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Schedule of Events

Friday, March 4, 2022 (by invitation only)

7:30 PM	Welcome & Remarks for Student Presenters
7:45 PM	Networking for Student Presenters

Saturday, March 5, 2022

9:00 AM	Conference Welcome
12:35-1:25 PM	Keynote
9:30AM - 5:45 PM	Student Research Panels

Sunday, March 6, 2022

12:00-2:30 PM	Professional Development Sessions

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Friday, March 4: Presenter Welcome Activities

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7:30pm |

Welcome and Remarks

Speakers:
Dr. Tanya Schwarz, *Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Director*
Dr. Zoe Oxley, *Pi Sigma Alpha President*

7:45pm |

Breakout rooms and networking

Room Themes:
American Politics
Comparative Politics
Environmental Politics
International Relations
Urban Politics

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Saturday, March 5

9:00-9:30am |
Conference welcome

Dr. Tanya Schwarz, *PSA Executive Director*
Dr. Zoe Oxley, *PSA President*

9:45-11:00am |
Analyzing the Causes and Effects of Migration and Refugee Flows

Chair: Dr. Patricia Rodda, Carroll University

Discussant: Lulu Onakpoya, University of Houston

Where Do We Go Now? Satellite Imagery and GIS for Sustainable Relocation

Lauren Boyes, College of William & Mary

Climate Displacement and Human Rights: Rectifying the Current Legal Protection Lacuna Through International and Regional Solutions

Abigail Kleiman, Barnard College

The Deficits of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees Examined Through the Rohingya Crisis

Taylor Rudtner, Elon University

The Braceros Behind the Bracero Program and the Guestworker Programs that Continue

Martylinette Sanchez, DePaul University

EU Governance of Migrant Integration: The Future of The Common European Asylum System

Nikki Schuldt, Smith College

9:45-11:00am |
COVID-19 in Comparative Political Perspectives

Chair: Dr. Daniel Maliniak, College of William & Mary

Discussant: Christina Walker, Purdue University

A contagion of violent minimization within the European and Greek migration regime: The enduring plight of asylum seekers in Greece during the COVID-19 pandemic

Jessia Avila, McDaniel College

Narco-charity in the Age of COVID-19

Thomas Hernandez, Temple University

South Africa and COVID-19: Institutional Quandaries and the Pandemic Response

Christopher Marco, Grand Valley State University

The World Never Saw It Coming

Joshua Smith, University of Maine

The Impact of Chinese Government Policy on the Survival of China's SMEs during COVID-19

Luopeiwen Yi, New York University

9:45-11:00am |
Democratic Competition and the Future of Democracy Around the World

Chair: Dr. Lena Surzhko-Harned, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: David Westby, University of Chicago

Saturday, March 5

Depolarization Through Institutional Reform

Fallon Clark, University of Vermont

Disinformation, Internet Filtering, and Social Media Censorship as a Predicate of Democratic Backsliding

Myles Einhorn, Seton Hall University

Combating an Ethnopopulist Takeover: Can Poland Return to a Liberal Democracy?

Luke Habegger, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Money Talks (to Politicians): An analysis of the Political Consequences of Income Inequality

Ella Hillier, Bentley University

Against Depoliticization: Center-Left Party Strength and Electoral Success

Mark Lannigan, Tufts University

9:45-11:00am |
Historical Approaches and the Power of Legacies in Politics

Chair: Dr. Robert Pepperman Taylor, University of Vermont

Discussant: Courtney Blackington, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Duality of English in Indian Education and Statecraft

Emma Bathke, University of Mary Washington

Indigeneity and Institutions: The Submergence of Voices from Oceania

Gabriella Colello, Quinnipiac University

Why Some Shots are Not Heard 'Round the World: Differing Revolutionary Gun Narratives in France and the United States

Elizabeth Karpen, Barnard College

History of Terrorism in Western Europe

Sarah Pail, Slippery Rock University

Refabricating Reality: "Invented" Traditions and Intense Commitments in Twentieth-Century China

Trey Sprouse, Columbia University

9:45-11:00am |
Political Institutions in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Jeff Gulati, Bentley University

Discussant: Joshua Koss, Michigan State University

Uncap the House? An Analysis of the Relationship Between Constituency Population Size and Representativeness in the United States House of Representatives

Evan Crum, University of Maryland

The National Transparency Project- Leveling the Playing Field of Campaign Finance and Political Influence

