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**9:00-9:30 INTRODUCTION
ANTHONY J. EKSTEROWICZ
GLENN P. HASTEDT**

**9:30-10:45
FROM BENIGN NEGLECT TO STRATEGIC INTEREST: THE ROLE
OF AFRICA IN THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF BUSH 41 AND 43**

**MELINDA ADAMS
JONATHAN KELLER
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

**TWO TALES OF ENGAGEMENT: A COMPARISON OF CHINA
POLICIES BETWEEN THE GEORGE H. W. BUSH AND
GEORGE W. BUSH ADMINISTRATIONS**

**YI EDWARD YANG
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

**11:00-12:15
DEPOSING DICTATORS: THE BUSH PRESIDENTS,
SADDAM HUSSEIN AND MANUEL NORIEGA**

**ROBERT A. STRONG
WASHINGTON&LEE UNIVERSITY**

**12:30-1:45
LUNCH
405 Taylor Hall**

**2:00-3:15
COMPARING THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES OF
PRESIDENTS GEORGE H. W. BUSH AND GEORGE W. BUSH**

**GLEN SUSSMAN
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**3:30-4:45
IN HIS SHADOW: THE IMPACT OF THE REAGAN ECONOMIC
REGIME AND INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE
IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATIONS**

**CHRISTOPHER J. DOLAN
LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE**

**CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION
ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**6:30 -8:00
Auditorium: Memorial Hall**

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