By promoting bipartisanship and thoughtful dialogue, GU Politics introduces students to a new approach to politics, inspiring us to turn what some may call an idealistic vision of politics into reality.

— Joseph Murgida (COL ’21)
Dear Friend of GU Politics,

When the Institute of Politics and Public Service at the McCourt School of Public Policy opened its doors in the fall of 2015, we set out with a clear purpose: to encourage more young people to think of politics as a noble calling—a form of public service—and to engage them in helping practitioners explore ways to do it better. We’d do that by:

- Pulling back the curtain on American politics;
- Providing strong mentorship and career programming; and
- Giving students the tools and opportunity to figure out how to make politics work better.

Over our first three years we’ve brought more than 30 political practitioners, former elected officials, and members of the media to campus as Fellows; hosted speakers and events on hot political topics of the day; connected several hundred students with mentors and hosted clinics and workshops to help students navigate careers in politics. We took them across the country (and the Atlantic Ocean) to see how politics is practiced in the field, and empowered them to create and run programming of their own.

Our Impact Report highlights our many accomplishments in those areas (#Clinton25! 200% increase in mentorship pairings! #ReinceAtGU! #HoyasInUK!) over the last academic year. But it also previews where we are going.

Just as politics is evolving, so is our programming. We are working on new, innovative ways to harness and mobilize the enthusiasm, energy, and optimism of Hoyas to fix our politics and reaffirm its promise. We’re excited to launch these new programs in the coming year, and hope you’ll be a part of them.

I hope you enjoy our 2017-18 Impact Report, and thank you for your continued support. Stay tuned—we’re just getting started.

Hoya Saxa,

Mo Elleithee (SFS’94)
Executive Director
Institute of Politics and Public Service at the McCourt School of Public Policy
Public Service is a Good Thing. Politics Can Be Too.

Founded in 2015, the Institute of Politics and Public Service (GU Politics) at Georgetown’s McCourt School of Public Policy is the first Institute of its kind in the nation’s capital.

Our mission is to bring together students, political practitioners, and other community members from diverse backgrounds and across the political spectrum to better understand how politics is practiced, explore new and better ways of doing it, and break down traditional barriers to enhance political engagement and build greater political cohesion and good citizenship.
It was so inspiring to see these amazing students take apart the toughest issues our country faces, with fresh insights and respect for other points of view.

— Steven Law, Spring ’18 Fellow
President and Chief Executive Officer, Senate Leadership Fund and American Crossroads

CONVENING REAL CONVERSATIONS

This past year, through our Fellows program, speakers and events, GU Politics brought together the current and next generations of political thought leaders, public servants, strategists, journalists and analysts to pull back the curtain and understand how politics is practiced today, to question current political assumptions, and to explore new ways of doing it better.
In 2017-18, GU Politics brought 11 unique Fellows to Georgetown for candid and intimate conversations with students.

Coming from the Obama and Trump Administrations, Capitol Hill, top media outlets, and the private sector, GU Politics Fellows led weekly non-credit discussion groups, held office hours, mentored small groups of students and spoke to a variety of campus groups and classes.

**FALL ‘17 FELLOWS**

**Patrick Murphy**
Former two-term Congressman and U.S. Senate Candidate (D-FL)

**Liz Sidoti**
Head of U.S. Communications, BP; former National Political Editor and Correspondent, Associated Press

**Mike Dubke**
Former White House Communications Director, Trump Administration; Partner and Co-Founder, Black Rock Group

**Marie Harf**
Contributor, Fox News; Former Senior Advisor, Secretary of State John Kerry

**Ron Bonjean**
Former Top Spokesman: Speaker of the House & Senate Majority Leader; Partner, ROKK Solutions Public Affairs

**José Díaz-Balart**
* VISITING FELLOW
Anchor, Noticiero Telemundo and NBC Nightly News Saturday

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Spring ‘18 Fellows speak on their backgrounds and discussion topics at the Open House, presented in partnership with POLITICO Playbook.

Anusha Agarwal (COL ’21) introduces herself to Patrick Murphy after the Fall ’17 Fellows Open House.

Students go bowling at the White House in a group trip arranged by Fall ’17 Fellow Mike Dubke.
This year, 50 undergraduate and graduate students got the chance to go deeper with our Fellows by joining a Student Strategy Team. Each team of five students was assigned to a Fellow and helped with research, campus outreach, and guiding the weekly discussion groups.
SPEAKERS & EVENTS

53
Unique events in 2017 - 18, featuring political speakers and panels from across the political spectrum.
Here are some of our favorites!

ERIC HOLDER:
(RE)DRAWING THE LINES
GU Politics hosted Eric H. Holder, Jr., 82nd Attorney General of the United States, and current Chair of the National Democratic Redistricting Commission for a discussion on what he calls the “biggest rigged system in America.”

