Eisenhower and Congress: Lessons for the 21st Century

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Friday, February 19th, 2010
Mary Graydon Center 4 and 5
American University

9:00: Registration and Coffee

9:30-10:00  Welcoming Remarks

James Thurber (Distinguished Professor of Government at American University, Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies)
Louis Goodman (Dean of the School of International Service, American University)
Carl W. Redell (Executive Director, Eisenhower Memorial Commissioner)

10:00am- 12:00  Panel I

Fred I. Greenstein, Professor of Politics Emeritus, Princeton University
  • “Standing Neustadt on His Head: The Leadership Style of Dwight Eisenhower.”

Richard S. Conley, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Florida
  • "Signing On and Sounding Off: Signing Statements in the Eisenhower Presidency, 1953-60."

Roger Davidson, Professor Emeritus of Government and Politics, University of Maryland
  • "Eisenhower and Depressed-Areas Legislation, 1955-1961"
Moderator: Walter Oleszek; senior specialist in American national government at the Congressional Research Service and professor in the School of Public Affairs

12:15-1:30pm  **Lunch and Keynote Address**
Stephen Hess, Senior Fellow Emeritus, Brookings Institution
   - “What Congress Looked Like From Inside the Eisenhower White House.”

Introduction: James A. Thurber; Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential studies, University Distinguished Professor in the School of Public Affairs

1:45- 3:15  **Panel II**

Stephen Wayne, Professor of Government, Georgetown University
   - “The Eisenhower Administration: The Bridge from the Personal to the Institutionalized Presidency.”

Jordan Tama, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, American University (School of International Service and Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies)
   - “Eisenhower, Congress, and Foreign Policy”

Moderator: Professor Michael Birkner; Dept. of History at Gettysburg College

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