



The Seventh Bulen Symposium on American Politics

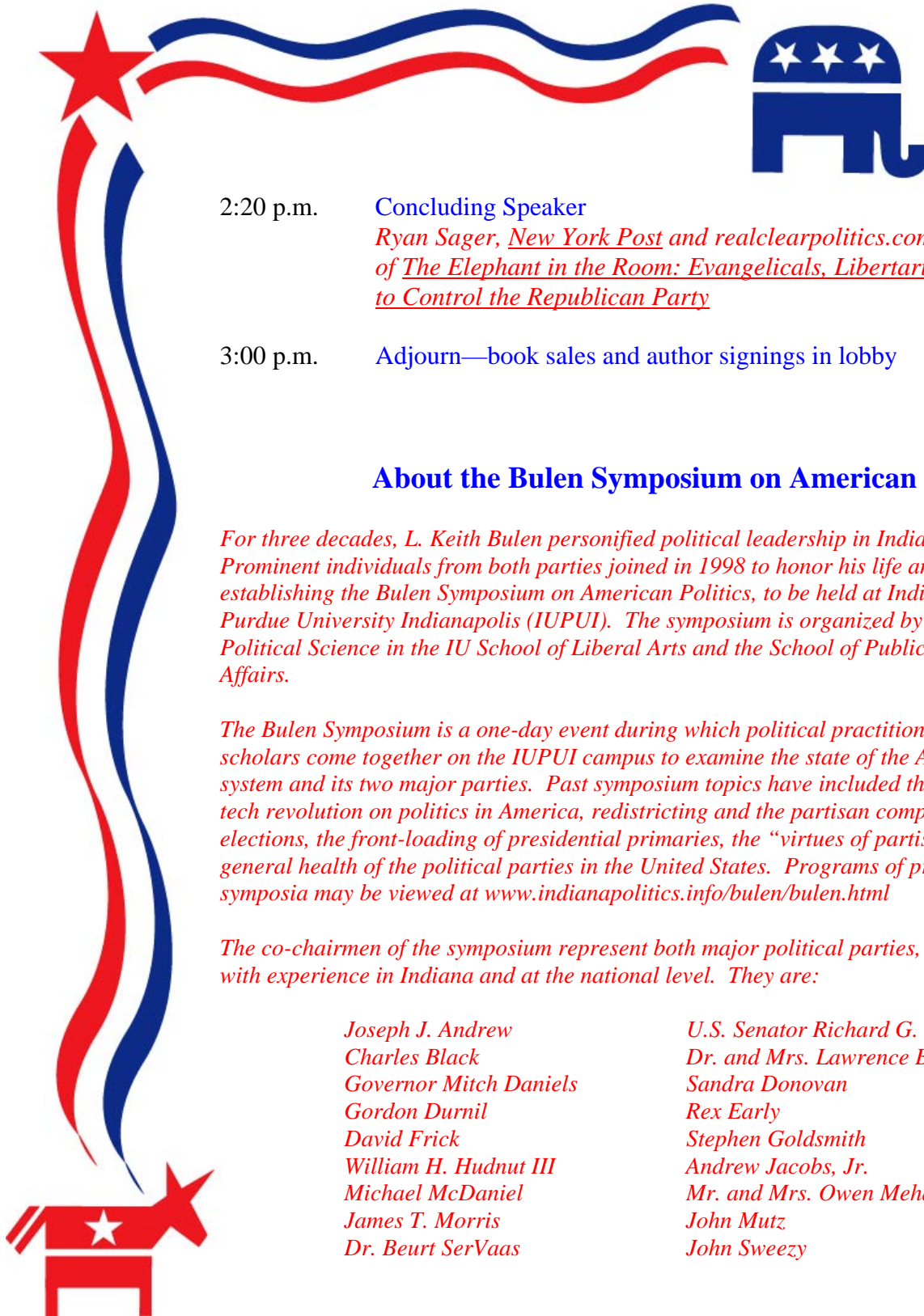
Big Tents or Echo Chambers? America's Political Parties Today

Monday, December 18, 2006

University Place Conference Center and Hotel
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr. Charles Bantz, Chancellor of IUPUI
- 9:10 a.m. **Keynote Address**
The Hon. Mitch Daniels, Governor of Indiana
- 9:50 a.m. **Discussion: "Outreach in Indiana"**
Murray Clark, Chairman, Indiana Republican State Committee
Tim Jeffers, Legislative Campaign Coordinator, Indiana Democratic Party
Q & A moderated by Jim Shella, WISH-TV
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Featured Speaker: "The Political Parties around the U.S.A"**
David S. Broder, reporter and columnist, The Washington Post
- 11:20 a.m. **Featured Speaker: "The Political Parties on Capitol Hill"**
Juliet Eilperin, reporter, The Washington Post, and author, Fight Club Politics
- 12:00 **Lunch**
Luncheon Speaker
Stanley A. Huseland, author, Political Warrior: The Life and Times of L. Keith Bulen
- 1:20 p.m. **Featured Speaker**
Professor John Geer, Vanderbilt University, author of In Defense of Negativity
- 2:00 p.m. **Spotlight on IUPUI Research: "Parties, Voter Information, and Events: What Differences Do They Make?"**
Isabel Rodriguez, IUPUI McNair Scholar





2:20 p.m.

Concluding Speaker

Ryan Sager, New York Post and realclearpolitics.com columnist, author of The Elephant in the Room: Evangelicals, Libertarians, and the Battle to Control the Republican Party

3:00 p.m.

Adjourn—book sales and author signings in lobby

About the Bulen Symposium on American Politics

For three decades, L. Keith Bulen personified political leadership in Indiana and far beyond. Prominent individuals from both parties joined in 1998 to honor his life and contributions by establishing the Bulen Symposium on American Politics, to be held at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). The symposium is organized by the Department of Political Science in the IU School of Liberal Arts and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

The Bulen Symposium is a one-day event during which political practitioners, journalists, and scholars come together on the IUPUI campus to examine the state of the American political system and its two major parties. Past symposium topics have included the impact of the high-tech revolution on politics in America, redistricting and the partisan competitiveness of elections, the front-loading of presidential primaries, the “virtues of partisanship,” and the general health of the political parties in the United States. Programs of previous years’ symposia may be viewed at www.indianapolitics.info/bulen/bulen.html

The co-chairmen of the symposium represent both major political parties, and public servants with experience in Indiana and at the national level. They are:

*Joseph J. Andrew
Charles Black
Governor Mitch Daniels
Gordon Durnil
David Frick
William H. Hudnut III
Michael McDaniel
James T. Morris
Dr. Beurt SerVaas*

*U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar
Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Borst
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Rex Early
Stephen Goldsmith
Andrew Jacobs, Jr.
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