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Institute of Governmental Affairs Mission Statement

The mission of the Institute of Governmental Affairs (IGA) is to promote research, graduate training, and public service in the social and policy sciences. The institute strives to enrich the intellectual life of the campus through its research programs and public affairs activities. It serves as a locus for interdisciplinary activities in the social sciences. With its limited discretionary funds, the institute seeks to seed new and promising research initiatives. The institute also provides an array of specialized support services not available elsewhere on campus and targeted to the needs of social science researchers. These services include grant advising, preparation, and management; library and data services; social science computing, programming, and statistical consulting; and event coordination. IGA services have been essential to the recruitment and retention of top social scientists over the past decade, as well as to the development of strong core departments and interdisciplinary initiatives in the social sciences.

Director's Overview 2008-2009

Our entire campus, along with the social and policy sciences community at UC Davis, faces a broad range of challenges — most of which involve doing more with less as a consequence of the profound fiscal problems that confront the state and, more immediately, the University. The current challenge is to maintain and enhance the quality of our work under sometimes difficult circumstances, and IGA will continue its historic commitment to support that effort.

As the newly appointed director, I intend to continue and extend the work that has been accomplished by the faculty and staff who have contributed to the success of IGA over the years. In particular, we are working with Barry Klein (the Vice Chancellor for Research), Ron Mangun (the Dean of the Social Science Division), and others to enhance and support the social and policy sciences at UC Davis.

The Institute had its last periodic review during the 2007-2008 academic year. As part of that review, the institute produced an extensive report providing an overview of its history and recent activities. (A copy can be found on the IGA Web site at www.iga.ucdavis.edu/Publications/IGA_Six-Year_Review.pdf.) A review committee, appointed by the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research, conducted an evaluation and recognized the crucial role the institute plays on the campus. According to this review committee, IGA provides “indispensable research support and infrastructure in an optimally efficient manner to departments that could not otherwise provide them on their own.” The level of faculty interest and participation in the review process was impressive, and the high regard that faculty has for IGA was readily apparent.

The review was circulated among appropriate campus committees, including the Committee on Research of the Faculty Senate, and it was sent to the Council of Deans and Vice Chancellors (CODVC) for a final report in the spring of 2009. Unfortunately, that report has not yet been issued.

During the intervening period of time, IGA was one of the few units on campus singled out for a cut far in excess of the campus planning target (25% of base budget versus the 7% cut most ORUs experienced). As a result of this cut, the institute was forced to eliminate 26% of its staff or 2.25 FTE. We were recently informed that we must take another permanent cut of nearly 10%, and this will require more cutbacks and re-engineering of our mission and operations.

It is extremely important that IGA be put on a more stable footing. We are in the process of assuming many major new responsibilities – in particular, the direction of the UC Center in Sacramento – at the very moment that our budget is being cut. We are prepared to be a fully cooperating participant in addressing the challenges faced by the social and policy sciences on the campus, but our ability to contribute to these challenges depends on the resolution of our status.

Research Programs

In 2008-2009, IGA housed eight campus-based research programs and two systemwide programs.

Institute Research Programs

Center for International Data

The Center for International Data (CID) was established in the fall of 1999 under the leadership of Professor Robert Feenstra (Economics). The center is housed at the Institute of Governmental Affairs and the Department of Economics.

The purpose of this center is to collect, enhance, create, and disseminate international economic data. Data are available for both online and offline distribution, as described in its Web site: <http://cid.econ.ucdavis.edu/> or <http://www.internationaldata.org/>. This center's focus fits well with campus research strengths and bodes the potential to be among the most prominent sources of international economic data in the world.

During the 2008-09 year, the center has made impressive progress on five ongoing projects; hosted a conference and a visiting delegation at UCD; and initiated one entirely new project:

U.S. Import and Export Data The Center distributes a large amount of U.S. trade data on CD-ROM and directly via the Web. These data provide disaggregate trade statistics for 1972 through 2006. These data have been assembled by Robert Feenstra under various research grants. These datasets have been distributed to individual users and libraries throughout the United States, and are available free of charge on the website.

World Trade Flows The United Nations produces imports and exports data for all countries of the world, but these are in a format that is inconvenient for academic users. Using a grant from the National Science Foundation, Robert Feenstra and Robert Lipsey (NBER, New York) have made a very large set of UN trade data available to users on the CID Web site. Those data cover the years 1962 – 2000, and about 150 major countries with all their trade partners.

Chinese and Hong Kong Trade Data A third very unique dataset available from the center, but only to researchers at UC Davis, is a complete set of Chinese imports and exports data (1988-2007) and Hong Kong imports, exports, and re-exports data (1984-2007). Several graduate students in economics have used these data for their dissertation research and gone on to obtain their Ph.D. degrees and university positions. Several other graduate students and faculty affiliated with IGA are using the data currently. The Center ensures that these data are available in a form that permits users easy access and complete documentation.

Tariff Data In order to analyze import flows, it is essential to have accurate information on the tariffs imposed by importing countries. During the past year, the Center has been involved in collecting historical tariffs for the 1960s, and also more recent data on tariffs from the United

National and other sources. These data are still in too preliminary a form to be distributed, but will be used in various research projects.

Penn World Tables Professor Feenstra is now a partner in the Penn World Tables, the leading source of internationally comparable national accounts data. This partnership provides a unique opportunity for the center to expand the breadth of its international data collections.

Constructed by Robert Summers and Alan Heston of the University of Pennsylvania, together with the late Irving Kravis, the Penn World Tables are the definitive source for real, common currency, national accounts data. These data are invaluable for making comparisons of gross domestic product across countries, and for all manner of research on development and growth.

Working jointly with Alan Heston, Robert Feenstra received research funding from the National Science Foundation under a grant covering 2007-2010. Those grants enable Feenstra and Heston to pursue a range of questions related to the construction of real GDP, in their individual research and with other colleagues. The NSF grant is held jointly with Feenstra and Heston as principal investigators, along with John Romalis (University of Chicago), Bart van Ark and Marcel Timmer (Groningen Growth and Development Center, University of Groningen), D.S. Prasada Rao (University of Queensland, Brisbane) and Robert Hill (University of Gratz). The large numbers of researchers involved reflect the need to incorporate new data and methods into the Penn World Tables, extending its time frame and add more measurements of the international prices faced by countries.

