The Institute of Politics and Public Service is a new center at Georgetown that connects students with public servants to figure out how. Founded as part of Georgetown’s McCourt School of Public Policy, but open to the entire university community, the IPPS focuses on the real world of politics, bringing top figures from politics, government and media to campus for student-driven conversations on how to do it better – not just to help prepare the next generation of political leadership, but to learn from students how to be better leaders themselves.

Inaugural Fall 2015 Fellow Class

**Luis G. Fortuño (F’86)**
Former Governor of Puerto Rico (R)

**Buffy Wicks**
Former Senior Staffer, Obama Administration

**Brianna Kellner**
Senior Political Correspondent, CNN

**Charles Spies (L’98)**
Republican Campaign Finance Attorney, Former Romney Counsel

**John Stanton**
DC Bureau Chief, Buzzfeed

FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Fellows Program at the IPPS is all about connecting students with political leaders in a setting where they can learn from one another and tackle some of the biggest political challenges of the day. Each semester, some of the top names in politics, government and media will immerse themselves in campus life, leading a weekly non-credit discussion group on a hot topic, holding office hours for students, and working with their own “Student Strategy Teams” to come up with practical solutions to current challenges in our political system.
BAKER CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Created thanks to the generosity of Georgetown alum Jon M. Baker, Sr. (C’64), the Baker Center for Leadership & Governance will put public service into action. Working with leaders of business, industry, academia, the non-profit sector, and government, the Baker Center will sponsor a variety of programs that focus on research-based solutions to a pressing issue of our time.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Mentors Program will match students with top Hill staffers, leading communications consultants, campaign managers, pollsters, journalists and others based on mutual interest so they can develop a one-on-one relationship, work together, learn from each other.

SPEAKERS AND EVENT SERIES

Taking advantage of our location in the heart of the nation’s capital, we’ll bring many of the smartest and best known political figures in the country to campus — not to talk at students, but to have real conversations with them. We’ll sponsor town-hall style forums with presidential candidates. We’ll throw debate watch parties with conversations led by top strategists. We’ll tackle pressing political issues in real time with panels and speakers from across Washington. And we’ll use modern technology and digital tools to broaden the conversation and engage students on their terms.

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Kaya Henderson, Chancellor of DC Public Schools with students

37th and O: THE INTERSECTION OF GEORGETOWN AND POLITICS

37th and O is the Institute’s digital forum where students can give their quick takes, longer takes, or hot takes on the political issues they find most interesting. That content will be shareable and live alongside pieces from IPPS Fellows, Advisory Board Members, and guest contributors as well — because we believe in keeping the conversation going, even after the events end.