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

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

American Politics/Public Policy
MC 213
DISCUSSANT: Joe Pattren (Buena Vista)

Papers:

Wes Blecke (WS) School Consolidation
April Smith (WS) Abortion Protests and Free Speech
Tony Maibaum (WS) Free Speech and Students Fee Usage
David Millert (WA) The Court and Federalism

SATURDAY APRIL 22

1:50-3:10 p.m.

Political Theory
MC 109
DISCUSSANT: Bruce Nesmith (Coe)

Papers:

Jamie Eucken (BV) Plato’s Assessment of the Nixon Administration
Andrea Adams (CR) Human Rights: Exploring Public Opinion In the Post-Soviet World
SATURDAY APRIL 22

1:50-3:10

American Politics/Public Policy
DISCUSSANT: Ron Brecke (Park College)

MC 110

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