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

Inside the East & West Wing: Reagan, Bush & Clinton

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(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.

Panelists:

Anita McBride
Chief of Staff – First Lady Laura Bush

Anita Bevacqua McBride is Executive-in-Residence at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies in the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, DC.

McBride previously served as assistant to President George W. Bush and chief of staff to First Lady Laura Bush from 2005 to 2009, directing the staff's work on the wide variety of domestic and global initiatives in which Mrs. Bush was involved. She had primary responsibility for the First Lady's efforts to support US foreign policy objectives in human rights, women’s empowerment, global health and education, and human freedom. She directed Mrs. Bush’s travel to 67 countries in 4 years including historic visits to Afghanistan, the Middle East and the Thai-Burma border.

McBride's White House service spans two decades and three presidential administrations, including serving as Director of White House Personnel under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, and as Director of the U.S. Speaker's Bureau at the United States Information Agency. Also under President George W. Bush, McBride served as Special Assistant to the President for White House Management, senior advisor in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organizations, and as the State Department's White House liaison. During this period, she was a member of U.S. delegations to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in 2002, the UN Commission on Human Rights in 2003, and the UN Special Session on HIV/AIDS in 2006.
She co-founded the RAND African First Ladies Initiative and Fellowship program, which partners with Africa’s first ladies to support their efforts to improve health, education, and economic empowerment opportunities in their countries as well as train their advisors in strategies for managing an effective First Lady’s office.

McBride serves as an advisor to the George W. Bush Institute and also served as a strategic consultant to global non-profit organizations, including CARE, Komen for the Cure, and the Pew Charitable Trusts. She is a member of several organizations including the White House Historical Association, the US Afghan Women's Council, the US National Commission for UNESCO Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship Committee, the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), and formerly served on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) and on the Advisory Committee for the Mothers Day Every Day Campaign, a bi-partisan maternal and child health advocacy organization.

McBride was appointed to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board by President George W. Bush in January 2009 and was Chair of the Board for two terms in 2010 and 2011. She continues to serve on the Board.

McBride's private sector experience included managing the Smith Kline Beecham Foundation's flagship philanthropic program, Science in the Summer; and working as an executive recruiter. She is a frequent speaker on executive branch leadership and decision-making; is a commentator on network and cable news and has written for several publications including Politico and Newsweek/Daily Beast.

McBride received her B.A. in International Studies from the University of Connecticut in 1981, and studied international relations and foreign languages at American University in Washington and the University of Florence in Italy.

McBride is recipient of the National Guard and Reserve’s Patriot Award, the University of Connecticut's President's Award of Distinction, and American University's Women & Politics Institute’s Alice Paul Award.

Kenneth M. Duberstein

*Chief of Staff – President Ronald Reagan*

Kenneth M. Duberstein is chairman and CEO of The Duberstein Group, an independent strategic planning and consulting company advising leading corporations and a select group of trade associations.

Duberstein served as a key member of the Reagan Administration during his various assignments as White House Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. He was a principal architect of the winning Reagan congressional coalition during the historic first term and returned to the White House for the last two years of the Administration to help lead and guide the rebuild of the Reagan Presidency after the so-called Iran-Contra scandal. Reagan left office at 68% job approval; the highest of any two term president since polling began.

Among the Board of Directors on which Duberstein serves are: The Boeing Company (lead director and chairman of the Governance, Organization and Nominating Committees), the Travelers Companies (chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee), and Mack-Cali Realty Corporation. He previously was the presiding director at Conoco-Phillips and a member of the board at Dell, Inc.
He is a Lifetime Trustee of Franklin & Marshall College and The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. He is chairman of the Harvard University Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School, and serves as well on a wide range of commissions, task forces, and cultural, educational and volunteer boards, including the board of directors of the Brookings Institution, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, and The Colin L. Powell School of Civic and Global Leadership. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, having served on its board for 10 years.

Prior to joining the Reagan Administration, he was vice president and director of Business-Government Relations of the Committee for Economic Development. He returned to the private sector between his various White House assignments as vice president of Timmons & Company Inc., a government relations firm. His earlier government service included Deputy Under Secretary of Labor during the Ford Administration and Director of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. General Services Administration. He began his public service on Capitol Hill as an assistant to Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-NY).

From 2003 to 2006, Duberstein was a consultant for storyline and accuracy for the Emmy award winning TV series West Wing. He also appears as a commentator on network cable and Sunday morning news programs.

He was awarded the President's Citizens Medal by President Reagan in January 1989. Duberstein graduated from Franklin and Marshall College (A.B., 1965) and American University (M.A., 1966). He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Franklin and Marshall in 1989.

He is married to the former Jacquelyn Fain and he has four children: Jennifer, Jeff, Andy and Samantha.

Thomas F. “Mack” McLarty
Chief of Staff – President Bill Clinton

Thomas F. “Mack” McLarty, III is Chairman of McLarty Associates, which he co-founded in 1998 following a distinguished record of business leadership and public service, including various roles advising three US Presidents: Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter. Mr. McLarty is also Chairman of the McLarty Companies, a fourth-generation family transportation business.

As President Clinton’s White House Chief of Staff, Mr. McLarty helped enact the historic 1993 deficit reduction package, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Family and Medical Leave law, and the landmark welfare reform legislation that enabled more than 6.8 million people to move from welfare to work. He also organized the successful 1994 Summit of the Americas in Miami, which ultimately led to his appointment as Special Envoy for the Americas in 1997.

As Counselor to the President Clinton, Mr. McLarty advised on a broad range of international and domestic issues. He traveled to the Persian Gulf on the president’s behalf to build financial support for the Bosnian peace process, led the US delegation to the inauguration of South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, and signed the peace accords that brought peace to Guatemala for the first time in three decades. Mr. McLarty planned US participation in the 1998 Summit of the Americas in Santiago, and participated in several G-7 and APEC Summits.

Prior to his government service, Mr. McLarty was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Arkla, a Fortune 500 natural gas company. During his tenure Arkla grew into the nation’s largest natural gas
distributor, with customers in eleven states and significant exploration and pipeline operations. Mr. McLarty was appointed by President Bush to the National Petroleum Council and the Council on Environmental Quality, and he was a member of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Board from 1989 through 1992.

Mr. McLarty is a frequent public speaker, and has published numerous articles on US trade and foreign policy. He has served on the boards of many corporate and non-profit institutions including as a Director of Union Pacific and the Axiom Corporation, and on the boards of the Bush Clinton Katrina Fund, the Council of the Americas, the InterAmerican Dialogue, Ford’s Theatre, and the Center for the Study of the Presidency. In addition, he serves as a Senior International Fellow at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. McLarty is the recipient of the Secretary of State’s Distinguished Service Medal; the highest civilian honors of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Venezuela; and the Center for the Study of the Presidency Distinguished Service Award. Mr. McLarty is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Professor Steve Scully, M.S. – Moderator
Faculty Director – Simpson – Mineta Leaders Series
Host, Senior Executive Producer
C-SPAN

A senior executive producer and political editor for the C-SPAN television network; Steve Scully is also a host of its morning call-in show, Washington Journal. Scully served as president of the White House Correspondents’ Association from 2006 to 2007. He received an undergraduate degree with honors in communication and political science from American University in Washington, D.C. and then earned a Master of Science degree in journalism from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, graduating magna cum laude.