

Panel I

“Presidential Powers and the Bush Presidency”

Louis Fisher on “Bush and the War Power”

Dr. Louis Fisher is a senior specialist with the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. He began work with CRS in 1970 and served as research director of the House Iran-Contra Committee in 1987, writing major sections of the final report. Dr. Fisher also frequents the halls of Congress, testifying on various issues from war powers, covert spending and CIA whistle blowing. He is also the author of over 15 books including, his most recent work, *The Constitution and 9/11: Recurring Threats to America's Freedoms*. Dr. Fisher has taught at a number of different universities around the country including: Georgetown University, American University and Johns Hopkins University. He received his doctorate in political science from the New School for Social Research.

Dale Herspring on “Bush as Commander-in-Chief”

Dr. Dale Herspring is a University Distinguished Professor in the Political Science Department at Kansas State University. He is also a Visiting Professor to the University of Kansas. Dr. Herspring has published numerous books including *The Pentagon and Presidential Authority: Civil-Military Relations from Franklin Roosevelt to George W. Bush* (2005). Dr. Herspring created the Political, Military and Diplomatic Lecture Series at KSU, bringing over 130 senior academics, retired military and diplomatic officials to campus providing graduate students with an opportunity to meet and discuss key problems in international relations. He has taught at various institutions, including the National War College, Georgetown University and University of Maryland. Dr. Herspring received his A.B. from Stanford University and a M.A. from Georgetown University. He did his Ph.D. work at the University of Southern California.

Mitch Sollenberger on “Executive Privilege: Bush and Presidential Secrecy”

Dr. Michel Sollenberger is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. He has recently authored a work on congressional power and the presidency entitled *The President Shall Nominate: How Congress Trumps Executive Power* (University Press of Kansas, 2008). Dr. Sollenberger has also served as an analyst in American National Government for the Congressional Research Service in the Library of Congress. In addition, he is a member of the American Political Science Association and a Reviewer for the *Political Science Quarterly*. Prior to arriving at the University of Michigan in Dearborn, he accepted teaching positions George Mason University and Bowling Green State University. Dr. Sollenberger did his undergraduate work at Fairfield University, majoring in Politics. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics from the Catholic University.

Panel II

“The Bush Administration: Process and Policies”

Andrew Busch on “The Domestic Policy Agenda”

Dr. Andrew Busch is a professor in the Government Department at Claremont McKenna College, where is also the Associate Dean of the Faculty. He is the author of eight books, his most recent being: *Reagan's Victory: The Presidential Election of 1980 and the Rise of the Right* (University Press of Kansas, 2005). In 2007, Dr. Busch received a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship for the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine. Prior to his career at Claremont McKenna College, Dr. Busch has held teaching positions at the University of Denver and University of Virginia. While at the University of Denver, he received the Teacher-Scholar of the Year Award in 2002. Dr. Busch received a B.A. from the University of Colorado and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from the University of Virginia.

Brian Flanagan on “State of the National Security State: Harry Truman, George W. Bush, and America's Ramparts in the 21st Century”

Brian Flanagan is associate director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University. In 2008, Brian was awarded a Mawby Fellowship to explore the connection between philanthropy and the American presidency. Mr. Flanagan was appointed to the Michigan Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee, a two-year effort charged with providing leadership and direction for Michigan's celebration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Brian also helped establish the Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy, the Hauenstein Center's leadership training program. Mr. Flanagan graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2003 with a degree in English and is currently a Master's candidate in Grand Valley's School of Public and Nonprofit Administration.

Charles Walcott on “The Bush Staff and Cabinet System”

Dr. Charles Walcott is Professor in the Political Science Department at Virginia Tech University, where he has been teaching since 1989. He has written or edited five books, including most recently, *Empowering the White House: Nixon, Ford and Carter* (University Press of Kansas, 2004), co-authored with Karen M. Hult. Since July 2001, Professor Walcott has been an editor of Congress and the Presidency, an interdisciplinary journal of research in political science and history. Professor Walcott has also won several awards for teaching excellence, including a Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the Virginia Tech College of Arts and Sciences in 2003. Before coming to Virginia Tech, Dr. Walcott had a distinguished teaching career at the University of Minnesota. He is a graduate of Occidental College and received his Masters and Ph.D. at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Panel III

“Presidential Powers and the Bush Legacy”

Thomas Keck on “The Biggest Legacy? Bush's Federal Court Appointments”

Dr. Thomas Keck is Associate Professor of Political Science in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He is the author of *Party, Policy, or Duty: Why Does the Supreme Court Invalidate Federal Statutes?*, which appeared in the American Political Science Review in 2007. This work received the Houghton Mifflin Award from the Law and Court Section of the American Political Science Association, recognizing the best journal article on law and courts published by a political scientist that year. Prior to arriving at Syracuse, Dr. Keck was an Assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Oklahoma University. He received his B.A. in Politics from Oberlin College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Rutgers University.

