

*Midwest Student Research
Conference
Creighton University*

April 17-19, 1998

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

- 2:30–4:00 p.m. Registration**
Student Center – Fireplace lounge
- 4:00 p.m. Welcome and Keynote Speaker**
University Welcome – Dr. Dougherty
- 5:30 p.m. Banquet**
Welcome
Awards Ceremony
- 7:00 p.m. Evening in Omaha**

SATURDAY

- 8:30–9:30 a.m. Registration – Union Pacific Room**
Lower level of the Reinert Alumni Library
- 8:30–9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**
Union Pacific Room
- 9:30–4:20 p.m. PAPER PANELS**
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. LUNCH – Union Pacific Room**
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. Faculty Planning Luncheon**
Library Classroom

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 104
INPUTS AND OUTPUTS:
GROUPS IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS

“Medicare Revisions: A Study in Congressional Voting,”
Chad Eric Shearer, Coe College

“The Great American Controversy: The Continuous Debate Over Liberty and the Proper Role of Government,”
Paul McCreight, Luther College

“Interest Group Activism: The Lakes Region Legal Defense Fund and the US Highway 71 Transportation Improvement program,”
Joel Anderson, Creighton University

“The Role of Political Scientists in Political Behavior,”
Joshua Brecke, Park College

Discussant: Dr. Paul Gardner, Luther College

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 105
ALLIANCES AND DEVELOPMENT

“An Analysis of US Efforts to Create the Middle East Development Bank”
Christian J. Albert, Gustavus Adolphus College

“The Detrimental Effects of Cold War Ideologies and US-Iraq Education Exchange, 1965-1985”
Michell Kneeland, Gustavus Adolphus College

“Alliances: A Comparison of Behavior During and After the Cold War”
Robin Tucker, Creighton University

“A Proposal for Market Stimulation: The Case of Latin America.”
Amy Bracht, Creighton University

Discussant: Dr. Joe Patten, Buena Vista University

**9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. UNION PACIFIC ROOM
DISPENSING INFORMATION:
THE MEDIA AND MONEY IN AMERICAN POLITICS**

“Affirmative Action and the Supreme Court,”
Aaron Johnson, Buena Vista University

“The Role of Soft Money in Presidential Campaigns,”
Guy W. Black, Drury College,

”Purveyors of Information: The Impact of Television vs. Non-Television News Sources
on Consumer Knowledge,”
A.J. Kirkpatrick, Mat Rhea, Jeffrey Edd Shirley, and Sarah G. Swain, Baker University,

Discussant: Dr. Mark Leeper, Wayne State College

**11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 104
SEX, DRUGS, AND CRIME:
PUBLIC POLICY AND KIDS IN TROUBLE**

”Teen Tobacco Usage and the Effectiveness of Tobacco Legislation in the Kalamazoo Area,”
Alex Luttschyn and Alex Sarapu, Kalamazoo College

”Inner City Juvenile Crime: Causes and Solutions,”
Jason Stonerook, Luther College

”A Study of Public Opinion on the Requirement of Parental Permission for Birth
Control for Minors and the Appropriate Age of Sexual Consent,”
Brooke Dinse and Chandra Treat, Kalamazoo College,

Discussant: Dr. Bruce Nesmith, Coe College,

**11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 105
POST COLD WAR ERA**

“The Threat of Dual-Use Technology: US View of World Order”
Sat Mitar K. Khalsa, Gustavus Adolphus College

“The US Conception of World Order and its Role in the Establishment of a Peace Corps in Madagascar”
Sedge Freeman, Gustavus Adolphus College

“The US Japanese Transition Through Security Relations”
Aaron Starr, Mount Union College

“The Helms-Burton Act: A Plan to Oust Fidel Castro from Cuba”
Elizabeth Borone, Gustavus Adolphus College

Discussant: Dr. Terry Clark, Creighton University

**1:30 – 2:50 p.m. UNION PACIFIC ROOM
CONTROVERSIES IN POLITICAL THEORY**

Is Plato a Feminist?
Tobie Steele, Buena Vista University

Political Science: A Fallen Grace: The Fallacy of Behavioralism in Political Science”
Genevieve Morenas, Park College

“Deconstructing Politics: Post-Structuralism and Radical Democracy”
Claire Rasmussen, Coe College

“Alisdair MacIntyre: The Implications and Effects of Faith Based Logic in Contemporary Society”
Crystal M. Sawyer, Texas Christian University

Discussant: Dr. Bette Evans, Creighton University

**1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 104
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**

“The US and Pakistan: Nuclear Proliferation and the Threat to World Order”
Nicole Chrissotimos, Gustavus Adolphus College

“The Myth of Nuclear Terrorism”
Nathan Reimers, Buena Vista University

“US Response to Biological Weapons”
Travis L. Grunke, College of Wooster

“Northern Ireland: The Internal Conflict”
Douglas Little, Park College

Discussant: Dr. Ken Wise, Creighton University

**1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 105
FIGHTING CRIME IN AMERICAN CITIES:
A BETTER FUTURE AHEAD?**

“The Second Amendment in the Modern Context”
Stephani Millie, Buena Vista University

“Ghetto Poverty in the United States: The Changing Employment Climate”
Jenifer LeNoie, Luther College

“Bennis v. Michigan: Federal Seizure Laws Examined”
Kellie Spiehs O’Neill, Wayne State College

“Inner City Joblessness: The Problems and the Solutions”
Mark Bailey, Luther College

Discussant: Dr. Ronald Brecke, Park College

**3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 104
THE AMERICAN MEDIA AND POLITICAL APPEAL**

“Effects on Voter Turnout: Marriage and Political Cynicism”
Emelyn Mijal, Coe College

“Huey Long for a Better America: The Appeal of Demagogues”
Jason Brozek, Wayne State College

“The Role of Third Parties in the American Political Arena”
Joseph K. Mulholland, Coe College

Discussant: Dr. Judd Choate, Baker University

3:00 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. STUDENT CENTER ROOM 105
LATIN AMERICA

"Brazil's Developmental Strategy and its Effect on Latin America"
Courtney Klein, Wayne State University

"Democratic Views of World Order for the US: The Case of Fujimori's Peru"
Brooke Lundquist, Gustavus Adolphus College

"Claiming the Right to a New World Order: The US Loan to Save the Mexican Peso"
Tiffany Mack, Gustavus Adolphus College

Discussant: Dr. David Bunch, Park College