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The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas***

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**New Politics Forum
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Conference Agenda**



4:30 – 4:40 P.M. WELCOME FROM THE INSTITUTE
Dr. Regina Lawrence
Director, Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life
Jesse H. Jones Centennial Chair in Communication
School of Journalism – University of Texas at Austin

4:40 – 5:30 P.M. VOTERS IN CONTEXT
Three” TED Talk-style” presentations offering a framework for understanding the experience of voters this election cycle.

“Misinformation and Misperceptions in Politics”
Dr. Dhavan V. Shah
Director of the Mass Communication Research Center
University of Wisconsin-Madison

“The Politics of News Choice”
Dr. Natalie (Talía) Stroud
Associate Professor of Communication Studies
Assistant Director of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life

“Latino Influence in American and Texas Politics”
Dr. Sylvia Manzano
Senior Analyst, Latino Decisions

5:30 – 6:00 P.M. VOTERS IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION / Q & A
Moderated by: Dr. Regina Lawrence
Director, Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life

SAVE THE DATE!
Texas Legislative Intern Seminar

Working at the Capitol during the 83rd Texas Legislative Session?

Learn the “ins and outs” of working at the State Capitol with the
Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life
and the Texas Politics Project.

Saturday, January 19, 2013
State of Texas Capitol Extension Auditorium
Austin, Texas

Free. Lunch provided.
All levels of experience welcome.
Networking after-party.

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CHRISTINA BELLANTONI

Christina Bellantoni, Politics Editor for PBS NewsHour, directs coverage of campaign, White House and congressional news and appears on the program for on-air analysis. Bellantoni has spent over a decade covering national political and business news in Washington, D.C., and California. She served as Associate Politics Editor at Roll Call for more than a year before joining the NewsHour. She has appeared regularly as a political analyst on national television programs such as “Hardball,” “Countdown,” “On the Record w/ Greta Van Susteren,” “Reliable Sources,” “TopLine,” “The Rachel Maddow Show” and “The Daily Rundown.

WILL CAIN

Will Cain is an attorney, writer, and commentator. He is a contributor to both CNN and The Blaze TV (Glenn Beck TV). He has been a regular on CNN’s Starting Point with Soledad O’Brien as well as CNN’s In the Arena with Eliot Spitzer. He is a co-host of Real News from The Blaze and a columnist for TheBlaze.com. Cain was a contributor to National Review and has appeared frequently on MSNBC, Fox News and HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher.

CORNELL BELCHER

Cornell Belcher is President of Brilliant Corners Research and Strategies and one of the premier strategists in national progressive politics. As a pollster for the Obama campaign, Cornell’s research helped to produce an unconventional campaign and stunning victory in the Democratic presidential primaries, helping to expand the traditional battleground map and change the face of the electorate by mobilizing a younger and more diverse coalition hungry for change – the surge vote. Heralded as an avant-garde, outside-the-box thinker, Cornell has been a leader in casting the successful communication strategy as a simple compelling narrative that touches people on a visceral and intuitive level. He is a CNN contributor and is a frequent guest on radio, cable and network news shows analyzing the events of the day.

6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

BREAK

Mix and mingle. Enjoy light dinner and refreshments.
Restrooms are located in the lobby area.

6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

A BLUNT TELL-ALL FROM ELECTION 2012

Will Cain

Contributor to CNN and The Blaze (Glenn Beck TV)

Cornell Belcher

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Contributor to CNN and Democratic Pollster/ Strategist

Charles Mahtesian

National Politics Editor for POLITICO

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8:15 P.M. UNTIL...

NETWORKING AFTER-PARTY W/ CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Cuatro’s Restaurant

1004 West 24th Street
Austin, TX 78705
(512) 243-6361

Light appetizers provided – All ages welcome.

Conference Speakers

(in order of appearance)

DR. REGINA LAWRENCE

Dr. Regina Lawrence is the director of the Annette Strauss Institute and holds the Jesse H. Jones Centennial Chair in Communication in the School of Journalism at UT Austin. Her research focuses on the role of the media in public discourse about politics and policy. She has been chair of the Political Communication section of the American Political Science Association, book editor of the journal Political Communication, and a fellow at the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy at Harvard. Dr. Lawrence's books include "When the Press Fails: Political Power and the News Media from Iraq to Katrina" and "Hillary Clinton's Race for the White House: Gender Politics and the Media on the Campaign Trail". She teaches courses in political communication, women and the news, and media, youth, and civic engagement.

DR. NATALIE "TALIA" JOMINI STROUD

Dr. Natalie "Talia" Jomini Stroud (Ph.D., Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, 2006) is an Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and Assistant Director of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life. She is broadly interested in how the media affect our political behaviors and attitudes and how our political behaviors and attitudes affect our media use.

Her forthcoming book, *Niche News* (Oxford University Press, 2011) explores the causes, consequences, and prevalence of partisan selective exposure, the preference for likeminded political information. Her research on this topic has received several awards, including the K. Kyoon Hur Award from the International Communication Association. Her research has appeared in *Political Communication*, *Journal of Communication*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, and the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*. She teaches courses in public opinion, media effects and politics, and quantitative research methods.

DR. SYLVIA MANZANO

Dr. Sylvia Manzano is a Senior Analyst with Latino Decisions. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Arizona. Her work with Latino Decisions includes survey design, data analysis, focus group facilitation, and special projects related to Texas politics and policy.

Her academic research on Latinos and state politics issues have appeared in many academic outlets including *Political Research Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Politics and Gender*, and *Urban Affairs Review*. She has been interviewed by numerous media outlets including NBC Latino, *La Opinion*, *Fox News Latino*, and *National Public Radio*. Prior to joining Latino Decisions, Manzano taught at Texas A&M University.

DR. DHAVAN V. SHAH

Dhavan V. Shah is a Professor at the University of Wisconsin, where he is Director of the Mass Communication Research Center. Shah's research concerns the social psychology of communication influence, especially the effects of information and communication technologies on political judgments, public opinion, and civic engagement. Dhavan is a member of the Consumer Culture and Civic Participation (CCCP) working group that investigates the fluid and evolving relationship among mass media, consumption, markets, and civic and political life as well as the Social Media and Democracy (SMAD) research team which explores the social and psychological influences of social media, especially political blogs, video-sharing sites.

CHARLES MAHTESIAN

Charles Mahtesian is Politico's national politics editor. He comes to Politico after five years as the editor of National Journal's *Almanac of American Politics*, the biennial book often referred to as "the bible of American politics." Prior to joining the *Almanac*, he spent eight years as a national correspondent for *Governing* magazine, where he covered state legislatures, governors and urban politics. He began his career reporting on elections and congressional redistricting for *Congressional Quarterly*, where he was also a contributing writer to the books "Politics in America" and "Congressional Districts in the 1990s."

Mahtesian has served as an election night analyst for National Public Radio and appeared on numerous radio and television programs, including NPR's "All Things Considered," MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews," and on FOX News, C-SPAN, CNN and the BBC.