



Going To Extremes Conference Schedule June 19-21, 2008

Thursday, June 19

1:00-2:30 PM Check-in, Hanover Inn Lobby

2:30-2:45 PM Walk from Hanover Inn to Rockefeller Center

Session 1: Class of 1930 Room, Rockefeller Center, 1st Floor

2:45-3:00 PM Welcoming Remarks: Andrew A. Samwick
Professor of Economics
Director, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center

3:00-3:20 PM Introduction to the Conference: "Going to Extremes"
Ronald G. Shaiko
Senior Fellow and Associate Director,
Nelson A. Rockefeller Center

Panel 1 Presentation: The Political Center and Political Polarization

3:30-5:00 PM Alan Abramowitz, Emory University
"The Disappearing Center: Political Engagement and Polarization in
American Politics"

Joseph Bafumi, Dartmouth College
"Has Political Polarization Diminished Balancing in U.S. Elections?"

Discussant, Dean Lacy, Dartmouth College

Evening Events: (Walk or shuttle bus to DOC House from Hanover Inn)

6:00-7:00 PM Reception at the DOC House

7:00-8:00 PM Dinner at the DOC House

8:00 PM Dinner Speaker: E.J. Dionne, Jr.
The Washington Post
Georgetown University
The Brookings Institution

Friday, June 20

8:00-9:00 AM Continental breakfast, Hanover Inn

Session 2: Class of 1930 Room, Rockefeller Center, 1st Floor

Panel 2 Presentation: Public Opinion, Interest Groups, and the Media

9:15-10:45 AM Jeffrey Berry, Tufts University
Sarah Sobieraj, Tufts University
“The Business of Political Extremes”

Clyde Wilcox, Georgetown University
“Is the Public that Extreme? Public Opinion on Abortion and Gay Rights”

Mark Rozell, George Mason University
Jeffrey Crouch, American University
“The Media’s Impact on Perceptions of Political Polarization”

Discussant, Deborah Brooks, Dartmouth College

10:45-11:00 AM Morning Break - Morrison Commons, Rockefeller Center, 1st Floor

Panel 3 Presentation: Political Parties: Electoral and Policy Consequences

11:00-12:30 PM Stephen Medvic, Franklin and Marshall College
“The Fate of Moderate Party Factions”

Jesse Richman, Old Dominion University
“Does Policy Follow Parties to the Extreme?”

Robert Boatright, Clark University
“‘Getting Primaried:’ The Growth and Consequences of Ideological Primaries”

Discussant, Ronald G. Shaiko, Dartmouth College

12:30-1:45 PM Buffet Lunch, Morrison Commons, Rockefeller Center, 1st Floor

Session 3: Class of 1930 Room, Rockefeller Center, 1st Floor

Panel 4 Presentation: Congress, the Presidency, and the Courts: Institutional Extremism?

2:00-3:30 PM Rep. Nancy Johnson, Senior Public Policy Advisor, Baker Donelson
Jason Edgar, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Dave Reichert
“The Fate of Moderates in Congress: A View from the Hill”

Jeffrey Cohen, Fordham University
“Presidents, Polarization, and Divided Government”

Terri Peretti, Santa Clara University
“Constructing a Representative Court in Polarizing Times”

Discussant, Linda Fowler, Dartmouth College

3:30-5:30 Afternoon Break

5:30-6:30 PM Reception, Wheelock Room, Hanover Inn, 2nd Floor

6:30-7:30 PM Buffet Dinner, Wheelock Room, Hanover Inn, 2nd Floor

7:30 PM Dinner Speaker: Representative Nancy Johnson
Senior Public Policy Advisor, Baker Donelson
U.S. House of Representatives, 1983-2007

Saturday, June 21

8:00-9:00 AM Continental breakfast, Hanover Inn

Session 4: Class of 1930 Room, Rockefeller Center, 1st Floor

Panel 5 Presentation: Moderate Representation in Congress

9:15-10:45 AM Jon Bond, Texas A&M
Richard Fleisher, Fordham University
Jeff Stonecash, Syracuse University
“The Rise and Decline of Moderates in the House, 1900-2004”

DeWayne Lucas, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Iva Deutchman, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
“Looking for the Productive Center: Running for Congress as a ‘Blue Dog’ or ‘Main Streeter’”

Douglas Harris, Loyola University
“Let’s Play Hardball: Congressional Partisanship in the Television Era, Perceptions and Distortions”

Discussant, Peter Burns, Dartmouth College and
Loyola University, New Orleans

11:00-12:00 PM Conference Wrap-Up/Discussion:
Next Steps for Paper Revision/Publication

12:00 PM Lunch, Morrison Commons, Rockefeller Center

1:00 PM Participants Depart, Hanover Inn

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