Erika Misseri, Virginia Commonwealth University

"I'm not a crook:" An exploration of presidential scandals, media coverage and their effects on public perceptions of political institutions

Kira Silbergeld, Elon University

The Strategic Public Servant: Modeling the Electoral Effects of Casework

Trevor Tormann, Loyola University Maryland

Understanding the Powers of the American President Through the Use of Executive Directives and the Global Gag Rule

Isabella Weston, University of Vermont

9:45-11:00am |
Tech, Education, and Taxes: Examining Current Public Policy Debates in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Scott Lamothe, University of Oklahoma

Discussant: Austin Barraza, Northeastern University

Exclusionary Access: America's Immigrant Safety Net in the Wake of Welfare Reform

Olivia Choi, Columbia University

Identifying Potential Pork Barrel Legislation with Machine Learning

Sunil Green, Purdue University

Playground Politics: Exploring the Actors and Factors of Universal PreK Adoption

Zoe Mavrides, Columbia University

The Impact of Federal Cannabis Legalization on State Excise Taxes

Emily Roach, Wingate University

Building Bilingualism in America: The Inadequacy of Assessment on Bilingual Education Policy

Amanda Shie, Purdue University

9:45-11:00am |
Technology's Role in the Changing Global Political Landscape

Chair: Dr. Diana Owen, Georgetown University

Discussant: Mark Berlin, George Washington University

From Clickbait to Cruelty: An Analysis of Terrorist Recruitment via Social Media

Melanie Haber, Drew University

Disruptive Technology and Market Disruption: Linking U.S. Intelligence Sharing and Huawei Market Regulation

Logan Heller, University of Maryland College Park

Elite Climate Change Advocacy on Twitter

Lea Hilliker, Oakland University

The Westphalian Web: The Global Data Localization Regime and Its Implications for Democratic Policy-Making

Stephanie Koo, Columbia University

The Clever Combatant: A Theory of Coercion in the Gray Zone

Katherine McLaughlin, University of Notre Dame

9:45-11:00am |
Urban and Local Politics in the U.S. (1)

Chair: Dr. Seong Kang, New Mexico State University

Discussant: Kenneth White, Brown University

Political Barriers to Decriminalizing Sex Work in Pennsylvania: A View of Anti-Trafficking Legislation, the Carceral State, and Public Health Priorities

Anjali Mahajan, University of Pennsylvania

The State and Nature of Social Capital: Using Rural Kensington, NH as a Lens

Sawyer Rogers, University of New Hampshire

Saturday, March 5

Trendy Housing: Fighting Gentrification, Fighting Racism, and Preserving Culture

Uel Trejo, University of North Texas

Caring for the Capitol: Addressing Chronic & Unsheltered Homelessness in Washington, D.C

Elizabeth Heflin, Emory and Henry College

11:15-12:30pm |
Economic Interactions at the Interstate Level

Chair: Dr. Abhishek Chatterjee, University of Montana

Discussant: Huei-Jyun Ye, Binghamton University, SUNY

Economic Statecraft, Media Influence Strategies, and the Impact on Public Perceptions of Chinese Influence in African Countries

Michael Brodo, Georgetown University

Bilateral Trade as a Predictor of War

John Humphrey, Wheaton College

Cambodia's Natural Resource Management: Improving Effective Law and Policy Implementation

Phidor Kong, Beloit College

Championing Social Cohesion: Analyzing the Strength of the 2021-2027 EU Cohesion Policy in Advancing Migrant Integration and Inclusion

Natalia Lopez, Georgetown University

The CFA Franc and the Eco: French Political and Monetary Imperialism in West Africa

Alice Odame, Luther College

11:15-12:30pm |
Environmental Problems and Policy Solutions in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Amy Linch, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: Bryant Moy, Washington University in St. Louis

What are the Effects of Hog CAFOs on Local Black Communities in North Carolina?

Kiah Dale, University of North Carolina at Asheville

Sustainable Event Planning in Salisbury, MD

Abbi Pettinati, Salisbury University

Delaware's Response to Cross-State Air Pollution: The Effect of Problem Severity

Hayley Scheir, College of William & Mary

11:15-12:30pm |
Evaluating International Institutions and International Organizations

Chair: Dr. Monti Datta, University of Richmond

Discussant: Devon Cantwell-Chavez, University of Ottawa

The International Court of Justice: A Statistical Approach to Compliance

Brendon Camp, Lamar University

Where Did It Go Wrong? Mercosur's Path from Success to Slump

Justin Dynia, Boston University

A Comparative Analysis of British and Dutch Arguments on Anti-Apartheid Action in the UN General Assembly

Gabrielle Lucas, Westminster College

Saturday, March 5

Should there be an Alternative to the United Nations for the Regulation of Nuclear Weapons?

