

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, 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: Rep. Diane Black
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Dr. David Black *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: March 3, 2016 Return: March 6, 2016
 b. Dates at personal expense: _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington D.C. Destination: Sea Island, Georgia Return city: Nashville, TN
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The American Enterprise Institute
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The meetings explored current issues (poverty, terrorism, etc.) and discussed solutions that could be implemented by Congress.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - 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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **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 sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: The Forum was organized so that there were multiple meetings at the same time. Thus, I could not attend all meetings on the agenda. That being said, I did attend a full day's agenda (6-8 hours) each day.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: *Diane Black*

DATE: 3/15/2016

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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 10 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): The American Enterprise Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Sea Island, Georgia

3. Date of Departure: March 3, 2016 Date of Return: March 6, 2016

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Diane Black, David Black

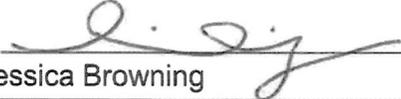
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

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

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$789.08	\$1440.36	\$378.42	
Accompanying Relative	\$369.08	\$0	\$378.42	

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: 

Name: Jessica Browning Title: Director of Conferences

Organization: The American Enterprise Institute

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Telephone number: 202.862.5853

Email Address: jbrowning@aei.org

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

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. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or 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: Congressman Diane Black

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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: Diane Black

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 1131 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Telephone number: 202-225-4231

Email address of contact person: greg.dowell@mail.house.gov

- 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:

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Diane Black
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Enterprise Institute
3. Travel destination(s): Sea Island, GA
4. a. Date of departure 3/3/2016 Date of return: 3/6/2016
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Dr. David Black
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
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.
As a Member of Congress I consider and debate global issues,
especially as a Member of the Budget and Ways & Means Committee.
This trip will allow me great understanding of current issues.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

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.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

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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 Web site (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): _____
American Enterprise Institute
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):
Rep. Diane Black, as well as the attached full invitee list; all were invited to speak at policy briefings.

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: March 3, 2016 Date of return: March 6, 2016
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Sea Island, GA
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - 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 one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - 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 "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the 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 one:

- 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. N/A – 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:

~~AEI is a non-profit tax-exempt public policy research organization. AEI plans, sponsors, and pays for the entirety of the World Forum. The World Forum addresses public policy issues important to AEI research including reform to the Affordable Care Act, the emergence of ISIS, the 50 year anniversary of the War on Poverty, the US role in the international community, education reform, the importance of fossil fuels and the future of energy, justice system reform, economic growth, bipartisan agreement in policy, cyber warfare, US relations with Russia, and the future of the nation.~~

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 box*):

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):

- 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 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: The Cloister at Sea Island City: Sea Island, GA Cost per night: \$532.93

Reason(s) for selecting: Close proximity to airports and East Coast

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 box):

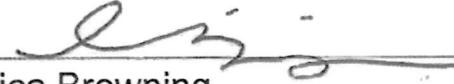
18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" 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	\$740 (\$320 airfare, \$420 ground transportation)	Max: \$1,598.79 (\$532.93 / Night)	Max: \$200 (\$25/meal, 8 meals)
For each accompanying relative	\$320 (\$320 airfare, ground shared with spouse)	N/A	Max: \$200 (\$25/meal, 8 meals)

	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	N/A	
For each accompanying relative	N/A	

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19. Check one:
 a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. or
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.
20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 
 Name: Jessica Browning
 Title: Director of Conferences
 Organization: American Enterprise Institute
 Address: 1150 Seventeenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036
 Telephone number: 202.262.0276
 Email address: jbrowning@aei.org

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The Honorable Diane L. Black
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Sea Island, Georgia, scheduled for March 3 to 6, 2016, sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 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,

Charles W. Dent
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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2016 AEI WORLD FORUM

ORIGINAL

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

12:00–6:00 p.m.	Registration
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Reception
6:00–6:15 p.m.	Welcome
6:15–7:00 p.m.	Opening Session
7:00–9:00 p.m.	Dinner
9:00–10:00 p.m.	Starlight Chats

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts
8:45–10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	General Session
12:15–1:30 p.m.	Luncheon
2:00–4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Activities
5:00–8:30 p.m.	Reception and Dinner
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Starlight Chats

