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Levin Center Announces Inaugural Oversight Fellowship Program Recipients



Photo 1: Professor Kenneth Lowande, Professor Claire Leavitt, and Devin Judge-Lord.

7/27/2021 – The Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School is pleased to announce its selection of three 2021 Oversight Fellows to conduct scholarly research into oversight investigations conducted by Congress or the 50 state legislatures. The Oversight Fellowship Program, which is in its first year, is an opportunity for a non-resident scholar to research oversight databases, develop tools to measure effective oversight, or explore oversight efforts by individual members of Congress, committees, or an entire legislature.

“A core objective of the Levin Center at Wayne Law is to promote greater research into oversight by legislative bodies with the ultimate goal of fostering high-quality fact-finding and oversight investigations that are not captive to partisan interests” Director of the Levin Center Jim Townsend shared. “We at the Levin Center look forward to supporting all three Fellows in their scholarly work.”

The three 2021 Oversight Fellows are:

--Professor Kenneth Lowande is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Michigan, whose research will assess the quality of oversight hearing questions in obtaining the facts;

--Professor Claire Leavitt is a visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science in Policy Studies at Grinnell College, whose fellowship project will assess the oversight performance of Congress according to high-risk problems in the executive branch; and

-- Devin Judge-Lord is a Harvard University postdoctoral fellow whose Levin Center research project will improve, integrate, and publish two large datasets that systematically measure

different aspects of congressional oversight of the federal bureaucracy, agency policymaking and policy implementation.

Funding for the Fellowships are supported by both the Levin Center and the Sunwater Institute, a nonprofit think tank dedicated to exploring fundamental ideas that advance liberty, knowledge, opportunity, and power for individuals and society.

The Levin Center at Wayne Law is named in honor of former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Michigan's longest-serving U.S. senator who retired in 2015 after 36 years in the Senate conducting fact-based, bipartisan oversight investigations. Levin serves as the chair of the center which is headquartered at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit. The center's mission is to promote high quality oversight in Congress and the 50 state legislatures through oversight workshops, research, events, commentary, and other activities. While the Levin Center is affiliated with Wayne State University Law School, its views do not present the institutional views, if any, of Wayne State University or the Law School.

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