ROW: IOP Fellow Howard Zucker engages with students in a study group discussion on global health; Senior Advisory Committee members Maggie Williams (L) and Elaine L. Chao (R) confer during the IOP’s May 4 Committee meeting; spring fellow and former U.S. Representative Jim Ramstad (R) hosts current U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy (L) as a study group guest on Mar. 2; SECOND ROW: PBS’ and IOP Senior Advisory Committee member Gwen Ifill accepts “The Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism” in the Forum on Mar. 17; undergraduates engage during a Women’s Initiative in Leadership workshop this spring; youth advocates participate in a panel discussion on campus organizing during the IOP’s Apr. 4 National Campaign Conference; THIRD ROW: Author Carlos Fuentes captivates spring fellow Rose Styron’s Apr. 21 study group audience on writers’ influence on public policy; during the IOP’s May 4 Committee meeting, Committee member Elaine L. Chao (L) and IOP Director Bill Purcell discuss youth and public service careers with IOP internships student chair Sarah Esty and coordinator Amy Howell; spring fellow Teresa Vilmain details how to run for office during a Mar. 18 study group.
Sensational Spring in the Forum

Women leaders, heads of State, and top domestic and international issues dominate spring program

Arts and Entertainment

The John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum hosted major figures from the world of the arts, including award-winning American actress and UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow in March on her experiences in Darfur. The Forum also hosted internationally renowned novelist Carlos Fuentes to discuss “Art and Politics” with PBS’ Maria Hinojosa, as well as Dustin Lance Black, Academy Award-winning screenwriter of “Milk,” on the future of the gay rights movement.

Women Leaders

Women leaders – including a March appearance by Brown University President Ruth Simmons in a panel discussion exploring the future of U.S. education – were frequent contributors in the Forum. Later that month, PBS’ and IOP Senior Advisory Committee member Gwen Ifill was honored in the Forum with the Joan Shorenstein Center’s “Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism.” Other prominent women speaking on key issues included Jendayi Frazer, the first woman U.S. ambassador to South Africa (U.S.-Africa policy); Advancement Project co-director Constance Rice (ending gang violence); and CARES founder Susan Taylor (mentoring and fostering unity in our communities).

History and Culture

Harvard University President and Lincoln Professor of History Drew Faust joined Harvard professor and W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Studies Director Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in February for a panel discussion on Abraham Lincoln’s life – on the bicentennial of our 16th president’s birth. Just two weeks later, the Forum switched gears and looked to the future hosting Wikinomics author Don Tapscott on governance in the Internet age. In mid-April, the Forum offered a fantastic discussion on baseball and today’s society featuring author/historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, filmmaker Ken Burns, and Hall of Fame baseball reporter Peter Gammons. Audience member and HKS new admit John Sheehan prefaced a question to the baseball panel by announcing, “I am a recently admitted MPP candidate. This has been quite the introduction to Harvard, so thank you very much. I think I know where I’m going to go (next fall)!”

International Issues

An insightful February event on “The Road to Peace After Gaza” brought together a capacity crowd with different points of view. Other foreign affairs events included addresses by Afghanistan Ambassador to the U.S. Said Jawad (March 11) and Sinn Fein Party President Gerry Adams (March 18), an event with former Shell Oil Co. President John Hofmeister moderated by HKS Dean David Ellwood (April 1), an evening honoring veterans with U.S. General David Petraeus (April 21) and a discussion with Secretary-General of the Organization of American States Jose Miguel Insulza (April 23).
The IOP’s spring fellows were a hit on Harvard’s campus all semester long. Their not-for-credit study groups covered several unconventional – yet very well received – discussion topics for Institute study groups: the politics of public education, mental illness and health care reform, art and politics, how-to political campaigning, and global health diplomacy. In addition to running well-attended study groups, spring fellows participated in dinner events, panel discussions on key issues with student organizations and meetings with Harvard affiliates throughout the university community. Spring fellows were very giving of their time participating in dozens of discussion events with Harvard students outside of their weekly study groups, including a detailed instructional workshop series on running for elected office led by fellow Teresa Vilmain. The spring fellows class also collaborated extensively with IOP John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum staff to bring in more than a half-dozen high-profile study group guests able to speak to larger audiences in the Forum while visiting Harvard.

Just some of the popular fellows guests appearing in weekly discussion groups this semester included: Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein Party president; Jeff Blodgett, executive director of Wellstone Action; Ken Burns, acclaimed documentary filmmaker; former U.S. Senator Max Cleland; former Vermont Governor Howard Dean; Mia Farrow, activist and actor; Carlos Fuentes, author and political activist; Geoff Garin, president of Peter D. Hart Research Associates; Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Council on Civil Rights; Charlayne Hunter-Gault, author and journalist; U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy; Jim Margolis, Obama for America senior strategist; General Barry McCaffrey, former director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; Margaret Spellings, former U.S. secretary of education; Daniel Spiegel, former U.S. permanent representative to the European Office of the U.N. and special assistant to the secretary of state; Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers; Shari Yost Gold, democratic political fundraiser and operative.

