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The 2005-2006 Fellows in Public Affairs

Last issue we shared their names and selection sites. This issue, check out their [bios](#).

Logic of Mountain View: Fellows received a warm welcome in Mountain View for their community study. They presented their findings in Council Chambers on September 9 before an audience of City staff, Council members and residents. Mayor Matt Neely (FPPA SF '02) was pleased to host the logic study and finally had his turn as an interview guest!



[For More FPPA photos visit the Coro website.](#)

Government placements: Coro Fellows are engaged with the following agencies/ organizations through October 6: San Francisco Superior Court, Department 18; San Francisco Mayor's Office of Public Policy & Finance; Office of U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren; Office of Assemblymember Alberto Torrico; Senator Carole Migden; Oakland Unified School District; U. S. National Park Service; Oakland Housing Authority; Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan; California Public Utilities Commission; City of Vallejo, Economic Development Division; SF Bay Conservation & Development Commission. Special thanks to the staff at these organizations for making the Fellows' experience valuable.

Business placements: Coro is still seeking to place Fellows with Bay Area companies from October 10 - November 3. Fellows work 4 days per week on a specific project. Please send your suggestions to Program Director [Scott Peterson](#).

Labor Union placements: This is an exciting but challenging time as organized labor moves forward following the changes at the AFL-CIO. Please help Fellows learn about this by sending your placement suggestions to Program Director [Scott Peterson](#). Placements are scheduled from November 14 - December 8.

Group Projects: Fellows work together in teams of 4 to deliver results on behalf of a host organization, January 2-27, 2006 . Please send your suggestions for potential group projects to Program Director [Scott Peterson](#).

Selection Day for 2006-2007 Fellows in Public Affairs

Mark your calendars! Selection day will take place on **St. Patrick's Day: Friday March 17th 2006**. See upcoming issues of the JOURNEY for more information.

Community Programs

Fall 2005 Community Fellows Class Begins

The fall 2005 class of Community Fellows began their program on August 25. The Community Fellows had their first public presentation on the "Logic of Emeryville" on August 26. The presentation was attended by several community members, Coro alumni and staff and enlightened many on What is Going On in this business-friendly East Bay community.

Meet the current [Community Fellows class](#).

Youth Programs

Exploring Leadership (EL)

The Youth Fellows have transitioned from their summer internship experiences back to hitting the books at their respective high schools. In the fall, the Youth Fellows will work on their individual projects -- they have the opportunity to transfer their summer learning and apply their Coro tools in the context of their school communities. Some individual projects include starting a Latino/Filipino dance team, joining the school spirit week committee, and applying for college. The 1st seminar topic is on the college application process, presented by representatives from San Francisco College Access Center and the Easy Bay Consortium. On Saturday, October 22nd, the Youth Fellows will continue developing their teamwork skills with a full-day ropes course at the Deer Hill Ranch in Lafayette, CA .

[Take a look at the Exploring Leadership photos on the Coro website.](#)

Recruitment Information

Coro Center for Civic Leadership (CCCL) is pleased to announce that recruitment is underway and applications are now being accepted for the spring 2006 Community Fellows Program and the 2006-2007 Fellows Program in Public Affairs. Please help us by identifying/referring qualified applicants. Remember, Coro seeks individuals with demonstrated leadership potential and a genuine commitment to public service! Go to http://coro.org/coro_centers/sf/FPPA/General_Referral_Form.pdf to refer someone.

Fellows Program in Public Affairs: Participation requires at minimum a bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience. CCCL charges no tuition for the program and offers stipend awards and health benefits to Fellows. Please see http://www.coro.org/programs/fellows_program/fellows_program.html#tuition.org to view for more details. This year's application deadline is January 6, 2006.

Coro Community Fellows Program: Tuition for CFP is \$3,500. Scholarships and payment plans are available based on financial need and scholarship availability. Primary/priority application deadline is October 17 th.

Please contact [Martha Hernandez](#) for more information on recruitment for CCCL programs.

[Email](#) or call 415-986-0521 x102.

Join the CCCL Recruitment Task Force

Are you ready to give back to Coro ? Have any ideas on how to increase our applicant quality, number and diversity? Join the CCCL Recruitment Task Force and share your thoughts and ideas with other committed Coro alumni and staff.

Benefits:

- Meet Coro alumni across adult programs (Recruitment Task Force is open to FPPA and CFP alumni)
Make a significant contribution to Coro, and in turn, your community
- Increase Coro visibility
- Learn how to market Coro programs and other programs you care about
- Public speaking opportunities

Responsibilities:

- Attend a CCCL Recruitment Task Force training scheduled from 6pm to 7pm at the CCCL office:
**Thursday, September 22nd, 2005*
**Monday, September 26th, 2005*
- Represent Coro at at least 2 events (see [online calendar](#) for recruitment opportunities in your area.)
- Plan recruitment events - for example, Phone Banking Night in early November and Coro Mixer late November.

