



# CENTER for CONGRESSIONAL and PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES

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## SCHOOL of PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### 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



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### 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



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### 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 \(Korneliya Bachiyska\)](#), 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



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- Established/Deepened partnerships and working relationships with the following entities:
  - [National Issues Forums](#)
  - [Library of Congress's Kluge Center](#)
  - [Pew Research Center](#)
  - [Sine Institute of Policy & Politics](#)
  - [William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#)
  - [Kettering Foundation](#)
  - [Public Religion Research Institute](#)
  - [National Conference of State Legislatures](#)
  - [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:
  - [Campaign Management Institute \(CMI\)](#)
  - [Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute \(PAAI\)](#)