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts
8:45–10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	General Session
12:15–1:45 p.m.	Luncheon
2:00–3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Reception
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Dinner Conversation
8:00–9:30 p.m.	Dinner
9:30–11:00 p.m.	After-Dinner Cocktails

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:30–10:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Informal Activities
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WORLD FORUM
PROGRAM

FINAL: APPROVED
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MARCH 3-6, 2016 | SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA

AGENDA

Thursday, March 3

Noon – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	The Colonial Lounge, The Cloister
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Reception	The Beach Club
6:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Welcome Arthur Brooks	
6:45 – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner	
8:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Starlight Chat A Conversation with Peggy Noonan Interviewer: Ramesh Ponnuru	The Cloister Ramesh Ponnuru of AEI and Peggy Noonan of the Wall Street Journal will discuss: the current state and future of the conservative movement; and what priorities matter most to working-class American households.
9:00 – 11:15 p.m.	Debating the Debate Karlyn Bowman Rich Lowry Bill Kristol (moderator)	Join us to watch the Fox News debate.

Friday, March 4

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfasts Assassination, Imprisonment, or Exile: The Challenge of Striking Back at Putin's Empire Vladimir Kara-Murza Interviewer: Leon Aron Money in Politics: Is it the Root of Our Problems and Can it be Fixed? John Bolton Lawrence Lessig Karlyn Bowman (moderator)	The Cloister
8:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Millennials: How Much Do They Matter and What Do They Want? Karlyn Bowman Corrie Hunt Ben Sasse Kristen Soltis Anderson Campbell Brown (moderator) The Refugee Crisis and the Human Cost of the Middle East Conflagration David Miliband Eckart von Klaeden Todd Young Hisham Melhem (moderator) The State of Work: Jobs, Wages, and Mobility Kevin Brady John Delaney Doug Ducey Charles Murray Paul Ryan Tim Scott Michael Strain Mark Warner Robert Doar (moderator)	The Cloister The millennial generation is distinctive in many ways. This large and important demographic group will have an enormous impact on economic and social policy as it ages. What do we know about their attitudes? How do they feel about government and business? Are they optimistic about their futures and about America? Over the last five years, the Middle East that existed for most of the postwar era disappeared. Borders are gone, leaders are gone, terrorists hold substantial territories, and proxy armies roam the region. More than 10 million refugees have spilled out of conflict zones from Libya to Syria to Iraq, and substantial numbers have flooded Europe. What exactly led to this crisis? Is there any end in sight? Is this really America's problem? The rate at which Americans participate in the workforce is at its lowest level since the 1970s. And the workforce participation rate for Americans of prime working age is also at a decades low. Wage growth has been flat for years. Many are concerned about economic mobility and the prospects for low-income Americans to rise. What is the current state of work? What can be done to improve the labor market and to better the fortunes of American workers and their families?

- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Seminar The Cloister
The Politics of Well-Being in an Age of Victimology with Martin Seligman
(This session is a graduate style seminar and requires advance reading. Participants must sign up in order to receive reading materials.)
 Social science, medicine, and government try to identify and undo what is wrong, rather than build what is right. The best you can do by correcting only what is wrong is to get to zero. Positive Psychology, in contrast, builds positive experience, positive character, and positive institutions. Measuring and increasing well-being, not just undoing ill-being, will become a focus of American politics. Martin Seligman, director of the Penn Positive Psychology Center at the University of Pennsylvania, will lead this seminar exploring the concept of Positive Psychology as it applies to policymaking in the US.
- 10:30 a.m. – Noon General Session The Cloister Ballroom
The Challenge Abroad and Implications for the United States
 Turki AlFaisal
 Hernando de Soto
 Thomas Farley
 Deb Fischer
 Michael Froman
 Lindsey Graham
 Glenn Hubbard
 Sajid Javid
 Fred Kagan
 Jon Kyl
 Derek Scissors
 Radek Sikorski
 Danielle Pletka (moderator)
 The clouds of financial crisis are again gathering, and geostrategic risks have proliferated, threatening both peace and prosperity. The threat of terrorism, nuclear proliferation, the adventurism of Russia and China, the instability of Syria and the Middle East, the financial instability of governments, and the greatest European refugee crisis in a generation all threaten to undermine world order. What are the potential consequences of these threats? How seriously should we take predictions about conflict and attacks? Could those threats affect financial markets and the global economy? How should policymakers weigh the relative risks, and what measures can they take to ensure global stability?
- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Black Banks Terrace, The Cloister
- 1:15 – 2:00 p.m. **Conversation with His Holiness the Dalai Lama**
Capitalism and Consciousness: How Free Enterprise Best Serves Happiness, Dignity, and Human Potential
 Interviewer: Arthur Brooks
 AEI's Arthur Brooks will interview His Holiness the Dalai Lama on a variety of topics ranging from the morality of democratic capitalism, the necessity of religious pluralism in building free and open societies, and his recommendations for building a happy and fulfilling life.
- 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Movie: Free Enterprise on Film: Making a Movie That Persuades and Entertains***
 Arthur Brooks
 John Papola
 Film is one of the best ways to change public opinion, yet it has almost never been deployed to defend the free enterprise system. How can free enterprise advocates share their values in compelling and artistic ways? AEI is grappling with these questions as we produce our first-ever feature-length film. In this conversation, Arthur Brooks and filmmaker John Papola will describe the motivations behind their new project, discuss the filmmaking process that will span 18 months and three continents, and share preliminary clips from the documentary.

*Congressional participation is not expected at this session.

- 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. **War Game: Terror in the Homeland: Wargaming the Next Attack on the United States**
 Dan Blumenthal
 Michael Downing
 Michael Hayden
 Fred Kagan
 Kirsten Madison
 Matt Mayer
 Mike Mazza
 Hisham Melhem
 Kevin O’Prey
 Gary Schmitt
 Marc Thiessen
 On the evening of November 13, 2015, terrorists conducted a series of coordinated attacks in Paris, killing 130. On December 2, 2015, a terrorist couple attacked in San Bernardino, California, killing 14. The first attack was claimed by, and the second inspired by, ISIS. In this simulation, it is December of 2016, and a new president has been elected. Terror strikes an American city. Suicide bombers attack multiple sites, and ISIS not only takes credit for the high-casualty bombings, but also adds that it has used weapons of mass destruction—chemical, biological, or nuclear—against the city. Unconfirmed hijacking threats are circulating, with 5,000 domestic flights currently in air. As panic ripples across the United States, city, state, local, and federal authorities must act. But what will they do? Can they work together? How will the president react?
In a departure from previous AEI World Forum war games, we will have experienced former officials guide our game tables and then join in an after-action discussion with participants.
- 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Reception Black Banks Terrace, The Cloister
- 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner Conversation The Cloister
A Conversation with Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House
 Interviewer: Hugh Hewitt
 Hugh Hewitt of the Salem Radio Network will engage Speaker Paul D. Ryan in conversation about: the Speaker’s policy priorities for the next sessions of Congress; his approach to building consensus amongst a diverse center-right coalition of lawmakers; and his experiences searching for common ground with a President of the other party.
- 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Dinner
- 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Starlight Chat The Cloister
A Conversation with Lindsey Graham and Scott Walker
 Marc Thiessen (moderator)
 Senator Lindsey Graham and Governor Scott Walker will discuss the current legislative climate at the State and Federal level.
- Isn’t it Romantic? A Short Guide to All That’s Wrong in the World**
 Jonah Goldberg

Saturday, March 5

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Early Bird Breakfasts The Cloister
A Conversation with Tim Cook
 Interviewer: Arthur Brooks
 AEI’s Arthur Brooks will interview Apple’s Tim Cook on subjects including: his take on the current policy climate and the state of technology regulation; Apple’s approach to international commerce; and future prospects for multinational trade pacts and their impact on American prosperity.
- Four Myths About the Future of War with General H. R. McMaster**
 Interviewer: Fred Kagan
- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions The Cloister
2016: Countdown to November
 Michael Barone
 Rich Lowry
 Norm Ornstein
 Ramesh Ponnuru
 Kristen Soltis Anderson
 Karlyn Bowman (moderator)
 In eight months, America will elect a new president. What are these expert election analysts watching most closely at this point in the campaign? What do the early primaries and caucuses tell us about the GOP nominee? Will Republicans hold the Senate? How many seats can Democrats pick up in the House? Will the GOP continue to make gains in state legislative contests? What do we know about the voters’ mood, and how much of a factor will it be at the ballot box? What keeps these strategists up at night?

