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Conference-within-a-Conference on the Separation of Powers

Friday, April 2, 2027

8:00am–9:00am ***Breakfast***

9:00am–10:50am ***Panel A. Presidents and Congress***

Brandon Rottinghaus (University of Houston), "But Who's Keeping Score? How Private Congressional Favors Move Presidential Priorities"

David Foster (Florida State University), "Are Unilateralism and Legislation Substitutes or Complements?"

Jack Maedgen (University of California, Berkeley), "Backstabbers and Collaborators: Electoral Interests, Partisan Solidarity, and the System of Checks and Balances"

Landon Blacknall (University of Maryland), "Who Speaks and Acts for the Public? The President vs Congress 1973-2024"

Discussants: **TBD** and **TBD**

10:50am–11:00am ***Break***

11:00am–12:50pm ***Panel B. Congressional Politics and Donors***

Ayse Eldes (Princeton University), "Congressional Oversight of Industry: Corporate Political Spending and Partisan Bias in Committee Hearings"

Nathan Gibson (Elizabethtown College) and **Leah Rosenstiel** (Vanderbilt University), "The Politicization of Congressional Capacity"

Ayoung Chun (Purdue University), "Across the Aisle, Before the Primary: Seed Donors and Congressional Cooperation"

Nicholas Birdsong (University of Michigan), "Interest Group Access to the Presidency"

Discussants: **TBD** and **TBD**

12:50pm–2:00pm ***Lunch and Reverse Roundtable***

"Who Do Policymakers Believe? Information and Persuasion in Legislatures and Agencies"

Patrick Carter (Results for America), **Jesse Crosson** (Purdue University), **Sen. Lou DiPalma** (Rhode Island Senate), and **Ben Eikey** (Carl Levin Center)

2:00pm–3:20pm ***Panel C. Congress and Bureaucrats***

Maraam A. Dwidar (Georgetown University), **Nicholas G. Napolio** (University of California, Riverside), and **Maria Silfa** (Ohio State University), "Collaboration as Control: Congress and Interagency Rulemaking"

Luca Bellodi (Yale University) and **Gary W. Cox** (Stanford University), "Gridlock and the Delegation of Rule-Making Authority to the Administrative State"

Annie Benn (Colgate University), "Confrontation and Collaboration: How Congress Discusses Presidential Unilateral Power"

Discussant: **TBD**

3:20pm–3:30pm ***Break***

3:30pm–4:50pm ***Panel D. Presidents and Bureaucrats***

David Ryan Miller (American University), "Blaming Bureaucrats: How Political Leadership Shapes Civil Servants' Trust and Engagement"

Pamela Ban (University of California, San Diego), "The Expertise Bargain: Use, Influence, and Retention in the Federal Bureaucracy"

Kevin Angell (University of Chicago) and Jon C. Rogowski (University of Chicago), "Public Support for the Administrative Presidency"

Discussant: **TBD**

5:30pm–8:00pm ***Reception (location TBD)***