The Institute also hosted a great group of visiting fellows this semester: Elaine L. Chao, Institute Senior Advisory Committee member and former U.S. secretary of labor; David Plouffe, Obama for America campaign manager; and Tom Ridge, former U.S. secretary of homeland security and governor of Pennsylvania. Each visiting fellow kept packed schedules talking with students, meeting with student groups and participating in numerous special events throughout the Harvard campus.

**Former Fellows:**

If you have interest in continuing to share your wisdom and expertise with eager Harvard students, there are conferences and discussion panels offered every semester that would benefit from your participation! Please do not hesitate to contact IOP Fellows Program Director Eric Andersen (eric_andersen@harvard.edu) for more information about staying in touch with the IOP.

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**Spring 2009 Fellows & Study Group Topics**

**Tina Flournoy**, assistant to the president for public policy, American Federation of Teachers; former co-chair, Democratic National Committee’s rules and bylaws committee (Politics of Public Education)


**Rose Styron**, poet, journalist and human rights activist (Art and Politics)

**Teresa Vilmain**, political organizer, manager and consultant (Managing a Successful Campaign from the Court House to the White House)

**Howard Zucker**, former assistant director general and representative of the director general, World Health Organization; former deputy assistant secretary of health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Improving U.S. Foreign Policy through Global Health Diplomacy)
In April, the IOP gave several dozen Harvard undergraduates a chance to get a look into the inner workings of our nation’s capital on the IOP’s annual field trip to Washington, D.C. Students are given a chance to meet with a wide array of Washington powerbrokers, including elected officials, key policymakers and top journalists.

This spring’s trip kicked off with a breakfast meeting and question-and-answer session with Fall 2008 Institute of Politics resident fellow and new U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, who discussed his department’s diverse set of responsibilities. Field trip participants engaged in lively discussions with numerous Washington experts on hot-button issues, including health care policy and how Congress operates with Shelia Burke, Harvard Kennedy School lecturer and former chief of staff to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. Students also enjoyed a frank meeting and conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer on what a normal day is like and the path a case takes before consideration at the Court.

Field trip participants discussed steps President Obama’s Administration is taking to address the economic crisis with White House National Economic Council Director and former Harvard University President Larry Summers, and foreign policy challenges facing our nation with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg. Students also enjoyed several panel discussions on the field trip, including reviewing President Obama’s first 100 days with Politico Editor-in-Chief John Harris, Chief White House Correspondent Mike Allen and Executive Editor Jim Vandehei. Participants also received a tour of the White House and had memorable discussions over dinner with dozens of Institute student alumni, former fellows and Senior Advisory Committee members.

A highlight of the trip for students was a discussion and question-and-answer session with a half-dozen recent Harvard alumni on their path to employment in the Obama Administration. A common thread among the alumni was a willingness to “pay their dues” earlier in their careers serving in low-level jobs requiring long hours and hard work – experiences that they believe bolstered their selection for Administration appointments. Jeffrey Solnet, a Harvard freshman and Institute special events student chair who helped organize the field trip, indicated this event made an impact on student participants. “We were inspired by stories like Eric Lesser’s (IOP SAC 2007) who worked diligently on Senator Obama’s campaign before he graduated, helping him find work as a baggage handler for the campaign (after) and positioning him to now work ten feet from the Oval Office as David Axelrod’s personal assistant,” said Solnet. Solnet also added the field trip helped foster an exchange of ideas and create new friendships between students pursuing a wide variety of academic concentrations at the College.
Women’s Initiative in Leadership
Leadership program for Harvard women celebrates its sixth semester

The centerpiece of the Women’s Initiative in Leadership (WIL) program has always been to offer female undergraduates at Harvard instructive seminars and workshops with high-profile women leaders in government, politics, business and non-profit fields that help nurture development of leadership qualities and abilities. The Institute is proud that to date over 200 Harvard undergraduate women have participated in and gained valuable skills and experiences from the WIL program.

Building upon these ongoing efforts to cultivate women leaders on campus, the IOP’s sixth semester of WIL programming offered a variety of skills workshops on communications, negotiations and networking coupled with topical discussion groups targeting a myriad of topics and issues. In addition to events listed in the column to the right, highlights of this semester’s schedule included a negotiations session with former director of communications for the Jeanne Shaheen for Senate campaign Jonathan Schliefer; a discussion luncheon hosted by IOP Senior Advisory Committee member and former U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao during her tenure as an Institute visiting fellow; a Pizza & Politics event on running for political office with IOP Spring 2009 fellow Teresa Vilmain; and a seminar with Michelle Nix, communications director for former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge.

WIL Chair attends Qatar Leadership Conference

In early May, Harvard junior and WIL student chair Kristen Unruh attended the inaugural “Empower 2009” event, a youth-led conference (hosted by the Qatar Foundation) aiming to inspire leadership and civic responsibility through service learning among 14-24 year-olds in Qatar. Unruh – who helps Institute staff develop and administer the WIL program each semester – presented at breakout sessions on nurturing leadership qualities and other topics and greatly enjoyed the experience. “Interacting with young leaders from Qatar and from around the world was a privilege,” said Unruh. “Qatar is a very diverse country with twenty percent of its population natives and the rest expatriates from all over the world. The subtle emphasis on multicultural leadership and the necessity to empower all people to serve and take responsibility for the success of the community is a lesson that will stay with me.”

