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***Obama in Office:***  
***Assessing the First Two Years***  
Edited by James Thurber

Tuesday, November 29, 2011  
4:00-6:00 p.m., Fifth Floor Conference Room  
Woodrow Wilson Center  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.  
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Panel:

**James Thurber**, American University  
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President Barack Obama has had a turbulent first term in office, marked by a global economic recession, two wars and contentious relations with Congress, especially since voters turned the House of Representatives back to Republicans in 2010. While the President has not succeeded in dream of presiding over a post-partisan era in American politics, he has managed to get his health care proposals enacted as well as an economic stimulus measure to combat high unemployment. *Obama in Office* in a frank and objective assessment of Obama's first two years as President as seen through the eyes of 18 of the country's most astute scholars, journalists and practitioners, with topics ranging from relations with Congress, the media and lobbyists, to the handling of budgetary, domestic and foreign policy challenges. This book discussion will feature five of the chapter authors, including James Thurber, the book's editor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.