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TO: Faculty Members  
FROM: The Voinovich Collections Selection Committee  
RE: The Voinovich Collections Fellowship

The Voinovich Collections Fellowship Program
The Voinovich Collections Fellowship is a competitive stipend program for two tenure track faculty members who utilize the Voinovich Archival Collections website and associated digitized content in their classroom. The named faculty members will work with the Ohio University Libraries to choose documents from the physical Voinovich Archival Collections that will be digitized and integrated into the classroom. There have so far been seven faculty members at three institutions (Ohio University, Cleveland State University, and University of Cincinnati) that have used the Voinovich Collections in their classroom. Please find as an addendum, testimonials from two professors and a student describing how they have used the archives for their benefit.

What are the Voinovich Collections?
The Voinovich Collections (www.voinovichcollections.library.ohio.edu) comprise four sets of archival collections created by three of the offices held by George V. Voinovich; Mayor of Cleveland, Governor of Ohio, and United States Senator, and his various campaigns. Available through an innovative digital home, the Omeka-based archival website allows users to explore exhibits comprised of material from the collections, view multimedia pieces, and learn about George Voinovich’s impressive 45-year career in public service. In addition to the digital location, The Voinovich Collections are physically housed at two institutions, -- the Ohio University Libraries and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Topics contained in the archive include:
- Utilizing public-private partnerships as a way to strengthen city and state government and how those partnerships encourage the best use of human capital and empowerment through total quality management techniques.
- The metamorphosis of Ohio’s school choice program, including the Cleveland’s School Voucher Program and the Zelman v. Simmons-Harris Supreme Court case which ultimately found the voucher program constitutional. In addition, policy in Ohio, the District of Columbia and on the national level which strived for equitable funding for early childhood education schools and programs.
- Evolution of contemporary health care policy in the United States from the Health Partnership Act, to the expansion of Medicare Part D, and the eventual passage of the Affordable Care Act.
- The passage of SAFETEA-LU and work towards its reauthorization, ensuring a robust highway bill that would raise the revenue needed to have a self-sustaining Highway Trust Fund.
- Environmental Issues including failure of the US Government to support clean coal technology in order to take advantage of the 250 year coal reserve in the US and the missed opportunity to reduce greenhouse
gas emissions internationally. The policy behind the opposition effort that killed the passage of Cap and Trade legislation because it did not harmonize the nation’s energy, environment, economic and national security policies.

❖ The significance of the expansion of NATO and its impact on the relations between the United States and Russia. 10 year effort to encourage the former Yugoslavian nations to become members of the European Union and NATO so those nations could become self-sustaining sovereign nations. As well as, policy work surrounding Senator Voinovich’s involvement in the Balkans and Southeast Europe throughout his 45 year career in public service.

❖ Several other topics are available. To gain a more comprehensive overview of available topics please visit the finding aids for each collection, which are listed below.

Fellowship Details:
❖ Two Stipends of $1,000.00 each plus travel expense for one trip to Athens (Ohio University Archives) or Cleveland (Western Reserve Historical Society) to be covered up to $500.00.

❖ The selected fellow will work with the Curator of Manuscripts at the Mahn Center for Archives and Special Collections at Ohio University, or a representative at Western Reserve Historical to select materials from the archives during the first semester of the fellowship. During the second semester, the professor will integrate the selected material into their class.

❖ 2 Fellowships:
  ➢ Fellowship #1: One professor will be selected for a term to commence fall 2015 semester through spring 2016 semester.
  ➢ Fellowship #2: One professor will be selected for a term to commence spring 2016 semester through fall 2016 semester.

❖ The expectation of the professor awarded the stipend is that she/he will participate in the document selection process, use the material and the website in their class during their assigned semester, and promote the website and fellowship program to their colleagues.

Application Process:
Interested faculty should submit a CV and a letter of intent to the Voinovich Collections Fellowship Selection Committee. In the letter of intent candidates must describe their background, their interest in the archives and in what class/subject they plan to utilize the archives, a general description of how they would engage students with the archives and what fellowship term (1 or 2) they prefer to serve. The selection committee reserves the right to make the final decision on which term each fellow will serve.

❖ Application Deadline: April 17th, 2015
❖ Please submit application materials to: Matt Starkey- Selection Committee Coordinator
  (m.e.starkey@csuohio.edu)
Questions: Please contact Matt Starkey (m.e.starkey@csuohio.edu, 216-687-5264)

Additional Information:
Finding Aids and Collection Information: http://www.voinovichcollections.library.ohio.edu/collections

Testimonials:

“I have been using regularly the physical archives in four different political science and public administration classes, and my students have really enjoyed seeing the handwritten notes and comments in the margins along with the more official documents and correspondence of Senator Voinovich. Fall Semester 2013 I was able to have the materials from the Senator’s archives relating to his confirmation decision on Justice Sonia Sotomayor digitized and made accessible to my undergraduate American Politics, Policy, and Administration class. My students were able to read her memoir and then look at archival materials that highlighted how Senator Voinovich went about making his confirmation decision on Justice Sotomayor. Having access to the digital archives allowed my students to complete the assignment with ease, and they benefitted enormously from seeing how Senator Voinovich went about the work of judicial confirmation. The digitization of Senator Voinovich’s archives makes them accessible and easy to use for both students and scholars.”

Professor DeLysa Burnier, Professor of Political Science and Voinovich Faculty Fellow, the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University.

“The Voinovich Collections open up new possibilities. Instead of relying on secondary sources, my students have access to primary materials they can interpret for themselves. These documents unfold politics far beyond the bounds of a textbook. My students learn a variety of new skills, including the proper handling of archival documents. Graduate students in particular gain new insights into the demands of serious scholarship.”

Professor Michael Burton, Department of Political Science, Ohio University

“The Voinovich Collections have been an invaluable resource for me as a student of both government and management. The documents in the collection provide an inside look at government at the local, state, and federal level, and illustrate the complexities of communication within and outside of government. The collections are also a great resource for students of public administration, and I found it especially interesting to examine Senator Voinovich’s management style, and his efforts to create a more efficient government. The website makes it easy to find documents by subject matter, and it is really convenient to be able to access them online. As an added bonus, I’ve learned a lot about the history of Cleveland the history of Ohio in general. These are great primary sources to use in research, and really helped me write a seminar paper on state government in Ohio.”

Gretchen Klaber, Student in Master of Non-profit Management Program at Cleveland State University