Sajani Patel, Fordham University

The US and China, How Great Powers Use International Institutions

Robert Zaleski, Saint Anselm College

11:15-12:30pm |
Evaluating Problems in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Chair: Dr. Daniel Maliniak, College of William & Mary

Discussant: Ra'phael Davis, The Ohio State University

20 Years Later: Failures of American Counterterrorism Policies in the Middle East

Rishab Chatty, Arizona State University

The Politics of Withdrawal and Afghanistan

Chase Germann, University of Minnesota Morris

Interests and Interactions: Patterns of Central Asian Engagement with Chinese- and Russian-Dominated IGOs

Alexander Gilliatt, Appalachian State University

Harmony, Assimilation or Violence? A Comparative Case Study of Post-Soviet Nation-Building Policies Towards Ethnic Minorities

Ellen Kamalyan, Temple University

Uighur in China: The Threat of Individualism

Aria Smith, New York University

11:15am-12:30pm |
Gender and Policy: Evaluating Multiple Policy Areas Around the World

Chair: Dr. Zoe Oxley, Union College

Discussant: Courtney Blackington, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Vulnerable Women and Threatening Men: An Analysis of Gendered Perceptions of Syrian Refugees

Simon Cloutier, Clark University

Education's Effect on Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia

Sydney McFadden, Point Loma Nazarene University

How does the overall political instability of an oil-producing state affect the status of women?

Sidra Rao, Oakland University

Gender Performance in the United States Armed Forces

Alison Tzianabos, Clark University

11:15am-12:30pm |
Global Environmental Problems and Solutions

Chair: Dr. Amy Below, California State University East Bay

Discussant: Morgan Smith, Georgia State University

Environmental Regulation and Green Productivity Growth

Natalia Calderon, Lamar University

Saturday, March 5

The nexus between climate change, human security and instability: novel insights on MENA's security complex

Aya Kamil, St. Olaf College

Inequality and Climate Change in Latin America

Veronica Uribe-Kessler, Smith College

An Outlook on the United States: Environmental Foreign Policy As Soft Power

Juana Lopez, Saint Michael's College

The Value of Public Opinion in Political Policy

Brianna Franzino, Seton Hill University

11:15am-12:30pm |
Ideology and Identity in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Diana Owen, Georgetown University

Discussant: Da'Von Boyd, Yale University

"Canceling" the American Left and Right

Christy Dickman, Elon University

Emotional Appeals in Ideologically Leaning News Shows

Addie Fischer, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Legislating Morality: The Influence of the Religious Right on U.S. Abortion Law

Paige Maxa, College of William & Mary

Analyzing Racial Roots of Nationalism in the United States

Olivia Slack, Meredith College

Why Veterans Join Ultra Nationalist Groups: An Ideological Perspective

John Wysocki, Ohio Northern University

12:35-1:25pm |
Lunchtime Keynote

Speaker: Dr. Betina Cutaia Wilkinson
Associate Professor and Associate Chair
of Political Science at Wake Forest University

Keynote Speaker



Betina Cutaia Wilkinson is associate professor and associate chair of the Politics and International Affairs department at Wake Forest University. Her research interests are in American politics with a focus on racial and ethnic politics and public opinion. Her book, *Partners or Rivals? Power and Latino, Black and White Relations in the 21st Century* (University of Virginia press, 2015), won the American Political Science Association REP Section's Best Book Award on Inter-Race Relations in the United States. Wilkinson is the recipient of the Early Career Award by the Midwest Political Science Association's Latina/o Caucus. She has served as the President of the Midwest Political Science Association's Latina/o Caucus, on the editorial board of the journal *PS: Political Science & Politics* and on the executive council of the Midwest Political Science Association. She currently serves as the founding director of the Race, Inequality and Policy Initiative (RIPI) at Wake Forest University. Starting in September of 2022, she will serve as the co-editor of the *PS: Political Science & Politics* journal. Her research has been published in several political science and multidisciplinary journals including *Political Research Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, American Politics Research, PS: Political Science and Politics* and *Race and Social Problems*. For more information about Wilkinson, please visit www.BetinaCutaiaWilkinson.com.

