

David Brooks inspired, entertained, and informed 850 attendees at a standing room only presentation on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. A renowned *New York Times* journalist, author, and NPR and PBS commentator, Brooks shared insights about this historic election and the candidates whose campaigns spanned more than two years. Brooks eloquently communicated his high regard for McCain's accomplishments, service to country, integrity, and sense of humor and Obama for his intellect, extraordinary campaign skills, and inspiring speaking abilities. Effectively leading a complex government, however, requires far different skills than managing a campaign, he said. Solving the daunting fiscal crisis while also fulfilling campaign promises on health care, energy, environment, and taxes is ambitious. Brooks strongly suggested that he not address these promises too early in his tenure.

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