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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