Dr. Scourfield-McLauchlan and Dean Heller presenting the "Road to the White House" celebration t-shirt

During the Spring 2012 semester I taught a course called Road to the White House 2012.

As a part of the course assignments, each student interned on a presidential campaign here in Florida.

I recently organized a Celebration Event to present students with a book of materials from the course (photo gallery, excerpts from students’ blogs, internship papers, journals).
Pizza lunch for Road to the White House students

Since the internship assignments were due the last week of class, there was no time to edit the book before final exam week was over.

A special thanks to Melissa DePasquale, who helped me prepare the materials for the book.

We were missing a few of our Obama interns, since they were over with the President in Tampa.

Student shows me a picture on his phone of him on the balcony outside Speaker Boehner’s Office.

But we did enjoy hearing from one of the students who is now a Regional Field Organizer on the Romney Campaign about his recent trip to DC where he attended trainings at the RNC.

We were pleased that Dean Bill Heller, Director of the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Civic Engagement, could join us as well.

We are grateful for the Course Development Grant from the Bishop Center that supported this course.

To learn more about the Road to the White House course (and to read students’ blogs about their experiences on the campaign trail), see www1.usfsp.edu/whitehouse.
About the blogger

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