RONNA ROMNEY MCDANIEL:
THE REPUBLICANS’ CASE TO MILLENNIALS
GU Politics hosted Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel for a discussion on millennials and the Republican Party. Chairwoman McDaniel made the case to Georgetown students and other millennials on why she believes the Republican party is the right choice for their generation. The conversation covered policy issues of interest to students as well as RNC strategies for communicating to and engaging with young voters.

NANCY PELOSI: STUDENT TOWN HALL AND Q&A
House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) visited the Hilltop for a town hall conversation with students about issues that matter to young adults, and shared her vision for “A Better Deal for America.”

MICK MULVANEY: THE TRUMP TAX REFORM PLAN
In October, GU Politics and Ernst & Young brought Trump Administration Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney (SFS’89) to Georgetown for a conversation about President Trump’s tax reform plan.
Jeffer Priebus: Politics & Governing in Washington

Former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus visited GU Politics to discuss the future of American politics in a conversation moderated by Mo Elleithee, Executive Director of GU Politics, and Katie Walsh Shields, former Trump White House Deputy Chief of Staff and Spring ’18 Fellow.

Sally Yates: Justice & Law

Former acting Attorney General Sally Yates, a Distinguished Lecturer at Georgetown Law, visited GU Politics to discuss the independence of the judiciary, civil rights in the modern era, and criminal justice and prison reform with Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Matt Apuzzo. At the event, co-sponsored with The New York Times, Yates discussed her concerns about “the relentless attack[s] on democratic institutions and norms.”

Jeff Flake: Conservative Politics

Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) shared his views on conservative politics and the future of the Republican Party at GU Politics, in a conversation moderated by Mo Elleithee, Executive Director of GU Politics.

“Public service is a noble profession... no matter what party you are from.”

— Senator Jeff Flake

LIVE PODCAST RECORDING OF ‘THE WEST WING WEEKLY’

GU Politics hosted a taping of “The West Wing Weekly” podcast, an episode-by-episode discussion of one of television’s most beloved shows with Joshua Malina (The West Wing, Scandal) and Hrishikesh Hirway (political news junkie, musician, and composer). In this live taping, Hrishi and Josh were joined by special guest Bradley Whitford (star of The West Wing, The Post, and Get Out) and GU Politics Advisory Board member Ron Klain.
In November, GU Politics hosted Clinton 25: Georgetown Reflects on the Vision of Bill Clinton, a series of events examining the vision that drove the campaign and presidency of Georgetown alumnus, President William J. Clinton (SFS’68).

The symposium gathered former campaign and administration officials, and other guests to look back on President Clinton’s journey from the Hilltop to the White House, his time as President, and his vision for the country and the world, 25 years after his historic election to the presidency, and nearly 50 years after his graduation from Georgetown. The series kicked off on the 25th anniversary of Election Day 1992, with a fun “election night watch party” featuring election night broadcasts from 1992 in real time.

CLINTON 25 SYMPOSIUM

GU Politics convened veterans from President Clinton’s 1992 campaign for our “Campaign ’92” panel featuring ’92 Clinton/Gore Campaign Strategists Paul Begala, James Carville, Mandy Grunwald, and Rodney Slater to look back at the dynamics, messages, strategies, and tactics that helped elect the first Democratic President in nearly two decades. Moderated by GU Politics Executive Director Mo Elleithee, the conversation followed a screening of “The War Room,” the critically-acclaimed documentary about the 1992 Clinton campaign.

CLINTON 25 also featured Vision of Leadership and Public Service, a discussion on President Clinton’s belief in government as a tool to help people, and his efforts to inspire Americans to public service. The conversation featured former White House Chiefs of Staff Mack McLarty, Enikő(Béla) Bonn, and John Podesta. Co-sponsored by the Baker Center for Leadership and Governance, it was moderated by McCourt School Professor Judy Feder.

Never forget that every person has a story, and the purpose of service is to help other people improve those stories—as many of them as you possibly can.

— President Bill Clinton (SFS ’68)
As a freshman, I wasn’t really sure where or how to start navigating professional development—I’m so thankful that GU Politics is there to help facilitate mentorship and professional growth.

— Joshua Marín-Mora (COL ’21)

CAREER PROGRAMMING AND MENTORSHIP

At GU Politics, we remain committed to helping students figure out their own paths into public service, and giving them the skills they need to get a leg up in the search for internships and jobs. In 2017-18, those efforts focused on mentorship, internships, career chats, clinics and networking opportunities.
The GU Politics Mentorship Program connects Georgetown graduate and undergraduate students with leaders in politics and public service—the practitioners who are actively engaged in the real world of politics.

