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## **8th Annual Meeting** **May 18-20, 2011**

hosted by  
The Center for Legislative Archives  
Washington, DC

## Check-in Procedure and Important Information

Please come to the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance of the National Archives.  
(Researcher Entrance at 700 Pennsylvania Ave.)

In the lobby, you will process through the magnetometer and then proceed to the guards' desk. You will need to show a picture ID. The guard will check a list for your name and provide a special pin for you to wear. You will do this each day.

Center for Legislative Archives staff members will be in the lobby to escort you to the Check-in station (outside of Room 105) and to the Jefferson room where lunch will be served. Lunch will be catered each day and served in the Jefferson room. Coffee and Danish will be served outside of room 105 on Thursday and Friday. There will also be a refreshment table outside of room 105 for breaks.

There will be a computer and telephone (local calls) available in the Madison room.

The **dinner** will be held on Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. at:

### *Clyde's of Gallery Place*

707 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Phone: 202-349-3700

You must RSVP if attending the dinner: [sharon.fitzpatrick@nara.gov](mailto:sharon.fitzpatrick@nara.gov)

### **Contact Information:**

You may use the Center telephone number: 202-357-5350

Emergency Contact: Sharon Fitzpatrick 202-357-6802 (O) or 540-273-2937 (cell)

\*Sharon Fitzpatrick, Congressional Relations Specialist at the Center, will be available each day to help you with anything you may need. Please do not hesitate to ask her for assistance!

### **Exiting the Building**

\*There are new security procedures that have recently been implemented for exiting the building. Upon exiting, you will be required to open all bags for inspection. If you have papers that look like records you could be detained for further examination. It is recommended that you bring only meeting specific items into the building. If you anticipate needing to bring luggage to the National Archives for storage upon your arrival or before leaving on Friday, please contact Sharon Fitzpatrick for instructions so that your luggage does not have to be searched upon exiting.

# Schedule of Events

*Wednesday, May 18*

**Check-in** (Rm 105).....11:15

**Lunch and Introduction of the Program** (Catered in the Jefferson Rm).....11:45  
*Announcement of the Smock Award Winner*

**Welcome** (Rm 105).....12:45

***Richard Hunt***

Director, Center for Legislative Archives

***Sheryl Vogt***

ACSC President and Director, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies,  
University of Georgia

***David Ferriero***

Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

**Session 1: Keynote** (Rm 105).....1:15

Introduction: Don Ritchie, Historian, U.S. Senate

***Peter Overby***

National Public Radio: Power, Money & Influence Correspondent

**Break**.....2:00

**Session 2: Political Scientists Roundtable** (Rm 105).....2:15

Political scientists discuss the state of their field and the potential uses of archives for research.

**Panel Members:**

***Scott Frisch***, California State University - Channel Islands

***Matthew Green***, Catholic University

***Doug Harris***, Loyola University

***Sean Kelly***, *Facilitator*, California State University - Channel Islands

**Break**.....3:30

**Session 3: Committee Meeting Time** (Rm 105).....3:45

Reserved for ACSC standing committees and task forces to conduct committee business and prepare to report to the membership on Friday.

**Adjourn**.....5:00

*Thursday, May 19*

**Breakfast Reception** (Rm 105).....8:00

ACSC hosts the United States Association of Former Members of Congress for a joint breakfast.

**Session 4: Former Members of Congress on their Records** (Rm 105).....9:00

Former members discuss decisions about selecting a repository and making their personal papers publicly available.

**Panel Members:**

*Mickey Edwards* (R-OK)

*Romano Mazzoli* (D-KY)

*Connie Morella* (R-MD)

*Ray Smock*, *Facilitator*; Director, Robert C. Byrd Center  
and former Historian of the House of Representatives

**Break**.....10:30

**Session 5: Oral History** (Rm 105).....10:45

Participants in the Senate Historical Office's Oral History Program discuss their interview experiences.

**Panel Members:**

*Richard Arenberg*, Former Senate Staff

*J. Keith Kennedy*, Former Clerk of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
and Deputy Senate Sergeant-at-Arms

*Don Ritchie*, *Facilitator*, Historian, U.S. Senate

**Lunch** (Catered in the Jefferson Room).....12:00

*Informal Presentations by David Stricklin, Dara Baker, and Dina Mazina*

**Session 6: News Round-up** (Rm 105).....1:00

ACSC members will have the opportunity to share news and events from their Centers.