Michael Nelson on “Vice-Presidential Power: The Unique Role of Richard Cheney”

Dr. Michael Nelson is the Fulmer Professor of Political Science at Rhodes College. In addition, he teaches in the College's humanities course, The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and Religion. Nelson is the former editor of the *Washington Monthly* and has published twenty-two books, the most recent of being *How the South Joined the Gambling Nation: The Politics of State Policy Innovation*, with John Mason. This work recently won the 2008 VO Key Book Award from the Southern Political Science Association. Prior to his arrival at Rhodes College, he held a professorship at Vanderbilt University in the Political Science Department, where he is currently a visiting professor. Dr. Nelson received his B.A. from the College of William & Mary and a Masters and Ph.D. in political science from Johns Hopkins University.

Gleaves Whitney on “Anatomy of a Divorce: Conservatives vs. George W. Bush”

Dr. Gleaves Whitney became the first full-time director of the Hauenstein Center in 2003. During his tenure he has been the architect of more than one hundred and fifty public programs, and launched a website which has reached over 10 million hits since its inception. Prior to his arrival at Grand Valley, Gleaves worked 11 years in Michigan Governor John Engler's administration, serving as senior writer, chief speechwriter, and historian. Gleaves graduated with honors from Colorado State University (1980) was a Fulbright scholar in Germany (1984-85). His master's degree and doctoral candidacy were at the University of Michigan. In 2006, he received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

About Us

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies was established at Grand Valley State University in 2001, to “provide a foundation for influencing present and future leaders through the study of the presidency.” The generosity of Col. Ralph Hauenstein (U.S. Army, retired)–former presidential advisor and chief of intelligence during World War II–made possible the Center’s establishment, and his vision gave it shape.

From the start, the Center worked closely with the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. In September 2000, Richard Norton Smith—a nationally recognized scholar on the U.S. presidency—stepped down as director of the Library and Museum to become executive director of the Ford Foundation and Distinguished Professor of U.S. Presidential History at Grand Valley State University. The Hauenstein Center was organized under Smith to coordinate the partnership between the institutions.

In July 2003, Grand Valley concluded its search for a new Hauenstein Center director. Gleaves Whitney, presidential historian and chief speechwriter in Governor John Engler’s administration, became the first full-time director. Whitney wasted no time getting started. Within two months, he hired Assistant Director Brian Flanagan, hosted his first program (a lecture by historian Garry Wills that accompanied a viewing of the Declaration of Independence), and planned the Center’s third successful conference. “After September 11: George W. Bush and the 21st-Century Presidency” was broadcast nationally.

During his tenure, Gleaves has been the architect of more than 150 programs, including two national conferences covered by C-SPAN. He has overseen tremendous growth of the Hauenstein Center’s website, premiered a popular web column called “Ask Gleaves”, and created a leadership academy for students and young professionals committed to public service.

Schedule

All presentations will take place in Grand Valley's Loosemore Auditorium.

Thursday, November 13, 2008

7:00 PM: Keynote Address by Rufus Fears

Friday, November 14, 2008

7:00 AM: Complimentary Breakfast

8:00 AM: Keynote Address by John Burke on “The Evolution of the Bush Presidency”

9:15 AM: Break

9:30 AM: Panel I: “Presidential Powers and the Bush Presidency”

Louis Fisher on “Bush and the War Power”

Dale Herspring on “Bush as Commander-in-Chief”

Mitch Sollenberger on “Executive Privilege: Bush and Presidential Secrecy”

10:45 AM: Break

11:00 AM: Panel II: “The Bush Administration: Process and Policies”

Andrew Busch on “The Domestic Policy Agenda”

Brian Flanagan on “State of the National Security State”

Charles E. Walcott on “The Bush Staff and Cabinet System”

12:15 PM: Luncheon Address with Kasey Pipes
“A Hard Presidency: The Challenging Times & Tough Choices of George W. Bush”

1:45 PM: Break

2:00 PM: Panel III: “Presidential Powers and the Bush Legacy”

Thomas Moylan Keck on “The Biggest Legacy? Bush’s Federal Court Appointments”

Michael Nelson on “Vice-Presidential Power: The Unique Role of Richard Cheney”

Gleaves Whitney on “Anatomy of a Divorce: Conservatives vs. George W. Bush”

3:15 PM: Concluding Remarks

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