# Fall 2017 The Elizabeth Coleman Center for the Advancement of Public Action presents **PUBLIC POLICY FORMING CAPA SYMPOSIUM** BENNINGTON COLLEGE

This series invites guest speakers from the private and public sectors to address a range of important topics in the current national dialogue. Facilitated by CAPA director Susan Sgorbati and Vermont State Senator Brian Campion.

### Thursday, September 14 STATES' RIGHTS: THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE STATES

**TJ Donovan**, VT Attorney General; **Jim Condos**, VT Secretary of State

### Thursday, September 21

# CLEAN WATER: WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO CLEAN THE WATERS OF VERMONT?

David Mears, Former VT Commissioner for DEC; Chris Bray, VT State Senator; Jim Sullivan, Director of the Bennington County Regional Commission; David Bond, Faculty at Bennington College

# Thursday, September 28 THE HEALTHCARE DEBATE: CURRENT ISSUES

# Thursday, October 5 FOREIGN POLICY: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE ERA OF TRUMP

Mansour Farhang, former Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations; Delaram Farzaneh, faculty fellow of the Freedom Project at Wellesley College; Nicholas Rostow, Visiting Chair of Government and Jurisprudence at Colgate University

# Tuesday, October 10 INCARCERATION IN AMERICA: PRISON EDUCATION AND REFORM IN VERMONT

Daniel Karpowitz; author of College in Prison: Reading in an Age of Mass Incarceration; Lisa Menard, Commissioner of the VT Dept. of Corrections; Richard Sears, VT State Senator; Maxine Grad, VT State Representative

**Virginia Lyons**, VT State Senator; **Tom Dee**, CEO of Southwestern VT Healthcare; **Peter Sterling**, former Director of VT Leads; **Kevin Mullin**, Chair of the Green Mountain Care Board

# Monday, October 2 IMMIGRATION: POLICY AND PRACTICE

**Robert Carey**, former Director of the US Office of Refugee Resettlement; **Armina Medic**, former refugee and refugee advocate

# Thursday, October 12 MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FREE PRESS

Jesse Holcomb, former Associate Director at Pew Research Center; Anne Galloway, Editor and Founder of VT Digger; David Goodman, journalist and author

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