*Sheryl Vogt*, *Facilitator*

**Break**.....2:15

**Session 7: Declassification of Congressional Records** (Rm 105).....2:30

Panelists discuss issues relating to classified information in government records and Congressional collections.

**Panel Members:**

*William J. (Jay) Bosanko*, Agency Services Executive, NARA

*Michael Sheehy*, Former Chief Counsel, House Intelligence Committee

*David Barrett*, Professor of Political Science, Villanova University

*Matt Fulgham*, *Facilitator*, Assistant Director of the Center for Legislative Archives

**Break**.....4:00

**Session 8: Center for Legislative Archives Educational Outreach** (Rm 105).....4:15

Staff from the Center for Legislative Archives brings us up to date on the Center's educational outreach programs.

*Christine Blackerby*, Chair, ACSC Education Committee and Archives Specialist in educational outreach  
at the Center for Legislative Archives.

*Charlie Flanagan*, Education Director at the Center for Legislative Archives

**Adjourn**.....5:15

*Friday, May 20*

**Coffee and Danish** (Rm 105).....8:30

**Session 9: Bridge Collections** (Rm 105).....<sup>9:00</sup>~~10:15~~

In addition to Congressional papers, many ACSC repositories have other collections that are relevant for the study of Congress, including those of political parties, campaign operatives, and local and state officials. Panelists will discuss the uses of these collections, including their potential for filling in gaps in the historical record.

*Dorothy Hazelrigg Walker*, University of South Carolina

*Betsy Pittman*, University of Connecticut

*Linda Whitaker*, Arizona Historical Foundation

**Break**.....10:15

**Session 10: Membership Meeting: Committee Reports** (Rm 105).....10:30

This session is reserved for reports from all committees, task forces, and working groups.

*Sheryl Vogt*, Facilitator

**Lunch** (Catered in the Jefferson Rm).....11:45

**Business Meeting** (Rm 105).....1:00

Reserved for the transaction of formal business.

*Sheryl Vogt*, Facilitator

**CONFERENCE ENDS**.....2:00

**Executive Committee Meets** (Archivist's Board Room 119).....2:15

**On the Cover: graphic representation of ACSC Mission Statement in Wordle cloud format.**  
([www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net))

The Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) was founded in 2003 as an independent alliance of organizations and institutions which promote the study of the U.S. Congress.

The ACSC draws on the talents and resources of its members to promote a wide range of programs and research opportunities related to Congress. Many of the member institutions house archival collections of the papers of current and former members of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and other related research collections.

The Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) supports a wide range of programs designed to inform and educate students, scholars, policy-makers, and members of the general public on the history of Congress, legislative process, and current issues facing Congress.

The ACSC encourages the preservation of material that documents the work of Congress, including the papers of representatives and senators, and supports programs that make those materials available for educational and research use.



Association of Centers for the Study of Congress

## **Membership Meetings**

**Center for Legislative Archives  
Room 105, National Archives  
Washington, DC**

**May 18, 2011**

**3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Time for ACSC Committees, Task Forces, and Working Groups**

Reserved for groups to conduct business and prepare to report to the membership on Friday

**May 19, 2011**

**1:00 – 2:15 p.m.**

**News Round Up**

One representative from each Center has 3-5 minutes to share news and events

**May 20, 2011**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Membership Meeting: Reports from ACSC Committees, Task Forces, and Working Groups**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Committees**

- Scholarships and Awards (Julia Howington)
- Academic Liaison (Sean J. Kelly)
- Archives Liaison and Access (Kate Cruikshank)
- Communications (Ray Smock)
- Education (Christine Blackerby)
- Outreach and Public Programs (Dorothy H. Walker)
- Web Site Committee (Sheryl B. Vogt)
- Best Practices for Establishing a Center Task Force (Herb Hartsook)
- Congressional Finding Aids Database (Betsy Pittman)
- Congress Week Task Force (Erin Sloan)

#### **Executive Committee Working Groups**

- C-Span (Ray Smock)
- Membership (Kate Cruikshank)
- Publications (Karen Paul)
- Report Card on Congress (Richard Hunt)
- Strategic Planning (Sheryl B. Vogt)