



Center on Civility &
Democratic Engagement
GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
Founded by the Class of 1968





1. public events

on topical issues that demonstrate the importance of civil discussions between people of diverse views and perspectives for addressing public policy challenges and building democratic engagement.

- Homecoming and Cal Day panels and other events on topical issues featuring a wide range of views and political perspectives
- Bringing together students for frank discussions of national, local, and campus policy issues In fall 2017, CCDE sponsored a campus debate between the College Democrats and the Berkeley Conservative Society and helped facilitate discussions between student groups representing left, right and center perspectives.
- As an indication of CCDE’s campus reach and influence, the CCDE Faculty Director chairs one of the Chancellor’s leading Free Speech initiatives: the Chancellor’s Point/Counterpoint Committee. This faculty/student group is sponsoring a series of “Across the Divide” discussions bringing together prominent speakers. The first in the series features Professor Robert Reich and Stephen Moore of the Heritage Foundation. [View it and other CCDE events here.](#)



2. research

into factors that enable productive problem solving including issues of conflict, civility, and democratic engagement.

- *Student Research Projects (Advanced Policy Analyses)*
The Center supports student work on participatory budgeting, online engagement systems, local campaign finance, reform of public boards and commissions, open data initiatives, and homelessness, among others. [Learn more here.](#)
- *CCDE Faculty Research Projects*
Faculty projects include: working with local governments to make budgets more transparent; modernization of K-12 civics education; statewide public-engagement networks; and public-meetings innovation.
- *Other Projects*
The CCDE advanced the statewide California Consortium for Public Engagement network in collaboration with the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation
- *Affiliated and Visiting Faculty Research Projects*
Our current visitor, Dr. Kelsey Crowe PhD-Social Welfare, is studying political empathy.



3. teaching

based on research that equips students with skills in collaborative leadership and consensus-building.

- Dan Lindheim’s course, “Implementation: The Inside Scoop on Running California Cities” has a major focus on citizen engagement in the city policy-making process.
- Larry Rosenthal’s course, “Cities & Their Citizens” devotes significant time to the municipal citizen-engagement process.



4. fellowships & internships

for Goldman School graduate students and Berkeley undergraduates attending University of California in Washington, D.C. (UCDC) to prepare leaders to implement effective public policy solutions.

- The Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement Graduate Student Support Fund was created in 2013 with gifts from ’68 classmates in honor of their 45th reunion. The fund provides financial assistance to support Goldman School graduate students who have established interest in the Center’s mission and programs.
- The Center provides fellowship support to 3 undergraduate students each semester while they pursue full-time course work and a 20 hour per week internship at the UC in Washington Center (UCDC). Since 2010, the Center has awarded financial assistance to 49 fellows who experience the challenges and the rewards of a career in public service. Classmate Selma Meyerowitz coordinates this program with assistance from other classmates and alumni including our UCDC fellow who graduated in 2011. [Learn more here.](#)

Since our 35th reunion, Cal'68 classmates have held quarterly gatherings that have resulted in an exciting innovation in Cal alumni participation. In response to discussions of the political divisiveness threatening broad-based public policy solutions, the decision was made to establish the Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement (CCDE) to advance the aspirations that characterize the spirit of the Class of '68—to help build a better society based on democratic participation and the free exchange of ideas.

mission.

The Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement focuses on preparing current and future leaders to successfully engage people of diverse perspectives in finding solutions for pressing public policy issues.

about.

The Goldman School of Public Policy, home of the Center, generously provides part-time development staff. At present, the Center supports two *very* part-time Directors—Dan Lindheim '68 PhD JD, Faculty Director, and Larry Rosenthal PhD JD, Program Director. Despite limited time, they have done great work to move our mission forward and design plans for the future.

To fund the Center and make these expansion plans a reality, our 50th Reunion fundraising goal is to raise \$2M for the current use fund and \$2.5M for the endowment by 2022.

Gifts to the Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement provide support for four core-programming areas: public events; research; teaching; and fellowships and internships.

<http://gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde>

future initiatives.

- **Public Programs**

Bring together key stakeholders from various perspectives to discuss topical public policy issues to both clarify differences as well as move towards possible policy solutions

Organize invitation only convenings when better suited for reaching mutual understanding and consensus/progress on policy objectives

Host candidate and ballot discussions that are issue-based

- **Research**

Sponsor faculty/student joint research on democratic engagement on topical local issues (e.g., housing crises, homelessness, local government budgeting, etc.)

- **Technical Assistance**

Provide technical assistance and expertise to local governments

- **Teaching**

Create new models of teaching that bring together students and faculty in policy engagement with local governments and their respective communities

- **Fellowships and Internships**

Initiate, design and sponsor student research projects on specific aspects of civility and democratic engagement

you can help.

Our 50th Reunion goal is to raise \$2M for the Center's current use fund in 2018 and to raise an additional \$2.5M for Center's endowment by 2022. Achieving this combined goal of \$4.5M will sustain the Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement, our class legacy project, for the future.

To make a 50th reunion gift to the Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement, or to make a gift anytime [visit here](#).

For information on all the ways to give, [click here](#).

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