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EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Charlotte Laracy
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/26/22 Return: 8/28/22
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Charlottesville Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Aspen Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
During this trip, I learned about the foundations of government and learned about ways to make Congress more effective. We had readings and
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box: group discussion
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the Additional Sponsor Form(s);
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box.
b. If not, explain:

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Charlotte Laracy

Date: 8/31

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Mikie Sherrill

Date: 8/31

Signature of Supervising Member: Mikie Sherrill

Version date 3/2021 by Committee on Ethics



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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: _____
2. Travel Destination(s): _____
3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☐ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

☐ I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Charlotte Laracy
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Aspen Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Charlottesville VA
4. a. Date of Departure: August 26, 2022 Date of Return: August 28, 2022
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.
Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
I am the communications director for Rep. Mikie Sherrill. During this trip I will learn about the foundations of government and learn about ways to have a more impactful career in Congress.
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Mikie Sherrill

Date

7/26/22



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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Charlotte Laracy

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Mikie Sherrill

Office Address: 1414 Longworth Office Buidling

Telephone Number: (202) 225-5034

Email Address of Contact Person: Charlotte Laracy

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
2. ☐ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
5. Yes ☐ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: _____ Date of return: _____
7. a. City of departure: _____
b. Destination(s): _____
c. City of return: _____
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. ☐ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. ☐ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. ☐ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. ☐ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. ☐ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. ☐ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

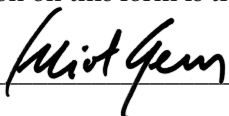
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

19. Check only one:

- a. ☐ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
b. ☐ *Not Applicable*. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation.

Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute Socrates Program
2. Name of your organization: Democracy Fund
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. I certify by my signature that
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Robin Thompson Digitally signed by Robin Thompson
Date: 2022.07.22 11:31:02 -04'00' Date: 07/22/2022

Name: Robin Thompson Title: Treasurer

Organization: Democracy Fund

Address: 1200 17th St NW, Suite 300 Washington DC 20036

Email: rthompson@democracyfund.org Telephone: (202) 420-7900



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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

August 22, 2022

Ms. Charlotte Laracy
Office of the Honorable Mikie Sherrill
1414 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Laracy:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Charlottesville, Virginia, scheduled for August 26 to 28, 2022, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., and Democracy Fund.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Guest".

Michael Guest
Acting Ranking Member

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Dear Participant.,

I am pleased to let you know that you have been selected to participate in the Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar Series at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello located in Charlottesville, Virginia from August 26 – 28, 2022.

The Socrates Program will provide shuttles departing from Capitol Hill to Monticello on Friday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. and returning on Sunday, August 28th at 2:30 p.m. Should you accept attendance, it is required that you participate through the duration of the seminar. Your lodging and meals will be paid for by the Aspen Institute Socrates Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are provided for entertainment or recreation. To reserve space on the shuttle, please complete the [registration form](#).

This seminar is designed for the educational benefit of a bipartisan, bicameral group of Congressional staff focusing on the foundations of Congress and its role in the nation's governance. Our purpose is education, not advocacy. To participate, you will need to submit the requisite travel forms and secure approval from the Ethics Committee. Attached to this email, you will find the ethics packet which contains the (1) completed primary trip sponsor form and (2) the program agenda.

Please submit all required documentation to the Ethics Committee by Monday, July 25th, 2022:

- (1) Primary Trip Sponsor Form (2) Agenda and (3) Invitation** (all provided by the Aspen Institute) and **(4) Traveler Form**, (available on the Ethics website, <https://ethics.house.gov/forms/travel>) due by **Monday, July 25th, 2022. Travel forms must be submitted to the Ethics Committee no later than thirty days before travel commences or you will not be eligible to attend.**

COVID-19 Safety Policy

Aspen Institute Covid Policy requires all participants show proof of vaccination. Please be sure to input your information into the ReturnSafe app as outlined in the attachment by **COB, August 20th**.

Here are a few additional items to facilitate your planning:

Lodging – participants will all be staying at [200 South Street Inn](#) in Charlottesville, Virginia. To secure your housing, please ensure you have completed the [registration form](#). If you have any questions regarding logistics and travel, please feel free to call Socrates Program Coordinator, [Arielle Lyons](#) at 970-618-4020

Seminar materials – the seminar readings (PDFs), schedule, and arrival details will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks before the seminar. Note: a summary of the seminar topic and moderator biography are attached.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Carter, II', with a stylized, cursive script.

Cordell Carter, II | [The Aspen Institute](#)
Director, [Socrates Program](#)
2300 N St. NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20037



Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar

Leadership & the Role of Congress

Seminar will be moderated by Dr. Colleen Shogan
(Dr. Shogan will moderate all program sessions and meal time discussions)

Seminar Weekend Schedule

August 26th – 28th

Monticello

Charlottesville Virginia, Virginia

Seminar Location: Montalto

This weekend seminar will focus on three aspects: 1) developing skills that are applicable to the legislative body; 2) building informal networks that are key to career advancement and support; and 3) provide participants access to a range of Aspen Institute programming. This opportunity will provide staffers and those interested in government careers with experiences and tools to help them thrive in their current roles and better position themselves for longer, more impactful careers in the U.S. Congress.

