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How do the 2008 Presidential Candidates' Health Care Plans Measure Up? Top Experts Take a Look

Center for Politics Forum will Address the Politics of Health Care Reform

CHARLOTTESVILLE – With health care reform at the top of the list of hot topics leading up to the 2008 presidential primaries and the general election, the Center for Politics is hosting **The Politics of Health Care Reform** to discuss the different health care reforms proposed by the top candidates from both parties. The forum will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 29 in the Dome Room of the Rotunda on the grounds of the University of Virginia.

The event is free and open to the public, and members of the media are invited to attend. Seating is limited in the Dome Room, and anyone interested in attending should register online at www.centerforpolitics.org/programs/healthcare. Press interested in covering the event should contact Center for Politics communications director Matt Smyth (434-243-8466).

The Politics of Health Care Reform was inspired by a recent book, *Health Care Half Truths: Too Many Myths, Not Enough Reality*, authored by U.Va. Provost and former Dean of the School of Medicine, **Arthur “Tim” Garson, Jr.**, M.D., M.P.H. and Assistant Professor of Medical Education, **Carolyn Engelhard**, M.P.A. Their book is a part of the Center for Politics’ “American Political Challenges” book series. Within the pages of this timely new work, Garson and Engelhard diagnose the health care crisis, address and debunk 20 commonly held misperceptions, and deliver a system that meets the needs of patients, physicians and politicians.

Wyatt Andrews, CBS News national correspondent, will moderate the panel discussion. The expert panel includes: **Robert Moffit**, Ph.D. of The Heritage Foundation, **Irwin Redlener**, M.D. of The Children's Health Fund and Columbia University, **Stephen Schoenbaum**, M.D., M.P.H. of The Commonwealth Fund and **Grace-Marie Turner** of The Galen Institute.

Provost Garson and Professor Engelhard will join the panelists in dissecting the proposed health care reforms, exploring the complexities of our current health care system, discussing the politics of passing reforms and debating how the results of the 2008 election might shape future health care policy. A large portion of the event is reserved for a Q & A session with the audience.

Each year, the **Center for Politics**, non-partisan, non-profit public service organization, showcases vital works by authors in the “American Political Challenges” book series. In addition to promoting these publications, the Center hosts related events to bring together the general public, experts, scholars, academics and appointed and elected officials to discuss the political landscape in which these national challenges occur.

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