The Alan K. Simpson-Norman Y. Mineta Leader Series

“Money, Message & Media: The ’14 Mid-Term Elections and 2016 Presidential Politics”

July 14, 2014 | 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm | Blinken Auditorium, TWC Residential & Academic Facility
(The dress code is business professional)

The Simpson-Mineta Leaders Series is founded in the spirit of the lifelong friendship of two extraordinary leaders from opposite sides of the aisle. Norman Y. Mineta and Alan K. Simpson met during World War II when Simpson’s Boy Scout troop met with Mineta’s in the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming where Secretary Mineta’s family was then interned with over 10,000 other Japanese-Americans. Despite their differences, both their friendship and their commitment to leadership and public service endured.

The Simpson-Mineta Leaders Series aims to create a forum in which students from around the country and the world can engage with extraordinary leaders, explore issues of contemporary public concern, and articulate their own views about the meaning of leadership and citizenship in today’s society.

Mark Murray
Senior Political Editor
NBC News

Since joining NBC News in 2003, Mark Murray has reported on and written about political races, trends, and issues -- including the Bush-Kerry presidential race, the 2006 midterm elections, and the emerging 2008 White House contest.

Before coming to NBC, he spent more than five years as a reporter at the political magazine National Journal, and has written freelance articles for the Atlantic Monthly, the Washington Monthly, and Washingtonian magazine.

Murray, a native Texan, is a 1996 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and he resides in Washington, D.C.
Nia-Malika Henderson  
*National Political Reporter*  
*The Washington Post*

Nia-Malika Henderson is a national political reporter for The Washington Post, where she covers the White House and the 2012 campaign. Before joining The Post, Nia wrote about education, race and the White House for Politico. In 2008, she covered the presidential election and local government on Long Island for Newsday. She also worked at The Baltimore Sun where she covered city government in Annapolis.

A regular guest on Fox, MSNBC, and CNN, Nia has an undergraduate degree in cultural anthropology from Duke University, and graduate degrees from Yale University in American studies and Columbia University in journalism.

Dave Levinthal  
*Senior Reporter*  
*The Center for Public Integrity*

Dave Levinthal joined the Center for Public Integrity in 2013 and leads its Consider the Source project team investigating the influence of money in federal politics. For two years prior to joining the Center, Dave reported on campaign finance and lobbying issues for Politico and co-wrote the daily Politico Influence column. He also edited OpenSecrets.org from 2009 to 2011, where he led coverage that won the Online News Association’s top honors in 2011 for best topical reporting and blogging and was a finalist the same year for the Scripps Howard Foundation’s Distinguished Service to the First Amendment award.

From 2003 to 2009, Dave worked for The Dallas Morning News, primarily covering Dallas City Hall also reporting on national elections and aviation security. From 2000 to 2002, he covered the New Hampshire Statehouse for The Eagle-Tribune of Lawrence, Mass.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Dave graduated from Syracuse University with degrees in newspaper journalism and political philosophy and edited The Daily Orange. He is also a two-time winner of Canada’s Northern Lights Award for his travel writing about the arctic.