COURSE OVERVIEW

26 September 2020

Session 1: (10:00am - 12:00pm)

*Contemporary Political Leadership*

Instructors:
Dr. Tehama Lopez Bunyasi (Professor, The Carter School)
Qasim Rashid (US Congressional Candidate, Virginia)

Topics:
Plurality of aspirations in American political traditions, self-understanding in political leadership, divisiveness and opportunities in politics, humanizing the opposition.

Session 2 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

*Conflict Analysis and Resolution (CAR) Fundamentals and the Political Process*

Instructors:
Dr. Mara Schoeny (Professor, The Carter School)
Dr. Charles Davidson (PLA Executive Director)
The Honorable Paul Ray (Administrator, OIRA)

Topics:
Principled negotiation, conflict assessment, listening, framing, human needs, neutrality, conflict as catalyst.

30 September 2020

Networking Gathering (6:00pm – 7:30pm)

Coordinator:
Bob Mitchell (President, Bipartisan Leadership Project)

3 October 2020

Session 3: (10:00am - 12:00pm)

*Crisis and Political Leadership*

Instructors:
Dr. Alpaslan Özerdem (Dean, The Carter School)
Dr. Julie Shedd (Associate Dean, The Carter School)
The Honorable Allison Silberberg (Former Mayor, Alexandria, VA)

Topics:
Holding office and leading in crisis, leadership competencies in crisis, conflict resolution skills for leadership in managing crisis, roundtable discussions on conflict resolution and crisis management.

Session 4: (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Leadership in a Polarized Society

Instructors:
Dr. Solon Simmons (Professor, The Carter School)
Antti Pentikäinen (Research Professor, The Carter School, and Director of the Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation)

Topics:
Polarization and Reconciliation, “philosophical reconstruction of ‘the other’s’ perspective,” Root Narrative Theory, American polarization, polarization in political speeches.

07 October 2020

Networking Gathering (6:00pm – 7:30pm)

Coordinator:
Bob Mitchell (President, Bipartisan Leadership Project)

10 October

Session 5: (10:00am - 12:00pm)

Bipartisanship and Coalition Building

Instructors:
Dr. Charles Chavis (Professor, The Carter School)
U.S. Congressman Jamie Raskin (Maryland’s 8th)

Topics:
Building and sustaining coalitions, strategic problem solving, case studies especially focused on the current COVID-19 pandemic and social justice.

Session 6: (1:00pm – 3:00pm)
Leadership and Community Engagement

Instructors:
Dr. Sara Cobb (Professor, The Carter School)
Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola (31st District)

Topics:
Facilitation of community engagement, dialogue, cross-course collective learning.