WIL Spring 2009 Agenda Highlights

• Communications training and leadership workshop with Ibis Consulting Group senior consultant Sheree Galpert

• Keynote address and Q&A with Joan Shorenstein Center Visiting Murrow lecturer and former National Political Editor of the Washington Post Maralee Schwartz

• “Campus to Career Etiquette” training with C. Winston Jenkins, etiquette advocate, Mannersmith Etiquette Consulting

• Q&A with Maura Sullivan, Harvard Business School/Harvard Kennedy School joint degree candidate and former captain, U.S. Marine Corps

• Networking skills workshop with Boston-based strategic marketer Cynthia Ann Webb
FOCUS ON STUDENT RESEARCH: Student Voting Rights Policy Group

In the process of registering and mobilizing Harvard’s campus for the 2008 elections, a group of three Harvard undergraduates active in the Institute’s National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement were surprised to learn of the varying complexity of state voter registration laws. Students noted a lack of consistency among state voter education websites concerning registration forms and requirements – particularly for the first-time voter – making their task very difficult.

As a result, the undergraduates are reviewing state regulations and online voter resources to identify best practices and create case studies highlighting steps states can take to make it easier for citizens to participate in the political process. Upon completion of the policy report later this year, the group is expected to present its findings at the February conference of the National Association of Secretaries of State, an organization where Institute of Politics Senior Advisory Committee member Trey Greyson serves as president-elect, to be held in Washington, D.C.

REMEMBERING FORMER IOP DIRECTOR ERNEST MAY

The Institute offers condolences to the family of Ernest R. May, the University’s Charles Warren Professor of American History and second Director of the IOP (1971–1974), who passed away on June 1.

A key member of the Harvard Kennedy School and University community, May played a critical role in the development of the Institute and two innovative initiatives aiming to orient newly-elected officials and better understand the nature of modern presidential campaigns. In 1972, May oversaw creation of the Institute’s biennial “Program for Newly-Elected Members of Congress” – a conference focusing on exercising leadership in Congress and the issues new members of the U.S. House will face – and a “Campaign for President” series for presidential campaign managers, political journalists and analysts to examine the electoral process and review campaign decision-making during the most recent presidential election. Still held today every two and four years respectively in the weeks between Election Day and the presidential inauguration, the new members of Congress and campaign managers conferences are among the Institute’s most recognizable and popular programs.

SAC SENIORS RECEIVE HOOPES PRIZE

In May, graduating seniors and IOP Student Advisory Committee members Audrey Kim (at right) and Ana Mendy (at left) were honored by Harvard and awarded the prestigious Thomas Temple Hoopes prize for excellent undergraduate work. The prize – funded by the estate of Thomas T. Hoopes ’19 and administered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences’ Prize Office – comes with a rigorous application process, requiring nomination from a faculty member and review by a prize committee. The award recognizes students for outstanding research or scholarly work in their undergraduate theses or projects.
In addition to those already mentioned, professional updates from Institute alumni include:

Jane Campbell (Spring 2006 Fellow) is now working as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA).

Nancy-Ann DeParle (Fall 2000 Fellow) is serving as counselor to President Barack Obama and director of the White House Office of Health Reform.

Brian Goldsmith (SAC 2005) has finished his tenure as a political producer on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric and will begin Stanford Law School this fall.

Ilan Graff (SAC 2005) will begin a one-year clerkship for 1st Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sandra L. Lynch in August in Boston.

Karen Hicks (Fall 2006 Fellow) is serving as the “Change that Works” field director for the Service Employees International Union.

Juliette Kayyem (SAC 1991) is now serving as the assistant secretary for intergovernmental programs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Christopher Kirchoff (SAC 2001) has finished work with the U.S. Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction and is completing a Ph.D. at Cambridge University.

Jim Leach (IOP Director Sept. 07-Aug. 08) has been nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Christina Martin (Fall 2006 Fellow) is now serving as a executive vice president for the Renewable Fuels Association.

Tom McSorley (SAC 2006) will be attending Georgetown Law School this fall on the Law Dean’s Scholarship.

Michael Passante (SAC 1999) is serving as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) for banking, housing, arts and transportation issues.

Greg Schmidt (SAC 2006) is now serving as the confidential assistant in the office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education.

Kathleen Sebelius (Spring 2007 Visiting Fellow) is serving as the 21st Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Aneesh Raman (SAC 2001) has left CNN – where he worked as a middle east correspondent – and is now working as a speechwriter at the U.S. Treasury Department.

Eli Rosenbaum (SAC 2005) has graduated with a joint J.D./M.P.P. degree from Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Law School and will begin work at the law firm Ropes & Gray in Boston in January.

David Yepsen (Spring 2008 Fellow) is now the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL.

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