



## Launching The James and Claudia Thurber Scholarship Endowment

American University has embarked on an exciting initiative to honor the legacy of Professor James Thurber as he closes his 37-year tenure as director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies (CCPS). With the encouragement and financial support of Professor Thurber's former students and colleagues, AU is establishing the **James and Claudia Thurber Scholarship Endowment**.

Professor Thurber has served on the School of Public Affairs faculty since 1974, and is the Founder (1979) and Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies (CCPS). Under his direction, CCPS launched the Campaign Management Institute, Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute, and the European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute. Professor Thurber will depart from his role as CCPS director in the summer of 2016 and remain on the faculty as University Distinguished Professor of Government.

Claudia Thurber's ties to AU are long-standing and have been substantial since 1974. She has taught Film and Politics in the Department of Government and lectured in AU classes and at universities abroad. She is a 1983 graduate of the Washington College of Law. Her legal career has been at the Office of the Solicitor of Labor where she was the Counsel for Health Standards in the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. Following her retirement, she has worked as a consultant for OSHA on many of that agency's most important safety and health standards.

Jim and Claudia Thurber care deeply about helping exemplary students at AU, particularly those experiencing financial hardship, pursue their educational and career dreams. **In keeping with their wishes, the Thurber Scholarship will provide an annual scholarship to an undergraduate student with demonstrated financial need in the Department of Government.**





## Please Make a Gift Today

American University is encouraging the thousands of students that have been influenced by Professor Thurber's teaching, mentorship, and advice to join us by making a gift to the Thurber Scholarship Endowment. *Our goal is to raise over \$100,000 to establish a robust endowment that will be a fitting legacy to Professor Thurber's legacy and provide generous scholarship awards to future students.*

Please join us TODAY by making a gift in honor of Professor Thurber and his extraordinary leadership of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. Gifts to the Thurber Scholarship can be mailed to (checks made payable to "American University – Thurber Scholarship):

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To make an on-line gift, please visit: [giving.american.edu](http://giving.american.edu). Please be sure to note your gift designation as being the **"Thurber Scholarship Endowment"**.

**American University alumni Glen Bolger and Carol Farquhar have generously made a \$10,000 challenge gift to inspire other alumni and friends to support the Thurber Scholarship. If over 100 individuals donate by June 30, 2016, Glen and Carol will direct \$10,000 towards the Thurber Scholarship Endowment goal of \$100,000!**