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## Celebrating the Inaugural Haaga Lecture!



INAUGURAL PAUL G. HAAGA, JR. LECTURE IN LAW, GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC POLICY

## The Importance of Presidential Leadership

**Speaker: Michael Beschloss** New York Times Best-Selling Author and Presidential Historian for NBC News

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Fitts Auditorium, Golkin Hall

Reception to follow in the Davis Student Union





Paul G. Haaga, Jr. L'74, WG'74 & Heather Sturt Haaga



**Michael Beschloss** 

Paul is Acting President & CEO of National Public Radio (NPR), where he has served on the Board since 2011. He is the retired Chairman of the Board of Capital Research and Management Company, former chairman of the Investment Company Institute, and former partner in the law firm of Dechert Price & Rhoads (now known as Dechert) in Washington. From 1974 to 1977, Paul served as a senior attorney for the Division of Investment Management of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Paul's philanthropic leadership includes serving as Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History; Trustee of the Huntington Library, Museum and Gardens in San Marino, California; member of the Board of Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania Law School (Chairman 2007-2013); a trustee of Georgetown Preparatory School; a member of the National Council of the American Enterprise Institute; a member of the Board of Overseers of Hoover Institution at Stanford University; and a member of the Policy Circle at Pardee-Rand Graduate School. Paul and Heather were among the founding group members who started the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Paul earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Princeton University, an M.B.A. from the Wharton School and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Heather received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Vassar College. She is a practicing artist with a focus on *plein air* painting—primarily landscapes and still lifes, and has had successful shows in Los Angeles and on the East Coast. Heather is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

## **The Importance of Presidential Leadership**

Michael Beschloss is a best-selling author of nine books and a regular commentator on both NBC and PBS. He co-authored with Caroline Kennedy the Number #1 New York Times best seller Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy (2011). He is currently working on a history of American Presidents in wartime from James Madison to George W. Bush, which will be published by the Crown Publishing Group in 2015. Newsweek has called Beschloss "the nation's leading Presidential historian." The Charlotte Observer has said, "Michael Beschloss knows more about America's 44 presidents than perhaps anyone on earth." The New York Times Book Review has called him "easily the most widely recognized Presidential historian in the United States." Albert Hunt of Bloomberg News has called him "a national treasure." He serves as the NBC News Presidential Historian—the first time any major network has created such a position—and appears on all NBC programs.

In 2005, Beschloss won an Emmy for his role in creating the Discovery Channel series *Decisions that Shook the World*, of which he was the host.

Beschloss's lecture will ponder the question of how and why the President of the United States has turned out to be so important on questions of war and peace, despite the Founders' effort to construct an office with shared responsibility and accountability.