

Irish Institute at Boston College



Effective Politics in a Democratic Society
Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, DC
May 6 –16, 2008

Tuesday, May 6

DAY 1: Boston

11:20 AM	Belfast participants depart on Continental Airlines flight # CO 95 for Newark, New Jersey
1:45 PM	Arrive in Newark
3:30 PM	Depart Newark on Continental Airlines flight # CO 1172 for Boston
4:50 PM	Arrive in Boston

9:00 AM	Dublin participants depart on Continental Airlines flight # CO 23 for Newark, New Jersey
11:25 PM	Arrive in Newark
3:30 PM	Depart Newark on Continental Airlines flight # CO 1172 for Boston
4:50 PM	Arrive in Boston

The group will be met at the airport by staff of Boston Coach. Transfer by bus to hotel.

Brookline Courtyard by Marriott
40 Webster Street
Brookline, MA 02446
617-734-1393
www.brooklinecourtyard.com

Note: Pick up orientation folder and binder of readings; at check-in.

7:00 PM Meet Irish Institute staff in lobby, downtown to Kenmore Station via “T”

7:30 PM Casual, family-style dinner at local Italian restaurant, Bertucci’s

533 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston, MA 02215
617-236-1030

Wednesday, May 7

DAY 2: Boston

9:30 AM

Meet in lobby, transfer to Boston College

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Program briefing with Irish Institute Staff

Connolly House
Boston College

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Tour of Boston College campus, led by Clare Sweeney,
Irish Institute intern

Founded in 1863, Boston College is a coeducational university with an enrollment of 9,000 undergraduates, and 4,700 graduate and professional students representing every state and 96 countries. Although chartered as a university by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1863, Boston College's name reflects its early history as a liberal arts college and preparatory school in Boston's South End. It was the first institution of higher education established in the city, though it later outgrew its urban location and moved to pastoral Chestnut Hill on the city's western edge.

US News and World Report ranks Boston College 35th among national universities. Boston College confers more than 4,000 degrees in more than 50 fields of study through 7 schools and colleges. Its more than 600 full-time faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last ten years. At \$1.4 billion, BC's endowment is among the largest in American higher education and the largest of any Jesuit university in the world. Its annual operating budget is approximately \$667 million. Boston College also has 27 athletic teams, all competing at the NCAA Division I level. More than 6,300 students participate in 29 intramural and 20 club sports.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Lunch in Corcoran Commons on Lower Campus

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Seminar: "An Introduction to the Complexities of American Government and its Various Levels," with Professor Marc Landy, Assistant Chairperson of the Boston

College Political Science Department and Faculty Chair of the Irish Institute.

Marc Landy is the assistant chairperson of the Department of Political Science at Boston College and Faculty Chair of the Irish Institute. A graduate of Oberlin College (B.A) and Harvard University (Ph.D), Dr. Landy has written and lectured extensively on the American political system, particularly public policy and the environment. He is the author of the *Environmental Protection Agency from Nixon to Clinton: Asking the Wrong Questions* (1994). He is an editor of *Seeking the Center: Politics and Policymaking at the New Century* (2001) and *The New Politics of Public Policy* (1995). He is also co-author (with Sid Milkis) of *American Government: Balancing Liberty and Democracy* (2003). Landy is also a frequent media commentator on American politics, especially elections, and appears frequently on radio and television, including on the late night news talk show, “BBC Live”.

Please read prior to session: *The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States* (included in binder)

Lynch Center, Fulton Hall
Boston College

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Seminar: “Religion in American Public Life” with Alan Wolfe, Founding Director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life and Professor of Political Science at Boston College

Alan Wolfe is the author of more than a dozen books, including *Does American Democracy Still Work?* (Yale University Press, 2006), *One Nation After All* (Penguin, 1999), *Return to Greatness* (Princeton University Press, 2005), *The Transformation of American Religion: How We actually Practice our Faith* (Free Press, 2003), and *Moral Freedom* (W.W. Norton & Company, 2001). Widely considered one of the nation's most prominent public intellectuals, he is a frequent contributor to the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Atlantic Monthly*, and has delivered lectures across the United States, Europe and Middle East.

