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Media and Deliberation

Thomas E. Patterson
(Harvard University)

**Feeding the Fire:
The Media's Role in
Party Polarization**

Tuesday, September 9th
4:30 p.m., Foster Auditorium
(102 Paterno Library)



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Charlie Savage
(The New York Times)

**Watch the Throne:
The Promises and
Perils of Covering
Presidential Power**

Tuesday, September 23rd
4:00 p.m., Foster Auditorium
(102 Paterno Library)



Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist Charlie Savage is a Washington correspondent for *The New York Times* covering issues of presidential power

and national security. He is the author of the award-winning *Takeover: The Return of the Imperial Presidency and the Subversion of American Democracy*.

Suzanne Mettler
(Cornell University)

**School's Out:
Polarization, Higher
Education, and
the Demise of the
American Dream**

Thursday, November 6th
4:00 p.m., 101 Thomas Building
on the University Park campus



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Soldiers to Citizens: The G.I. Bill and the Making of the Greatest Generation, the award-winning *Dividing Citizens: Gender and Federalism In New Deal Public Policy*, and, most recently, *Degrees of Inequality: How Higher Education Politics Sabotaged the American Dream*.

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