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“The Election and Our Divided Political Heart”

October 25, 2012  6:00 p.m.  Dalton Center Recital Hall

Our Divided Political Heart explores the tension between individualism and community throughout our nation’s history. Dionne contends that maintaining a balance between these two ideas is a responsibility that comes with the privilege of being American. However, the Tea Party’s interpretation of our history—an idealization of the Gilded Age and radicalized individualism—threatens this equilibrium. As Americans we must work together to restore the critical balance embodied by Lincoln, Clay, and Hamilton.

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