On April 30 – May 1, 2009, a conference for the researchers involved with Penn World Tables research was held at the Institute of Governmental Affairs, with the following presentations:

Session I: Cost of Living Indexes

- *Income Differences and Prices of Tradables*, Ina Simonovska, University of Minnesota and UC Davis
- *Revisiting the Penn World Table: Cost of living indexes for Measuring World Inequality and Poverty*, Ingvild Almås and Erik Sørensen, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration

Session II: Recent Developments in the 2005 International Comparisons Program

- *New Methodological Developments for the International Comparison Program*, Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia
- *Recent Developments in the International Comparison of Prices and Real Output*, Robert Hill, University of Gratz
- *Confronting Industry-of-Origin and Expenditure PPPs: 2005 ICP in Action* Robert Inklaar and Marcel Timmer, University of Groningen
- *Discussion of the World Input-Output Database*, Marcel Timmer, University of Groningen

Session III: Comparing Prices across Time and Countries

- *Estimating Terms of Trade Levels Across OECD Countries*, Marcel Timmer and Andries Richter, University of Groningen

- *Consistent Comparisons of Real Incomes across Time and Space*, Robert Feenstra and Hong Ma, UC Davis, and Prasada Rao, University of Queensland

Other Outreach On January 7, 2009, the Center hosted a visit from the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE, or 对外经济贸易大学 in Chinese), which is the premier institution run by the Chinese government in international trade research and teaching. It is located in Beijing's central business district. A UIBE delegation led by the vice president of the university visited the UCD campus for a half day to meet university officials, faculty members and students. They discussed issues on university management, to learn IGA's experience in coordinating campus wide research in humanities and social sciences, to explore possible exchange programs, and to advertise UIBE to UCD audience, particularly to the Chinese students.

New Projects At the end of the 2008-2009 year, Feenstra initiated research with a group of five UCD undergraduates, funded by NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates, to collect information on the "country of origin" for products commonly available in grocery stores and drug stores. This data will be merged with scanner data available at the University of Chicago, which lists the bar codes of products purchased by a sample of consumers with a wide range of income levels. By merging in the "country of origin" for these products, researchers will be able to determine the extent to which international trade – by lowering the prices for goods imported into the U.S. – has contributed to greater gains for low-income consumers as compared to high-income consumers.

Center for State and Local Taxation

The Center for State and Local Taxation seeks to promote education and research in taxation. Through its programs, the center seeks to facilitate a clearer understanding of the effects of alternative state and local tax strategies on individual and corporate taxpayers, economic activity, and government revenues. The center's activities are coordinated by its director, Steven Sheffrin (Economics). This was the final year of Terri Sexton's service as Associate Director for the center.

Summer Tax Institute The center's annual Summer Tax Institute was held in June 2009 on the UC Davis campus. The institute provided in-depth training for nearly sixty tax professionals from across the country. The institute is cosponsored by the California Franchise Tax Board and the California State Board of Equalization. Associate Director Sexton provided administrative oversight for the event and served as its primary host.

Research and Outreach Director Sheffrin was on leave in 2008-2009. He spent time abroad conducting research for a new project in the area of tax fairness. He gave talks on taxation and fiscal policy at the University of Philippines, Nanyang Technological University, Asian Economic Panel (Jakarta), Ministry of Education of Singapore, Australian National University, and the University of New South Wales, School of Taxation. He also took part in the NYU Program in International Taxation (summer of 2008), Singapore Economic Review Conference (Summer 2009), and the International Institute of Public Finance (Maastricht, Holland, Summer 2008).

Sheffrin published several papers. "Re-Thinking the Fairness of Proposition 13: After the Tax Revolt" appeared in *California Proposition 13 Turns 30*, edited by Jack Citrin and Issac Martin (published by the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley). "Fairness in Market Value Taxation" was published in *What Role Property Taxes*, edited by R Bahl, J Martinez, and J. Youngman by the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy. "The Surprising Resurgence of Fiscal

Policy” was published in *Singapore and Asia, Impact of the Global Tsunami*, edited by Song Hui Ying for World Scientific Press.

Associate Director Terri Sexton (Economics, CSU Sacramento) published a paper on "Proposition 13 and Residential Mobility" in the 30 anniversary conference volume mentioned above. She also completed *Property Tax Assessment Limits (Policy Focus Report): Lessons from Thirty Years of Experience* with Mark Haveman for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in June 2008.

Center for the Evolution of the Global Economy

The Center for the Evolution of the Global Economy (CEGE) focuses on the study of the global economy past and present. The center builds upon campus strengths in the applied fields of international economics and economic history. The program, headed by Alan M. Taylor (Economics), seeks to promote understanding of the process of globalization in the long-run, employing cutting-edge comparative and global approaches to the study of economic issues. Economic responses to the external economic shocks that result from the processes of globalization are of special interest to the center’s affiliated faculty.

The affiliated faculty (all in Economics) are: Paul Bergin, Robert Feenstra, Gregory Clark, Peter Lindert, Christopher Meissner, Giovanni Peri, Katheryn Russ, Deborah Swenson, Wing Thye Woo.

The center also holds an annual conference on a topic related to the global economy, each year with high-ranking invited professors from around the United States and overseas taking part as presenters and discussants. As well as providing a fertile environment for research, the conference connects the wider scholarly community to the group of distinguished faculty at Davis, and helps to promote knowledge around the world of our department’s excellence in these areas. Without these events, the profile of the UC Davis Department of Economics among these scholars would be noticeably reduced.

The director also supports one graduate student RA each year from core funding, to ensure that students working in this area get support. As external grants flow in (CEGE has just received a 3-year NSF grant, see below) more RAs will be supported, helping to keep our graduate program strong and competitive in what support we offer students.

The program also aims to develop international exchanges with partners in support of scholarly research and training. The center has ties with such institutions as Groningen Growth and Development Centre, University of Groningen; University of Utrecht; London School of Economics; University of Warwick; Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain) and the Economic History Initiative, Centre for Economic Policy Research (UK).

Short and Long-Term Visitors at CEGE The following visitors came to campus with the support of CEGE in 2008–09. The goal is to bring in researchers in our main areas of interest. We also aim to build bridges to foreign institutions with whom we can forge long-term partnerships and collaborative/exchange programs.

- CEGE co-hosted Paul Sharpe, a professor at the University of Copenhagen in September 2008. He also presented a paper at our history seminar.
- CEGE hosted Dennis Novy, a professor at University of Warwick in Fall 2008. He visited to pursue research with Alan Taylor and Chris Meissner. Warwick is one of our main overseas exchange partners.

Graduate Student Support Several UC Davis economics graduate students have been engaged as research assistants in 2008–09 including Rowena Gray and Travis Berge who have been working on projects with Alan Taylor.

Annual CEGE Conference The 3rd Annual CEGE Conference was held in March 2009, a one day meeting with six papers presented. The theme was “Africa: Hope for a Troubled Continent.” The event was organized by Gregory Clark and Alan Taylor and attended by over 50 people. Many Northern Californian colleagues attended including leading scholars from schools Stanford, Santa Clara, and Berkeley. In addition, the program included many top researchers from around the country. Many members of the economics department and graduate students with interests in the area also attended.

Papers presented were:

- *The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Historical Origins of Mistrust in Africa: An Empirical Analysis*, Nathan Nunn, Harvard University
- *Post-1500 Population Flows and the Long Run Determinants of Economic Growth and Inequality*, David N. Weil, Brown University
- *Microfinance in Colonial India*, Susan Wolcott, SUNY Binghamton
- *Routes of Infection: Exports and HIV Incidence in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Emily Oster, University of Chicago
- *Spring Cleaning: Rural Water Impacts, Valuation and Institutions*, Edward Miguel, UC Berkeley
- *Manufacturing Growth: What is the Path to Prosperity in Africa?* Gregory Clark, UC Davis

Grant from the NSF Taylor prepared an NSF grant for submission in August 2008 to the economics program, with co-PIs David Jacks and Kevin O’Rourke. This grant application was successful and will run for the next three years (2009–2012). Taylor’s subgrant is now running for this project through CEGE via IGA, and supporting an RA. The project will compile hitherto unused data for 200 years covering Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries, and use the data to answer questions about development, industrialization, and economic growth.