Please call [Martha Hernandez](#), 415-986-0521 x102, for more information.

Introducing New Coro Staff Members

New Staff Member

Amy Chan joined CCCL as the new Youth Programs Manger on September 6th. She brings to the team 10 years of experience in youth development programming and nonprofit management. She earned her bachelor's degree from Carleton College in 1996 and a master's degree from the Harvard School of Education, where her studies focused on the connection between character leadership development and academic achievement. Amy taught high school English in Japan , directed a literacy program in Washington DC , and spent five years as Senior Campus Director at Citizen Schools, a Boston-based national nonprofit that runs apprenticeship programs in public middle schools. She served most recently as the Literacy Specialist at a KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) school in Oakland . Amy is excited to join the Coro team and to work with the amazing Youth Fellows on both sides of the Bay.

Departing Staff Members

Julie Wang, Director of Community Programs, will leave Coro later this month to finish her Master's Degree in Education and then to pursue her next professional challenge. **Alexandra Kent**, Interim Youth Programs Manager, will continue to work with CCCL through December as the lead facilitator for the fall 2005 Community Fellows Program. Check out future issues of the JOURNEY for farewell messages from Julie and Alexandra.

Coro Staff Positions Available

Searching for Community Programs Manager

CCCL seeks an energetic and innovative team player to oversee our growing and changing community programs. Please check out the job announcement at http://www.coro.org/coro_centers/sf/CPM_job.html and share liberally with friends and colleagues. The position is open until filled with an ideal start date of November 1st, 2005.

Searching for Fellows Program Associate

Please [click here](#) to read about a new program associate position at CCCL. The position is open until filled.

Alumni Updates

Julie Brandt, FPPA SF '92, is the director of corporate affairs and philanthropy for Ameriquest Mortgage Company in Los Angeles . Julie was previously director of the Mayor's Small Business Commission and deputy director of policy for the Mayor's Office of Economic Development in San Francisco .

Adam Byrnes, FPPA SF '05, recently began as a staffer in the office of San Jose Councilmember Cindy Chavez.

Jacob Fisher, FPPA SF '02, after three years of service in various capacities for the Mayor of Philadelphia, is attending UPenn to get his Masters in Public Administration.

Ben Gettleman , FPPA SF '03, has accepted a position as manager of trail development for the Western Region for Rails to Trails Conservancy. RTC is a nonprofit that helps communities build trails throughout the country, and moreover, envisions trails as a vehicle for transformative community change.

Letitia Henderson-Souza, FPPA SF '05, has been accepted into an MSW program at U.C. Berkeley.

Virgil King, FPPA SF '03, his wife Kim and daughter Nisi welcomed Maya to their family last February. Virgil is with Eli Lily in Indianapolis .

Fred Klaske, CFP '05, is running as a Democratic candidate in the November 2006 11th congressional district election.

Deepa Kumaraiah, FPPA SF '04, an MD/MBA student at U Penn, returned recently from Argentina as part of a two-fold project. One was doing an ICU and trauma surgery rotation at a non-profit hospital outside of Buenos Aires . The other part was working on a policy paper comparing the public vs. nonprofit/private healthcare system in Argentina .

Kevin Matthews, FPPA SF '05, is special assistant to the San Francisco Assessor.

Emanuel McCown, CFP '04, recently took a job with the University System of Georgia. His position is with "Education GO Get It", one of many educational initiatives in Georgia integrating college with K-12 education.

Mary Mountcastle, FPPA SF '79, has been selected as an Eisenhower Fellow and will be in South Africa as part of a two-month experience this fall. The Eisenhower Fellowship engages emerging leaders from around the globe to enhance their professional capabilities, broaden their contacts, deepen their perspectives, and unite them in a diverse, worldwide network where dialogue, understanding and collaboration lead to a more prosperous, just and peaceful world.

Timothy Ng, EL '04, starts at U.C. Davis this month majoring in biological sciences. Tim graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School and interned this summer at Chiron Corporation in Emeryville.

Maureen Parton, FPPA SF '89, is an aide in the office of Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan. She serves currently as Coro Field Faculty for Ramon Pineda's FPPA government placement.

Amanda Piercy, EL '04, is the student advisory vice president at Balboa High School in San Francisco .

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All of us are horrified by the Katrina tragedy. The disaster provides us with compelling evidence of the need for leaders who can act in their constituents' best interest. An investment now in Coro Center for Civic Leadership is an investment in future ethical and effective leaders who will act decisively in a dangerous and uncertain world. [Make a contribution today by visiting Coro Center for Civic Leadership's Just Give page.](#)

Got Something to Say?

Community Events -- Your Submission Here

Please help us keep the JOURNEY relevant and timely by sharing announcements for community events, volunteer opportunities and items of interest. You will receive a response within 2 business days and will have the opportunity to review your submission before it is published. CCCL regrets that we are unable to publicize fundraising events for other organizations. To offer a submission, please email the text in the body of the message to Jed Herman , Director of Development and Communications, at jherman@coro.org .