150 matches throughout the year

202% increases in matches from previous year

The José Díaz-Balart Telemundo Internship Fund

This spring GU Politics was thrilled to launch the José Díaz-Balart Telemundo Internship Fund, a scholarship supporting students who have secured an unpaid summer internship in public service. Made possible thanks to a generous gift from Telemundo and Fall ’17 Visiting GU Politics Fellow José Díaz-Balart, anchor of both NBC Nightly News Saturday and Telemundo News, the Fund provides six one-time scholarships of $3,000 to Georgetown University students whose background or experience, when evaluated holistically, suggests that they contribute to the diversity of the Georgetown University community and could make similar contributions during a summer internship.

I am grateful for the opportunity to support students in their academic development at Georgetown, a unique and extraordinary institution. I am honored by this partnership, which enables future leaders to pursue and secure competitive internship opportunities.

— José Díaz-Balart

José Díaz-Balart Telemundo Internship Fund Awardees:

- Evan Farrara (COL ‘19)
- Joshua Marín-Mora (COL ‘21)
- Joseph Murgida (COL ‘21)
- Thalia Navia (SFS ‘20)
- Jesus Rodriguez (SFS ‘19)
- Shakera Vaughn (COL ‘19)

Evan Farrara (COL ’19)
Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section

Joshua Marín-Mora (COL ’21)
Office of Senator Dean Heller

Joseph Murgida (COL ’21)
Bob Hugin Senate Campaign

Thalia Navia (SFS ’20)
Learning Life

Jesus Rodriguez (SFS ’19)
Editorial Office, The Hill

Shakera Vaughn (COL ’19)
The City of Richmond, Mayor’s Office
GU Politics career programming gives Hoyas an inside look and a leg up on working in politics and public service. In 2017-18, we hosted more than 20 career events and programs including career chats with practitioners in policymaking, politics, lobbying, campaigning, and communications, and skills-building workshops and clinics on resumes, interviews, and networking.

### CAREER PANELS, WORKSHOPS, SITE VISITS AND NETWORKING

**20
Career Events & Programs**

Below
Students pose in the lobby of Axios during a GU Politics site visit to their D.C. office.

Below
Hoyas gathered in the GU Politics Baker Living Room to hear from White House Internship Program Directors from the Trump and Obama Administrations on what it’s like to intern at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Left
Hoyas had the opportunity to hear the invaluable perspectives of women of color in the workforce, including the challenges and obstacles they face in modern politics during the Women of Color Networking event.

Below
GU Politics partnered with MediaDC to host Reporting on the Right: Young Female Voices in Conservative Media.
EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMMING

Politics is not a passive endeavor, and neither is our programming.

In 2017-18, GU Politics continued to create opportunities for students to roll up their sleeves and get some practical experience.

— C. C. Borzilleri (COL ‘19)

GU Politics pops filter bubbles by throwing us right into the midst of politics and public service. These first hand experiences are irreplaceable, and immeasurably more educational than any international politics course in a classroom could ever be."
GU Politics, in partnership with Georgetown’s Walsh School of Foreign Service, took 10 graduate and undergraduate students to London to witness first hand the political strategy, tactics and energy of the UK’s 2017 snap general election.

#HoyasInUK spent a week in London attending meetings with candidates, campaign staffers and strategists, party leaders, and journalists, and witnessing events in the run-up to the vote in the summer of 2017.

Students also provided their friends and peers with a backstage look at this exciting election by producing articles and videos for the GU Politics and SFS websites, and sharing their experiences live on social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.

This July, GU Politics will bring 10 students from across Georgetown to Mexico to witness their presidential election. Hoyas will spend a week in Mexico City and León to observe the atmosphere while attending meetings with candidates, campaign staffers and strategists, party leaders, and journalists.

Follow along on our journey beginning on June 24th with the hashtag #HoyasInMexico!
SITE VISITS

GU Politics not only get Hoyas out of the classroom, but off the Hilltop and into the real world of politics, with site visits to places like Capitol Hill, the RNC and DNC, media outlets like POLITICO and Axios, nonprofits, and lobbying firms.

PRE-ORIENTATION

Campaign Bookcamp: Battleground Virginia

During the summer of 2017, we invited 20 first-year and transfer students to get a behind-the-scenes look at campaigning by attending our 2nd annual pre-orientation program, Campaign Bootcamp: Battleground Virginia.

Conducted during the heat of the 2017 race for Virginia Governor, Campaign Bootcamp gave incoming Georgetown students an opportunity to learn about campaign message development, polling, managing volunteers, and getting-out-the-vote. Workshops took place on both sides of the Potomac, and gave students a chance to interact with political operatives from both sides of the aisle, while participating in a simulation as members of the Northam and Gillespie campaign teams.
STUDENT-LED INITIATIVES

Dialogue & Dine shows students that we shouldn’t make assumptions about others—everyone has a story to tell.

