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To: Rockefeller College Faculty, Students, and Friends  
From: Jeffrey D. Straussman, Dean  
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Date: September 16, 2009  
RE: Announcing a New Policy Conversation Program

**NEW ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE POLICY CONVERSATIONS PROGRAM FALL 2009**

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I am pleased to announce that the Rockefeller College policy lunch series will begin in October with a new format and name. We asked participants how we could improve the program and the consensus was more faculty presence. Beginning with the fall program, the Policy Conversations will include a guest speaker and one or more faculty offering reflective comments on the topic. Each conversation will be focused on policy topics that dominant our public discourse. Please join us for a new style of conversations on key issues of the day.

All Policy Conversations take place in the Levitt Room, on the first floor of Milne Hall, at the Downtown Campus of the University at Albany, 135 Western Avenue. Attendees should arrive between 12:15 and 12:25 p.m. As before, the programs start promptly at 12:25 and end at 1:30 p.m.

**October 8**      **Guest Speaker:** Gerard Citera, Securities and Investment Attorney, Davis, Polk, and Wardwell  
**Faculty Speakers:** David McCaffrey and Robert Purtell

**Topic:** Regulating Financial Markets

**October 13**      **Guest Speaker:** Jeremy Grace, SUNY Geneseo, Research Coordinator for the Political Rights and Enfranchisement Strengthening Project of the International Organization of Migration  
**Faculty Speaker:** Rey Koslowski

**Topic:** Displacement, Elections and Peace-building

**October 28**      **Guest Speaker:** Don Levy, Director of the Siena Research Institute  
**Faculty Speakers:** Michael Malbin and Joseph Zimmerman

**Topic:** Public Opinion, Public Policy: Listen, Respond, or Let Them Eat Cake

**November 10**      **Guest Speaker:** John Pikus, SAC of Albany Division, FBI  
**Faculty Speakers:** Victor Asal and Brian Early

**Topic:** The Changing Role of the FBI in National Security

**December 1**      **Invited Guest Speaker:** Carl Gershman, Executive Director of the National Endowment for Democracy

**Faculty Speakers:** Peter Breiner and Robert Nakamura

**Topic:** Foreign Policy Challenges Facing the Obama Administration and the Clinton State Department