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Agenda

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

9:00	- 9:30 am	**Introduction** Joshua C. Huder, Ph.D. Senior Fellow Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University
9:30	- 10:45 am	**Where Are We Now? Contemporary Political Dynamics** Timothy J. Alberta Staff Writer The Atlantic
10:45	- 11:00 am	**Break**
11:00	- 12:00 pm	**The Electoral Environment Heading Into the Midterm Elections** Nathan Gonzales Editor and Publisher Inside Elections
12:00	- 1:00 pm	**Lunch**
1:00	- 2:00 pm	**Congress and the Budget** Jennifer Scholtes Editor, Budget and Appropriations Brief Politico
2:00	- 2:15 pm	**Break**
2:15	- 3:15 pm	**Political Dynamics of the 117th Congress** Josh Huder, Ph.D.
3:15	- 3:45 pm	**Wrap-up and Evaluation**

Speaker Bios

Joshua C. Huder

Joshua C. Huder, Ph.D., joined the Government Affairs Institute as a Senior Fellow in 2013. He primarily teaches courses on American government, Congress, advanced legislative process, separation of powers, and the federal budget process. He has provided political analysis to several news outlets, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Congressional Quarterly, Newsweek, Washington Examiner, Bloomberg News, CNN, and more.

Prior to joining GAI, Josh worked on the Hill as an American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellow. His portfolio included legislative procedure, government affairs, financial services, voting rights, campaign finance, trade, small business, and other issues. He is currently writing a book on the history of procedure and politics in the House of Representatives since 1879.

Education: BA, Rutgers University; MA, University of Florida; PhD, University of Florida.

Timothy J. Alberta

Tim Alberta recently joined the team of Staff Writers at *The Atlantic* after serving several years as chief political correspondent for *POLITICO* where his longer form work was often published in the publication's magazine. Tim is widely recognized as one of the most skilled political reporters of his generation, covering a range of topics, including: The Trump presidency; Capitol Hill; the ideological warfare between and within the two parties; demographic change in America; and the evolving role of money in elections. Most recently, he received critical acclaim for co-moderating the final Democratic presidential primary debate in 2019 hosted by PBS Newshour and *POLITICO*. Based in Michigan and tasked with roving widely across battleground states, Tim writes a regular "Letter to Washington," a 2020 dispatch highlighting stories, trends, and people from outside the political bubble for the political bubbles.

Prior to his stint at *POLITICO*, Tim had extensive experience at *National Journal*, where he covered Congress as House leadership reporter and later reported on campaigns as the publication's senior political correspondent. In addition, he served as senior editor of *The Hotline*, and has reported for both *The Wall Street Journal* and covered the 2016 campaign for *National Review*. Tim's work has been featured in dozens of other publications nationwide, including *Sports Illustrated* and *Vanity Fair*, and he frequently appears as a commentator on political television programs in the United States and around the world. His 2019 book, *American Carnage: On the Front Lines of the Republican Civil War and the Rise of President Trump*, debuted at No. 2 on the *New York Times* best-seller list. He lives in his native Michigan with his wife, three sons and German Shepherd.

Nathan Gonzales

Nathan Gonzales is Editor & Publisher of Inside Elections, which provides nonpartisan analysis of campaigns for Senate, House, governor and president. He was an editor, analyst, and writer for The Rothenberg Political Report for more than 13 years before taking over the company in 2015.

Nathan is also Elections Analyst for Roll Call, the Capitol Hill newspaper, and Founder and Publisher of PoliticsinStereo.com. On Election Night 2016, Nathan was an on-air analyst for the Newshour on PBS after working as an off-air consultant for ABC NEWS on their Election Night Decision Desk for 14 years. Previously, he worked for CNN.com and as associate producer for CNN's Capital Gang. Nathan as appeared on NBC's Meet the Press and NBC Nightly News, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, CNN, and Fox News Channel, and he has been quoted in The *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*. His work has also appeared on FiveThirtyEight, WashingtonPost.com, NBCLatino.com and in Campaigns & Elections magazine.

Nathan grew up in Oregon, earned his M.A. from the George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management (Washington, DC) and his B.A. from Vanguard University (Costa Mesa, California). He first came to Washington, D.C. as an intern in the White House Press Office and now lives in the city with his wife and four children.

Jennifer Scholtes

Jennifer Scholtes is editor of the Budget and Appropriations Brief. She has covered Congress since 2007, most recently writing about transportation security for *POLITICO* Pro and penning the Morning Transportation newsletter. Before that, she covered homeland security for *CQ Roll Call*. Jen got her start in journalism as a reporter for *MediaNews Group* newspapers in northern California and served as chief copy editor for the *Paradise Post*.