

Center for Advanced Studies Lunchtime Scholarship Seminar Series

You are cordially invited to the Center for Advanced Studies (CAS) Lunchtime Scholarship Seminar on **Thursday, November 19, 2015** at the **Officers' Club**. Come hear about the research and scholarship being done by your fellow faculty!

Dr. Evan Haglund, from the **Department of Humanities**, will be presenting "Waiting for the Watchdogs: Inspectors General and Presidential Appointment Strategies." This seminar will be presented at a level where all faculty and staff will be able to understand. Also find out about other upcoming CAS Lunchtime Scholarship Seminars.

A social time will begin at 1145; you can use this time to catch up with fellow faculty from across the campus. The presentation will commence around 1210 and will conclude in time for everyone to make their afternoon classes.

Lunch costs \$8 and can be paid at the door. Please **R.S.V.P.** by COB on **Thursday, November 12, 2015** to **Dr. Elizabeth Rivero** at Elizabeth.G.Rivero@uscga.edu.

Abstract: Recent headlines have reinforced the importance of inspectors general (IGs), as they have uncovered irregular procedures at the Internal Revenue Service, lavish spending and perks at the General Services Administration, and the tragic deaths of veterans awaiting treatment at Veterans Administration hospitals. Yet anecdotal and initial quantitative evidence suggests that key IG positions at even the most prominent executive departments often remain vacant for extended periods. While recent work on presidential appointments has focused on how presidents use appointees to control the bureaucracy and the detrimental effects of extended vacancies in appointed positions on agency performance, we know little about why presidents might purposefully leave some positions such as inspectors general vacant for extended periods. Drawing on a new dataset of IG vacancies and agency characteristics, I evaluate whether presidents can limit both IG and congressional scrutiny of agency problems by keeping IG positions strategically vacant.