Income Inequality: How to Think about It, and What Can Be Done?

Diane Black
Ed Conard
Angus Deaton
Jason Furman
Glenn Hubbard
Mike Lee
Michael Strain
James Pethokoukis (moderator)

There is evidence that income inequality is shrinking across the globe, as the free enterprise system is increasingly adopted by developing nations and the global poor are lifted out of poverty. At the same time, income inequality has been increasing in the United States and other developed nations, to the concern of many. How should we think about income inequality? How much inequality is too much? And what should be done about it?

Is China Headed for a Crisis?

Dan Blumenthal
Cory Gardner
Yasheng Huang
Minxin Pei
Larry Summers
Nick Eberstadt (moderator)

Consensus is growing that China's bustling economy is slipping into stagnation. Foreign reserves are flooding out of the country, a clear sign that the nation's (and the Party's) elites are voting with their pocketbooks. Then there are murmurs about Xi Jinping himself—complaints that he is isolated, surrounded by only cronies, and in a bubble. Xi's anticorruption campaign and accompanying purges have chilled an already frigid decision-making process, and reports indicate a growing paralysis within the Chinese leadership and the Chinese Communist Party. What are the economic and political implications of these problems? Is China in for a hard landing, a soft landing, or a simple transition? And how will the world go from managing China's rapid rise to managing Chinese decline?

The Next President's Economic Agenda

Brian Deese
Thomas Fanning
Scott Gottlieb
Kevin McCarthy
Rob Portman
Gene Sperling
Stan Veuger
Paul Gigot (moderator)

Our panel of expert economists and policymakers will discuss the economic policy plans of the leading presidential candidates. Which are the most important of the candidates' plans? What are the similarities and differences across the candidates? Which plans—and which candidates—will take the country in the direction it needs to go?

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Seminar

The Political Economy of Progressive Policy with Larry Lindsey

(This session is a graduate style seminar and requires advance reading. Participants must sign up in order to receive reading materials.)

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The public is angry . . . and with good reason. Activist government has failed to achieve many of its promises and in the process has run up large debts and an inflated money stock. Larry Lindsey, a former Harvard economics professor, Fed governor, and assistant to three presidents, will discuss the rationale for government intervention, trace its expansion, and explore the evidence of government's effects on our lives.

10:30 a.m. – Noon

General Session

The Cloister Ballroom

Hope for America's Future and the Risks That Cloud the Horizon

John Bolton
John Cornyn
Martin Feldstein
Jason Furman
Phil Gramm
Larry Lindsey
Matt Mayer
Mike Milken
Tom Price
Larry Summers
Kevin Hassett (moderator)

The recovery from the Great Recession has been weak. Wage growth has been flat. By some measures, household income has been stagnant. The presidential primary contests reveal a wide breadth of policy disagreement. Skilled immigrants are in short supply, but anti-immigration measures have proved politically popular on the right and left. The Federal Reserve's popularity is at an all-time low in both parties, making sweeping monetary policy legislation a greater possibility than it has been in recent decades. Plummeting oil prices have increased the demand for oil, even while climate activists appeal for action to reduce carbon emissions. New cyber threats appear every day. The risk of a terrorist attack at home is very real. The reality is that the United States remains the world's most potent economic and military force. Our problems are manageable. But we need to respond to the challenges we face at home and anticipate and mitigate threats with real plans. Can policy reforms accelerate the tepid recovery and improve the lives of American citizens?