Other activities CEGE co-sponsored a conference on international comparisons in May 2009 for the Penn World Table project (organized by Rob Feenstra, and described in his report for the Center for International Data above). CEGE co-sponsored a debate about the policy response to the crisis in 2008, with two distinguished panelists who came to campus, Brad DeLong from Berkeley and Michele Boldrin from Washington University in St. Louis. Alan Taylor participated in two IGA panels about the global economic crisis in Fall 2008.

Future Plans: In 2009–10, CEGE will hold its fourth annual conference in May 2010. The theme will be financial shocks and the real economy. The organizers are Chris Meissner, and Alan Taylor. CEGE will host visits by Dennis Novy (U. of Warwick) who will work on trade costs and trade shocks (with Taylor and Chris Meissner) and will participate in economic history workshops and other CEGE activities. CEGE will host visits by David Jacks and/or Kevin O’Rourke who will work on their NSF project with Taylor. The center will continue to work with new and existing overseas partners to further its goals. We now have an exchange relationship with Warwick. We may also develop a similar program with the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), where we also have good relations. Taylor is working with Giovanni

Peri (Economics) and Laura Alfaro (Harvard) to develop a new research project on capital goods in developing countries, for which we are seeking outside funding. Taylor was a summer visitor at the Bank of England in 2009 and will return again in summer 2010.

Conflict Processes Group

The Conflict Processes Group (CPG) at UC Davis is an interdisciplinary research program devoted to the study of interpersonal, intergroup, intranational, and international conflicts that entail potential or actual violence. The program is headed by Zeev Maoz (Political Science) and jointly sponsored by IGA and the International Relations Program.

The program has engaged in a number of activities involving scholars from UC Davis and other institutions, as well as the Davis community and beyond. The program sponsors panel discussions and lectures intended to provide perspectives on current events, as well as events (seminars, workshops, and conferences) intended for a more narrow scholarly audience.

The CPG had a number of speakers and held two workshops during the 2008-09 academic year. These included the following:

- *Between Power and Hegemony: Business Communities in Peace Processes*, Guy Ben-Porat, Ben Gurion University, Israel and Visiting Professor, University of California, Davis
- *Workshop on Experimental Studies of Conflict*, Rose McDermott, Brown University
- *Losing Heart: Public Support for and the Political Marketing of the Afghanistan Mission*, Joseph Fletcher, University of Toronto
- *Territorial Terrorists: Violent Responses to Foreign Soldiers on Home Territories*, Alex Braithwaite, University College, London
- *Bargaining, Uncertainty and the Duration of Interstate Wars: Does the Principle of Convergence Really Hold?*, Catherine Langlois, Georgetown University
- *It Takes a Network: Lessons from the War on Terror*, Professor John Arquilla, Naval Postgraduate School

The program also co-sponsored a Political Networks Workshop with the IGA Program on Decision-making, Communication, and Uncertainty and was funded in part by the IGCC Campus Program.

Session I: Policy Networks

- *Rational and Competitive Government Contracting: Understanding Subgroup Patterns Over Time*, Christopher Weible, Public Affairs, University of Colorado, Denver and Gordon Kingsley, Public Policy, Georgia Tech
- *Water Management Networks in an Ecology of Games*, Mark Lubell, Environmental Science and Policy, UC Davis
- *Policy Networks and Project Success: Comparing Effective Network Structures for Obtaining Funding, Technical, regulatory, and Public Support*, Ramiro Berardo, Political Science, University of Arizona; John Scholz, Political Science, Florida State University, and Meredith Whiteman, Political Science, Florida State University

Session II: International Networks

- *The Comparative Value of Domestic and Transgovernmental Networking*, Paul Thurner, Political Science, Universität München, and Martin Binder, Economics, Max Planck Institute
- *Dynamics of International Commerce*, Michael Don Ward, Political Science, University of Washington
- *From Conflict to Cooperation: An Agent-based Model of International Security Networks*, Zeev Maoz, Political Science, UC Davis

Keynote Address: *Networks and Cooperation*, John Scholz, Political Science, Florida State University

Session III: Egocentric Networks

- *Network Contexts, Political Heterogeneity, and Political Partisanship: Evidence from Italian Elections 2006*, Deila Baldassari, Sociology, Princeton University
- *Social Expertise and the Foundations of Political Involvement*, Scott McClurg, Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Session IV: Experimental Studies of Networks

- *Endogenous Network Formation in a Prisoner's Dilemma Experiment*, T. K. Ahn, Political Science, Florida State University
- *Political Experts, Communications Dominance, and Patterns of Political Bias*, Robert Huckfeldt, Political Science, UC Davis; T. K. Ahn, Political Science, Florida State University; Alex Mayer and John Ryan, Political Science, UC Davis

Session V: Dyads, Triads, and Nodes

- *Triads in Social Networks*, Katherine Faust, Sociology, UC Irvine
- *Network Centrality, Gender and Bullying in Adolescence*, Robert Faris, Sociology, Diane Felmlee, Sociology, UC Davis
- *Limits on Persuasion and the Factors that Sustain Opinion Diversity*, Robert Huckfeldt, Political Science, UC Davis; Paul Johnson, Political Science, University of Kansas

Economy, Justice and Society

Economy, Justice and Society (EJS) is an interdisciplinary program involving faculty from the Departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology, and the School of Education. The program focuses on the influence of social, cultural, and political factors on the economic success of individuals and groups.

Marianne Page (Economics) directed the program in 2008-2009. The 2008-2009 program committee consisted of Dina Okamoto (Sociology), Michal Kurlaender (School of Education), Kim Shauman (Sociology), Heather Rose (School of Education), and Ann Huff Stevens (Economics).

Despite the declining budget of EJS, in 2008-09 the program again engaged in many activities. These consisted of a well-attended seminar series on *The Determinants of Economic Success (DES)*, which ran in both the Fall and Spring quarters, a spring conference on *Race Matters: Socioeconomic Perspectives on the Racial Divide in America*, organized by Marianne Page and Dina Okamoto, and a graduate student retreat, which took place in the fall. EJS also co-sponsored a workshop with the CPG on *Experimental Studies of Conflict* and managed to offer nearly the full range of our usual activities by reducing the number of seminars and jointly sponsoring several of our activities with other programs or departments, although the graduate student retreat was reduced in size relative to previous years.

Graduate Workshop The introductory event this year was the graduate student workshop held over two days at Granlibakken in Lake Tahoe in late September. This event was co-sponsored by the Economics Department, the Sociology Department, and the School of Education, and provided an opportunity for graduate students to present work in progress in an informal setting. The participating faculty also discussed finding research topics, bringing these projects to fruition, preparing for the job market, and balancing work and family. Approximately 20 graduate students participated, along with twelve faculty members. If the budget allows, the next retreat will be in September 2010. The participating departments will include Sociology, Economics and the School of Education.

