2001 Midwest Political Science Students Convention

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 30

2:00-4:30 p.m. Registration
Hickok Hall lobby (12th St and A Av NE)

4:45-6:00 Panels-Round 1
Hickok Hall classrooms

Panel A: American Foreign Policy and the Use of Force

Jacob Wobig, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

"American Involvement in Yugoslavia"
Danielle Morrison, Wayne State College

"The Korean War"
Lance Halna, Wayne State College

"A Critique of Containment"
Jason Brozek, Wayne State College

Discussant: Graham Ramsden, Creighton University
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Panel B: Legal Issues

"Common Law on Uncommon Ground: Privacy Issues and the Growth and Development of Laws Governing Internet Use"
Rhonda Wrzenski, Hastings College

"Liquor Blue Laws of Kansas"
Ryan Waxse, Park College

"Carhart v. Nebraska"
Angie Schaecher, Wayne State College

"Nebraska High Schools and the Right to Privacy"
Traci Bruckner and Nichole Vesely, Wayne State College
Discussant: Joe Patten, Buena Vista University
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Panel C: Political Theory

“The Political (or Anti-Political) Nietzsche”
Matthew L. Williamson, Illinois State University

“The Christian’s Civil Duty as Discussed in Paul’s Epistle to the Romans”
Geneva Williams, Coe College

Discussant: Ron Brecke, Park College
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6:30-7:30     Dinner, Presidential welcome, Awards
              Dining Room
              Clark Alumni House, 200 Center Point Rd NE

7:45-8:45     A Visit from Charles Darwin
              Daehler-Kitchen Auditorium
              Marquis Hall, south side of quad next to Hickok Hall

Saturday, March 31

8:30-9:30     Registration
              Hickok Hall lobby
              Continental breakfast in HH 102

9:30-10:45    Panels-Round 2
              Hickok Hall classrooms

Panel A: International Conflict

“Friendly Rivals: Are International Law and Realism Mutually Exclusive?”
Aaron Scheibe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“The Reconciliation Mechanism in Post-Conflict Situations”
George Kun, Luther College
“Using Conflict Resolution Strategies in Sierra Leone”
Lisa-Marie Williams, North Central College

**Discussant: Mohammed Saeed Khan, University Sains Malaysia**
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**Panel B: President and Congress**

“Cowboy Turned President”
Julie Ann Duhme, Luther College

“Union Influence on H.R. 417: The Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act”
Scott Fine, Coe College

“Is Bill Clinton an Active-Positive?”
Brian DeMoss, Buena Vista University

“Was President Carter’s Administration a Failure?”
Charlene Weaver, Buena Vista University

**Discussant: Stacy McMillen, Wayne State College**
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**Panel C: Roundtable on Urban Politics**
Summer Duke, Missouri Western State College
Raquel Coy, Missouri Western State College
Derek Coats, Missouri Western State College
Wayne Goff, Missouri Western State College
Jimmy Smith, Missouri Western State College

**Discussant: Bruce Nesmith, Coe College**
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**Panel D: American Foreign Policy and Economic and Political Development**

Shane Wahl, Bemidji State University

Edie Simpson, Wayne State College

Sally Schroeder, Wayne State College

Discussant: Bret L. Billet, Wartburg College  
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11-12:15  
Panels-Round 3  
Hickok Hall classrooms

Panel A: Post-Communist States

“Why the Roma Are Not Integrated Better Into Czech Society”  
Brent Holliday, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Ethnicity and Nationalism in Yugoslavia: The Origins of Conflict”  
Jenni Prance, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Andrew Civettini, Grinnell College

“NATO Expansion in Eastern and Central Europe: A Necessary Evil?”  
Jill Wittrock, Creighton University

Discussant: Joe Blankenau, Wayne State College  
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Panel B: International Relations

“A Step Towards Peace: The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty”  
Tonille Davis, Buena Vista University

“The CIA: Pursuing Democracy or American Imperialism”  
Jamie Eucken, Buena Vista University

“State Sovereignty: Impeding the Success of the International Court of Justice”  
Kenza Bemis, Wartburg College

Discussant: Lynda Barrow, Coe College
Panel C: Public Policy

“River Bend: A Case Study of the Balance of Property and Environmental Issues”
Sarah Strandjord, Luther College

“Urban Sprawl: A Case Study on the Mitigation of Urban Sprawl in Omaha, Nebraska and Portland, Oregon”
Matt Semple, Creighton University

“Politics and the Economy”
Lucretia Myers, Park College

“The Politics and Policy of Operation Vanguard”
Gabriella Easterday, Wayne State College

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Panel D: Political Behavior—Identification

“Political Ideology: The Role of Education and Issues”
John Lindner, Bemidji State University

“Race and Political Party Identification: Why Do African Americans Overwhelmingly Vote Democratic?”
Kenny Bellino, Bemidji State University

“Race, Income and Party Identification”
Bradley Van Waus, Coe College

Meagan Geerts, Coe College

Discussant: Paul Gardner, Luther College
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12:30-1:30  Lunch
Hickok Hall 102
Faculty planning lunch in HH106

1:45-3:00  Panels-Round 4
Hickok Hall classrooms

Panel A: Problems of Developing Countries (Sat)

“The Relationship Between Development and Democracy in Tanzania”
Jill Stuecker, Luther College

“National Wealth and Democracy: A Test of the Relationship”
Rob Tautges, Bemidji State University

“An Aid or a Boon?: Measuring Foreign Assistance’s Contribution to Economic Growth in Less Developed Countries”
Brian Bartels, Creighton University

“The Discrepancies in International Wealth Distribution: The Leading Causes of Poverty”
Dragan Stanisevski, Park College

Discussant: Robert D. Grey, Grinnell College

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Panel B: Elections

John Armstrong, Bemidji State University

“The Archaic College: Reforming the Electoral College”
Jennifer Gerechts, Bemidji State University

“Will a Woman Ever Be President?”
Jessica Knutson, Buena Vista University

“Reforming the Presidential Selection Process: The Case of the 2000 Elections”
Katie Evans, Buena Vista University

Discussant: Mark Leeper, Wayne State College

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Panel C: Citizen Attitudes and Electoral Behavior

“The Effect of U.S. Citizen Affluence on Their Level of Confidence in Government”
Donald Kako, Bemidji State University

“Aggregate Indecision: An Analysis of An Ideological Self-Placement Model of Split-Ticket Voting”
Julia Azari, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“Younger Voters: Apathy vs. Issues”
Joey T. Hoover, University of Northern Iowa

“A Taxing Question: Tax Referendums in Nebraska”
Eric Olson, Wayne State College

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