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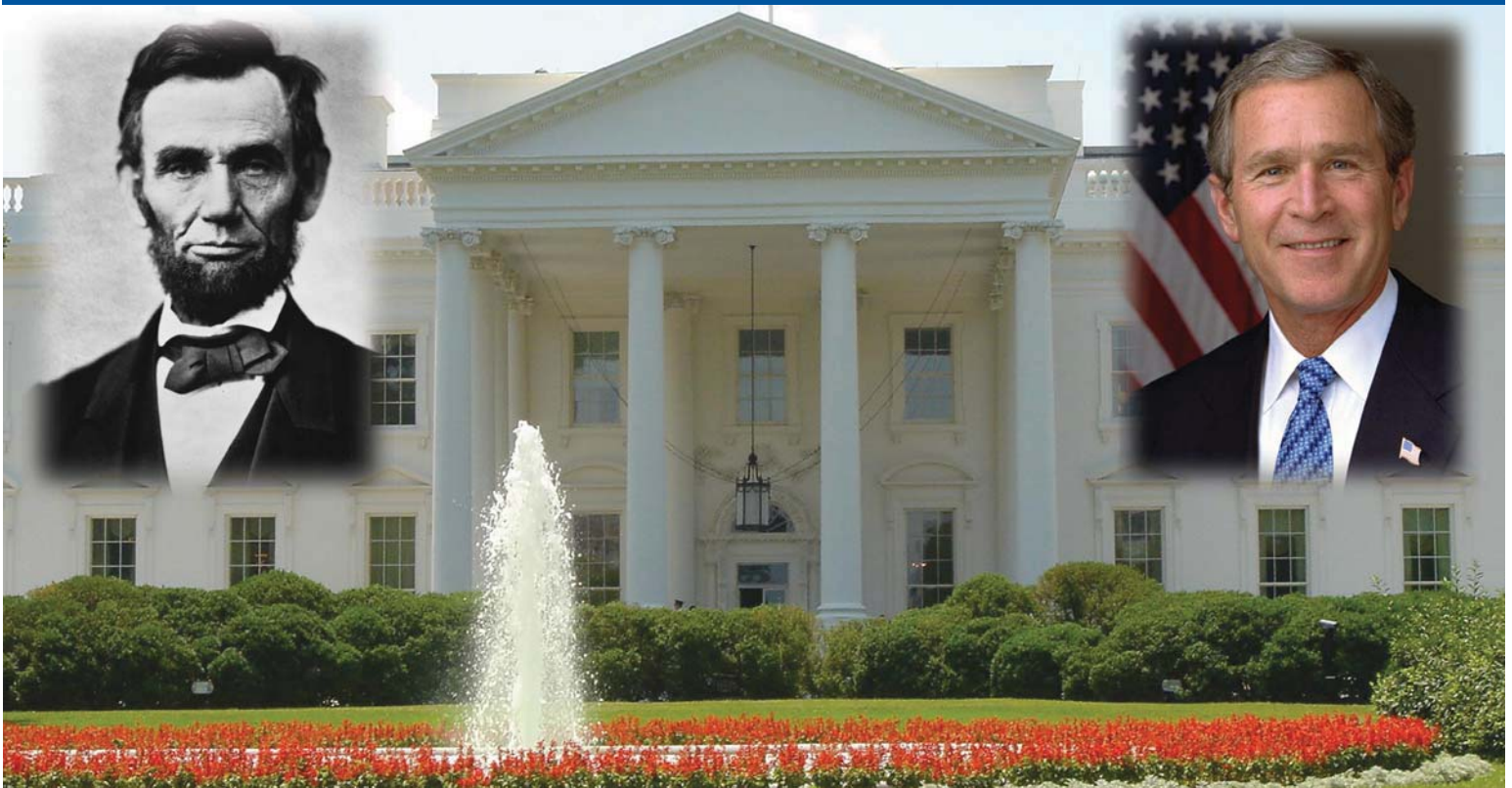
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***President or King?
Evaluating the Expansion of Executive Power
From Abraham Lincoln to George W. Bush***