Please read prior to session: “The Culture War That Never Came” from *Is There a Culture War?* by Alan Wolfe (included in binder)

Lynch Center, Fulton Hall
Boston College

5:00 PM Transfer to hotel

Evening FREE

Thursday, May 8 DAY 3: Boston

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

7:30 AM Meet in hotel lobby, transfer to One Financial Center

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM The Spring Breakfast Series of the New England Chapter of the Ireland Chamber of Commerce in America, Inc. (ICCUSA) featuring Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts Tim Murray, hosted by Brown Rudnick.

Throughout his public career, Tim Murray has taken on the tough challenges of economic development, improving public education, protecting the environment and making government more responsive to every citizen.

Prior to his election as Lieutenant Governor, Murray was a three-term mayor of Worcester, the state’s second largest city. Under Murray’s leadership, Worcester experienced unprecedented progress, with \$1 billion of new economic development projects that are helping to transform an older industrial city into one that is well-positioned to lead and grow in the new economy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
<http://mass.gov/>

ICCUSA
<http://www.iccusanewengland.com/>

One Financial Center
Boston, MA

9:00 AM Depart ICCUSA Breakfast, walk to City Hall

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting with Judith Kurland, Chief of Staff for Mayor of Boston Thomas M. Menino

Judith Kurland is currently the chief of staff for Boston Mayor Menino, and is a visiting fellow at the McCormack Graduate School for Public Policy's Center for Social Policy at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Judith's career includes major leadership positions at the city, state and federal levels of government, and for major not-for-profit and charitable institutions. She is the architect of a number of innovative programs that have become models of public-private collaboration and of community-led change. Most notable among these is Healthy Boston, a successful community development approach to neighborhood improvement. Judith has been teaching faculty at the Harvard and Boston Universities' Schools of Public Health and at Simmons College. She is the president-elect of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, serves on numerous national and local boards, and writes and lectures on a number of public policy issues and on political and social trends.

1 City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201
617-635-4500
<http://www.cityofboston.gov/mayor/>

12:05 AM – 12:35 PM

Meeting with City of Boston Councilor Sam Yoon (D)

Sam Yoon was elected as a Boston City Councilor At-Large in November 2005, making history as the first Asian American ever to run for elected office in Boston. Sam is known for his work to promote good government by bringing innovation to city hall and transparency to budgeting.

With degrees from Princeton University and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Sam has an extensive background in community development and affordable housing. Prior to his election, Sam worked to create affordable housing in Boston's Chinatown and built housing for people with disabilities.

Sam has recently written legislation that would secure an additional \$35 million for public safety, coined as "Nickel for Public Safety", and has continually fought to invest in

the future of our youth through violence prevention programming.

Sam is the chairman of the Post Audit and Oversight Committee as well as Youth Affairs Committee.

1 City Hall Plaza, 5th floor
Boston, MA 02201
617-635-4500
<http://www.samyoon.com/>

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Meeting with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

A former prosecutor in Middlesex County, the county he currently represents at the State House, Rep. Koutoujian (D) is also an assistant adjunct professor at the Boston University School of Public Health. Rep. Koutoujian has worked as an adjunct professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Legal Ethics at the Massachusetts School of Law and as a Professor of American Government at Bentley College. A graduate of Bridgewater State College and the New England School of Law, he recently received a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. As the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Health, Rep. Koutoujian stands at the forefront of issues that affect millions of people in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With Irish and Armenian ancestry, Rep. Koutoujian is a prominent figure in both the Armenian-American and Irish-American communities, and a clear example of Boston's multicultural and multiethnic population.