DES Seminar The typical DES seminar provided speakers from universities such as Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Michigan, and had an audience of 25 or more people. The following six seminars constituted the DES series for 2008-09.

- *The Growing Female Advantage in U.S. Higher Education: What do we Know? What do we Need to Know?* Claudia Buchmann (Sociology, Ohio State University)
- *Improving Poverty Measurement in the United States*, Rebecca Blank (Brookings Institution)
- *The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Children's Health*, Patricia Anderson (Economics, Dartmouth College)
- *The Nature of Wealth and the Dynamics of Inequality in the Long-Run*, Sam Bowles (Economics, University of Siena and Santa Fe Institute)
- *Family Connections: Delving Further into the Educational Trajectories of Children of Immigrants*, Jennifer Glick (Sociology, Arizona State University)
- *Long Term Earnings Losses Due to Mass Layoffs During the 1982 Recession: An Analysis Using Longitudinal Administrative Data*, Till von Wachter (Economics, Columbia University)

Workshop on Experimental Studies of Conflict This workshop was jointly sponsored with the CPG, and organized by Scott Gartner. The workshop was run by Rose McDermott (Brown University), a leading researcher in experimental political science research. It included several lectures by Professor McDermott, as well as breakout sessions during which faculty and graduate students worked together and with Professor McDermott to explore how their research might be translated into experimental work. Faculty from Political Science, Sociology and Economics participated in the workshop.

Spring Conference Marianne Page (Economics) and Dina Okamoto (Sociology) organized a very successful conference at Davis, on May 14 and 15, on *Race Matters: Socioeconomic*

Perspectives on the Racial Divide in America. The conference attracted presenters from a variety of disciplines and from prominent institutions. The program included:

- *Left Behind By Design: Proficiency Counts and Test Based Accountability*, Derek Neal (University of Chicago)
- *The Legacy of Disadvantage: Multigenerational Neighborhood Effects on Cognitive Ability*, Patrick Sharkey (NYU and Columbia University)
- *From Separate and Unequal to Integrated and Equal? School Desegregation and School Finance in Louisiana*, Sarah Reber (UCLA)
- *Identifying Provider Prejudice in Health Care*, Amitabh Chandra (Harvard University)
- *Desegregation and Change: Evidence from City Boundaries*, Leah Platt Bouston (UCLA)
- *Racial Segregation and Impoverished Neighborhood Environments: A Population Model*, Lincoln Quillian (Northwestern University)

Migration Dialogue

Directed by Philip Martin (Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE)), this program develops the data and analysis necessary for rational decision-making on emotionally charged immigration issues in California, the United States and in other countries. The researchers affiliated with the program analyze the impacts of immigrant workers on the California economy generally, and especially in agriculture and science and engineering, the impacts of immigrants on US residents, and the roles of and effects of immigrant workers abroad.

Immigration researchers at UC Davis include Jeanette Money (Political Science), Kevin Johnson (School of Law), and Jim Grieshop (HCD). Ed Taylor (ARE) participates in program activities that examine the impacts of immigration in agricultural areas of California.

During 2008-09, the program:

- Hosted a major conference on the impacts of pending US immigration reforms on US and CA agriculture at UC-DC in Washington DC (<http://migration.ucdavis.edu/cf/>)
- Hosted conferences on immigrants in Science and Engineering occupations at UCLA in January 2009 and at Stanford in March 2009
- Produced the quarterly newsletters Migration News and Rural Migration News <http://migration.ucdavis.edu/index.php>

Support for these activities was received from the Giannini Foundation, \$20,000 the UC Center for German and European Studies, \$10,000, and the Sloan Foundation, \$439,000.

Program on Decision-making, Communication, and Uncertainty

The Program on Decision-Making, Communication, and Uncertainty was established in the spring of 2005. Headed by Robert Huckfeldt (Political Science), the program is an interdisciplinary initiative focusing on the use of experimental, computational, and observational methodologies for studying decision-making and communication in contexts marked by uncertainty.

Research in these areas has given rise to distinctive theoretical and methodological approaches: the widespread use of experimentation, theories of cognition, theories of communication and cooperation, game theory, network theory, computational methods, and other individual and group-based measurement strategies. These approaches are integral to program efforts. The program's primary activity this year was the workshop on social networks described in detail in the sections on the CPG.

Rural Economies of the Americas Program

In 2008 the Rural Economies of the Americas Program (<http://reap.ucdavis.edu>) launched a project to help design policies and social programs aimed at combating rural poverty in Mexico in the wake of NAFTA, Mexico's far-reaching domestic policy reforms, and rising world food prices driven by biofuel demand. This project strives to create an autonomous research capability in Mexico by training students to study Mexico's changing rural economy, in conjunction with REAP's sister program, PRECESAM, at El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City (<http://precesam.colmex.mx>). Over the last two years, more than a hundred students have participated in REAP-sponsored fieldwork and research in Mexico. REAP students and researchers also have collaborated with scholars in Central America and the Dominican Republic to study the effects of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) on rural welfare there, with a focus on gender.

Findings from these studies suggest that by dismantling protective tariffs on food, trade reforms lower food prices. This reduces the income of commercial farms producing food crops. However, most rural households are net buyers of food, and the benefits to them as consumers in most cases offset the negative effects on rural income. Conversely, higher grain prices due to ethanol demand has mixed effects on the rural poor, driving up food costs for all while creating income gains mostly for large commercial farmers. Another study found that the negative income effects of agricultural trade reforms are greater for men than women, because men are more likely to work in the protected sectors that must compete with food imports from the United States. These findings have been reported in major academic journals and to international audiences including the OECD Global Forum on Agriculture, the United Nations and the Office of the President of Mexico.

REAP is supported by generous grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and a diversity of other funding agencies.

Systemwide Programs

All-UC Group in Economic History

The institute is the administrative home of the All-UC Group in Economic History, a Multi-campus Research Unit (MRU). The group works to strengthen teaching and research in economic history within the UC system through its conferences, intercampus exchanges, and research grants for graduate students.

In 2008-2009, the group held a Graduate Student Workshop at UCLA and two conferences. The first was hosted at UCLA, *Understanding Long Run Economic Growth: A Conference in Honor of Kenneth Sokoloff*. The second was held at UC Riverside, *Institutions Everywhere: A Conference in Honor of Roger Ransom*.

The All-UC Group also awarded graduate student fellowships to the following students

- Sheetal Bharat (Economics, UCR), *India Post and Literacy*
- Nathan Carpenter (History, UCD), *Highway Robbers, Small-Time Traders, Colonial Administrators: Colonialism and Regional Trade in West Africa*
- Jill M. Jensen (History, UCSB), *History International Labor Standards and the Building of Two Postwar Eras, 1919-1954*
- Glenda Oskar (Economics, UCB), *Adoption of Radio Communication Technology*
- Haelim Park (Economics, UCI), *All over the Map -- Financial History*
- Estefania Santacreu-Vasut (Economics, UCB), *Diversity in Organizations: Theory and Evidence from India Industrialization*
- Alison Steiner (History, UCD), *History Rebuilding the American Commons: The Trust for Public Land and Environmental Reform, 1972-2005*

The All-UC Group also participated in the systemwide Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives (MRPI) competition and received renewal funding as part of that process.

Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

The Institute of Governmental Affairs serves as the UC Davis liaison to the systemwide Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). IGCC was founded in 1983 as a Multicampus Research Unit, serving the entire University of California system by studying the causes of international conflict and devising options for resolving conflict through international cooperation. Working through the Institute of Governmental Affairs, the IGCC campus program facilitates research, teaching, and discussion of international topics across a wide segment of the UC Davis community.

The campus proposal received \$15,000 in block and activity grant funding from systemwide IGCC for the year. These funds were used to support two conferences in IGCC's areas of interest.

A two-day conference on the topic *Culture, Politics, and Performativity: Cinemas of the Middle East and South Asia* was held May 15-16, 2009. Co-sponsors were: Middle East/South Asia Studies Program, Film Studies Program, Cultural Studies, Davis Humanities Institute, English, History, Institute of Governmental Affairs, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Jewish Studies, Law School, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Technocultural Studies, and Women and Gender Studies. The program was:

- *Technologies of Unbelonging*, Ranjana Khanna, English and Women's Studies, Duke University
- Film screening: *Measures of Distance* (1988), Directed by Mona Hatoum; Moderator: Liz Constable, Film Studies
- *Transgressing the Nation*, Viola Shafik, Freelance Film Scholar and Filmmaker
- Film screening: *Salata Baladi* (2007). Directed by Nadia Kamel. Moderator: Joshua Clover, English
- *Women in Islamic Republic Cinema*, Hamid Naficy, Radio, Television, and Film, Northwestern University

- Film screening: *20 Fingers* (2004), Directed by Mania Akbari. Moderator: Suad Joseph, Middle East/South Asia Studies
- *Experiments with Truth: Confronting Colonial history in Popular Hindi Cinema*, Corey Creekmur, Cinema and Comparative Literature, English, University of Iowa
- Film screening: *Rang de Basanti* (2006), Directed by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra, (Indian). Moderator: Parama Roy, English
- *Veiling and Unveiling Palestine/Israel: Yuli Cohen-Gerstl's "My Land Zion,"* Yosefa Ioshitzky, Media and Cultural Studies, University of East London
- Film screening: *My Land Zion* (2004), Directed by Yuli Cohen-Gerstl. Alon Raab, Religious Studies
- *Local Stakes and Global Circulation in World Cinema*, Deniz Göktürk, German, UC Berkeley
- Film screening: *Auf der Anderen Seite* (2007) Directed by Fatih Akin. Moderator: Jaimey Fisher, German

IGA's Program on Decision-making, Communication, and Uncertainty and Conflict Processes Group co-sponsored a *Workshop on Political Networks* on May 19th-20th, 2009. The agenda for the workshop is provided in the section above on the CPG.

Institute Funding Programs

The institute supports two small, yet high-impact, funding programs for social scientists: the Dissertation Improvement Awards Program and the Junior Faculty Research Program.

Dissertation Awards Program

Since 2003-2004, IGA has sponsored a Dissertation Improvement Awards Program. The program is intended to provide research funding for exemplary graduate students. The grants are used for research-related expenses such as interview transcription, data acquisition, fieldwork, and travel to archives and special collections. The institute works with department graduate program chairs to administer parallel competitions in several departments with award criteria tailored to the varying needs and preferences of the disciplines. These modest awards have allowed many talented students to expand the depth and breadth of their dissertation research in ways that not only improve the quality of the dissertation but have positive impacts on their initial job placements and on their careers for many years to come. Recipients in 2008-2009 were:

- Gregory Brueck (History), *Making the Plains: The Social and Environmental Legacies of the Oklahoma Land Rush*
- Kathryn Demps (Anthropology), *Transmission of Ecological Knowledge in South India*
- Sun Go (Economics), *The Rise and Centralization of American Public Schools*
- Rowena Gray (Economics), *U.S. Immigration in the 19th and 20th Centuries*
- Cassie Hartzog (Sociology), *County-level Correlates of Immigrants' Access to Health Care*

- Kris Inman (Political Science), *Voting Behavior in Sub-Saharan African Democracies: A Multi-Method Approach*
- Lucas Kirkpatrick (Sociology), *Liquid Disaster: The Rise of Local Infrastructure Politics in New Orleans*
- Chris Kortright (Anthropology), *Experimental Fields and Biotech Futures: The Politics and Histories of Scientific Rice Research*
- Jason Lee (Economics), *The Construction of the Road Network in the Early 20th Century*
- Alex Ma (Economics), *Self-selection Patterns and Variety Expansion Strategies of Multiproduct Firms*
- Bob Moorehead (Sociology), *Homeless in the Ethnic Homeland: Japanese Peruvian Immigrants in Japan*
- Matthew Preston (Anthropology), *The Processes of Extinction and Persistence: Primates in Changed vs Unchanged Forests*
- Nicole Richardson (History), *Nurturing the Fetus: The Practice of "Fetal Education" in Early Republican China, 1911-1937*
- Ryan Schacht (Anthropology), *Comparative Analysis of Sexual Strategies, Mate Choice, and Operational Sex Ratios in Diverse Family Forms of Guyana*
- John Sewell (History), *And the Word was Made Flesh: Jesus, Jews, and Magic in Early Modern Europe*
- Nathan Stevens (Anthropology), *Quantification of Stone Tool Uses Through Laser Confocal Microscopy*
- Aimee Tannehill (Political Science), *International Aspects of Civil War: A Systematic Examination of the Relationship Between Interstate Conflict and Civil War*
- Greg Wright (Economics), *Offshoring Costs and Worker Response to the Changing Distribution of Tasks*
- Yulian Wu (History), *Commercial Capital and the Chinese State: Influential Salt Merchants and the Imperial Court in 18th Century China*

Junior Faculty Research Program

The goal of the IGA Junior Faculty Research Program is to assist untenured faculty in cultivating a base of external funding that will support their work over the long term. In addition to seed support, recipients of Junior Faculty Research Program awards have access to IGA's grant-related services such as identifying potential funding sources, proposal preparation and submission assistance, and grant management services for funded projects. Although IGA's funding for the program is limited (this year approximately \$16,500 was allocated), the return on these seed investments has been excellent. Since its inception in 1998-99, the program made over 80 awards totaling approximately \$300,000. Eighty percent of the awardees fulfilled their obligation to apply for external support. Award recipients secured more than 45 grants totaling over \$2.9 million in extramural funding. Each dollar invested in the program has yielded nearly

ten to support faculty research while helping junior faculty build skills, knowledge, and experience in obtaining research funding that will benefit them throughout their careers.

