

The Panelists

Gayle Binion (moderator) specializes in public law, especially the role of the judiciary in protecting constitutional rights. Recent articles include “The Electorate of the House of Representatives: The First Two Centuries,” in Joseph Zimmerman (ed.) *The U.S. House of Representatives: Reform or Rebuild?* (2000) and “Human Rights: A Feminist Perspective,” in *Women’s Rights: A Human Rights Quarterly Reader* (2006).

M. Stephen Weatherford, former Political Science chair, focuses on presidential leadership, national economic policy, and community decision-making. Two recent co-authored articles are “Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: The States of Presidential Decision-Making,” in *International Studies Quarterly* (2006) and “Ronald Reagan as Legislative Advocate,” in *Congress and the Presidency* (2005).

John T. Woolley, chair of the Political Science Department, is co-author of *State of the Union: Presidential Rhetoric from Woodrow Wilson to George W. Bush* (2007) and the developer of an extensive Web-based resource on the presidency (www.presidency.ucsb.edu).

Roger H. Davidson, another former Political Science chair, is co-author of *Congress and its Members* (11th ed., 2008) and co-editor of *Understanding the Presidency* (5th ed., 2008). He also serves on the UCSB Affiliates board of directors.

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Gayle Binion

The writers of the Constitution envisioned a delicate balance of powers between the president, Congress, and the courts. Over the course of some 220 years, this balance has often tipped one way or another. Responding to global threats, recent presidents have claimed vast executive authority -- over the executive branch, national security, military deployments, and even questions of war and peace. Do we now have a permanent "imperial presidency" that upsets the framers' balance of powers among the three branches? If so, how does this "new charter" affect policy making and citizens' rights?



John T. Woolley



M. Stephen Weatherford

A panel of four UCSB political scientists will air their views on this issue. Chairing the panel will be Professor Gayle Binion. Other participants will include Professors M. Stephen Weatherford and John T. Woolley, and Visiting Professor Roger H. Davidson.



Roger H. Davidson

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