

**Midwest Student Research
Conference
Buena Vista University**

March 26-27

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY**

- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Registration
Siebens School of Business Forum**
- 5:00 –6:30 p.m. Panel Sessions in Forum Rooms 2 and 3**
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Banquet
Welcome

Awards Ceremony

Key Note Speaker (Dr. Cary Covington)**
- 8:30 p.m. Evening in Storm Lake**

SATURDAY

- 8:30–9:30 a.m. Registration – Harold Walter Siebens
School of Business**
- 8:30–9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Dixon-Eilers Room 216**
- 9:30–3:00 p.m. PAPER PANELS**
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. LUNCH – Dixon Eilers 216**
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. Faculty Planning Luncheon
Library Classroom**

Friday

5:00-6:20 p.m.

Siebens School of Business Room X 4

STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS

“Economic Decision –Making Among Poor, Single Mothers In Five Northeast Iowa Counties”

Ana J. Olson, Luther College

“The Determinants of Social Capital in Small Iowa Towns”

Matt Craft and Jen Shaffer, Iowa State University

“Rural Nebraska Students and Their 4th Amendment Rights. Do Minors Lose Their 4th Amendment Rights When They Enter School?”

Jeff Fiegenschuh, Wayne State College

Discussant: Dr. Paul Gardner, Luther College

Friday

5:00 – 6:20 p.m.

Siebens School of Business Room 3

AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY

“Antitrust Evolution Through Legislation and Case Law”

Sarah E. Murray, Iowa State University

“Divided Government: Conscious Choice or Instinctive Decision?”

Jason Brozek, Wayne State College

“The Law and The Arts”

Michelle Anderson, Buena Vista University

“The First Amendment Under Discussion: Prayer in School”

Amy Buckingham, Wayne State College

Discussant: Dr. Mark Leeper, Wayne State College

Saturday

First Session:

9:30-10:50 a.m.

Siebens Forum Room 2

Comparative Politics

“Visitor Visas and U.S. Policy: Explaining B-2 Visa Trends”

Rebecca Nelson, Gustavus Adolphus

“Helping Mother Nature: Environmental Ethics, Politics and Preservation”
Doug Little, Park College

“The Federalist Papers and the Confederacy” Joshua Brecke, Park College

Chair: Dr. Joe Blankenu, Wayne State College
Discussant: Dr. Stacey McMillen, Wayne State College

Saturday

First Session:

9:30 – 10:50

Siebens Forum Room 3

Presidential – Congressional Relations and the Impact of Political and Personal Variables

“Women in Legislatures”
Mark Goodwin, Baker University

“Impeachment of a President”
Jennifer Baldwin, Wayne State College

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“William Howard Taft:”
Wes Blecke, Wayne State College

Discussant: Dr. Richard Leitch, Gustavus Adolphus College

Second Session
11:00 – 12:20 p.m.

Siebens Forum Room ~~3~~ 4

International Relations

“U.S. Troop Deployment to Egypt, Germany and South Korea”
Martin Kaduĉ, Gustavus Adolphus College

“The European Court of Justice: A Hidden Teacher”
Sarah Van Oort, University of Iowa

“United States Weapons Sales to Egypt and Israel, 1983-1995: Analyzing the Effect of the Cold War”
Michael Billington, Gustavus Adolphus College

Chair: Dr. Bruce Nesmith
Discussant: Dr. Graham Ramsden, Creighton University

11:00 – 12:20 p.m.

Siebens Forum Room 3

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

“Political Identity: How is it Determined?”
Kari Koch, Baker University

“The Philosophy of Power”
Keith Madsen, Buena Vista University

“A Violence Within: The Biological Origins of Human Behavior”
Kim Radermacher, Northern State University

“Socrates: Innocent or Guilty”
Laura Felkey, Northern State University

Chair: Dr. Bret Billet, Wartburg College
Discussant: Dr. Ron Brecke, Park College

Third Session

1:40 – 3:00 p.m.

Seibens Forum Room 2

International Relations

“U.S. Economic Aid to Sudan, Rwanda and Burundi: The Victory of Humanity Over Political Ideology”
Devan Spinelli, Gustavus Adolphus College

“The Democratic Deficit in European Integration”
Ann Jordan, Wartburg College

“U.S. Support in Afghanistan: A Most Complex Relationship”
Paula Lorfeld, Gustavus Adolphus

“The Ethical Treatment of Mexican Immigrants” Lisa Wise, Park College
Discussant: Dr. Ken Blanchard, Northern State University

1:40 – 3:00 p.m.

Seibens Forum Room 3

The Impact of Ideology on Domestic and International Politics

“Using Conservation Districts to Combat the Problems of Suburbanization”
A.J. Kirkpatrick, Baker University

“Factors Affecting Democratic Transition: A New Perspective”
Jon Anzalone, Wayne State College

“Capital Punishment in America” Daniel Thomas, Park College

Discussant: Dr. Tom Rice, Iowa State University