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National Academy of Public Administration Fall Meeting Focuses on Governance Challenges and Solutions *Meeting Also Celebrates the Academy's 50th Anniversary*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration held its annual Fall Meeting this week, focusing on governance challenges and solutions, and celebrating the Academy's 50th Anniversary.

“This year’s Fall Meeting was especially meaningful in that we were able to look back at the Academy’s tremendous accomplishments of the past 50 years while having inspired conversations about what the Academy hopes to accomplish in the decades to come,” said Teresa Gerton, President and CEO of the Academy. “In this age of fractured politics and governance challenges, the Academy can lead the way toward an American government system that works, and works for all.”

The three-day Fall Meeting (Nov. 15-17) presented and discussed findings from the Academy’s four-part *Governing Across The Divide* series, which included forums in partnership with the University of Southern California’s Sol Price School of Public Policy; the University of Texas at Austin’s LBJ School of Public Affairs; Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; and George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government.

Panel topics included the changing role of states in the intergovernmental system, with a focus on environmental and healthcare policies; a forecast of major tech trends and their impact on government; the future of citizenship and public service; disaster responses and the intergovernmental system; governing infrastructure; building human resource capacity; and others.

In addition, the Academy hosted a book discussion event featuring *The Puzzle of the American Economy*, authored by Academy Fellow **Mark Pisano**. It also inducted the Academy’s [2017 Class of Fellows](#), and presented the *2017 George Graham Award for Exceptional Service to the Academy* to Academy Fellow **Thomas H. Stanton** and the *2017 Herbert Roback Scholarship Award* to **Swetha Ramachandran**.

Keynote speakers during the Fall Meeting included **Tim Horne**, Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration and Federal Transition Coordinator, who delivered the Elmer B. Staats Lecture; and **Katherine Gehl** and **Michael E. Porter**, the Bishop William Lawrence University Professor at Harvard Business School, Harvard University, who delivered the James E. Webb Lecture on their recent study, *Why Competition in the Politics Industry is Failing America: A Strategy for Reinvigorating Our Democracy*.

A detailed meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

About the National Academy of Public Administration

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