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Noted expert on Congress and legislative politics Sarah Binder to serve as University of Minnesota, Morris Jooinn Lee Lecturer

Summary: Her address, "Inside Congress: Legislating in Polarized Times," is free and open to the public.

(April 10, 2011)-The University of Minnesota, Morris announces that Dr. Sarah A. Binder will serve as the 2011 Jooinn Lee Lecturer. Binder, a Brookings Institution senior fellow in governance studies and George Washington University professor of political science, specializes in Congress and legislative politics. She will speak on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109. Her address, "Inside Congress: Legislating in Polarized Times," is free and open to the public. A reception follows.

She is the co-author with Forrest Maltzman of *Advice and Dissent: The Struggle to Shape the Federal Judiciary*, and author of *Stalemate: Causes and Consequences of Legislative Gridlock*, *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partisanship and the Development of Congress*, and co-author with Steven S. Smith of *Politics or Principle? Filibustering in the United States Senate*. She is also co-editor of *The Legislative Branch* and *The Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions*. The American Political Science Association awarded Binder the Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize for the best book published on legislative politics in 2003 for her book on legislative gridlock. Additional work on congressional politics has appeared in publications such as *American Political Science Review* and *American Journal of Political Science*. Her current project focuses on Congress's response to financial crisis, including a study of Congress's relationship with the Federal Reserve.

Binder received a doctorate in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1995 and bachelor of arts from Yale University in 1986. She joined Brookings in 1995 and George Washington University in 1999. Between 1986 and 1990, she served as legislative aide and press secretary to Representative Lee Hamilton (D-Indiana).

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The Jooinn Lee Lecture Series honors Jooinn Lee, professor emeritus of political science and former Division of the Social Sciences chair. Created on the occasion of Lee's retirement in 2007, the endowed lecture series showcases the political science discipline and cutting edge scholarship by bringing to campus distinguished alumni, scholars, and prominent practitioners representing the field of politics.

Free and convenient parking is available in the North Lot. Contact [Paula O'Loughlin](#), professor of political science, for more information at 320-589-6205.

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