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.	<p>Luncheon A Conversation with Eric Schmidt</p>	<p>The Beach Club</p> <p>Eric Schmidt of Google will discuss hot topics including: his take on the current policy climate and the state of technology regulation; Google’s approach to international commerce and doing business in closed societies; and whether any tension exists between individual liberty and collective security as viewed through the prism of online communications and personal privacy.</p>
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	<p>Breakout Sessions Have Central Banks Gone Too Far? Jeb Hensarling Glenn Hubbard Larry Lindsey Paul Ryan Larry Summers Kevin Warsh Mark Zandi Paul Gigot (moderator)</p> <p>How to Fight and Win the War Against Islamist Extremism Turki AlFaisal Tom Cotton Lindsey Graham H. R. McMaster Hisham Melhem Fred Kagan (moderator)</p> <p>Reinventing Education: Radical Ideas for a New Century Charles Baker Campbell Brown Cathy McMorris Rogers Charles Murray Gerard Robinson Tim Scott Rick Hess (moderator)</p> <p>The Collapse of Europe? Russia, Greece, and Brexit Sajid Javid Vladimir Kara-Murza Tim Montgomerie David Perdue Radek Sikorski Gary Schmitt (moderator)</p>	<p>The Cloister</p> <p>The US central bank has taken extraordinary actions over the past decade, including a massive program of purchasing long-term assets and keeping the short-term interest rate near zero for years. Other central banks have followed the Fed’s lead. Will the Fed be able to “unwind” its asset purchases without creating significant problems? Have low rates fueled asset bubbles that will haunt the American economy in the coming years? What is the legacy of the Fed’s extraordinary measures? Were they the least-bad option given the depth and severity of the Great Recession? Or will we come to view the Fed’s actions as a serious mistake?</p> <p>It has been said again and again: the United States has no strategy to win against ISIS, to win in Syria, or to combat the resurgence of al Qaeda. Is the secret simply subcontracting to the Shiites? Allowing Iran to keep the peace in the Middle East? Or Russia? Or should we restore the Assads of the region to power? Is another major war needed or in the offing?</p> <p>In the great debates about education policy, many Americans have been left out. In the next year, AEI will begin an exploration of education programs that have received scant attention in recent years and deserve more. We will explore policy approaches to vocational education, apprenticeships, and prison reentry programs. We will provide fresh thinking on gifted and talented programs and on programs that serve students with special needs. A great nation should view all its citizens as assets. This panel is designed to help start the discussion.</p> <p>Europe is facing challenges unprecedented in the post-Cold War era. Millions of refugees are crowding its shores; economies from Greece to Italy and beyond are suffering under crippling debt and negative growth; Russia still occupies Crimea, is threatening Ukraine and other neighbors, and is funding extremists of left and right across old and new Europe; and Britain will vote this year in a referendum choosing whether to exit the European Union. Can Europe weather these challenges, or is its postwar union finished? Will Putin succeed in dominating vital European capitals via proxies?</p>
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Remarks A Conversation with Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader Interviewer: Hugh Hewitt</p>	<p>The Cloister</p> <p>Senator Mitch McConnell will be interviewed by the Salem Radio Network’s Hugh Hewitt on topics ranging from the Senator’s policy priorities for the current and next sessions of Congress; his approach to building consensus amongst a diverse center-right coalition of lawmakers; and his experiences searching for common ground with a President of the other party.</p>



6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Reception Black Banks Terrace, The Cloister

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Dinner Conversation
Can We Bring America Back Together Again?
 Arthur Brooks

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Dinner 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Starlight Chat The Cloister

A Conversation with Elon Musk
 Introduction: Kevin McCarthy
 Interviewer: Marc Thiessen

In conversation AEI's Marc Thiessen, the businessman Elon Musk will discuss topics ranging from: the future of innovation and meaningful work in a twenty-first century economy; the policies that best promote economic dynamism; and future prospects for multinational trade pacts and their impact on American prosperity.

Sunday, March 6

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast The Cloister

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Early Bird Breakfasts The Cloister
A Conversation with Ben Sasse and Cory Gardner
 Bill Kristol (moderator)

Senators Ben Sasse and Cory Gardner will discuss topics including: Their views on the current state of politics cooperation and partisan rancor in Washington; their proposals for healing the partisan divide given their unique experiences; and their predictions and priorities in the upcoming months of Congress's work.

The Triumph of William McKinley
 Karl Rove

10:00 a.m. Adjournment




Sea Island

Speakers



TURKI AL-FAISAL, Former Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States

KRISTEN SOLTIS ANDERSON, Cofounder, Echelon Insights

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