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A Symposium



Change in the White House? Comparing the Presidencies of George W. Bush and Barack Obama



Free Admission

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Director's Message

In his 2008 presidential campaign, Barack Obama promised major departures from the George W. Bush administration's approach to political negotiations and policies. But in the White House, several, though certainly not all, of Obama's actions have suggested more continuity with his predecessor than change. What is the Bush (43) presidency's legacy in American politics and the world? How has that legacy shaped the policies of President Obama? This assessment of both presidencies provides a timely discussion of their leadership successes and challenges in the White House, with attention to immediate results as well as long-term effects.

The first scholarly panel will examine each president's ability to mobilize public support and exercise political leadership, both within his own political party and more broadly. The second scholarly panel will compare foreign policy in the two administrations, focusing on Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East. The symposium will conclude with a keynote panel that will evaluate the two presidencies and the implications for the 2012 presidential race. The panel will feature Kalikow Center Senior Presidential Fellows Howard B. Dean III and Edward J. Rollins, as well as Lord Stewart Wood of Anfield, Shadow Cabinet minister and Labour member of the House of Lords, and former senior policy adviser to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown (2007-2010)

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9 a.m.-Noon REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Lobby, Student Center Theater
Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center
North Campus

9:15 a.m. WELCOME

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Bernard J. Firestone

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**9:35-11 a.m. PANEL I: COMPARING THE DOMESTIC
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF BUSH (43)
AND OBAMA**

Chair

Rosanna Perotti, Hofstra University

"Comparing the Constitutional
Presidencies of George W. Bush
and Barack Obama: War Powers,
Signing Statements, Vetoes"

Robert J. Spitzer, SUNY-Cortland

"A Uniter or a Divider?"

Richard Himelfarb, Hofstra University

"Presidential Policy Making in a Polarized
Era: Comparing the George W. Bush and
Obama Administrations"

John Graham, Indiana University

Veronica Stidvent, University of Texas
at Austin

Discussant

Gary Jacobson

University of California at San Diego



**11:10 a.m.-
12:35 p.m. PANEL II: CHANGES IN THE
WHITE HOUSE AND THE WORLD?**

Chair

Paul Fritz, Hofstra University

"Evaluating Iraq and Afghanistan in the
George W. Bush and Obama Presidencies"

Carolyn Eisenberg, Hofstra University

"Comparing the National Security
Organization and Decision Making of
George W. Bush and Barack Obama"

John Burke, University of Vermont

"Redeeming American Foreign Policy:
The Obama Doctrine and the Legacy of
George W. Bush"

Stanley Renshon, City University of New York

Discussant

The Honorable Dov S. Zakheim

Senior Fellow, CNA Analysis & Solutions;
Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and
International Studies

12:35-2 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

2:20-4 p.m. KEYNOTE PANEL:

**DECISION 2012: HOW HAVE THE
BUSH AND OBAMA PRESIDENCIES
SHAPED THE RACE FOR THE
WHITE HOUSE?"**



Howard B. Dean III

Chairman, Democratic National Committee,
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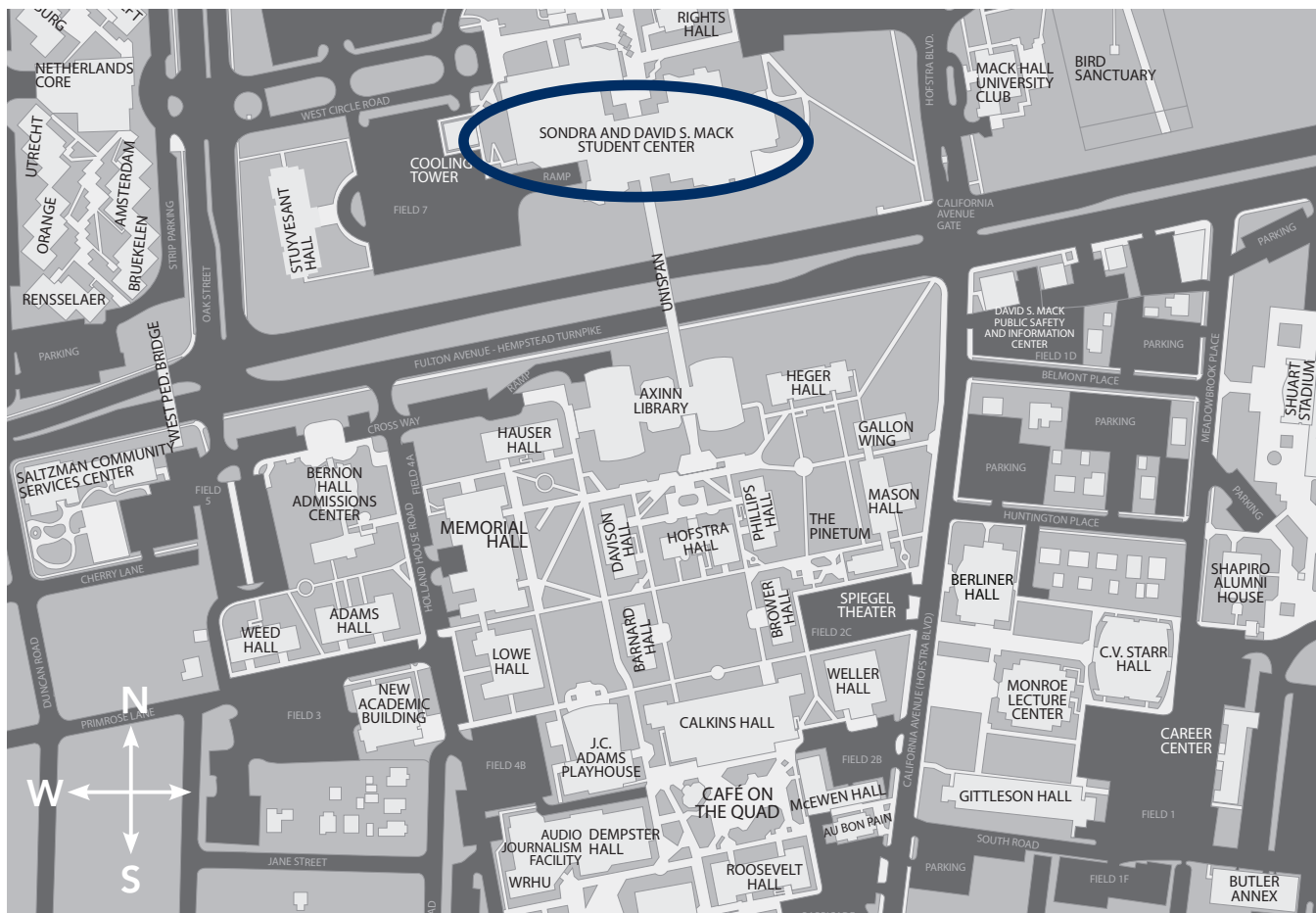
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Dining Facilities on the Hofstra University Campus

There are several dining facilities on the campus, some of which are listed below.

NORTH CAMPUS

Student Center Café

Mack Student Center 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Café on the Corner

8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Mack Student Center

Hofstra University Club

David S. Mack Hall 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

SOUTH CAMPUS

Café Bistro at Bits 'n' Bytes

7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Au Bon Pain

7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Axinn Library Café

8 a.m.-midnight

Café on the Quad

7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.



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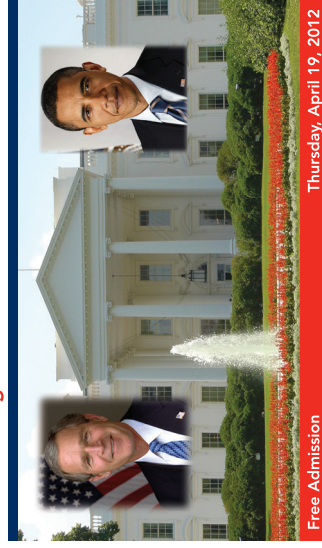
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