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Saturday, March 5

1:30-2:45pm |
Elections and Electoral Systems in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Stephen Farnsworth, University of Mary Washington

Discussant: Morgan Smith, Georgia State University

Alternative Voting Systems in an Expanding Society: Tackling the question of voter satisfaction

Isaac Coleman, California State University East Bay

Examining Contemporaneous Suburban Realignment

Nathaniel Hutton, Union College

Understanding The 2016 U.S. Federal Election: Necessitating new concepts of realignment

Mallika Luthar, University of California Berkeley

Ranked Choice Voting as the Path to Establishing a Multiparty Democracy in the U.S.

Gabriela Schröer do Nascimento, Clark University

Effects of Multi-Member Districting on Partisan Representation in the United States

Jacob Winter, University of Richmond

1:30-2:45pm |
Media and Politics in the U.S. (1)

Chair: Dr. Mandi Bates Bailey, Valdosta State University

Discussant: Sharonda Woodford, Purdue University

Effects of entertainment consumption on political values

Mitchell Bloom, Oregon State University

Examining the Media's Treatment of Women Serving in Public Office During the Pandemic

Andrea Hoffman, Ohio Northern University

We Can't Save Our Democracy Without Local Newspapers: An Analysis of Civic Engagement and Voter Turnout

Julia Reinhard, Dominican University of California

Election Campaigns' and Government Agencies' Uses of Digital Media During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Pearl Strand, Northeastern University

'Leftist to Liberal': Pete Seeger, Popular Culture, and Radical Politics

Robert Sundstrum, Fordham University

Saturday, March 5

1:30-2:45pm |
Political Behavior and Public Opinion in the U.S. (1)

Chair: Dr. Emily Farris, Texas Christian University

Discussant: Nicole Loncaric, University of Pittsburgh

Supreme Court Legitimacy as Defined by the Public

Melissa Barnosky, SUNY Brockport

Views on Abortion

Aamina Bora, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Does Kanye's New Music Reflect His Fan Base?

Katarina Bosworth, Oregon State University

Guns as Objects of Masculinity and Contributors to Male Suicide: As Explored Through a Qualitative Analysis of the NRA's 'American Rifleman' Magazine

Carolyn Miskovsky, Barnard College

Examining the Impact of Election Information Resources on Political Knowledge

Madeline Pfaff, Smith College

1:30-2:45pm |
Political Rhetoric and Representation in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Alison Howard, Dominican University of California

Discussant: Jasmine Jackson, Purdue University

Disparities in Verbiage Used by Representatives to Describe Themselves

Linda-Claire Arnett, Oregon State University

The Price of Two Cents: How Corporate Donations Affect Political Rhetoric

Emily Burns, Saint Anselm College

Gendered Language and Images in the 2016 Presidential Election: A Double-Bind?

Lily Fredericks, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

The Economic Populist Zeitgeist: Manifestations in American Policy Statements

Fiona Kniaz, Rutgers University

Picture Perfect: How Candidate Gender and Identity Influence Self-Presentation in Campaign Website Photos

Julia Himmelberger, St. Olaf College

1:30-2:45pm |
Rights in Democracies

Chair: Dr. JohnPatrick Ifedi, Howard University

Discussant: Nicholas Luettke, George Washington University

Mind the Gap: A Decentralized System of Human Rights Protections in the United States

Skye Phinizy, Mary Baldwin University

Saturday, March 5

Will You Marry Me? Can I?: The Right to Marriage in Israel and United States

Quinn Chapelle, Boston University

Equality Across the Pond: An Analysis of Marriage Equality between the United States and the United Kingdom

Angel Santiago, James Madison University

Contributing Factors Explaining Virginia Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

Kaitlyn Savage, Mary Baldwin University

Championing the Child: Concepts of Childhood in Latin America's Anti-Abortion Rhetoric

Grace Worwa, Gustavus Adolphus College

1:30-2:45pm |
The Perils of Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict Management

Chair: Dr. Edwin Taylor, Missouri Western State University

Discussant: Christina Walker, Purdue University

The Use of Art and Literature in Post-Conflict Rebuilding in Latin America

Caroline Daigle, Fairfield University

Measuring Levels of Success of Reconciliation in Post-Conflict States

Madelyn Demchick, University of Wisconsin Madison

The Future of the Syrian Civil War

Alexandra Philippidis, Eckerd College

1:30-2:45pm |
Theorizing Power, Rights, and Justice

Chair: Dr. Amy Linch, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: Da'Von Boyd, Yale University

