

**OLLI at Vanderbilt**  
**Election 2018-The Midterms**  
**Fall 2018**

**October 10 – Bruce Oppenheimer**

Professor Oppenheimer will discuss past mid-term elections and how their outcomes can help us predict the results of the upcoming election.

**October 17 – Josh Clinton**

Professor Clinton will discuss what the current polling is forecasting for the upcoming mid-term election and also look at the changing art of political polling in an era when people avoid taking surveys.

**October 24 – Carrie Russell**

In today's hyper-partisan political climate, rational dialogue concerning Constitutional Law and the presidency is easily hi-jacked. Carrie Russell, through a reasoned and non-partisan presentation, will explain the constitutional processes available to Congress and the Cabinet for removing a president from the post of Commander in Chief, per Articles I, II and III of the Constitution, as well as the relevance of Amendment XXV.

**October 31 – Sharece Thrower**

Professor Thrower will explore the connection between U.S. elections and the use of presidential unilateral powers, such as executive orders. Specifically, she will ask how might the president's use of unilateralism change before and after the upcoming election? Does this conform with patterns evinced by previous presidents?

**November 7 – Larry Bartels**

Bartels will explore the present state of the Republican and Democratic parties, including the cultural attitudes and policy preferences of each party's base, Republicans' views of President Trump and the party's congressional leadership, and the surprising absence of ideology in the division between the Clinton and Sanders wings of the Democratic Party.

**November 14 – Alan Wiseman**

Professor Wiseman will be exploring the causes and consequences of legislative effectiveness in the United States Congress, and discuss what the most recent elections might mean for Senators and Representatives who seek to advance their agendas in the forthcoming 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.