Wednesday, April 10

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dialogue Across Differences Workshop
(Students Only)
Joe Bubman, Executive Director of Urban Rural Action.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Lunch

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Southside Site Visits + Rural Practitioners*
*Off-site (Students and Invited Guests Only)
Lori Bonin and Brett Reese, REVocity; Ash Hanson, Executive Director of Department of Public Transformation.

5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Opening Frame: Is the Rural-Urban Divide a Real Thing?
Nicholas Jacobs, Author of The Rural Voter: The Politics of Place and the Disuniting of America.

5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Opening Panel: The Forces of Division - and What It Will Take to Unite Us
Sarah Smarsh, Author of Heartland; Tony Pipa, Brookings Institute; Michael Strautmanis, Obama Foundation. Moderated by Mary Louise Kelly, NPR - All Things Considered Host.

Thursday, April 11

9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
Welcome and Introduction
Heidi Heitkamp, former US Senator of North Dakota.

9:10 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.
We Need Each Other: Rural-Urban Interdependence on Energy and Climate Change
Governor Doug Ducey, former governor of Arizona. Moderated by Heidi Heitkamp.

10:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
The Great American Loneliness: Health Disparities and Deaths of Despair in America
Beth Macy, Author of Dopesick; Dale King, Owner PSKC CrossFit, Co-founder Doc Spartan, Owner Spartan Solutions Group; Dr. Ngozi Ezike, President & CEO of Sinai Health System.

11:10 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Panel: Local News Deserts and Polarization
Darryl Holliday, City Bureau Founder; Tim Marem, The Daily Yonder; Silvia Rivera, Macarthur Foundation. Moderated by David Axelrod.

12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.
Lunch & Practitioner Break-Outs: New Paradigms for Rural-Urban Relationships
- **GROUP 1 - Workforce Development:** Bonita Robertson-Hardy, Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group; Ann Lichter, Director of Resource Rural at the Heartland Fund.
- **GROUP 2 - New Approaches to Economic Development:**
  - Chrystel Cornelius, Oweesta Corporation; Andrew Crosson, Invest Appalachia.
- **GROUP 3 - Building Relationships across the Urban-Rural Divide:**
  - Anna Claussen, Voices for Rural Resilience; Savannah Barrett, Rural-Urban Exchange; Taylor Stuckert, American Connection Corps at Lead For America; Sister Simone Campbell, Nuns on the Bus.

1:30 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.
Place-Based Economic Policy

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
30-minute coffee networking break.

3:00 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Politics as Religion: The Role of Faith in a Secularizing America

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
We Are What We Eat
John Boyd Jr, National Black Farmers Association; Janie Hipp, Native Agriculture Financial Services; Ertharin Cousin, World Food Programme. Moderated by Monica Eng, Axios Chicago.
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