

## **Save the Date for this Bonus Lecture!!**

Last fall Dr. Robert Arseneau presented the lecture series “The Trump Presidency and the 2018 Midterm Elections.” This series was so popular that participants asked for one more lecture after the midterms to discuss the results. Dr. Arseneau graciously consented and so, by popular demand we are able to offer this bonus lecture. You do not need to have been a participant in the first series to attend. This is being offered as a free class and is open to the public.

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### **The 2018 Midterm Elections: A Review and a Look Forward**

**Presented by Robert B. Arseneau**

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**Science 102 – 1:30 – 3 pm**

Were the 2018 midterm elections a referendum on President Trump's performance in office? Turnout was higher than in other recent midterm elections. Both sides claimed victory. The Democrats gained at least 37 seats and control of the House. They also won several additional governorships. Republicans gained two Senate seats and retained control of the Senate.

We will discuss these election results and the following questions. First, to what extent did recent issues and presidential approval affect the midterm outcomes? Second, how will Democratic control of the House affect the President's relationship with Congress? Third, what does the outcome of the 2018 midterm elections suggest about candidates and issues in the upcoming 2020 presidential and congressional elections?