Friday, August 26th

5:00 p.m. Shuttle departure from Capitol Hill

7:30 p.m. Shuttle arrives in Charlottesville

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Seminar Check-In & Reception
200 South Street

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Socrates Opening Dinner and Program**
200 South Street

Conversation will consider the governance challenges of Congress, exploring what resources and knowledge inform Congress and how technology and changing norms of representation are affecting governance.

Saturday, August 27th

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast
Montalto – Dining Room

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Break 10:30 a.m. –
10:45 a.m.)

Seminar Session I: The Evolution of Congress: How Did We Get Here?

Board Room

Seminar discussions are based on the following texts and videos:

Origins

- Hamilton / Madison, *The Federalist Papers* “No. 57” and “No. 63”
- Nelson Polsby, *How Congress Evolves*, “Causes of Liberalization” and “Overview of the House” pp. 80-96 and 148-155
- Barbara Sinclair, *Congress Reconsidered*, “The New World of U.S. Senators” 11th edition, pp. 1-4

What Does It Mean to Represent? Mr. Smith versus Charlie Wilson

- “Mr. Smith Goes To Washington” [movie clip](#). 1939
- “Charlie Wilson’s War” [movie clip](#). 2007
- Note: Brief movie clips are shown specifically for discussion purposes around the subject matter of working in Washington and to guide discussion (not for entertainment purposes)

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar Session I

Montalto – Dining Room

Conversation will consider the evolution of Congress and what it means to represent.

12:45 p.m. -- 1:45 p.m.

Historical Educational Tour of Monticello

Add sentence about overall theme of seminar

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(Break 3:30 p.m. -
3:45 p.m.)

Seminar Session II: Congress and Its Governance Challenges

Board Room

Congressional Incentives and Disincentives

- Matthew Glassman, “[Why Congress Doesn’t Always Do The Right Thing](#),” *The New York Times*, February 7, 2018

Governance Challenges for Congress

- Molly Reynolds, “[Improving congressional capacity to address problems and oversee the executive branch](#),” The Brookings Institution, December 4, 2019
- John Rackey, Lauren Bell, and Kevin Kosar, “[House committees are hearing from fewer witnesses. That hurts policy](#),” *The Washington Post*, January 28, 2022
- Josh Huder, “[Rest in Peace Congressional Budget Process](#),” Georgetown’s Government Affairs Institute (GAI) blog, June 6, 2022

Technology and Changing Norms of Representation

- Grace Gedy, “[How Congress Got Dumb on Tech – and How It Can Get Smart Again](#),” Washington Monthly, April 7, 2019

Is Congress a Dysfunctional Place to Work?

- Paul Hanges, Frances Lee, Kristina Miller, Jennifer Wessel, “Report on the Organizational Climate of Congress.” University of Maryland, October 2019, pp. 9-20 and 46-56
- Amissa Ratliff, Jamie Neikrie, and Michael Beckel, “[Why Congress Needs to Invest in Junior Staff](#),” Issue One Report, January 25, 2022
- Maya Kornberg, “[The People’s Branch](#),” Leg Branch Blog, October 16, 2021
- Brad Korten, “[For many Capitol Hill staffers, the trauma of Jan. 6 has never left](#),” Roll Call, January 6, 2022

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Reception
Montalto Parlor and Dining Room

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner with Discussion of Seminar Session II
Dining Room and Conservatory

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fireside Chat
Conservatory

Moderated by **Cordell Carter**

Sunday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast
Dining Room & Conservatory

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Seminar Session III: Congressional Reform: Ideas and Challenges

(Break 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)

Board Room

Reform Proposals

- Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, “Recommendations for [116th](#) and [117th](#) Congress”
- “[Building and Maintaining a Diverse and Inclusive Congressional Office](#),” Representative Democracy, pp. 13-28
- Molly Reynolds, “[What is the Senate filibuster and what would it take to eliminate it?](#)” The Brookings Institution, September 9, 2020
- Yuval Levin, “[Building a More Civil and Collaborative Culture in Congress: Some Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reflections](#),” American Enterprise Institute, June 17, 2021
- Darrell M. West, “[Is it time to restore the US Office of Technology Assessment?](#)” Brookings Institution, February 10, 2021
- “[Resolution Fact Sheet](#),” Congressional Workers Union, May 9, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Check-Out

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar III
Conservatory

Conversation will consider the Articles 1 and 2 of the Constitution, and how foundations of the U.S. government inform and influence the role of Congress today.

1:00 p.m.

Shuttle departs for Capitol Hill

3:00 p.m.

Shuttle drops off participants



Appendix to the Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Question 4: Participant List

The following participants were selected because they are bipartisan, emerging leaders equipped to convene and engage in non-partisan dialogue on leadership and the role of Congress.

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Question 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip
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