

# Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics

## 2008 – 2009 Health Policy Series



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### Is This the Era of Health Care Reform? Why This Time is Different from All Other Times

**February 20, 2009**

**12:00 – 1:30 PM**

**Colonial Penn Center Auditorium**

Lunch will be provided.  
RSVP recommended.

A specialist on American national institutions and a political scientist, much of Professor Peterson's scholarship focuses on interactions among the Presidency, Congress, and interest groups, evaluating their implications for policy making, both within the general domain of domestic policy and with special attention to health care policy. He has written extensively on how Congress responds to presidential legislative initiatives, exploring how different political, economic, and institutional settings affect coalition building, promote inter-institutional conflict or cooperation, and influence the president's legislative performance. His most recent research examines how transformation of the interest group community, institutional dynamics in Congress, changes in the context and demands of political leadership, and various dimensions of social learning by policy makers promote or constrain enacting major health policy innovations. From 1993-2002, Peterson chaired the Executive Committee of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, and now serves on the Board of Editors of *PS: Political Science & Politics*. In addition, Professor Peterson chairs the National Advisory Committee for the RWJ Foundation's Scholars in Health Policy Research program and is a member of the National Advisory Committees for the Foundation's Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) program and its Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Program. At UCLA, he is a Faculty Associate of the Center for Health Policy Research and on the faculty boards of the Center for American Politics and Public Policy, the Center for Policy Research on Aging, the Center for Governance, the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, and the Institute for Social Science Research.

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