MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to strengthen the democratic square through research, public events, and hands-on training programs. We expect to lead the academy in this pursuit.

COMMITMENTS

➢ Intellectual Vitality
➢ Analytical Rigor and Transparency
➢ Practical Relevance
➢ Collaboration
➢ Diversity

ACTIVITIES

➢ Generate scientifically rigorous and practically applicable research
➢ Equip political scientists with new data resources and other analytic tools
➢ Host conferences/workshops to boost intellectual exchange and collaboration
➢ Educate the public through events and deliberative issue forums
➢ Empower students with hands-on research training
➢ Train political professionals through the Campaign Management Institute, the Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute, the European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute, the Legislative Negotiation Institute and the Survey Research Institute
➢ Publish the political science journal Congress and the Presidency
➢ Sponsor post-doctoral research fellowships
PERMANENT GOALS

➢ Increase external funding -- to accelerate research output, endow post-doctoral fellowships, and create new programs
➢ Heighten visibility and applied politics relevance, contributing to a steady rise in the School of Public Affairs’ national/international reputation
➢ Expand/deepen intellectual collaboration across American University, the region, and the nation
➢ Promote reasonable civic deliberation

PERMANENT STRATEGIES

➢ Intensify external grant-seeking
➢ Expand partnerships and exchange programs
➢ Host collaborative research workshops with prominent national scholars to produce edited book volumes or special issues of prominent journals
➢ Create externally funded post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellowships
➢ Host deliberative policy summits around challenging political issues
ANNUAL REVIEW: 2019-20 (In Brief)

It was another active and productive year for CCPS. Specifically, from September 2019 to December 2020, we:

- Received $50,000 from The Hub Project and the Groundwork Collaborative for The Black Swing Voter Study, in collaboration with the African American Research Collaborative and Pennsylvania State University.
- Received $75,117 in external grants to support The Correspondence of Zachary Taylor & Millard Fillmore Project.
- Received a grant from the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation ($12,800) to organize and host the New Perspectives in Legislative Studies conference, in collaboration with Purdue University.
- Sponsored or co-sponsored 10 events and symposia (see here).
- Continued programming with the Program on Legislative Negotiation, an initiative started last year with support from the Hewlett Foundation and in partnership with Harvard University, the Partnership for a Secure America, the Library of Congress, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.
- Awarded over $100,000 in small research grants to 7 research teams, to study legislative negotiation.
- Created the Legislative Negotiation Institute for students and professionals, and conducted first round of trainings.
- Awarded the Barbara Sinclair Lecture, the Gill Family Foundation Scholarship, the James and Claudia Thurber Scholarship Endowment, and the CCPS Benefactor’s Award for the Campaign Management Institute and the Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute.
- Added one new CCPS fellow (Korneliya Bachyska), who will direct the European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (EPAAI).
- Continued supporting 2 visiting scholars and 6 graduate students.
- Increased online engagement with CCPS community, including reaching almost 300 Twitter followers, about 250 LinkedIn connections, and 2,600 on our email Listserv.
• Established/Deepened partnerships and working relationships with the following entities:
  o National Issues Forums
  o Library of Congress’s Kluge Center
  o Pew Research Center
  o Sine Institute of Policy & Politics
  o Pew Research Center’s National Conference of State Legislatures
  o William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
  o Kettering Foundation
  o Public Religion Research Institute
  o National Conference of State Legislatures
  o US Capitol Historical Society

• Maintained the quality of Congress and the Presidency, under editor Jeff Crouch, Managing Editor Aaron Stuvland, and book editor Adam Warber and new Editorial Fellow Grant Allard

• Maintained the success of our professional Institutes and Weekend Workshops:
  o Campaign Management Institute (CMI)
  o Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (PAAI)