— Hayley Grande (COL ’21)

GU VOTES

GU Politics expands civic awareness by supporting GU Votes, a student-led initiative focused on simplifying the voting process, increasing turnout among students and integrating registration into the University culture.

2,200+

Approximately 1/3 of Georgetown’s undergraduate student population has registered to vote through GU Votes since its founding in 2016

> GU Politics Preview: U.S. Campaigns & Elections Summer High School Institute

This summer GU Politics will offer its first programming for high school students. Conducted in partnership with Georgetown’s School of Continuing Studies, this simulation-based program will give students a behind-the-scenes look at campaigning and explore what it takes to start, manage, and lead a political campaign, against the backdrop of the 2018 midterm elections.

DIALOGUE & DINE

Dialogue and Dine, one of the newest initiatives at GU Politics, provides a space for Georgetown students to learn from and better understand one another and help them become better and more effective citizens along the way. So far we’ve hosted 8 dinners with 72 students of many different races, faiths and cultures, and we hope to expand this program both on and off campus in the future.

FLY ON THE WALL PODCAST

Fly on the Wall is GU Politics’ student-run podcast. Their mission is to “get behind the scenes of the biggest decisions in the game and learn how things get done in this complicated yet beautiful world of American politics.” Each week, a team of five undergraduate students plan, promote and produce a high-quality podcast featuring guests and friends of GU Politics, and each week, hundreds of Hoyas tune in to hear their take.
Being a student leader has given me not only the opportunity to learn from leaders with vast experience in the political field, but also the opportunity to facilitate and actively engage in meaningful dialogue on campus.

— Cynthia Sun (SFS ’20)
When we threw open our doors three years ago, we wanted to be a place where students drive the conversation. Since that time, nearly 450 Georgetown students have taken us up on the opportunity to serve as leaders at GU Politics. From helping us shape and plan programming to setting up chairs at events, we strive to provide students with the space, tools and opportunity to make GU Politics what they want it to be.

Student Advisory Board:

Our Student Advisory Board consists of graduate and undergraduate students from across Georgetown’s campus. Our SAB works closely with GU Politics staff to plan and promote programming, engage a diverse group of students across campus, and carry out the mission and long-term vision of the Institute. Student Advisory Board members can be found at every single GU Politics event, holding meetings on the floor of our offices when we’ve run out of chairs, and are constantly generating thoughtful advice and fresh ideas.

Student leadership opportunities include:

- Digital Team
- Fly On The Wall Podcast
- GU Votes
- Special Ops
- Student Strategy Teams
- Student Advisory Board

Student Leaders, 2017 - 18 Year
**OUR TEAM**

**MO ELLEITHEE**  
Executive Director

**MARTIN SWEET**  
Director, Events and Special Projects

**JENNIE FAY**  
Director, Fellows and Career Programming

**JENNIFER SOLORIO**  
Manager, Student Engagement & Logistics

**HANNA HOPE**  
Director, External Relations & Operations

**LAUREN MULLINS**  
Director of Communications, McCourt School of Public Policy

**ERICA KIM**  
Digital Media Associate, GU Politics, McCourt School of Public Policy

**TONY AREND**  
Faculty Liaison

**JON LADD**  
Faculty Liaison

**MARY CHENEY**  
Managing Partner, New Troy Strategies

**RON CHRISTIE**  
Former Policy Advisor to Vice President Cheney and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush

**S.E. CUPP**  
Columnist, New York Daily News; Contributor, CNN; Former Host, "Crossfire"

**PATRICK DILLON**  
Former White House Deputy Director of Political Affairs and Special Assistant to President Obama

**E.J. DIONNE, JR.**  
Columnist, The Washington Post; Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy

**SARA FAGEN**  
Former White House Political Director for President George W. Bush; Contributor, CNBC

**TINA FLOURNEY**  
Chief of Staff, Office of President Bill Clinton

**PETER HAMBY**  
Head of News, Snapchat; Former Emmy-Award Winning Political Reporter, CNN

**BRAD JENKINS**  
Managing Director and Executive Producer, Funny Or Die D.C.

**BRIANNA KEILAR**  
Senior Political Correspondent, CNN

**RON KLAIN**  
Former Chief of Staff to Vice Presidents Joe Biden and Al Gore. Ebola Response Coordinator, Obama Administration

**CATHY KOCH**  
Americas Tax Policy Leader, EY. Former Tax Policy Advisory to Harry Reid and Max Baucus

**KEVIN MADDEN**  
Former Senior Advisor and Spokesman for Gov. Mitt Romney’s 2008 and 2012 Presidential Campaigns

**KIM RUBEY**  
Global Head of Social Impact and Philanthropy, Airbnb

**ALEX SKATELL**  
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