



The Washington Internship Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Harvard University's Institute of Politics Present a Symposium:

**“College Student Voting and the 2012 Election:
Passing the Torch to the Next Generation?”**

On October 18, the Institute of Politics will release its annual poll of Millennials from across the nation. Join us on October 19 as our distinguished panel deconstructs the results of the poll and discusses the impact of this important cohort in this election year. Panelists include John Della Volpe, Kent Hughes, Laura Simolaris, Mark Dalhouse, and student representatives from Harvard and WII.

**Friday, October 19, 2012
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with a light reception to follow**

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 6th Floor Auditorium

Closest Metro: Federal Triangle (Blue & Orange Lines)

See <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/directions> for directions.

Photo identification is required for entrance to the Wilson Center.

Please RSVP to Melanie@wiidc.org by Thursday, October 18 at noon.

Panelists to Include:

**John Della Volpe
Director of Polling
Harvard University's Institute of Politics**

John Della Volpe is Director of Polling at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and Founder and Managing Partner of SocialSphere, Inc., a social media strategy and technology company located in Cambridge, MA. Each semester at Harvard, Mr. Della Volpe leads a public opinion survey group of undergraduate students who develop, field and report on the attitudes of young Americans (Millennial Generation) toward politics and public service. Since 2000, the IOP survey has tracked pre- and post-9/11 attitudes; accurately predicted the spikes in youth turnout in 2004, 2006 and 2008; marked the generational shift in attitudes toward foreign policy; and provided insight into the ways in which Millennials use technology, communicate and form opinions. At SocialSphere, Mr. Della Volpe and his team advise blue chip public and private sector clients on ways to engage Millennials (the world's largest market) and in strategies that flatten organizations, usually through engaging in various forms of social technology. In 2008, Mr. Della Volpe received an Eisenhower Fellowship, which he spent traveling in China and Korea to study the Millennials' impact on the Asian culture and economy.

Kent H. Hughes
Director of the Program on America and the Global Economy
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Kent H. Hughes is currently the Director of the Program on America and the Global Economy (PAGE) at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He also serves as the consulting director of the Center's Global Energy Initiative. As part of the PAGE agenda, he published a book, *Building the Next American Century: The Past and Future of American Economic Competitiveness*, which emphasizes the importance of innovation and education to America's future. Prior to joining the Center, Dr. Hughes served as Associate Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce, president of the private sector Council on Competitiveness, and in a number of senior positions with the U.S. Congress. Prior to his congressional service, Dr. Hughes served as a staff attorney for the Urban Law Institute. He was also an International Legal Center Fellow and Latin American Teaching Fellow in Brazil where he worked on a reform of Brazilian legal education.

Laura Simolaris
Director of the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement
Harvard University's Institute of Politics

Laura Simolaris is the Director of the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement, a program that unites 19 colleges and universities around the country who are committed to creating a more civically engaged campus. One program the Campaign administers at Harvard is HVOTE, an intermural competition to register, educate and mobilize Harvard students to vote. She also oversees one of the Institute's newer initiatives, the Policy Group Program, which facilitates students conducting policy research and developing policy recommendations in a number of areas. Ms. Simolaris has been with Harvard University since 1999. She began at the Institute of Politics, then left to coordinate special events for the Office of the President. Ms. Simolaris recently returned to the IOP as the coordinator of the newly formed National Campaign, and now serves as the program's Director.

Mark Dalhouse
President
Washington Internship Institute

Mark Dalhouse has served as President of WII since July 2012. Previously Dr. Dalhouse spent nine years at Vanderbilt University where he was Senior Lecturer in History and Assistant Dean in the Office of Active Citizenship and Service. He was Founding Director of both the Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington (VIEW) program, which provides students with eight-week public service internships in Washington, DC, and Maymester Washington, an intensive course on civic activism, leadership, and citizenship in recent American history hosted by Vanderbilt's Washington Office of Federal Relations. He also served as Faculty Head of East House in Vanderbilt's Martha Rivers Ingram Commons. Prior to joining Vanderbilt University, he served on the faculty and as an administrator at the St. Albans School of Public Service in Washington, DC. He also served at Washington and Lee University as Dean of Freshmen and as Assistant Residential College Professor at Truman State University. Dr. Dalhouse has written and published on the role of religion in American politics and on civic engagement and college student activism. He has been a member of the history faculties at St. Albans, Washington and Lee, Truman State, Vanderbilt and Miami of Ohio.