State House, Room 130
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2130
www.peterkoutoujian.com

Afternoon

FREE (please plan to return to the hotel by 5:00 PM)

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Free to change for dinner

6:15 PM

Meet in hotel lobby, transfer to Boston College via coach

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Reception and dinner hosted by University Professor of History Thomas E. Hachey*, Executive Director of the

Center for Irish Programs at Boston College with special guests Mr. David Barry, Consul General of Ireland and Mr. Joseph Pickerill, Vice Consul for Great Britain.

[*Unfortunately, Professor Hachey will not attend tonight's dinner as he is currently traveling out of state. He sends his best wishes for an enjoyable evening and a successful program.]

The Center for Irish Programs at Boston College brings together many Irish-related initiatives including the Irish Institute, the Irish Studies Program, the renowned Burns Library's Irish collections, and Boston College's new Center for Irish Programs in Dublin, Ireland. Professor Thomas E. Hachey is the Executive Director of the Center for Irish Programs and a chaired professor in the Department of History. Previous to his BC appointment, Hachey served for over thirty years on the faculty at Marquette University, a tenure that included fourteen years as chairman of the Department of History, twelve years as Executive Director of the Bradley Institute, and seven years as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A professor of Anglo-Irish history, Hachey has authored, and/or edited, seven books and several dozen scholarly articles in professional journals. His current research focuses on the issue of Irish neutrality from World War II to the present.

Thompson Room, Burns Library
Boston College

9:00 PM Pick up at Boston College, transfer to hotel via coach

Friday, May 9 DAY 4: Boston

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

9:00 AM Depart hotel, transfer to Lynch Center via coach

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Meeting with Ray Howell, President and founder of Howell Communications to discuss the roles of the campaign manager and political spokesperson, and his current work in public relations

Mr. Howell has earned a reputation among leaders in business as the "go-to" person in New England for strategic communications counsel. He has been recognized as one of

New England's most effective and successful public relations specialists by Boston Magazine, The Boston Business Journal and other publications.

Mr. Howell has provided public relations counsel to brand named clients such as Atlantic Richfield, Boston Medical Center, Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Microsoft, National Grid, Shields MRI, and the University of Massachusetts.

Before forming Howell Communications in 1995, Mr. Howell served as campaign manager to Governor William F. Weld's successful 1994 re-election effort, engineering the largest gubernatorial victory in modern Massachusetts history. Prior to that, he served as Governor Weld's press secretary and communications director.

Before entering public service, Mr. Howell covered government and politics as a reporter for several regional newspapers.

A graduate of Boston University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Mr. Howell is a frequent speaker on communications issues to business, political and academic audiences. He has taught communications at both Boston University and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

<http://www.howellcomm.com/>

Lynch Center, Fulton Hall
Boston College

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Lunch in Corcoran Commons on Lower Campus and visit to the Boston College Bookstore

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Meeting with Jon Keller, Political Analyst to discuss the role of the media in Massachusetts politics

Jon Keller is WBZ-TV News' Political Analyst and is widely regarded as the top political analyst in New England. Before joining WBZ-TV, Keller served as Political Analyst for "The Ten O'Clock News" on WLVI-TV (WB56), Boston's WB affiliate and Tribune Broadcasting station. Prior to WB56 News, Keller's background was in radio and print reporting. He remains a

contributing editor at Boston Magazine providing a monthly essay on local politics, and he pens the weekly "Spin-O-Meter" for The Boston Herald. Keller also broadcasts morning drive commentaries on WBZ NewsRadio 1030. Previously, he was an op-ed columnist for The Boston Globe. Keller spent four years as a political reporter for The Boston Phoenix and was a part-time radio talk-show host on WBZ Radio. Before that, he held positions with the TAB Newspapers, People Magazine (Boston Bureau) and a number of radio stations across the region.

