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***Our Patchwork Nation:  
An Evening with Dante Chinni***

*Thursday, February 10th, 2011*

*American University*

*Mary Graydon Center Room 4*

*7:00pm-8:30pm*

***Please join journalist Dante Chinni as he discusses his new book, co-authored with political geographer James Gimple, Our Patchwork Nation: The Surprising Truth About the "Real" America.***

**Moderator: James A. Thurber, Director, CCPS**

"Our Patchwork Nation is a compelling, thought-provoking book, and a must-read for anyone trying to make sense of our country's complex political and cultural dynamic. I highly recommend this book." -Richard Florida, author of Rise of the Creative Class and Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute, University of Toronto

"A great piece of work. I don't see how every political writer in the country with any sense wouldn't buy this book." -Bill Kovach, co-author of The Elements of Journalism: What Newspeople Should Know and The Public Should Expect

Dante Chinni is the director of the Patchwork Nation project, a Knight Foundation-funded collaboration including the PBS NewsHour, the Christian Science Monitor and WNYC radio that studies politics, socio-economics and culture in a time of change. Patchwork Nation won a 2009 Knight Batten Award for journalistic innovation and is the focus of "Our Patchwork Nation" from Gotham Books, an imprint of Penguin. Based in Washington, D.C., Chinni has been covering politics and the media for more than 10 years. He has worked as a reporter-researcher at Newsweek and a senior associate at the Project for Excellence in Journalism. He has written for publications including The Economist, Columbia Journalism Review, and The Washington Post Magazine.

Refreshments will be served

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