

Harold Gortner Distinguished Speaker Series in Public Administration 2006

Presidential War Power After 9/11

SPEAKER:

Louis Fisher, Library of Congress

Remarks by James Pfiffner, Professor in the School of Public Policy at GMU

Monday, April 17, 2006

4:00p.m.—6:00p.m.

3rd floor tier of Center for the Arts, Reception following

Louis Fisher, Ph.D. in political science from the New School for Social Research (1967), is a specialist with the Law Library of the Library of Congress, after working for the Congressional Research Service from 1970 to 2006. During his service with CRS he was research director of the House Iran-Contra Committee in 1987, writing major sections of the final report.

Dr. Fisher has been invited to testify before Congress on such issues as war powers, executive spending discretion, presidential reorganization authority, Congress and the Constitution, the legislative veto, the item veto, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, executive privilege, executive lobbying, CIA whistleblowing, covert spending, the pocket veto, recess appointments, the budget process, the balanced budget amendment, biennial budgeting, and presidential impoundment powers.

Dr. Fisher's specialties include constitutional law, war powers, budget policy, executive-legislative relations, and judicial-congressional relations. He is the author of more than 300 articles in law reviews, political science journals, encyclopedias, books, magazines, and newspapers. He has been invited to speak in Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Japan, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Oman, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates.

James P. Pfiffner's major areas of expertise are the Presidency, American National Government, and public management. He has lectured on these topics at universities in Europe and throughout the United States as well as at the Federal Executive Institute, the National War College, the U.S. Military Academy, and at the State, Justice, and Defense Departments. He has written or edited ten books on the presidency and American National Government, including *The Strategic Presidency: Hitting the Ground Running* (2nd edition, 1996), *The Modern Presidency* (4th edition, 2004), and *The Character Factor: How We Judge Our Presidents*, (2004). He has also published many articles on the presidency and public management in professional journals, reference works, and the popular press.

He is an elected member of the National Academy of Public Administration, and he has been a panel member or on project staffs of the Volcker Commission, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Center for the Study of the Presidency. His professional experience includes service in the Director's Office of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (1980-81), and he has been a member of the faculty at the University of California, Riverside and California State University, Fullerton. In 1990 he received the Distinguished Faculty Award at George Mason University and in 1999 he received the College of Arts and Sciences Award for Scholarship. While serving with the 25th Infantry Division (1/8 Artillery) in 1970 he received the Army Commendation Medal for Valor in Vietnam and Cambodia. As of 2000 he has been listed in *Who's Who in America*.

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