Comparing Theories of Power, Politics, and Human Nature

Sabrina Feldman, California State University Northridge

Justice as Fairness, Political Liberalism, and COVID-19: Towards an Overlapping Consensus

Michael Gates, University of Tulsa

Why Normative Agency Does Not Entail a Human Right to Subsistence

Chris Horvath, Arizona State University

Analyzing Big Tech Through the Basic Structure

Kaitlyn Rentala, University of Pennsylvania

Understanding Democracy Differently: Definitional, Theoretical, and Analytical Discussions of Democratic Governance

Zak Schneider, Boston University

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1:30-2:45pm |
U.S.-China Relations: Crises and Opportunities

Chair: Dr. Monti Datta, University of Richmond

Discussant: Lulu Onakpoya, University of Houston

The Future of Taiwan

Gillian Hodge, University of Rhode Island

How Should the US and the International Community Effectively Handle the China-Taiwan Dispute?

Clarence Long, University of Central Oklahoma

The convergence of American and Chinese GDP; the economic and political causes and consequences

Daniel Wilcox, Union College

3:00-4:15pm |
Democracy's Future: Regional Issues Compared

Chair: Dr. Taeko Hiroi, University of Texas El Paso

Discussant: Anna Weissman, University of California Berkeley

To live well: The Impact of the Indigenous in Ecuador's Political Development

Andrea Chavez, California State University Fullerton

The Modern American Frankenstate

Harry Golen, Rice University

Peru: From Delegative Democracy to Competitive Authoritarianism

Guido Laguna Morey, Whittier College

Democratic Backsliding in Hungary

Rylie LaRue, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Satisfaction with Democracy in Latin America: The Effects of Rising Chinese Power

Eliana Rodriguez, Creighton University

3:00-4:15pm |
Global Politics and Foreign Policy: The System or the Individuals?

Chair: Dr. Carolyn Forestiere, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Discussant: Charmaine Willis, University at Albany, SUNY

Is Talk Cheap?: Reagan's rhetoric and actions toward the Polish Solidarity Movement and Advancing Human Liberty

Jasmine Campos, Azusa Pacific University

Hegemony: On India's Status in the South Asian Region

Noell Evans, University of Mary Washington

Big China in Little Nepal: An Investigation of Foreign Policy Theories on China's Soft Power Involvement in Nepal

Cameron Gehlert, Westminster College

A 21st Century Shift: A Decline of U.S. Hegemony?

Ian Hunter, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Who Handles the U.S. Foreign Policy and What Do They Do?

Mikaela Pinkham, William Jessup University

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3:00-4:15pm |
Labor, Public Health, and Immigration: Examining Current Public Policy Debates in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Rachel Navarre, Bridgewater State University

Discussant: Austin Barraza, Northeastern University

"The Ins and Outs of Health Insurance Inequities" Investigating Whether Socioeconomic and Racial/Ethnic Factors Affect Uninsured Rates Across the United States

Roqayah Hamdi, California State University Fullerton

The Exploitation of Guest Workers Under the H-2A Visa Program

Allyson Thenhaus, DePaul University

The Detention Standard Improvement Program (DSIP)

Laine Williams, George Washington University

Liquor, Lust, & Lynching: The Racial Politics of Prohibition in Mississippi and Implications for Contemporary State Policies

Connor Young, University of Mississippi

3:00-4:15pm |
Polarization and Parties in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Terri Towner, Oakland University

Discussant: Kenneth White, Brown University

Rhetoric within Presidential Administrations and its Effect on Political Party Polarization

Hannah Kelley, Seton Hill University

Cues over Consolidation: How Partisanship Affects the Electorate's Support for Democratic Values

Rachel Maxfield, Point Loma Nazarene University

An Exploration into Congressional Division: Why House Member's Ideologies Deviate from that of their Party

Jordan Smith, Nebraska Wesleyan University

By the People: The Role of Local Deliberative Forums in Combating Affective Political Polarization

Selene Swanson, College of William & Mary

The Two-Party System in the United States: A Time for Change

Jill Yelton, Fort Hays State University

3:00-4:15pm |
Racial and Ethnic Politics in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Laurel Elder, Hartwick College

