



Health Care, Economic Policy, and Political Polarization in America

Saturday April 17 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Alumni House, Toll Room

Recent debates over health care and economic policy clearly exposed deep divisions within American politics. What is the source of these divisions? Can we muster the will to solve our problems? Join panelists **Dean Henry E. Brady**, and **Professors Susan Rasky**, and **Richard Scheffler**, with Q&A moderated by **Peter Munoz** (BA '68, MA '70, JD Law '75).

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Henry E. Brady—*Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy and Co-Director Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement*

Henry Brady is a political scientist and economist with interests in electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, political polling and policy-oriented surveys, statistical methodology, and the use of computers in management of social programs. He received his PhD in Economics and Political Science from MIT in 1980. He has written on electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, political polling, and statistical methodology, and he has worked for the federal Office of Management and Budget and other organizations in Washington, D.C. He is president of the American Political Science Association, past president of the Political Methodology Society of the American Political Science Association, and director of the University of California's Survey Research Center from 1998 to 2009.



Susan Rasky—*Senior Lecturer, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism*

Susan Rasky was the congressional correspondent for The New York Times. A winner of a George Polk Award for National Reporting, she began her career in Washington, D.C., covering economic policy for the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. and later reported for Reuters from Capitol Hill and the White House. Rasky was a columnist and contributing editor for the California Journal as well as a frequent political commentator for the Los Angeles Times, The Sacramento Bee and NPR. She established and supervises the J-School's California News Service, which gives students experience covering government and politics for news organizations throughout the country. She joined the faculty in 1991. Rasky received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of California at Berkeley and holds a master's degree in economic history from the London School of Economics.



Richard Scheffler—*Distinguished Professor of Health Economics & Public Policy*

Richard Scheffler has been the Director of the [Nicholas C. Petris Center](#) since its inception in 1999. He holds the Chair in Health Care Markets & Consumer Welfare endowed by the State of California Office of the Attorney General. His research is on health care markets, health insurance, the health workforce, mental health economics, social capital and health, pharmacoeconomics, and international health systems. Professor Scheffler is a recipient of the American Public Health Association's Carl Taube Award, which honors distinguished contributions to the field of mental health services research. He was a Rockefeller and a Fulbright Scholar, and served as President of the International Health Economists Association 4th Congress. He has been a Scholar in Residence at the Institute of Medicine and the World Bank. He also served as an advisor to the World Health Organization in the area of human resources. He has edited and written six books, most recently - *Is There a Doctor in the House: Market Signals and Tomorrow's Supply of Doctors* (Stanford University Press 2008).



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