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Master of Public Affairs (MPA)
Master of Public Policy (MPP)
Master of Science in Science, Technology,
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DR. NORMAN J. ORNSTEIN is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. Originally from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Dr. Ornstein received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1967. He later earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Ornstein regularly offers political analysis and commentary. He serves as an election analyst for CBS News and writes a weekly column called "Congress Inside Out" for *Roll Call* newspaper. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, and other major publications.

He is senior counselor to the Continuity of Government Commission, where he works to ensure that our institutions of government can be maintained in the event of a terrorist attack on Washington. His campaign finance working group of scholars and practitioners helped shape the McCain/Feingold law, major legislative reform that changed the campaign financing system. He also co-directs the Transition to Government Project, a multi-year effort to create a better climate for governing in the era of the permanent campaign.

He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004. His many books include *The Permanent Campaign and Its Future*, *Intensive Care: How Congress Shapes Health Policy*, and *Debt and Taxes: How America Got Into Its Budget Mess and What to Do About It*. With his co-author Thomas Mann, Dr. Ornstein recently lectured at the Humphrey Institute about his most recent book, *The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and What Can Be Done About It*.

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PLANNERS AWARD

Laura Baum

Outstanding planning student

LUKERMANN AWARD

Paul Singh

Service to the planning program

*A reception follows on the patio between the
Ted Mann Concert Hall and Ferguson Hall.*

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