REGISTRATION PROGRAM

**Wednesday and Thursday
November 4 and 5, 2009**

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This symposium seeks to examine the sources and consequences of the expansion of presidential power in American politics, as well as justifications for and reactions to that expansion. In organizing this event, the Kalikow Center recognizes the bicentennial year of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday (February 12, 1809) by examining Lincoln's most enduring legacy for his successors, namely, the broad use of political power in defense of the nation. Lincoln's leadership during the Civil War is widely lauded today, as demonstrated by both scholarly and public opinion polls that rank him as one of the top three "great" presidents (if not first among the three), on a list that also includes George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Subsequent presidents have faced more controversy for their wartime leadership, from Lyndon B. Johnson's and Richard M. Nixon's decisions on waging the Vietnam War to, more recently, George W. Bush's actions in combating terrorism. The symposium will address these topics and related issues to understand how presidential power can be exercised to meet constitutional requirements and political expectations in the 21st century.



The first panel focuses on presidential leadership in wartime, when the expansion of executive power is most likely to receive popular support. The second panel examines how the other national institutions of government, Congress and the judiciary, have responded to executive assertions of power. The third panel discusses administrative tools that the White House has used to increase its authority and the consequences of those actions for recent presidents. The keynote address for the symposium will be delivered by *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, and the event will conclude with an assessment of executive leadership in modern American politics by Kalikow Center senior fellows.

Symposium Co-Directors:

Meena Bose

Peter S. Kalikow Chair in Presidential Studies
Director, Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency
Professor of Political Science
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Julian G. Ku

Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Development
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Wednesday, November 4, 2009

11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Registration and Coffee

246 East Library Wing
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, South Campus

12:30 p.m.

WELCOME

Stuart Rabinowitz

President and
Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Cluster Distinguished Professor of Law
Hofstra University

Bernard J. Firestone

Dean and Professor of Political Science
Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Meena Bose

Peter S. Kalikow Chair in Presidential Studies
Director, Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency
Professor of Political Science
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12:45-2:15 p.m.

PANEL I:

Constitutional Limitations on Presidential Power in Wartime?

Chair

Meena Bose, Hofstra University

Panelists

“Presidential War Powers and the Limits of Judicial Supremacy”

Rebecca Curry, Hofstra University

“Presidents Operating Under the Law”

Louis Fisher, Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

“Executive Secrecy in Wartime”

Eric Lane, Hofstra University School of Law

Commentator

Michael Genovese, Loyola Marymount University

3-4:30 p.m.

Keynote Address

Monroe Hall Lecture Center Theater
California Avenue, South Campus

David Brooks

Columnist
The New York Times

“Lessons From Lincoln for Presidential Leadership in the 21st Century”

Thursday, November 5, 2009

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registration and Coffee

246 East Library Wing
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, South Campus

9:30-11 a.m.

**PANEL II:
Institutional Responses to Expanding Presidential Power**

Chair

Eric M. Freedman, Maurice A. Deane Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law
Hofstra University School of Law

Panelists

“The Trajectory of Illimitable Executive Power in Foreign Affairs:
Presidential Usurpation, Congressional Abdication and Judicial Acquiescence”
David Adler, Idaho State University

“Congressional Abdication and the Cult of the Presidency”
Gene Healy, CATO Institute

“Reverse Effect: Congressional and Judicial Restraints on Presidential Power”
Nancy Kassop, SUNY at New Paltz

Commentator

Carolyn Eisenberg, Hofstra University

11:10 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

**Panel III:
The Future of Presidential Power**

Chair

Julian G. Ku, Hofstra University School of Law

Panelists

“To Be (Unitarian) or Not to Be (Unitarian)? Presidential Power in the George W. Bush Administration”

Christopher Kelley, Miami University

“Imperial Implementation? Bureaucratic Control and the Future of Presidential Power”

Andrew Rudalevige, Dickinson College

“Democracy in the Dark: How Excessive Secrecy Upsets Checks and Balances and Harms America”

Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., Brennan Center for Justice
New York University School of Law

Commentator

John McGinnis, Northwestern University School of Law

12:45-2:15 p.m.

Lunch (*on your own*)

2:20-3:45 p.m.

Closing Panel

Meena Bose

Peter S. Kalikow Chair in Presidential Studies

Director, Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency

Professor of Political Science

Hofstra University

Howard B. Dean III

Chairman, Democratic National Committee, 2005-2009

Senior Fellow, Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency

Hofstra University

Edward J. Rollins

Political Strategist, CNN Commentator

Senior Fellow, Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency

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