

**Political Analysts to Host Forum Discussion on President's First Term****Date:** Monday, April 11, 2011**Category:** Press Release

April 11, 2011 (Des Moines, IA) -- Political analysts from the states that lead the nation's presidential nominating process will provide analysis and discussion of President Obama's first term and the 2012 election, on the Iowa State University campus Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7:00pm.

New Hampshire political analyst and former gubernatorial candidate Arnie Arnesen will be among the featured guests at the forum along with ISU Political Science Professor Steffen Schmidt. All of the analysts are regular participants in the weekly political discussion on Iowa Public Radio's talk show The Exchange. Dennis Goldford is a Professor of Politics at Drake University. Donna Hoffman is Chair of the Political Science Department at the University of Northern Iowa.

They'll discuss some of the most interesting political questions facing democrats and republicans in 2012, as seen through the eyes of colleagues like Bruce Nesmith, Chair of Political Science at Coe College and Wayne Moyer, Professor of Political Science at Grinnell College.

The live event is free and open to the public from 7:00pm until 9:00pm in ISU's Curtiss Auditorium. It will be moderated by Ben Kieffer, host of The Exchange. The audience will be encouraged to join in the discussion. The evening will be recorded and broadcast on Friday, April 15, 2011, at 12:00 noon.

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