<http://wbztv.com/kellerblog>

Lynch Center, Fulton Hall
Boston College

1:00 PM

Pick up at Fulton Hall, transfer to MSPCC

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Site visit to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), hosted by Marylou Sudders, President and CEO

Ms. Sudders is also an instructor at the School of Social Work at Boston College and served as Chair of Governor Patrick's Transition Team on Human Services.

Prior to being appointed as President and CEO of the MSPCC, Ms. Sudders was Commissioner of Mental Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for seven years. In this capacity, she served as the Commonwealth's chief spokesperson on mental health issues. Key legislative successes during her tenure included the passage of: mental health parity insurance; five fundamental rights for mental health consumers; civil commitment reform; children's mental health commission; and, the hospital interpreter law.

Since its inception, MSPCC has contributed to the advancement of child welfare. In addition to direct services, the Society has been instrumental in putting dozens of laws on the books regarding everything from abandonment to custody to support. Through MSPCC's efforts, adoption processes have been streamlined and foster care better regulated. Government programs have been instituted that strive to ensure children's well-being with regard to housing, nutrition, health care, and education. And perhaps

most importantly, a new awareness of issues such as abuse and neglect has taken hold on all levels of society.

99 Summer Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
617-587-1500

3:00 PM

Depart MSPCC, transfer to MassVOTE

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Site visit to MassVOTE hosted by Avi Green, Executive Director

Avi Green is an experienced organizer, campaign manager, and policy analyst. A native of Pennsylvania, Avi first came to Massachusetts in 1997 to study public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Since then, he has worked for a variety of private companies, non-profits, and political campaigns. In 2000, Avi went to Florida to participate in the Presidential recount. Avi lives Inman Square, Cambridge, with his wife, Sarah Almer.

Founded in 1999, MassVOTE is a non-partisan voting rights organization that works with community-based non-profit organizations to increase voter education and turnout across Massachusetts. MassVOTE works to eliminate barriers and encourage voting, especially among communities of color, language minorities, low income communities, youth, new American citizens, and the disabled.

18 Tremont Street, Suite 608
Boston, MA 02108
617-542-VOTE (8683)
<http://www.massvote.org/>

5:00 PM

Depart MassVOTE, transfer to hotel

Evening

FREE

Saturday, May10

DAY 5: Boston

10:15 AM

Depart hotel, transfer downtown to Copley Station via “T”

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Guided tour of Boston with James V. Horrigan

Meet James at the Dartmouth Street side of the Boston Public Library (looking onto Copley Square)

James V. Horrigan is a contributing writer to Commonwealth Magazine. In addition, his work has appeared in many publications, including the Boston Globe Magazine, BOSTON magazine, Portland Magazine, Islands magazine, the Portland Press-Herald and Down East magazine. A native of Boston, Horrigan grew up steeped in Massachusetts history and politics. He worked for more than twenty years at the Massachusetts State House, where he was crowned "the unofficial State House historian" by a former Speaker of the House. In addition, Horrigan worked for a total of nine legislators, five Democrats and four Republicans, in positions ranging from legislative aide and administrative assistant to chief-of-staff and director of special projects. Horrigan currently lives in Portland, Maine, where he gives Duck Boat tours of Portland harbor and serves as a docent at the Wadsworth-Longfellow house.

Note: Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing as it can get rainy and chilly in Boston during the month of May

Afternoon

Free to shop, sightsee, or visit museums

Sunday, May 11

DAY 6: Boston

FREE

A list of area religious services is available from the hotel

Monday, May 12

DAY 7: Boston and Washington, DC

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

7:45 AM

Meet in hotel lobby after checking out of hotel. Load luggage on bus.