Discussant: Isabel Gonzales, University of California Irvine

Images of Integration: Black Bodies Clashing with White Spaces

Coura Fall, American University

Students, Police, and Protests: The 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests As a Factor Shaping Attitudes Towards Police and Opinions on Defunding The Police

Jomar Lloyd, Morgan State University

Fade to Black: An analysis of the role of Blackface in the Western geopolitical structure

Jordan Parker, Spelman College

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Interest Group Success, Descriptive Representation, and Legislative Alliances in the CA State Legislature

Jack Trent Dorfman, University of California San Diego

Malcolm X, the Black Experience, and Prophetic Religious Enchantment

Hayat Yasin, University of Texas Austin

3:00-4:15pm |
The Politics of COVID-19 in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Alice Jackson, Morgan State University

Discussant: Joshua Koss, Michigan State University

"Wear a Mask" When Voting: American Elections During Pandemics

Matthew Chagares, Columbia University

The Impact of Teachers Unions on COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

Lex D'Andrea, The College of New Jersey

Neoliberal Healthcare: Political Theory in Biopolitics, Biopower, and Biotechnology

Julia Etkin, Union College

Who 'Likes' Pandemic Misinformation: How Partisanship and Ideology Influence the Likelihood of Believing and Interacting with COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation on Facebook

Taylor Hvidsten, New York University

The Impact of COVID-19 on Health Outcomes in Latinx and Hispanic Communities

Kennedy Olivia, California Lutheran University

3:00-4:15pm |
Urban and Local Politics in the U.S. (2)

Chair: Dr. Christina Villegas, California State University San Bernardino

Discussant: Bryant Moy, Washington University in St. Louis

How Did Housing Policies Pilot the Exodus of White Chicago Residents and Affect the Quality of Life for Black Residents Who Remained in the Central City?

Susie Andrews Saleem, Union College

At-Large But Not In Charge: Examining the Effects of Electoral Systems on Minority Representation in U.S. City Councils Using a Large Sample

Grant Baldwin, Brigham Young University

Deconstructing Displacement: State Politics, Homeless Organizations, and the Impact of COVID-19 on Street Homelessness in New York City

Adam Kluge, Columbia University

'Where can I catch the bus?' - The Accessibility of Public Transportation in Rhode Island & Suggestions for Improvement

Mary Lind, University of Rhode Island

3:00-4:15pm |
Weapons, Arms, and Strategy

Chair: Dr. David Bath, Rogers State University

Discussant: Ra'phael Davis, The Ohio State University

Saturday, March 5

Israel: A United States Armory, Overseas

Sophie Dinning, University of Nevada Reno

The Pertinent Threat to the Integrity of the White Flag

Cara Frimet, James Madison University

The War on Terror Era and Presidential Dominance Over Constitutional War Powers

Matthew Trout, Westminster College

The Importance of Behavioral Analysis in Rational Choice Theory

Barbara Montgomery, George Mason University

'The Computer Model was Called VRYaN' An Analysis of Soviet Intelligence and Western Nuclear-Strike Capabilities

Kristen Steadman, Metropolitan State University of Denver

4:30-5:45pm |
Gender and Politics in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Laurel Elder, Hartwick College

Discussant: Isabel Gonzales, University of California Irvine

Women In Politics After the Trump Administration: How The 2021 Election Plays A Role In Virginia Politics

Alana Gill, Mary Baldwin University

Governing During COVID-19: Did Male and Female Governors Respond Differently?

Hannah Hoyt, Union College

Acting Lady-Like?: The Double Bind at Work in the 2016 Presidential Election

Brianna Kreft, College of St. Benedict/St. John's College

Virtual Realities: Intersectional and Online Violence Against Women in the 117th Congress

Cecilia Ritacco, Rutgers University New Brunswick

The American gender gap and political affiliation

Emily Trouba, University of Nebraska Lincoln

4:30-5:45pm |
Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement in the U.S.

