

*Professor
Fred Sonderrmann
and the Symposium*

PROFESSOR FRED SONDERMANN taught in the Colorado College Department of Political Science from 1953 until his untimely death in 1978. He was a legendary teacher and nationally recognized scholar who made many creative contributions to college programs. He conceived the idea for a presidential symposium and directed the first one in 1968. His aim was to discuss current political issues but also to analyze the role of the presidency in modern American politics, both domestic and foreign. The symposium's success was such that the Department of Political Science made a commitment to offer a presidential symposium in subsequent presidential election years. Sonderrmann continued to direct them through 1976. The 2016 Sonderrmann Presidential Symposium is the 13th in a series that has become a signature college program.



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*The
Sonderrmann
Presidential Symposium
at
Colorado College
2016*

September 1 – November 9, 2016

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Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

Donna Brazile

7 p.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, Armstrong Hall
The William Jovanovich Lecture in Public Affairs

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

Symposium Panel, featuring Eric Sondermann, Vince Bzdek, Bob Loevy, and Tom Cronin

12 p.m., Bemis Great Hall, Bemis Hall

David Axelrod

7 p.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, Armstrong Hall
The W. Lewis and Helen R. Abbott Memorial Lecture

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

Gwen Ifill: “Washington Week at CC”

9 a.m., Small Class with Students

1:30 p.m., Taping of “PBS Washington Week”

Richard Celeste Theatre,

Edith Kinney Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

Jamelle Bouie

7 p.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, Armstrong Hall

MONDAY, OCT. 24

Marc Hetherington

11:15 a.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, Armstrong Hall

First Mondays, Block 3 Lecture

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

Newt Gingrich

7 p.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, Armstrong Hall

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

Sarah Treul: Election Preview

12 p.m. (lunch served), Cossitt Faculty Commons, Cossitt Hall

RSVP required

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

Jason Roberts: Election Debriefing

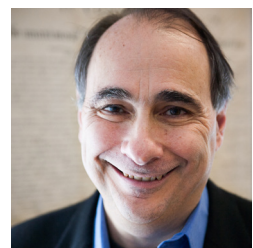
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Speaker Bios



Veteran Democratic political strategist **DONNA BRAZILE** is an adjunct professor, author, syndicated columnist, television political commentator, and is currently serving as interim chairwoman for the Democratic National Committee (DNC). Since 2000, she has lectured at over 185 colleges and universities across the country on such topics as “Inspiring Civility in American Politics,” “Race Relations in the Age of Obama,” and “Women in American Politics.” Brazile’s passion is encouraging young people to vote, to work within the system to strengthen it, and to run for public office.



DAVID AXELROD is a veteran of American politics and journalism and the former chief strategist and senior advisor to President Barack Obama. He currently serves as director of the University of Chicago’s non-partisan Institute of Politics, senior political commentator for CNN, and host of “The Axe Files,” a top-rated podcast jointly produced by CNN and his institute. Axelrod, a former political writer for the *Chicago Tribune* and, later, media strategist for 150 state, local, and national political campaigns, is also the author of *The New York Times* best-selling memoir, “Believer: My Forty Years in Politics.”



GWEN IFILL is moderator and managing editor of “Washington Week” and co-anchor and managing editor of the “PBS NewsHour.” She is also the best-selling author of “The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama,” (Doubleday, 2009). Ifill reports on a wide range of issues from foreign affairs to U.S. politics and policies interviewing national and international newsmakers. She has covered seven presidential campaigns and moderated two vice presidential debates — in 2004 the debate between Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat John Edwards and in 2008 the debate between Democratic Senator Joe Biden and Republican Governor Sarah Palin. Before coming to PBS in 1999, Ifill was chief congressional and political correspondent for NBC News, White House correspondent for *The New York Times*, and a local and national political reporter for *The Washington Post*. She also reported for the *Baltimore Evening Sun* and the *Boston Herald American*.



JAMELLE BOUIE is chief political correspondent for *Slate* magazine, where he writes on national politics. He is based in Washington, D.C., and his work has appeared in *The American Prospect*, *The Daily Beast*, *The Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and the *New Yorker* online. Bouie is a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and attended the University of Virginia, where he graduated with degrees in political and social thought, and government.



MARC HETHERINGTON is professor of political science at Vanderbilt University. He studies the American electorate with a focus on the polarization of public opinion. He is the author of three scholarly books, the most recent of which is titled “Why Washington Won’t Work: Polarization, Political Trust, and the Governing Crisis” (University of Chicago Press, 2015), co-authored with Thomas J. Rudolph. This book recently won the

Alexander George Award from the International Society of Political Psychology, as the best book in the field of political psychology published in the previous year. In addition, Hetherington has published numerous articles in a wide range of scholarly journals and won several college and university teaching awards.



NEWT GINGRICH is well known as the architect of the “Contract with America” that led the Republican Party to victory in 1994 by capturing a majority in the United States House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years. He was a Republican candidate for president of the United States from 2011 to 2012. Gingrich is a Fox News contributor and the author of 27 books, including 14 fiction and nonfiction *New York Times* best-sellers. He is a senior advisor at Dentons, the world’s largest law firm, as well as a senior scientist at Gallup. Recognized internationally as an expert on world history, military issues, and international affairs, Gingrich is the longest-serving teacher of the Joint War Fighting course for major generals. He also teaches officers from all five services as a distinguished visiting scholar and professor at the National Defense University. In addition, Gingrich served as a member of the Defense Policy Board. He was a member of the Terrorism Task Force for the Council on Foreign Relations and he co-chaired the Task Force on U.N. Reform, a bipartisan Congressional effort to reform the United Nations.



SARAH TREUL is an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill specializing in American political institutions with an emphasis on the U.S. Congress. She earned her B.A. in political science and psychology from Wellesley College and her M.A. and Ph.D. (both in political science) from the University of Minnesota. Her research interests include the voting behavior of U.S. senators, bicameralism, representation, and state delegations in Congress. Her forthcoming book with Cambridge University Press analyzes the ways in which members in Congress utilize their state delegations to facilitate their reelection. Her work has appeared in numerous journals, including the *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, and *Electoral Studies*. She is currently working on a book project examining congressional primaries and their influence on congressional behavior.



JASON ROBERTS is an associate professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He earned his B.S. from the University of North Alabama, an M.A. from Purdue University, and his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. His research centers on American political institutions with a focus on the U.S. Congress, congressional elections, and the historical development of political institutions. His work has appeared in numerous journals, including the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. His current work focuses on party effectiveness in the U.S. Congress, the political effects of election reforms, and competition in Congressional elections.