8:00 AM

Depart hotel, transfer to Connolly House, Boston College

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Meeting with Dr. Kerry Healey (R)

Kerry Healey served as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 2003-2007. Healey assumed a broad range of responsibilities in the Romney-

Healey administration, including leading the administrations' successful efforts to strengthen drunken driving penalties, establish a witness protection and gang violence prevention program, increase penalties and supervision for sex offenders, and increase protections for victims of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. Healey chaired the Governor's Council, the body responsible for the confirmation of judges; the Interagency Council on Homelessness; the Interagency Council on Substance Abuse and Prevention; the Governor's Council on Sexual and Domestic Violence; the Seaport Council, a group responsible for funding port security and development of the maritime economy, and co-chaired the state's five Regional Competitiveness Councils. Healey served as the principal contact for municipal leaders in the Romney-Healey administration. She is most proud of her role in helping to found three Recovery High Schools to provide drug-free learning environments for students in recovery, and in reducing drunk-driving related deaths on Massachusetts' roads thanks to Melanie's Law.

Healey graduated from Harvard College in 1982, and was awarded a Rotary International Scholarship. She earned a Ph.D. in political science and law from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. In 1985, Healey was a visiting researcher in the International and Comparative Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School. She continues to pursue her interest in international affairs as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

For more than a decade, Healey worked as a law and public safety consultant at Abt Associates, Inc., in Cambridge, MA, conducting research for the U.S. Department of Justice related to child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, gang violence, victim and witness intimidation and the prosecution of drug crimes. Healey was elected Chairman of the Massachusetts Republican Party in 2001.

Connolly House
Boston College

9:45 AM

Depart Connolly House, transfer to O'Neill and Associates

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Site visit to O'Neill and Associates hosted by Thomas O'Neill III, Chief Executive Officer with Matthew Irish, Vice President and Jeremy Crockford, Associate

Thomas P. O'Neill, III is chief executive officer of O'Neill and Associates. In 1991, the former Lieutenant Governor envisioned a new paradigm for the traditional lobbying business by integrating communications and government relations. He assembled seasoned government and public relations professionals with diverse backgrounds and created a model company, now known as O'Neill and Associates. Based in Boston, Mr. O'Neill oversees all aspects of the company and client servicing. He directs strategic planning and management of the company's overall marketing efforts, long term growth and business opportunities.

O'Neill and Associates offers a breadth of services, combining government relations and communications, to develop a complete action plan that addresses your specific business situation. They look at your opportunity from numerous vantage points because their professionals have been there, working in the public and private sectors, reporting on news events and establishing valuable contacts. Their team is versed in diverse industries critical to the New England economy. They understand how government, business and the media work, and they make this experience work for you.

O'Neill and Associates helps companies build brands, communicate with government officials, find new business opportunities and survive crisis situations.

Mr. O'Neill sits on the Board of Trustees for Boston College and on the Board of Directors for CareGroup, New England's second largest health care service provider. Mr. O'Neill received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and earned his master's in public administration from Harvard University.

31 New Chardon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02114
<http://www.oneilandassoc.com/>

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Free for lunch in Faneuil Hall Market

1:00 PM

Pick up at Faneuil Hall Market, transfer to Logan International Airport

2:55 PM	Participants depart Logan on JetBlue Airways flight #309 for Washington DC/Dulles
4:38 PM	Arrive in Washington/Dulles

4:45 PM Pick up at Dulles International Airport, transfer to hotel

Courtyard Embassy Row by Marriott
 1600 Rhode Island Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036
 202-293-8000
<http://www.courtyardembassyrow.com/>

7:30 PM Group dinner at local restaurant

Evening FREE

Tuesday, May 13 DAY 8: Washington, DC

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

8:30 AM Depart hotel, transfer to Rayburn Building via coach

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting and lunch with Mike Franc, Vice President, Government Relations, Heritage Foundation

Mike Franc oversees the Heritage Foundation's outreach to members of the U.S. House and Senate, their staffs, as well as top-ranking Administration officials. As Heritage's Vice President of Government Relations, his extensive political knowledge and expertise is highly sought by leading print news sources as well as regular appearances on national broadcast news outlets.