Chair: Dr. Emily Farris, Texas Christian University

Discussant: Sharonda Woodford, Purdue University

A Critical Race Theory Analysis of Police Reform and Social Justice Movements

Nyssa Hemingway, Winthrop University

The Heavy Hand of the Law: Understanding Officer-Involved Domestic Violence

Elizabeth Flachbart, Columbia University

Mass Incarceration: Where We Are and How We Got Here Within a Theoretical Framework

Isabelle Jensen, Hofstra University

4:30-5:45pm |
Domestic and Foreign Policy Issues in the Middle East

Chair: Dr. Barış Kesgin, Elon University

Discussant: Mark Berlin, George Washington University

Saturday, March 5

Israeli Defense Force Veteran Reintegration: The effect of IDF military capital on Israeli veteran homelessness and Israel's incubator of innovation

Megan Cistulli, University of California Berkeley

Post-9/11 American Militarized Intervention and its Effects on Iraqi Civilians

Rachel Davis, East Carolina University

Social Welfare Provision and Political Territoriality

Malak Elmabrouk, Barnard College

Islamist Reactions to Coup D'Etats: Establishing Scope Conditions for Moderation

Maggie Manson, College of William & Mary

WASH and Menstrual Hygiene Management in Syrian Refugee Settlements

Ariana Scott, Seton Hill University

4:30-5:45pm |
Human Rights: Repression, Protection, and Prosecution

Chair: Dr. Everett A. Vieira III, California State University Fresno

Discussant: Sam Acuña, University of California Los Angeles

Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere: Trying Presidents for Human Rights Abuses in Argentina, Colombia, and Peru

Elise Higgs, California State University Fresno

Protecting Human Rights in the Face of Peaceful Protest: An Analysis of Legal Protection during the Santa Cruz Massacre and Palestinian Intifadas

Kaizad Irani, Davidson College

Searching for Torture: Repression Evolution in Human Rights Data

William Rider, University of Rhode Island

Demilitarization and the Decline of Lethal State Repression in Costa Rica from 1900-2018

Trenten Ward, Stetson University

The Symbolic Promise of International Law in North American Sacred Lands: An Assessment of The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Alessandra Young, University of Redlands

4:30-5:45pm |
Media and Politics in the U.S. (2)

Chair: Dr. Terri Towner, Oakland University

Discussant: Jasmine Jackson, Purdue University

The Relationship Between Late Night, Twitter, and Political Literacy in 2020

Sally Burkley, University of Mary Washington

Mixed Signals: Immigration Policy Preferences and Fox News

Brooke Free, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

Sterilization and US News: How American Outlets Frame Coercive Sterilizations In News Coverage

Lisette Gomez, Whittier College

Memes in Contemporary US Politics

Rhys Moger, Union College

Evaluating Political Trends Through the Rise and Fall of Popular Music

Mitchell Hendricks, Monmouth University

4:30-5:45pm |
Political Behavior and Public Opinion in the U.S. (2)

Chair: Dr. Antoine Yoshinaka, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Discussant: Dominique Lockett, Washington University in St. Louis

Did You Watch That?!: The Political Trends of True Crime TV Viewership

Elisabeth Evers, Ohio Wesleyan University

The Impact of Political Ideology and Confidence in the United States Government on Views of Political Corruption in the United States Among Americans 18 to 35

Nicholas Grempler, University of Maryland Baltimore County

In the context of a pandemic and social development, how do critical events shape political socialization, and influence the political attitudes of generational cohorts?

Olivia Real, California Polytechnic State University Pomona

What Drives Some American Muslims to Support Republicans?

Adam Soliman, Rutgers University Camden

Mediating role of status threat on the political and social attitudes of White Americans: A replication study

Anushka Vishahan, The College of New Jersey

4:30-5:45pm |
The Politics and Policy of Development and Economic Growth

Chair: Dr. Ransford F. Edwards Jr., Nova Southeastern University

Discussant: Devon Cantwell-Chavez, University of Ottawa

An Analysis of Rwandan Development Policy

John Cullen, Virginia Tech

Social and Political Inclusion of Ecuadorian Migrants under Rafael Correa's presidency

Paola Salome Valdivieso, Luther College

Spheres of Influence: Chinese Sharp Power Diplomacy in Africa

Sarah Glaser, University of South Florida

Local Perceptions of Voluntourism

Anneliese McBride, Point Loma Nazarene University

Avoidable Mortality in OECD Countries: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis

Chloe Wallwork, College of St. Benedict/St. John's College

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Saturday, March 5

4:30-5:45pm |
Understanding International Law and Human Rights Norms

Chair: Dr. Maureen Feeley, University of California San Diego

Discussant: Nicholas Luettke, George Washington University

The Gendered Ramifications of Nazi Youth Socialization: The Theory of the Implicated Subject Applied to Members of the Bund Deutscher Mädel

Anna Beaulieu, Loyola University Maryland

Postcolonial Development of Jury Trials - The Spread of Common Law Across the Globe