Junior Faculty Research Program recipients in 2008-2009 were

- Cheryl Boudreau (Political Science), *Party Cues and their Effect on Public Opinion*
- Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor (History), *The Business of New York Auctioneers*
- David Rapson (Economics), *Home Appliances: Laying the Groundwork for a Panel Data Collection Initiative*
- Burkhard Schipper (Economics), *Is Human Genetic Engineering Evolutionary Stable?*
- Teresa Steele (Anthropology), *New Archaeological Excavations in Namaqualand, South Africa to Investigate the Origins of All Living Humans*

Grant Proposal Activity

The institute provides a range of service to assist social science faculty in securing and managing funding for the research activities. The institute provides support from the conceptualization of a proposal throughout the proposal preparation and submission process to the administration of funding once awarded. During fiscal year 2008-2009, IGA submitted 35 contract and grant applications on behalf of faculty and graduate students. This year 8 projects received new funding totaling \$1,364,241.

Newly funded projects are:

- Fred Block (Sociology) *Interdisciplinary Research on the U.S. Developmental State*, \$131,000 from the Ford Foundation
- Scott Gartner (Political Science), *Timing, Casualties, and Selection in Civil War Conflict Management*, \$25,110 from the Folke Bernadotte Academy
- Kristie Inman (graduate student) (Political Science), *Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: Voting Behavior in African Democracies*, \$12,000 from the National Science Foundation
- Marianne Page (Economics), *The Effects of Alcohol Policies on Fetal Health and Children's Development*, \$143,386 from the National Institutes of Health
- Donna Shestowsky (Law), *Longitudinal Study of Disputants' Court-Connected Dispute Resolution Preferences* \$190,212 from the National Science Foundation
- Ann Steven (Economics), *Why are Recessions Good For You? Understanding Pro-cyclical Mortality* \$380,310 from the National Science Foundation
- Walter Stone (Political Science), *Political Context and Citizen Response in the 2010 Elections*, \$294,149 from the National Science Foundation
- Alan Taylor (Economics) *Globalization and Growth: Lessons from British Trade Statistics*, \$172,0854 from the National Bureau of Economic Research (NSF)
- Eddy U (Sociology), *Intellectuals, Professions, and Knowledge in Twentieth-Century China*, \$16,000 from the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation (CCK)

In addition, the institute administered 20 continuing contracts and grants. Continuing project were:

- Julian Alston (ARE), *Institutional Innovations in Financing and Performing Public Agricultural R&D: Lessons for the United States* from the US Department of Agriculture
- Tom Beamish (Sociology), *'Bio-Safety' or 'Bio-Hazard'? Organizational Pursuit and Community Response to a Safety and Preparedness Initiative* from the National Science Foundation
- Fred Block (Sociology), *The Hidden Developmental State in the United States* from the Ford Foundation
- Rob Feenstra (Economics), *Integrating Expenditures and Production Estimates in International Comparison* from the National Science Foundation
- Diane Felmlee (Sociology), *Dynamics of Human Behavior* from the National Science Foundation
- Scott Gartner (Political Science), *Why and When do Civil War Dispute Resolution Efforts Do Poorly* from the Folke Bernadotte Foundation
- Ryken Grattet (Sociology), *The Causes & Consequences of Parole Violations in California: A Multi-Level & Policy Focused Analysis* from the Department of Justice
- Hilary Hoynes, Ann Stevens and Marianne Page (Economics), *Impact of Food Stamps and WIC on Health and Long-run Economic Outcomes* from the US Department of Agriculture
- Chris Knittel (Economics), *Transportation Fuels and Carbon Markets: How Might a Carbon-based Trading System Develop?* from Chevron Technology Ventures
- Chris Knittel (Economics), *E85 Station Entry: Implications for Alternative Fuel Policy and Firm Strategy* from Chevron Technology Ventures
- Ming-cheng Lo (Sociology), *One Science Does not Fit All: The Social Processes of "Culturally Competent Healthcare* from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Dina Okamoto (Sociology) *The Civic & Political Incorporation of Immigrants in Non-Traditional Destinations* from the Russell Sage Foundation
- Dina Okamoto (Sociology), *The Role of Community-Based Organizations in the Lives of Immigrant and Second Generation Youth* from the William T. Grant Foundation
- Alan Olmstead (IGA/Economics) *IGCC Block Grant*
- Burkhard Schipper (Economics), *Games with Unawareness - Theory and Applications* from the National Science Foundation
- Vicki Smith (Sociology), *Counseling Kids: The World of High School Counselors* from the Spencer Foundation

- Ann Stevens (Economics), *Retirement Across Cohorts: The Role of Earnings Inequality and Pension Change* from the University of Michigan Retirement Research Center (MRRC)
- J.E. Taylor (ARE), *Global Development Program – Mexico* from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- J.E. Taylor (ARE), *Rural Economies of the Americas Program (REAP)* from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Eddy U (Sociology), *The Making of Intellectuals: Politics and Identity in the People's Republic of China* from the Chiang Ching-Kuo (CCK) Foundation

Other Institute Activities

The institute provides research support services, hosts visiting scholars from around the world, and conducts an active public affairs program – all in support of the campus social and policy science community. A number of faculty participate in guiding IGA programs and helping to allocate IGA resources.

Research Services

IGA's research services consist of the IGA Library & Data Archive and the Social Science Data Service (SSDS).

Library & Data Archive

IGA Library & Data Archive staff provide research support to social science faculty and graduate students through data identification and acquisition, in-depth reference service, and targeted collection development. Staff are well versed in social science data and bibliographic sources, as well as the research interests of the faculty and students they serve. In 2008-2009, the Library & Data Archive served over 120 users from 16 departments across the campus and at UCDCM.

The IGA data archive maintains institutional memberships to the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, the world's largest archive of survey data and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), the premier social science data archive. Our support of these memberships allows users across the campus to access these resources free-of-charge. In 2008-2009 nearly 600 datasets valued at over \$220,000 were downloaded from these two sources, an estimated savings of more than \$200,000 to campus users (over the cost of acquisition at non-member rates).

The Library and Data Archive also purchases a variety of data sources. In 2008-2009, the IGA Library and Data Archive users access local data holdings nearly 40 times. Among the most heavily used items were *CPS Utilities(March Files)* from Unicon, *Field (California) Polls* from the Field Institute Academic Consortium, and *U.S. Economic Data* from Haver Analytics.

Social Science Data Service

The mission of the Social Science Data Service (SSDS) is to provide quantitative research computing support and supplementary computing resources for the affiliated departments of economics, political science, and sociology. The SSDS provides the affiliated departments with a research-oriented computing environment that takes advantage of economies of scale and shared computing resources. Additionally, SSDS provides research support to non-SSDS

affiliated users as resources allow and administers two campuswide software licenses. The site licenses provide researchers with substantial savings over the regular academic pricing for these products.

The staff at SSDS have considerable expertise in general information technology as well as a specialization in quantitative methods in the social sciences. The majority of SSDS consulting questions are short term in nature, others are of an extended nature, requiring an hour or more to answer. The consulting service at SSDS is focused on assisting faculty and graduate students by making them more productive and providing technical assistance to overcome obstacles they may encounter in the course of their quantitative analyses. While SSDS sometimes deals with general computing issues, more often the staff address specialized quantitative social science computing concerns, including the use of the SSDS computing system (a mixed environment of personal computers and a central UNIX research application server), mathematical and statistical applications support, and other quantitative or computational research computing issues. SSDS also addresses data-related issues such as importing data from external sources or from the IGA Library & Data Archive collections. This year the SSDS statistical consultant continued to offer a popular series of workshops on quantitative computing issues.

