Current and past participants blog in DC!

“We can spend endless days with our noses in books and sitting in lecture halls, but there is nothing like being right in the middle of the chaos, the mess, the intricate dance of attempting to improve our world. And this all happens daily in D.C. I certainly would not have been prepared to tackle it without my UC Berkeley education. The opportunity to combine my academic endeavors with the real-world experience of working in D.C. is proving to be absolutely invaluable.” – Dasha Burns in her Matsui Center blog post “Pushing and Pulling in D.C.”

“Although, I have yet to finish my internship, I know that the learning opportunities I’ve gained here have been the most important collective experience I’ve had so far in getting me ready for the working-world. So to any college students out there contemplating taking a semester off to pursue an internship in D.C, Mumbai, Geneva, or anywhere, I have the following two words for you: DO IT. More than anything else in your college life, this experience will prepare you for the reality of the ‘real world’ post-graduation.” – Tara Yarlagadda in her Matsui Center blog post “Learning Curves and Woodland Retreats: Navigating the Daily 9-5 Grind”

Check out Daphna Torbati’s op-ed in The Daily Californian about her experience: “Leaving the campus for the capital”

Join us on Cal Day!

UCDC will be tabling outside of Wheeler on Cal Day (April 12) from 9 am until 4 pm. Additionally, we will be presenting “Discover Cal’s Washington Programs” with Cal in the Capital in 110 Wheeler from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
**Eyes on the Future: Fall 2014**

Congratulations to all of those talented and motivated students joining us in Washington, D.C. next fall!

- Sierra Alef-Defoe
- Miguel Amador-Iniguez
- Felippa Amanta
- Adam Berns
- Kamala Buchanan
- Dessi ("Mia") Carbajal
- Rigoberto Chavez
- Raul Corral
- Paquita Esterly
- Michael Felix
- Sureyma Gonzalez
- Brittney Griffin
- Shreya Gupta
- Llaned Huerta
- Molly Krost
- Wen Xin ("Cindy") Liu
- Elizabeth Lugo
- David Mrkrtchian
- Adeeva Myers (Ms.)
- Elliott Owensby
- Victor Phu
- Genevieve Smith
- Michelle Tarbell
- Jesica Tenaglia
- William Wong
- Andrew Wong

**Elective Courses offered in Fall 2014**

*Campaigns and Elections*
*The Theater of Politics*
*Lobbying, Money, & Influence in Washington*
*American Political Journalism*
*Middle East Politics and the Arab Spring*
*Spies! The Politics of Intelligence*

**What are you most looking forward to?**

I have heard so many great things about UCDC and am really looking forward to next semester! I’m really excited to gain professional experience from my internship, discover what life in the capital is like and make new friends. Can’t wait to meet all of my fellow participants!

Jesica Tenaglia
Fall 2014 Participant

**What did you learn on UCDC that you would not have learned in Berkeley?**

“I learned another type of business professionalism—one that is less casual (business formal in SF is sometimes still business casual) and more explicit (up front about sensitive things like salary)”

–Trinh Nguyen, Fall ‘13 participant

“The professionals I met while networking in DC have given me career advice that is absolutely invaluable and I would not have had this opportunity in Berkeley. I now know exactly where I want to take my career and what I need to do to get there”

– Christina Avalos, Fall ‘13 participant
Interested in being a student director?

Every year, UCDC at Cal hires two former program participants to help with marketing, recruitment, and advertising for UCDC back on the Berkeley campus. We have both loved having the opportunity to stay involved with the program and could not think of a better way to give back—we highly recommend applying to be a student director at the start of the next fall semester!

- Anjuli Sastry and Lindsay Stein, Spring 2013

Have you seen our new Pinterest page?

Pinterest is an online social media site that helps connect you to the resources you’re looking for! Visit the UCDC at Berkeley Pinterest page to get find everything you need.

1. Nail that interview and land the perfect internship with our how-to guides! You can also find links to classy professional attire.

2. Bored or hungry in DC? We have links to free entertainment, yummy restaurants, and even advice for navigating the city!

3. Click on our Student Experiences pin board to find links to blogs and articles written by current and past UCDC at Berkeley participants.

Find it here: Pinterest.com/ucdcberkeley

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