Vaishalee Chaudhary, California State University Long Beach

Human Rights are What States Make of Them: Constructivism as a Lens for 21st Century Human Rights Promotion

Grace Douglas, Augustana University

Examining the Evolution of ICC Funding

Cameron Russell, University of Arkansas Little Rock

Implications of Diplomatic Immunity on Crime Rates an Examination in the United States of America, Russia, New Zealand and the Netherlands

Janessa Singley, Point Loma Nazarene University

5:45pm-7:00pm |
Networking and Games
(Hosted by the Delta Omega chapter, Purdue University)

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Sunday, March 6: Professional Development Sessions

12:00-2:00pm |
Chat with a Grad/Law School Representative

Featured programs:

- American University School of International Service
- Georgetown University Communication, Culture & Technology Program
- NSU Florida Halmos College of Arts & Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center
- The College of William & Mary, Master of Public Policy Program
- UC San Diego School of Global Policy & Strategy

12:00-1:00pm |
Navigating Graduate School

Chair: Dr. Casey Burgat, *George Washington University*

- Dr. Sarah Dorr, *International Studies Association*
- Dr. Julia Hellwege, *University of South Dakota*
- Dr. Kevin G. Lorentz, *Saginaw Valley State University*
- Dr. Daniel Mallinson, *Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg*
- Dr. J. Cherie Strahan, *Virginia Commonwealth University*

12:00-1:00pm |
New Directions of Black Politics: NCOBPS and Pi Sigma Alpha (sponsored by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists)

Chair: Dr. Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, *University of California, Irvine*

- Dr. Zahra Ahmed, *St. Mary's College, California*
- Dr. Mzilkazi Koné, *College of the Desert*
- Dr. D'Andra Orey, *Jackson State University*
- Dr. Boris Ricks, California State University, Northridge
- Dr. Felicity Stone-Richards, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

12:00-1:00pm |
The Next Step: Publishing Your Undergraduate Research (sponsored by the American Political Science Association)

Chair: Bennett Grubbs, *American Political Science Association*

- Dr. Emily Farris, *Texas Christian University*
- Dr. Barış Kesgin, *Elon University*
- Anastasia Theoharis, *Elon University*

12:00-1:00pm |
Thinking about Law School

Chair: Marc Allen, *Department of Health & Human Services*

- Potoula P. Tournas, *Pullman & Comley LLC*
- Jennifer Esposito, *Bronx County District Attorney's Office*
- Walla Elshekh, *NYU School of Law*

12:00-1:00pm |
What Can I Do with a Political Science Degree?

Chair: Dr. Kim Mealy, *American Political Science Association*

- Imani Augustus, Alliance for Entrepreneurial Equity and Third Way
- Molly Bangs, Equity Forward
- Kelvin Marte, YouTube/Google
- Dr. Rachel Torres, James Madison University
- Megan Winters, Senate of Pennsylvania

Sunday, March 6: Professional Development Sessions

1:30-2:30pm |
Advocacy and Nonprofit Careers

Chair: Dr. Amanda Grigg, *The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

- Gabrielle Dell, *Leading Women of Tomorrow*
- Sara Oros, *National Community Reinvestment Coalition*
- Clarissa Unger, *Students Learn Students Vote Coalition*

1:30-2:30pm |
Best Practices in Applying to Professional Graduate Schools in International Affairs and Public Policy (sponsored by the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs)

Chair: Eugeniu Prodan, *Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs*

- Jesús Hildago, *University of Washington Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies*
- Alice Milagre, *Florida International University Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs*
- TBD, *Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs*

1:30-2:30pm |
Careers in Government

Chair: Dr. Melissa Wills, *Purdue University*

- Oryza Astari, *U.S. Department of Labor*
- Todd Belt, *George Washington University*
- Abby Korb, *U.S. House of Representatives*
- Rachel Mattioli, *Little Hoover Commission*
- Vivian Pham, *City and County of Honolulu, Office of Economic Revitalization*

1:30-2:30pm |
The Long and Winding Road to Globally-Focused Careers (sponsored by the International Studies Association)

Chair: Dr. Sarah Dorr, *International Studies Association*

- Dr. Linda Bashai, *Institute for Defense Analyses*
- Dr. Brian Boecherer, *Olive Shade Higher Education Consulting, LLC*
- Dr. Shareen Hertel, *University of Connecticut*
- Eulynn Shiu, *U.S. Agency for Global Media*

Thank you to our Program Chairs!



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