Founded in 1973, The Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institute - a think tank - whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

214 Massachusetts Ave NE
 Washington DC 20002-4999
 202-546-4400
<http://www.heritage.org/>

12:00 PM Depart Heritage Foundation, transfer to Rayburn Building via coach

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Capitol Building tour with members of Congressman Neal's staff</p> <p>208 Rayburn House Office Building</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Walk to Russell Building</p>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Meeting with Dillon Guthrie, Senior Foreign Affairs Advisor to Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts). Mr. Guthrie will provide a broad overview of Senator Kerry's foreign policy stances and initiatives, and will provide perspective on the daily life and inner workings of a prominent Senator's senior staff.</p> <p>Senator John Kerry http://kerry.senate.gov/</p> <p>Senate Foreign Relations Committee http://foreign.senate.gov/</p> <p>304 Russell Building Washington D.C. 20510 202-224-2742</p>
3:30 PM	<p>Depart Russell Building, transfer to RNC via coach</p>
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Visit to the Republican National Committee, hosted by Rich Beeson, Political Director</p> <p>Rich Beeson is currently the Political Director of the Republican National Committee. Immediately prior to coming back to the Committee in January of 2007, Rich was a Partner at FLS Connect.</p> <p>Beeson first started at the Committee in 1997 as a Regional Finance Director and in 1998, became a Regional Political Director until 2005. During his tenure in those two positions, his various regions encompassed 21 different states over the eight year span.</p> <p>Before joining the RNC in 1997, Rich was the National Field Director for Americans Back in Charge conducting issue advocacy campaigns in 17 Congressional Districts across the country.</p>

In addition, Rich has worked on a number of Congressional, Gubernatorial, US Senate, and statewide campaigns around the country since 1989.

The Republican National Committee (RNC) provides national leadership for the Republican Party of the United States. It is responsible for developing and promoting the Republican political platform, as well as coordinating fundraising and election strategy. It is also responsible for organizing and running the Republican National Convention. The current chairman is Mike Duncan, and the General Chairman is Senator Mel Martinez, a first-termer from Florida.

310 First Street
Washington, D. C. 20003
202-863-8500
<http://www.rnc.org/>

5:00 PM

Depart RNC, transfer to Metropolitan Club via coach

6:00 PM

Reception at the Metropolitan Club, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Alice Fitzgerald (BC '83), friends of the Boston College Irish Institute

In 1863 at the height of the Civil War, the Metropolitan Club was established by six officials of the Treasury Department. Now, more than 142 years later, your Club includes distinguished members from all over the world.

The Metropolitan Club is one of Washington's oldest and most valued private institutions. Since its founding in 1863, it has vigorously pursued its primary objectives of "literary, mutual improvement and social purposes." Its proximity to the White House and other seats of American power has made it among the world's most fascinating waypoints for local, national and international leaders, including almost every U.S. President since Abraham Lincoln. The Club's unique location and dedication to the traditions of social civility provide its members with a convenient haven from the bustle of Washington business while offering the amenities of contemporary urban living.

The building, completed in 1908, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also a District of Columbia historic landmark. Through the formation in

1998 of the Club's Preservation Foundation, the protection and preservation of this historic building is now more assured.

1700 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20006
202-835-2500
<http://www.metroclub.org/>

Evening FREE

Wednesday, May 14 DAY 9: Washington, DC

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

8:30 AM Depart hotel, transfer to Russell Building via coach

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Meeting with United States Senator Judd Gregg (R-New Hampshire)

Senator Judd Gregg is currently serving his third term in the U.S. Senate, having received the highest number of votes in any election in New Hampshire history in 2004. Senator Gregg serves as the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. He will also retain his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee with seats on the Commerce, Justice and Science, Interior, Defense, Labor-Health-Education, and State and Foreign Operations subcommittees. On these committees, Senator Gregg impacts the national debate on such vital issues as overseeing the federal budget, homeland security and national defense, education, international affairs, law enforcement, Social Security, and health care.

