Picking the Vice Presidential Nominees: What Should We Look For?

Monday, March 24, 2008
8:30am - Noon
Hubert H. Humphrey Center
301 19th Ave S., Minneapolis

8:30am - 8:35am: Welcome
Larry Jacobs, Director, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance

8:35am - 9:00am: Who has been chosen as Vice President?

The Politics in Selecting Modern Vice Presidential Running Mates
Douglas Kriner, Assistant Professor, Boston University

Moderator:
George Edwards III, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University and Editor of Presidential Studies Quarterly

9:00am - 9:30am: Important Qualities in a Vice Presidential Running Mate
Tommy Thompson, former Governor and U. S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (via teleconference)

Moderator:
Larry Jacobs, Director, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance

9:30am - 9:45am: Break

9:45am - 11:00am: Why is the Vice Presidential Nominee Important?

Original Intent: A New But Restrained Modern Vice Presidency
Richard Moe, Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation

The Rising Power of the Modern Vice Presidency
Joel Goldstein, Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law, St. Louis University

Discussants:
Steven Schier, Dorothy H. and Edward C. Congdon Professor of Political Science, Carleton College
Kathryn Pearson, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

11:00am - 12:00pm: What Should We Look for in the Next Vice President?
Vice President Walter F. Mondale

Moderator:
Larry Jacobs, Director, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance

12:00pm: Closing
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