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Founder and Editor, *The Weekly Standard*

Thursday, January 22, 2015

11:30, Luncheon; 12:00 p.m. Lecture

Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum

Claremont McKenna College

## The Current Political Scene in the United States

William Kristol, Editor of *The Weekly Standard*, contributor to ABC News, and formerly Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States will offer his reflections on the current American political scene. What foreign and domestic policy changes will result from Republican control of the Congress? What are some likely outcomes of the race for the Presidency in 2016. What underlying social, demographic, cultural, and political factors will influence our politics over the next decade? Do the President's often unilateral actions involve significant constitutional issues, or are they primarily business as usual?

William Kristol is the founder and editor of *The Weekly Standard* and a well-known neoconservative commentator and author. Widely recognized as one of the nation's most insightful political analysts, he is a regular guest on television's top news programs. This is Kristol's ninth visit to the Athenaeum: he has discussed many important events in the past two decades here, including the 1992 election, the 2000 election and the 2004 election. His predictions and words of advice have often come true: Kristol advocated McCain's selection of Sarah Palin in 2008, but he also warned Newt Gingrich not to overreach in 1994, an election year often compared to 2010.

Before starting *The Weekly Standard* in 1995, Kristol led the Project for the Republican Future, where he helped shape the strategy that produced the 1994 Republican congressional victory. Prior to that, he served as chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the Bush administration and to Secretary of Education William Bennett under President Reagan. Kristol earned his A.B. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

In addition to his work as a commentator and journalist, Kristol has taught American politics and political philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania and at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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