For the 2008-09 year, the SSDS advisory committee members were Brad Jones (Political Science), Oscar Jorda (Economics); Bill McCarthy (Sociology), Kimberlee Shauman (Sociology), Ann Stevens (Economics) and Walt Stone (Political Science). In addition to advising on matters related to SSDS and quantitative computing, this group helped launch a new series of methodologically focused seminars and workshops, meant to fill the void left by the completion of the campuswide quantitative social science initiative. Talks in this well-attended series were:

- *The Strengths and Limitations of the IPUMS for Social Science Research*, Trent Alexander, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota
- *Estimating user-defined nonlinear regression models in Stata and in Mata*, Colin Cameron, Economics
- *Bayesian Perspective on Causal Inference*, Siddharta Chib, Business, Washington University

Faculty Participation

More than 50 faculty from across the UC Davis campus participate in IGA research or public affairs programming, utilize IGA services (grants, data, computing, etc.), have recently benefited from IGA seed funding, conduct extramurally-funded research at IGA, serve on IGA committees, or are otherwise involved in the institute. In addition, the faculty noted below provide input and guidance for IGA programs and help to allocate IGA resources by serving on IGA advisory committees. In this reporting period, approximately 100 faculty representing all general UC campuses and a like number of faculty from non-UC campuses have participated in IGA sponsored programs and events including the activities of the All-UC Group in Economic History.

IGA Advisory Committee

Robert Huckfeldt, Chair	Political Science
Rand Conger	HCD
Marianne Page	Economics
Kimberlee Shauman	Sociology
Alan Taylor	History
Ed Taylor	ARE

EJS Program Committee

Marianne Page, Chair	Economics
Michal Kurlaender	Education
Dina Okamoto	Sociology
Heather Rose	Education
Kimberlee Shauman	Sociology
Ann Stevens	Economics

All-UC Group in Economic History Steering Committee

Alan Olmstead, Chair	Economics, UCD
R. Bin Wong	History, UCLA
Dan Bogart	Economics, UCI
Gregory Clark	Economics, UCD
Brad DeLong	Economics, UCB
Jan DeVries	History & Econ, UCB
Barry Eichengreen	Economics, UCB
Bernard Elbaum	Economics, UCSC
Shawn Kantor	Economics, UCM
Naomi Lamoreaux	Economics, UCLA
Gary Libecap	Bren School, UCSB
John Majewski	History, UCSB
Patrick Patterson	History, UCSD
Kenneth Pomeranz	History, UCI
Gary Richardson	Economics, UCI
Todd Sorenson	Economics, UCR
William Summerhill	History, UCLA
Alan Taylor	Economics, UCD

ICPSR Summer Program Committee

Jim Adams	Political Science
Kimberlee Shauman	Sociology

IGCC Steering Committee

Alan Olmstead, Chair	Campus IGCC Program Director
Paul Bergin	Economics
Gabriella Montinola	Political Science
Zeev Maoz	International Relations / Political Science

Junior Faculty Research Program Committee

John Scott, Chair	Political Science
Bill McCarthy	Sociology

SSDS Advisory Committee

Brad Jones	Political Science
Oscar Jorda	Economics
Bill McCarthy	Sociology
Kimberlee Shauman	Sociology
Ann Stevens	Economics
Walter Stone	Political Science

Dissertation Awards Program

The IGA Dissertation Awards program is administered in cooperation with the Graduate Program Chairs in the participating departments, as listed below.

Jelmer Eerkins	Anthropology, Evolutionary Wing
Diane Felmlee	Sociology
Brad Jones	Political Science
Ari Kelman	History
Suzana Sawyer	Anthropology, Socio- cultural Wing
Ann Stevens	Economics

Visiting Scholars

IGA hosted a number of distinguished visitors who conducted research and/or presented their work at events sponsored or cosponsored by IGA. Visitors in 2007-2008 included:

T. K. Ahn, Florida State University	David Merli, Franklin and Marshall College
Trent Alexander, University of Minnesota	Edward Miguel, UC Berkeley
Ingvild Almås, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration	Derek Neal, University of Chicago
Patricia Anderson, Dartmouth College	Dennis Novy, University of Warwick
John Arquilla, Naval Postgraduate School	Nathan Nunn, Harvard University
Deila Baldassari, Princeton	Margaret O'Mara, University of Washington
Guy Ben-Porat, Ben Gurion University	Emily Oster, University of Chicago
Ramiro Berardo, University of Arizona	Rick Perlstein
Martin Binder, Max Planck Institute	Sarah Phillips, Columbia University
Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution	Leah Platt Bouston, UCLA
Michele Boldrin, Washington University at St. Louis	Lincoln Quillian, Northwestern University
Sam Bowles, University of Siena	Prasada Rao, University of Queensland
Alex Braithwaite, University College London	Sarah Reber, UCLA
Jonathan Brooks, OECD	Paul Rhode, University of Arizona
Claudia Buchmann, Ohio State	Andries Richter, University of Groningen
Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University	Byron Schafer, University of Wisconsin
Siddharta Chib, Washington University at St. Louis	John Scholz, Florida State University
Andrew Cohen, Syracuse University	Terri Sexton, CSUS
J. Bradford DeLong, UC Berkeley	Patrick Sharkey NYU
Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia	Paul Sharpe University of Copenhagen
Sergio Espuelas Barroso, University of Barcelona	Erik Sørensen Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration
Katherine Faust, UC Irvine	Paul Thurner Universität München
Eva Fernandez Garcia, Universidad Pablo de Olavide	Marcel Timmer University of Groningen
Joseph Fletcher, University of Toronto	Daniel Tirado University of Barcelona
Jennifer Glick, Arizona State	Tzvetan Todorov
Robert Hill, University of Gratz	Till von Wachter Columbia University
Robert Inklaar, University of Groningen	Michael Ward University of Washington
Paul Johnson, University of Kansas	Christopher Weible University of Colorado, Denver
David Kennedy, Stanford University	David Weil Brown University
Gordon Kingsley, Georgia Tech	Meredith Whiteman Florida State University
Catherine, Langlois Grorgetown University	Martin Whyte Harvard University
Scott McClurg, Southern Illinois University	Susan Wolcott SUNY Binghamton
Rose McDermott, Brown University	

Public Affairs

IGA strives to enrich the intellectual life of the campus through its public affairs and conference programs. The calendar below lists lectures, seminars, workshops, and conferences sponsored or cosponsored by IGA and its programs and centers.

