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Journal of Law & Public Affairs Symposium: Is Government Broken?

Time: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Location: Golkin 100, Michael A. Fitts Auditorium

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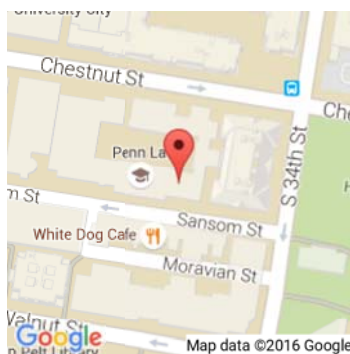
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The symposium itself is free of charge and open to the public.



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Thursday, March 24

4:30-6:00 pm Keynote Address: **Kasim Reed**, Mayor of Atlanta
Michael A. Fitts Auditorium
6:00-6:30 pm Reception
Davis Student Union

Friday, March 25

Michael A. Fitts Auditorium

- 8:00-8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
Miriam Archibong, Editor in Chief, *Journal of Law & Public Affairs*
Dean Theodore Ruger, Bernard G. Segal Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Cary Coglianesse, Edward B. Shils Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science; Director, Penn Program on Regulation, University of Pennsylvania Law School
John Dilulio, Frederic Fox Leadership Professor of Politics, Religion, and Civil Society, University of Pennsylvania
- 9:00-10:15 am Panel 1: Does Democracy Need to be Fixed?
How well is the electoral process working? How serious are the problems of corporate money and other inequalities in campaign financing? Are citizens participating actively enough in both voting and other aspects of the governmental process?
Lani Guinier, Bennett Boskey Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
Diana Mutz, Samuel A. Stouffer Professor of Political Science and Communication, Director, Institute for the Study of Citizens and Politics, University of Pennsylvania
Nate Persily, James B. McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School
Moderator: **John Dilulio**, Frederic Fox Leadership Professor of Politics, Religion, and Civil Society, University of Pennsylvania
- 10:30-11:45 am Panel 2: Is the Rule of Law Out of Control?
How well is the legal system helping government? Are detailed rules and excessive litigation getting in the way of innovative solutions?
Philip Howard, Chair - Senior Counsel, Common Good - Covington & Burling
Matthew Lee Wiener, Executive Director, Administrative Conference of the United States
Richard Revesz, Lawrence King Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus, NYU School of Law
Moderator: **John Hollway**, Executive Director, Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- 11:45-12:30 pm Lunch
Davis Student Union

12:30-1:45 pm

Panel 3: Is Government Failing to Solve Problems?

Do federal domestic programs achieve their goals? In his recent book, Why Does Government Fail So Often and What Can be Done About It?, Peter Schuck argues that these programs regularly fail. Are claims of rampant ineffectiveness warranted? What are the solutions?

Peter Schuck, Baldwin Professor of Law Emeritus, Yale Law School

Anne Meuwese, Professor Dr., Tilburg Law School

Eric Patashnik, Professor of Public Policy and Politics, University of Virginia

Moderator: **Rebecca Maynard**, University Trustee Professor of Education and Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania

2:00-3:15 pm

Panel 4: Re-assessing Government's Legitimacy

Do large and increasing income disparities in American society, persistent concerns about racial discrimination especially in criminal law, and widening political polarization suggest that American society is coming hopelessly apart at the seams? What can be done to reverse these trends and strengthen the legitimacy of American government and society?

James Gibson, Sidney W. Souers Professor of Government, Washington University in St. Louis

Anna Greenberg, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research

Rogers Smith, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science; Associate Dean for Social Sciences, University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: **Cary Coglianese**, Edward B. Shils Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science; Director, Penn Program on Regulation, University of Pennsylvania Law School

3:15-3:30 pm

Conclusion

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