

# Pivotal Politics Symposium

*All events except lunch are in Lewis Hall 308*

## Monday, November 6

### **4:30 to 6:00: Price Governance Salon**

“Beyond Policy: Procedural Politics in Today’s Congress”  
Molly Reynolds (Brookings Institution)

## Tuesday, November 7

### **8 to 8:30: Breakfast**

### **8:30 to 8:45: Opening remarks (Jeff Jenkins)**

### **8:45 to 10:00: Panel 1**

“What If You Could Pick the Pivot? Budget Reconciliation and Pivotal Politics in the Contemporary Congress”  
Molly Reynolds (Brookings Institution)

“Pivotal Politics, Partisan Polarization, and Policy Predictability”  
Nolan McCarty (Princeton University)

Discussant: Pamela McCann (USC)

### **10:00 to 10:15: Break**

### **10:15 to 11:30: Panel 2**

“Causal Inference from Pivotal Politics Theories”  
Andrew Clarke (Lafayette College), Thomas Gray (University of Texas at Dallas), and Kenneth Lowande (Princeton University)

“What Is Pivotal Politics (and What Else Can It Be)?”  
Nathan Monroe (University of California, Merced), John W. Patty (University of Chicago), and Elizabeth Maggie Penn (University of Chicago)

Discussant: Christian Grose (USC)

### **11:30 to 12:30: Lunch, Lewis Hall, Room 103**

### **12:30 to 1:30: Concluding Panel Discussion**

Alan Wiseman (Vanderbilt University), Jonathan Woon (University of Pittsburgh), and Keith Krehbiel (Stanford University)