IGA 2008-2009 Events Calendar

September 2008

26th-27th ***Economy, Justice and Society Graduate Student Retreat***
Granlibakken Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

October 2008

8th ***Cold War Resurgent? Russia, Georgia and the West***
Policy Watch Seminar
Miroslav Nincic, Political Science,

9th ***Sex and Science: How Professor Gender Perpetuates the Gender Gap***
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar
Scott Carrell and Marianne Page, Economics
Co-sponsored by the Department of Economics

16th ***Notes on Bin Laden's Audiotape Collection: Echoes of Legality***
Policy Watch Seminar
Flagg Miller, Religious Studies

17th ***Understanding the Financial Crisis***
Policy Watch Seminar
Brad Barber, GSM; Paul Bergin, Economics; Eric Rauchway, History; Alan M. Taylor, Economics

21st ***Improving Poverty Measurement in the United States***
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar
Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution

22nd ***Comparative Perspectives on Immigrant Workers, Rights and Citizenship***
Co-sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program, ME/SA, Anthropology, Chicana/Chicano Studies, Community and Regional Development, Women and Gender Studies and the Center for Regional Change

28th ***Where Are We in History? The Presidential Election and the Structure of US Politics***
Center for History, Society and Culture
Byron Schafer, Political Science, University of Wisconsin

Workshop on 2009-2010 Dissertation Fellowships, Internships, & Faculty Grants
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

Frontiers of Dreams and Fears
Screening of 2001 documentary directed by Mai Masri
MESA

29th ***How Domestic Violence Affects Everyone's Kids***
Policy Watch Seminar
Scott Carrell, Economics

November 2009

4th ***Presidential Election Betting: Past, Present and Future***
Policy Watch Seminar
Paul Rhode, Management, University of Arizona

- 7th - 8th ***Understanding Long-Run Economic Growth: A Conference Honoring the Contributions of Kenneth Sokoloff***
All-UC Group in Economic History Conference
UCLA
- 12th ***The 2008 Presidential Election: How We Got Here and What Do We Do Now?***
Policy Watch Seminar
Eric Engstrom, Political Science; Bradford Jones, Political Science; Steven Sheffrin, Economics
- 13th ***The New Deal Now***
Center for History, Society and Culture
David M. Kennedy, Stanford University; Andrew W. Cohen, Syracuse University; Sarah T. Phillips, Columbia University
- The Growing Female Advantage in U.S. Higher Education: What Do We Know? What Do We Need to Know?***
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar
Claudia Buchmann, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 21st ***Family Connections: Delving Further into the Educational Trajectories of Children of Immigrants***
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar
Jennifer Glick, Sociology, Arizona State University
- January 2009
- 13th ***Challenges for the President***
Policy Watch Seminar
Moderator: Zeev Maoz, Political Science
Panelists: Carlton Larson, Law; Miroslav Nincic, Political Science; Kimberlee Shauman, Sociology; Alan M. Taylor, Economics
- 14th ***Funding Opportunities in China***
University Outreach and International Programs
- February 2009
- 6th ***The Strengths and Limitations of the IPUMS for Social Science Research***
Social Science Data Service Seminar
Trent Alexander, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota
- 11th ***Black Christian Nationalism: Jeremiah Wright and the Presidential Election of 2008***
Policy Watch Seminar
Clarence Walker, History
- 27th ***Between Power and Hegemony: Business Communities in Peace Processes***
Guy Ben-Porat, Ben Gurion University
Conflict Processes Group
- March 2009
- 4th ***Stimulus Smackdown: Can Deficit Spending Save the Economy?***
Michele Boldrin Economics; Washington University and J. Bradford DeLong, Economics, UC Berkeley
- 5th ***Kudonomics: The Information Economy Meets the Invisible Hand***
Sam Bowles, Economics, University of Siena
- The Nature of Wealth and the Dynamics of Inequality in the Long Run***
Sam Bowles, Economics, University of Siena

- 6th ***Workshop on Experimental Studies of Conflict***
Rose McDermott, Psychology, Brown University
- 12th ***Africa: Prospects and Problems***
Edward Miguel, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
- 13th ***Africa: Hope for a Troubled Continent?***
Center for the Evolution of the Global Economy Conference
- Estimating user-defined nonlinear regression models in Stata and in Mata***
Social Science Data Service Seminar Series
Colin Cameron, Economics
- 26th ***Might Market Distorting Policies Make Sense? Mexico and Beyond***
REAP and ARE Seminar
Jonathan Brooks, OECD
- 30th ***Losing Heart: Public Support for and the Political Marketing of the Afghanistan Mission***
Conflict Processes Group
Joseph Fletcher, Political Science, University of Toronto
- April 2009
2nd ***Long-Term Earnings Losses Due to Mass Layoffs during the 1982 Recession: An Analysis Using Longitudinal Administrative Data from 1974 to 2004***
Economy, Justice and Society Seminar Series
Till von Wachter, Economics, Columbia University
- 10th ***Territorial Terrorists: Violent Responses to Foreign Soldiers on Home Territories***
Conflict Processes Group
Alex Braithwaite, Political Science, University College London
- 15th ***The North Korean Challenge***
Policy Watch Seminar Series
Miroslav Nincic, Political Science
- 15th ***Climate Change in the Americas Symposium***
- 16th ***How Do We Know What to Do?***
Co-sponsored with CSHC
David Merli, Philosophy, Franklin and Marshall College
- 22nd ***Transforming Transportation and Energy: Politics and Technology***
Policy Watch Seminar Series
Dan Sperling, Institute of Transportation Studies
- 23rd ***Landscapes of Wealth: Globalization and the Private City***
Co-sponsored with CSHC
Margaret O'Mara, History, University of Washington
- 28th ***Bayesian Perspective on Causal Inference***
Social Science Data Service Seminar Series
Siddharta Chib, Business, Washington University
- 30th ***Living in Nixonland***
Co-sponsored with CSHC
Rick Perlstein
- International Comparisons of Production and Income Conference***
Center for International Data

- May 2009**
- 4th** ***The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Children's Health***
 Economy, Justice and Society Seminar Series
 Patricia Anderson, Economics, Dartmouth College
- 7th** ***Memory As A Remedy for Evil***
 Co-sponsored with CSHC
 Tzvetan Todorov
- 8th** ***Bargaining, Uncertainty and the Duration of Interstate Wars: Does the Principle of Convergence Really Hold?***
 Conflict Processes Group
 Catherine Langlois, Management, Georgetown University
- 12th** ***State of Innovation: Federal Technology Policies in the U.S.***
 Policy Watch Seminar
 Fred Block, Sociology
- 14th-15th** ***Race Matters: Socioeconomic Perspectives on the Racial Divide in America***
 Economy, Justice and Society Conference
- 15th** ***It Takes A Network: Lessons from the War on Terror***
 Conflict Processes Group
 John Arquilla, Defense Analysis, Naval Post Graduate School
- 15th-16th** ***Culture, Politics, and Performativity: Cinemas of the Middle East and South Asia***
- 19th-20th** ***Political Networks Workshop***
 Program on Decision-making, Communication, and Uncertainty and Conflict Processes Group
- 26th** ***Institutions Everywhere: A Conference Honoring Founding Member Roger Ransom***
 All-UC Group in Economic History Conference
 UC Riverside
- June 2009**
- 4th** ***Myth of the Social Volcano: Perceptions of Inequality and Distributive Injustice in Contemporary China***
 East Asian Studies Program
 Martin Whyte, Sociology, Harvard
- 15th-18th** ***Summer Tax Institute***
 Center for State and Local Taxation