393 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-3324
<http://gregg.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Transfer from Russell Senate Building to NOW via coach

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Site Visit to the National Organization for Women (NOW), hosted by Melody Drnach, Vice President for Action

A longtime NOW member, Melody Drnach was elected Action Vice President in July 2005. She oversees the grassroots organizing efforts that are the backbone of the organization and serves as a national spokesperson for NOW on issues ranging from women's health to peace as a feminist issue. Previously she served as president of the board of directors for the Women's Resource Center, a domestic violence agency, and continues to serve on a committee to raise awareness of same-sex partner violence and to identify gaps in service for survivors. Drnach also served on the board of directors of a number of progressive groups, including: Ocean State Action, Rhode Island Stonewall Democrats and the R.I. Choice Coalition.

NOW is the largest, most comprehensive feminist advocacy group in the United States. NOW's purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in society — sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men, while living free from discrimination.

NOW is one of the few multi-issue progressive organizations in the United States. NOW stands against all oppression, recognizing that racism, sexism and homophobia are interrelated, that other forms of oppression such as classism and ableism work together with these three to keep power and privilege concentrated in the hands of a few.

1100 H Street NW, 3rd floor
Washington, D.C. 20005
202-628-8669
<http://www.now.org/>

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Site visit and lunch at the Department of State, hosted by Jonathan M. Berger, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer (UK, Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg) with Dean Pittman, former Consul General to Belfast, current member of the Secretary's Policy Planning Office; Colleen Graffy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Diplomacy; Leah Pease, Ireland Desk Officer; Brent Beemer, Chief, Europe-South Central Asia Division Office of Citizen Exchanges Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; and David Gustafson, Program Specialist, Europe/South Central Asia Division Office of Citizen Exchanges Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

This briefing will focus on overall US foreign policy goals, as well as US public diplomacy strategy worldwide and in Europe, and US-Irish relations and US efforts in Northern Ireland more specifically.

The mission of the U.S. Department of State is to: Advance freedom for the benefit of the American people and the international community by helping to build and sustain a more democratic, secure, and prosperous world composed of well-governed states that respond to the needs of their people, reduce widespread poverty, and act responsibly within the international system.

2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520
202-647-4000
<http://www.state.gov/>

3:00 PM

Depart State Department, transfer to Rayburn Building

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting with Congressman Richard E. Neal (D-Massachusetts)

Congressman Neal represents the Second District of Massachusetts, which includes cities and towns in western and central Massachusetts. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, an At-Large Whip for the House Democrats, and a co-chairman of the New England Congressional Caucus. Congressman Neal serves as the Chairman of the Friends of Ireland and has been recognized repeatedly by Irish America Magazine as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans. He has been honored by the Holyoke, Massachusetts Saint Patrick's Day Committee with both the John F. Kennedy Award and the Ambassador's Award, the Committee's two highest honors. In 2002, Congressman Neal received the International Leadership Award by the American Ireland Fund for his work over two decades to bring peace and reconciliation to the island of Ireland.

208 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-5601
<http://www.house.gov/neal/>

4:30 PM

Depart Rayburn Building, transfer to hotel via coach

Evening FREE

Thursday, May 15 DAY 10: Washington, DC

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

10:00 AM Depart hotel, transfer to DNC via Metro

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Democratic National Committee, hosted by Larry Strongin, International Program Officer with Jean Doherty, Director of Operations; Maureen Garde, Director of State Party Services; and Parag Mehta, Director of Training

The Democratic National Committee plans the Party's quadrennial presidential nominating convention; promotes the election of Party candidates with both technical and financial support; and works with national, state, and local party organizations, elected officials, candidates, and constituencies to respond to the needs and views of the Democratic electorate and the nation.

