

Midwest Student Research Conference

April 21-22, 2000

**Missouri Western State College
St. Joseph, Missouri**

SCHEDULED PANELS

FRIDAY APRIL 21

5:00-6:20 p.m.

Special Panel on First Amendment Issues in the Schools

MC 208*

DISCUSSANTS: Stacy McMillen (Wayne State) Jon Euchner (MO Western)

International Relations/Comparative Politics

MC 108

DISCUSSANT: Richard Leitch (Gustavus Adolphus)

Papers:

Jill Wittrock (CR)

*Who Voted for the Green Party in the
1994 German Elections?*

Meagan Geertz (Coe)

Presidential Elections in Mexico

Barb Misilko (CR)

*Analyzing Political Participation in
the Russian Federation, 1992-1996*

Dinner

6:30-7:30

MC 214-16

****Films**

7:45-9:30

Taking on the Kennedy's

MC 203

Tango 73

MC 201

Hearts and Minds

MC 208

* All conference activities scheduled for Spratt Multi-Purpose Classroom Bldg. (MC)

**To be shown continuously until 9:30 in each room, conference participants will have time to see all three movies if they wish.

SATURDAY APRIL 22

9:30-10:50 a.m.

American Politics/Public Policy

MC 109

DISCUSSANTS: Judd Choate (Nebraska) David Steiniche (MO Western)

Papers: Michael Andrews (Park) *Court Ordered School Desegregation*
Roshanda Cayette (Park) *Welfare Reform*
Jessica Knutson (BV) *The Politics of Gay Rights*

International Relations/Comparative Politics

MC 110

DISCUSSANT: Frank Kessler (MO Western)

Papers: James Matheson (GA) *Divorced or Separated? China's Relationship with Taiwan and the Impact of U.S. Involvement"*
Jake Hendrickson (WA) *The Current Russian Economy and Prescription for Economic Stability*
Shannon Lau (WA) *The Effects of Neoliberalism on the Developing World*

SATURDAY APRIL 22

11:00-12:20

American Politics/Public Policy

MC 109

DISCUSSANT: Mark Leeper (Wayne State)

Papers: Brian DeMoss (BV) *Do Judicial Elections Threaten Judicial Independence*
Jewlya Lynn (Nebraska) *A Question of Community: Capturing the Essence of Community*
Christopher Walk (Coe) *News Media Content Analysis*

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11:00-12:20

International Relations/Comparative Politics

MC 110

DISCUSSANTS: Steve Cann (Washburn), Joe Blankenau (Wayne State)

Papers:	Stephanie Michaels (GA)	<i>Rights or Privileges? The Politics of Child Well-Being in Sweden and the United States</i>
	Leslie Wilcox (GA)	<i>The Scarcity of Organ Donations: Comparing the Government's Role in Spain and the U.S.</i>
	Laura Peterson (GA)	<i>The Quest for the Sea: The War of the Pacific and its Consequences for Bolivia and Chile</i>

American Politics/Public Policy

MC 213

DISCUSSANT: Joe Patten (Buena Vista)

Papers:	Wes Blecke (WS)	<i>School Consolidation</i>
	April Smith (WS)	<i>Abortion Protests and Free Speech</i>
	Tony Maibaum (WS)	<i>Free Speech and Student Fee Usage</i>
	David Millert (WA)	<i>The Court and Federalism</i>

SATURDAY APRIL 22

1:50-3:10 p.m.

Political Theory

MC 109

DISCUSSANT: Bruce Nesmith (Coe)

Papers:	Jamie Euken (BV)	<i>Plato's Assessment of the Nixon Administration</i>
	Andrea Adams (CR)	<i>Human Rights: Exploring Public Opinion In the Post-Soviet World</i>

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1:50-3:10

American Politics/Public Policy

MC 110

DISCUSSANT: Ron Brecke (Park College)

Papers:

Lisa Wise (Park)

Female-Male Voting Behavior in Congress

Brandi Blackburn (MW)

President Bush: Hero or Victim

Summer Sander (MW)

Bush, Congress, and the Gulf War