

What's Wrong With Public Service? A Challenge for Higher Education

Dickinson College
Monday, February 23, 2009

~ All events will be held in the Stern Center, Great Room ~

- 8:30 a.m. Presidential Panel**
President William G. Durden, Dickinson College
President Robert A. Kennedy, University of Maine
President Mark D. Gearan, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- 9:30 a.m. Public Service and Curriculum:
A Panel Discussion**
Stanley N. Katz, professor, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University
Susan J. Hunter, vice president for academic affairs and provost,
University of Maine
Chris Myers Asch, founder and advocate of U.S. Public Service Academy
Moderator: Neil B. Weissman, provost and dean of Dickinson College
- 11:00 a.m. A Call to Public Service**
R. Nicholas Burns, professor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard
University and former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs
- 1:30 p.m. Why Public Service?**
James B. Comey, senior vice president/general counsel, Lockheed
Martin Corp. and former Deputy Attorney General of the United States
- 3:00 p.m. The Pros and Cons of Public Service:
A Panel Discussion**
Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, USN (Ret.) '68, University of Maine
Judge John E. Jones III, '77, Dickinson College
Hollister Knowlton Petraeus, '74, Dickinson College
Moderator: Daniel D. Churchill, '63, University of Maine
- 4:30 p.m. Summary and Next Steps**
Bahman Baktiari, director, School of Policy and International Affairs,
University of Maine
H. L. Pohlman, executive director, The Clarke Forum for Contemporary
Issues, Dickinson College

About the Speakers



William G. Durden, president of Dickinson College since 1999, was a member of the German Department at the Johns Hopkins University and Executive Director of the Center for Talented Youth (CTY).



James B. Comey served as Deputy Attorney General of the United States from 2003 to 2005, when he joined Lockheed Martin as a senior vice president and general counsel.



Robert A. Kennedy, president of the University of Maine since 2005, served for eight years as vice president for research and associate provost for graduate studies at Texas A&M.



Admiral Gregory Johnson assumed duties as commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe and commander in chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe in 2001. He retired from active duty in 2004.



Mark D. Gearan, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges since 1999, served as director of the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. and worked at the White House as Deputy Chief of Staff.



John E. Jones III is the U.S. District Judge of the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In 2005, he presided over the landmark case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover School District*, concerning the constitutionality of teaching intelligent design within a public school.



Stanley Katz is a professor in the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University and is president emeritus of the American Council of Learned Societies.



Hollister Knowlton Petraeus is the director of BBB Military Line®, a program of the BBB Center, an educational foundation associated with the Council of Better Business Bureaus Inc.



Susan J. Hunter began her career at the University of Maine in 1991 and is the vice president for academic affairs and provost, a position she has held since May 2008.



Daniel D. Churchill is chairman of the board of advisers of the School of Policy and International Affairs at the University of Maine. Prior to his financial career, he was employed at the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of the Air Force.



Chris Myers Asch is the founder and advocate of a U.S. Public Service Academy, a leadership oriented civilian counterpart to the military academies.



Bahman Baktiari is the director of the School of Policy and International Affairs at the University of Maine. In 2007, he organized 2 major international conferences in Washington, D.C., and Abu Dhabi.



Neil B. Weissman is provost and dean of Dickinson College since 1998, and professor of History at the College since 1975.



Ambassador Nicholas Burns is a professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and International Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School. He also served in the U.S. Foreign Service for 27 years until his retirement in April 2008.



H. L. Pohlman holds the A. Lee Fritschler chair in public policy and is executive director of The Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues at Dickinson College.