



Director, Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics

University of Southern California

Since 1987, the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California's College of Letters, Arts & Sciences has worked to bridge the real world of politics with the academic study of political science. USC College seeks an exceptional scholar and leader to serve as Director of the Unruh Institute, with a tenured appointment in Political Science.

Named in honor of Jesse M. Unruh, the former Speaker of the California Assembly and State Treasurer, the Institute's mission is to motivate students to become active, life-long participants in the world of politics while encouraging public officials to engage in the daily life of the university.

The Institute's outstanding internship program places USC students in the offices of legislators, political consultants, and other political and governmental organizations. The Institute also sponsors on-campus talks by elected officials, political commentators, journalists, consultants, and activists; a Fellows program bringing distinguished leaders to campus to spend a semester in residence; an author series that features new books in the field of politics; as well as forums on Human Rights and Women and Politics.

The Institute is affiliated with the Department of Political Science, which educates 800 undergraduate majors and minors. The department offers a doctorate in Politics and International Relations and a J.D./Ph.D. The department's award-winning faculty specialize in the fields of Law and Public Policy, Race and Ethnicity, American Politics, Comparative Politics, and Theory and Methods.

Founded in 1880, USC is the oldest private research university in the West. Located near downtown Los Angeles, USC is a vital part of the civic life of the region and, in 2000, was named "College of the Year" by *Time* magazine largely for its commitment to service in the community. The Institute works closely with other USC units interested in the study and practice of politics, including: the School of Policy, Planning, and Development; the Annenberg School for Communication; the Center for Religion and Civic Culture; the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life; the USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics; the Center for Law, History and Culture; and the Initiative and Referendum Institute.

We seek a dynamic person with an exceptional academic reputation, a high profile in national politics, and outstanding executive and administrative skills to join the Political Science faculty and serve as Director of the Unruh Institute. Key objectives for the new director are: expanding existing internship programs; building relationships with more political offices; creating new programs to inspire student engagement in the political process; and shaping the vision of the Unruh Institute in the 21st century in accordance with USC strategic initiatives. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D., a strong publication record that merits appointment as a tenured Associate or Full Professor, a proven ability to fundraise, and expertise in American Politics.

Candidates should submit a cover letter describing their qualifications, current curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references. Please mail materials to Professor Ann Crigler, Chair, Department of Political Science, VKC 327, USC, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0044. For full consideration, candidate materials should be received by March 1, 2007.

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