American Gridlock: Causes, Characteristics and Consequences of Polarization

May 9, 2014
American University
Butler Board Room

9:00 Light Buffet Breakfast

9:30 Welcome

James A. Thurber, Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Antoine Yoshinaka, Assistant Professor of Government at American University

Barbara K. Romzek, Dean of the School of Public Affairs at American University

9:45 to 11:00 Panel 1: The Partisan Public, Parties, and Campaigns

Alan Abramowitz, Emory University
Marc Hetherington, Vanderbilt University
Michael McDonald, George Mason University

Moderator
Candice Nelson, American University

11:05 to 12:15 Panel 2: Polarization in Federal Institutions and with Elites

Brandon L. Bartels, The George Washington University
Jon Bond, Texas A&M University
Keith Poole, The University of Georgia
Sean Theriault, The University of Texas at Austin
Moderator
James A. Thurber, American University

12:30 to 1:30  Keynote Address on Polarization and Congress
Thomas Mann, The Brookings Institution
Introduction by James A. Thurber, American University

1:45 to 3:00  Panel 3: Polarization and Partisan Change in the States
Seth Masket, The University of Denver
Elizabeth Rigby, The George Washington University
Boris Shor, The University of Chicago
Gerald Wright, Indiana University
Moderator
Antoine Yoshinaka, American University

3:05 to 4:15  Panel 4: The Media and Political Polarization
Kevin Arceneaux, Temple University
Gary Jacobson, The University of California, San Diego
Danny Hayes, The George Washington University
Jennifer Lawless, American University
Natalie Stroud, University of Texas at Austin
Moderator
Jennifer Lawless, American University

4:20 to 5:15  Roundtable on Polarization
Morris Fiorina, Stanford University
Sarah Binder, The George Washington University
Frances Lee, The University of Maryland

5:15  Conference Closing
James A. Thurber, American University
Antoine Yoshinaka, American University