430 S. Capitol St. SE
Washington DC 20003
202-863-8000
<http://www.democrats.org/>

12:00 PM Depart DNC, transfer to Human Rights Campaign

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch on own

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Site visit to the Human Rights Campaign with Mike Mings, Deputy Director of Electoral Activities, PAC Manager

Mike Mings is the manager of the Human Rights Campaign's political action committee, the largest PAC dedicated to equality for lesbian and gay Americans and one of the largest PACs in the country. Mings oversees the range of activities related to HRC PAC's endorsements and campaign giving, including analyzing whether political candidates meet the organization's endorsement criteria.

Previously, Mings directed the PAC program at the American Society of Association Executives. He was also an intern for openly gay Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., and a

campaign volunteer for openly gay Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis.

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

HRC seeks to improve the lives of GLBT Americans by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through innovative advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC works to secure equal rights for GLBT individuals and families at the federal and state levels by lobbying elected officials, mobilizing grassroots supporters, educating Americans, investing strategically to elect fair-minded officials and partnering with other GLBT organizations.

1640 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036-3278
202-628-4160
<http://www.hrc.org/>

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Depart HRC, transfer to Anheuser Busch via taxis

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting with Christopher Ross, Director, National Affairs, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

Christopher Ross received his BA from Marquette University and his MA from Boston College. He began his career as a Congressional Aide to Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT). Following this Mr. Ross was Director, University Relations/Parent Development at Boston College. After serving in the Institutional Equities Division of Morgan Stanley & Co. he moved on to his current position with the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

Anheuser-Busch operates 12 breweries in the United States and several others overseas. Anheuser-Busch's operations and resources are focused on adding to life's enjoyment not only through the responsible consumption of beer by

adults, but through theme park entertainment and packaging.

In the United States, the company holds a 48.4 percent share of U.S. beer sales. Worldwide, Anheuser-Busch's beer sales volume was 125 million barrels in 2006.

The St. Louis-based company's subsidiaries include one of the largest U.S. manufacturers of aluminum beverage containers and America's top recycler of aluminum cans. Anheuser-Busch also has interests in malt production, rice milling, real estate development, turf farming, metalized and paper label printing, bottle production and transportation services.

1401 I Street, Suite 200
Washington, D.C., 20005
<http://www.anheuser-busch.com/>

5:00 PM Walk to Farewell Dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill

6:00 PM Farewell Dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill

675 15th Street NW
Washington DC, 20005
202-347-4800

Friday, May 16

DAY 11: Depart Washington, DC

NOTE: Please bring a picture ID (passport) with you

9:15 AM Meet in hotel lobby after checking out of hotel. Load luggage on bus.

9:30 AM Depart hotel, transfer to Brookings Institution

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting with William A. Galston, Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings Institution

A former policy advisor to President Clinton and presidential candidates, Bill Galston is an expert on domestic policy, political campaigns, and elections. His current research focuses on designing a new social contract and the implications of political polarization.

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 Washington, DC 20036
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11:00 AM Pick up at Brookings Institution, transfer to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, Independence Avenue at 6th Street, SW Washington, DC 20560

Program debrief, **hand in evaluations**

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Free to explore the National Mall Area

National Mall & Memorial Parks
<http://www.nps.gov/nama/>

Smithsonian Museums
<http://www.si.edu/museums/>

US Holocaust Memorial Museum
<http://www.ushmm.org/>

2:30 PM Pick up at Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, transfer to Reagan National Airport

4:59 PM	Belfast participants depart on Continental Airlines flight # CO 1112 for Newark, New Jersey
6:36 PM	Arrive in Newark
9:20 PM	Depart Newark on Continental Airlines flight # CO 94 for Belfast
9:00 AM (5/17/08)	Arrive in Belfast

4:59 PM	Dublin participants depart on Continental Airlines flight # CO 1112 for Newark, New Jersey
6:36 PM	Arrive in Newark
9:45 PM	Depart Newark on Continental Airlines flight # CO 126 for Dublin
9:25 AM (5/17/08)	Arrive in Dublin