Wed. Oct 1  
Noon  
**B(l)ack to the Future: The Social and Political Significance of Obama's Candidacy**  
Erika George, Professor, S. J. Quinney College of Law, U of U, Chair  
Christopher Parker, PhD, University of Washington University, Seattle  
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Thurs. Oct. 2  
10:45 a.m.  
**The Exaggerated Reports of Al-Qaeda’s Demise**  
Bruce Hoffman, Professor, Security Studies, Georgetown University

Fri. Oct. 3  
9:40 a.m.  
**Women: Power, Image and Politics**  
Allida Black, Research Professor of History and International Affairs, George Washington University

Fri. Oct. 3  
Noon  
**Election 2008: Issues of Race and Gender**  
Irene Ota, College of Social Work, U of U, Paul Liu, PhD Dept of Political Science, U of U  
Edmund Fong, PhD, Depart. of Political Science, U of U  
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Mon. Oct. 6  
Noon  
**Representing Utah: Election 2008: A Roundtable Discussion**  
James Evans, Former Senator, Utah Senate; Charles Henderson, Candidate, Utah House of Representatives; Jani Iwamotto, Candidate, SL County Council; Luz Robles, Candidate, Utah Senate; Ross I. Romero, Senator, Utah Senate; Jen Seelig, Representative, Utah House of Representatives; Michael Styles, Governor’s Office, Director of Black Affairs; Josie Valdez, Candidate, Lt. Governor  
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Wed. Oct. 8  
Noon  
**Research Political Candidates: Researching what is out these to help you make an informed and educated choice**  
Peter Kraus, Associate Librarian, J. Willard Marriott Library

Tues. Oct. 21  
10:45 a.m.  
**Growth and the Quality of Life**  
Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Envision Utah  
Wilf Sommerkorn, Director, Salt Lake City Planning Division  
Don Whyte, President Kennecott Land
Noon

*Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.)*

*Induction into the Hinckley Hall of Fame*

Tributes By:
- The Honorable James V. Hansen
- Governor Jon M. Huntsman
- General Amos A. (“Joe”) Amos Jordan

Fri. Oct. 24

**European Union Mini Conference**

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Panel I 10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- Wade Jacoby (BYU) *How the "old member states" of the EU-15 have tried to manage the political economies of Central and East European states*
- Marjorie Castle (University of Utah) *Political Cleavages and European Integration*
- Giulia Faggio (BYU) *Job Destruction, Job Creation and Unemployment in Transition Countries: What Can We Learn?*
- Nicole Richardt (University of Utah) *Economic integration and the transformation of European labor markets through different modes of governance*

Panel II 1 - 3 p.m.
- Adam Luedtke (University of Utah) *EU-level immigration policy coordination - What determines national preferences and EU policy outcomes on immigration/asylum?*
- Phillip J. Bryson (BYU) *Regional Development vs. ICT Development in the EU*
- John Francis and Leslie Pickering Francis (University of Utah) *Movement and Access to Health Care: the E.U. and the U.S*
- Ray Taras (Tulane University) *EU Discord on a Common Foreign and Security Policy: Tackling Russia*
- Hakan Yavuz (University of Utah) *Europeanization of Turkish Islamic Landscape*

Tues. Oct. 28

**Out of the Closet: A Candid, Behind the Scenes Dialogue on Gay Rights**

11:00 a.m. *A Live RadioWest Broadcast with Doug Fabrizio*
- Stephen Clark
- Paul Mero

Wed. Oct. 29

**Healthcare Summit Forum (title TBD)**

1:30 p.m.
- Kimball Thomson
- Dr. Mike Paul
- Other guests TBD

Thurs. Oct. 30

**Uganda - U.S. Relations**

10:45 a.m.
- His Excellency Perezi Kamunanwire, Uganda’s Ambassador to the United States

Thurs. Oct. 30

**2008 Election**

1:00 p.m.
- Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute of Politics; partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm Caplin & Drysdale
- Co-sponsor - University of Utah Young Alumni Board