



# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

The Institute of Politics is a nonpartisan organization that inspires UChicago students to pursue careers in politics and public service. Through extracurricular opportunities and programming, in tandem with UChicago's famed and rigorous Core curriculum, it aims to connect young people with practicing policymakers and instill a passion for civic engagement.



**“We need commentators and we need scholars, but we also need active participants in the process, and hopefully this institute will be an impetus for that.”**

DAVID AXELROD, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

## THREE CORE PROGRAMS

A dynamic **SPEAKER SERIES** provides a forum for policymakers and other political actors to share their wealth of experience and insights with the University community and a broader audience. Highlights this year:

- A series of **in-depth conversations** with leading policymakers and thought-leaders, including Newt Gingrich, Samantha Power, Jon Huntsman, Tim Geithner, Jeb Bush, Deval Patrick, Haley Barbour, Elie Wiesel, Pat Quinn and Madeleine Albright.
- **Full Access 2012: Inside the Obama & Romney Campaigns:** A six-week analysis of the 2012 presidential race, exploring topics such as strategy, fundraising, polling and more
- **The Politics of Guns in America:** In the wake of the Newtown, Conn., tragedy, a timely panel on gun legislation including Rahm Emanuel, Tom Brokaw and others

A **FELLOWS PROGRAM** brings a diverse cohort of local, national, and international political officials, policymakers, and journalists to campus every academic quarter. Fellows lead a weekly discussion group with UChicago students, reside in Chicago and work out of the Institute's offices. They receive a competitive stipend and housing allowance. Our Spring 2013 Fellows were:

- Gov. Haley Barbour, former Republican governor of Mississippi
- Jon Favreau, former chief speechwriter for President Obama
- Sen. Gary Hart, former U.S. senator and two-time presidential candidate
- Rep. Steve LaTourette, former nine-term Republican member of the U.S. House
- Chris Lu, former White House Cabinet secretary
- Bethany McLean, financial journalist and contributing editor at Vanity Fair

A robust **INTERNSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM** introduces students to experiences and careers in electoral politics, government, public policy, and journalism.

Working alongside the University of Chicago's successful Metcalf program, the Institute will offer more than 150 new summer internships at legislative offices, think-tanks, news agencies, and other organizations. So far, the Institute has received more than 2,500 applications for internships in Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York and other cities.

Students also have the chance to leave campus for field trips and civic engagement projects—including a trip to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, a visit to the Chicago City Council, the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), and more.

## LEADERSHIP



### David Axelrod, AB'76 | INSTITUTE DIRECTOR

A University of Chicago alumnus, David Axelrod is a 35-year veteran of American politics and journalism. Prior to becoming a political consultant, Axelrod spent eight years as a reporter and columnist for the Chicago Tribune, including a stint as the City Hall bureau chief. As a political consultant, Axelrod has managed media and communications strategy for more than 150 local, state and national campaigns. Axelrod most recently served as senior strategist to President Obama's successful re-election campaign. He served in that same role in then-Senator Obama's 2008 presidential campaign, before going on to serve in the White House as senior advisor to the president. After the 2012 campaign, Axelrod turned his focus to the Institute of Politics to help inspire and train the next generation of leaders.



### Darren Reisberg | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Darren Reisberg has served as Executive Director of the Institute of Politics since June 2012. Prior to that, and since 2005, Darren worked at the Illinois State Board of Education, most recently as General Counsel and Deputy Superintendent. In those roles, Darren counseled the State Superintendent of Education and State Board of Education on legal, policy and operational matters. Before joining the Illinois State Board of Education, Darren was an employment and labor attorney for four years at the Chicago law firm Sidley Austin LLP. He also worked as a judicial law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, JD'79. Originally from New Jersey, Darren received his JD from Yale Law School and earned his BA in political science at Duke University.





**“We need bright young people to commit themselves to lives in public service to help shape the world in which we’re going to live. And who better than students at the University of Chicago?”**

DAVID AXELROD, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS



## A POLITICAL HUB



Opened in January 2013 and conveniently located near the center of campus, the Institute’s three-story home is a place for UChicago students of all political ideologies to congregate and engage in productive debate. The home includes a multipurpose event space, a student workroom for the meetings of student political and policy organizations, and the offices of the Institute’s Fellows.

## OUR ADVISORY BOARD

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## STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Institute of Politics Student Advisory Council is the leading body of the IOP Student Association, which encompasses the various opportunities for student engagement that the Institute provides. The SAC has an independent and autonomous budget, a healthy contingent of campus leaders and plenty of ideas. It is made up of four committees, each corresponding to a larger Student Association committee of the same category. The committees are:

- **Chairs Committee/UChicago Political Review and UChicago Political Union:** The Chairs oversee the UChicago Political Union and the Political Review. The Union has a consistent attendance of 40 students. The Political Review has a staff of 74 students and plans a full launch in autumn 2013.
- **Events Committee:** This committee oversees the logistics and programming side of IOP events, managing student volunteers as well as assisting with programming ideas.
- **Fellows Committee:** This committee works to establish the systems and processes by which Fellows Ambassadors are selected, as well as to work in concert with the Institute of Politics staff to bring Fellows to campus.
- **Student Civic Engagement Committee/Ambassadors:** This committee has launched two self-initiated projects, both of which have been great successes: the Citizen Schools teaching opportunity, in which students teach electoral politics in local schools, and an immigration tutoring initiative on campus that helps non-citizens at UChicago and in the community pass the naturalization examination.



## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“This was my first time visiting Washington, D.C., and I never would have imagined this would be the way it would pan out. Never would I have thought that a poor Mexican kid from Fresno, California, would get the privilege to meet such important and fascinating people in such an amazing city. We got an insider’s view of Washington, and I will never forget it.” —**Jaime Sanchez Jr., Class of 2015**

“I’m grateful that the Institute of Politics has created a place on campus that serves to inspire students, promote dialogue, and provide opportunities. I’ve learned about a whole range of industries and sectors that I previously knew nothing about, and I’ve been able to meet students from every division of the University who are equally passionate about solving the problems that face our nation and our world.” —**Lyndsey McKenna, Class of 2013**

