# Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Spring 2018

## ▾ Submitter

**Submitter Name**

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## ▾ 1. Basic Details

**Activity Title**

California Politics Speaker Series

**Activity/Event Date**

April 2018

**Date Funding Needed By**

January 30, 2018

**Previously Funded?**

● No
○ Yes

**Additional Proposers**

I, Matt Mendez, am the only only proposer.

**Academic Program(s)/Center Name(s)**

Political Science Program

**Estimated total Course Fee revenue**

n/a

**Amount Requested from IRA**

$1500.00

**Estimated Number of Students Participating**

50-75

## 2. Brief Activity Description

Describe the activity and its relationships to the educational objectives of the students' program or major

**Brief Activity Description**

The past Political Science Speaker series incorporated student comments on faculty presenting their work, and as a result, the speaker series has partnered one of the department's faculty members with an outside speaker that either does research in a related field or can provide practical insight into the topic. Professor Christian Grose of USC will be the guest speaker and feature his research on the effects of the top-two primary in California. This specific guest speaker event will be especially relevant to any courses that deal directly with politics and/or social issues in the state of California, including the American Political Institution courses; courses on research methods would also benefit as students would be able to see different methodologies are used to study political phenomena. This event will aid the Political Science department in accomplishing its goal of educating students about the practical aspects of politics as it relates to them directly, and making them more comfortable with thinking of politics as a statewide phenomenon, rather than just a national one. Professor Grose's research is exciting in that it asks if changing the electoral rules can help bridge the growing ideological divide among citizen and between legislators.

## 3. Learning Outcomes and Relation of IRA to Course Offerings

All IRAs must be integrally related to the formal instructional offerings of the University and must be associated with scheduled credit courses.

1. Please list all classes that directly relate to the proposed activity.
2. For each class listed, describe in detail how exactly the IRA activity will be integrated with the class's activities, how often/ on what expected date(s), and to what extent

**Learning Outcomes and Relation of IRA to Course Offerings**

UNIV 198: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research (Kelly); POLS 300: Political Science Research Methods (Mendez); POLS 499: Capstone (Mendez)
In these classes, students are taught how to formulate research questions, develop a research design, choose appropriate methodologies to answer their questions, and present their findings.  The speaker series will give students the chance to see and discuss how academics use these skills.

POLS 140: California Government and Politics (TBD); POLS 150: Introduction to American Institutions (Kelly, Mendez); POLS 318: Campaigns and Elections (Alison)
Students will hear how a variety of institutional and attitudinal factors impact elections and will be able to discuss how current issues impact federal and state politics.

Course Learning Outcomes:
• Distinguish appropriate data for answering a political science question from inappropriate data.
• Research issues of politics and policy using appropriate research design and quantitative and/or qualitative research methods.
• Locate current political issues in the context of wider debates about democratic life in the United States and the capacity of political institutions.
• Describe how structural factors such as constitutional rules, unequal access to resources, and cultural ideas help determine why some groups participate more than others.

## ▾ 4. Activity Assessment

Describe the assessment process and measures that the program will use to determine if it has attained its educational goals. **Please note that a report will be due at the end of the semester.**

**Description of Assessment Process**

We will follow the model of previous years and administer a survey to students and other attendees.

## ▾ 5. Activity Budget

Please enclose a complete detailed budget of the entire activity. Indicate specific items that you are requesting IRA to fund.

You should use either the Regular Activity budget (for events on campus) or -- if your event involves any travel-- you MUST use the IRA Travel Budget Form.

You can download both of the IRA Excel Budget sheets at http://www.csuci.edu/ira/application.htm.

**Activity Budget**

Political Science Speaker Series regular-budget.xlsx

## ▾ 6. International Trips

If your event is an international trip submitted through the Center for International Affairs, you must include copies of:

1. Complete Center for International Affairs/ UNIV 392 proposal
2. The program budget as submitted to the Center for International Affairs (to ensure congruency between the two budgets)
3. as well as a copy of the course syllabus

**Center for International Affairs Budget**

**Copy of Center for International Affairs Proposal**

**Course Syllabus**

**Certification**

☑ I certify that students attending this trip are not previous or repeat attendees of a prior International UNIV 392 Trip

## ▾ 7. Sources of Activity Support

Please list the other sources of funding (including course fees), and exact expected amounts of additional support for the activity. Please indicate if there are no other sources of funding

**Other Sources of Funding**

There are no other sources of funding.

## 8. Promoting Participation

**What is your intended audience and how do you intend to market this to your students?**

The intended audience is students, faculty and staff. The events will be built into the relevant course syllabi. In addition, the speaker series will be announced to other classes and student groups.

**If this is an event that is off campus, how do you plan to bring back the benefit of this event to campus?**

The event will be on campus.

## 9. Sustainability

If appropriate, indicate how the content or delivery of the project promotes sustainability at CI.

**Sustainability**

This event is unrelated to sustainability.

## 10. Approval and Acknowledgement

**Program Chair/Director**

Kelly, Sean Q

**Dean**

Meriwether, James H

**Conditions and Considerations**

☑ **Artist/Performer/Speaker Fees & Honoraria**: On the Activity Budget, please indicate whether the vendor's price was set by you/CI Representative, or is a fee that was set by the vendor.

☑ **Large Event**: For a large event, consultation with the campus Event Coordinator's office at (805)437-8548 is required.

☑ **Field Trip**: Sponsor must comply with all policies found at: http://www.csuci.edu/rm/programs/academic-field-trip-guidelines-and-forms.htm. If approved, Identified Risks of Participation and Release Agreement must be submitted for each student to the Program Office (Public Folders-HR Forms).

☑ **Involves Human Subject Data Collection for Public Dissemination -Requires IRB Approval** : If Project Sponsor proposes to conduct research with human participants, the proposal may be subject to Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB) review. All research that involves any type of interaction with human subjects - from simple surveys to complex biomedical procedures - must be reviewed and approved by the IRB prior to starting the research. Data for "Public Dissemination" indicates interviews/surveys that result in a journal/poster session/newsletter, etc.

☑ **IT Requirements**: If your activity has IT requirements, coordination with and approval from IT Administration is required.

☑ **International Travel**: Requires International Travel application be submitted to Center for International Affairs. Include copy of CIA budget and course syllabus in your IRA application. Must utilize the University's Foreign Travel Insurance Program (FTIP) and follow all International Travel Guidelines listed at: http://www.csuci.edu/rm/insurance/foreign-travel.htm

☑ **Risk Management Consultation**: Events that involve or engage students directly with a performer or artist (i.e. in a workshop or other than as a passive audience member) will require consultation with Risk Management. Requires proof of correspondence with Risk Management.

☑ **Space/Facilities Services Requirements**: Consultation and coordination with Facilities Services is required.

**Acknowledgement**

☑ I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.

## ▾ Chair Review

**Recommendation**

● I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
○ I DO NOT recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page

**Comments**

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| Sean Kelly | Oct 11 2017 |

## ▾ Dean Review

**Recommendation**

● I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
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**Comments**

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| Marion Adler | Oct 16 2017 |