



BRIEFING BOOK

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Charlie Cook to speak at Baton Rouge luncheon

Washington political observer and pundit Charlie Cook will be the featured luncheon speaker at the annual conference of the Public Affairs Research Council on April 30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Cook is the publisher of the Cook Political Report and political analyst for the National Journal Group as well as a political analyst for NBC News. Cook is expected to talk to the annual meeting of the Baton Rouge-based policy research organization about the Obama presidency and the fall congressional elections. A 10 a.m. session will feature a panel discussion on the legislative session. Beth Courtney, president and chief executive officer of Louisiana Public Broadcasting, will serve as moderator. On the panel with her will be Lanny Keller, an editorial writer at the Baton Rouge Advocate; Robert Mann, a senior fellow at the Reilly Center for Media and Public Affairs at Louisiana State University; Robert Travis Scott, Baton Rouge bureau chief of The Times-Picayune; and former Gov. Buddy Roemer. The half-day conference, which includes lunch, is open to the public at \$85 per person. More information on registration is available by calling 1.225.926.8414 or through the council's Web site at www.la-par.org.