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**MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE
STUDENT CONVENTION**

HOSTED BY

**PI GAMMA CHAPTER, PI SIGMA ALPHA
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE
ST. PETER MINNESOTA**

APRIL 12-13, 2002

Friday, April 12

2:00—5:00 **Registration and Check-in, Confer 123**

3:30-5:15 **Concurrent Panels**

Panel 1A, Confer 127:

Stephanie Strawn, Hastings College, "The Chiapas Revolutionary Movement"

Steve Skinner, Missouri Western State College: "From Communist Rebels to Barbaric Terrorists: The Rise and Fall of the Communist Party of Peru"

Rochelle Dodge, University of Wisconsin-River Falls: "Liberation Theology's Critique of the First World"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Mimi Gerstbauer, Gustavus Adolphus College

Panel 1B, Confer 128:

Ilona Moore, University of Minnesota, Morris: "The Indian Panchayat System and Prospects for Representation of Women"

Melanie LaComb, College of St. Benedict: "Women in the Minnesota Senate: An Exploratory Analysis of their Perceptions of the Legislative Process"

Jessica Knutson, Buena Vista University: "Feminist Theory and International Relations"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Kathy Uradnik, St. Cloud State University

Panel 1C, Confer 125:

Rhonda Wrzenski, Hastings College: "Nebraska's Asterisk: Vote Structuring in the 'Non-Existent' Legislature, 2002"

Leslie Wilcox, Gustavus Adolphus College: "What Just Happened? Minnesota's 2000 2nd Congressional District Race: Kennedy vs. Minge"

Byron Wobeter, Coe College: "The Political Economy: An Exploration of the Economic Influence on Presidential Elections"

Faculty Discussant: Prof. Rodd Freitag, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

6:00 **MPSSC / Pi Sigma Alpha Banquet**
Campus Center Banquet Room A

Guest Speaker: Congressman Mark Kennedy, Minnesota 2nd District

Saturday, April 13

7:30-9:00 Registration, Check-in (Confer 123)
7:45-8:30 Continental Breakfast (Confer)

8:15-10:00 Concurrent Panels

Panel 2A, Confer 127:

Nate Louderback, Creighton University: "The Hidden Truth: An Institutional Look at the Underreporting of Rape"

Aimee McKim, Creighton University: "Explaining Crime Rates: It's Not That Simple"

Amy Murray, Buena Vista University: "The Violence Against Women Act"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Tracey Gladstone-Sovell
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Panel 2B, Confer 128: *International Impacts on Local Decisions*

Kristin Harkness, Macalester College: "Encountering Globalization: India and the Transformative Politics of Environmentalism"

Brandon Kendhammer, Coe College: "Organization and Hierarchy in Bamileke [Cameroon] Traditional Government"

Roxanne Kahla, Creighton University: "~~Support for UN Peacekeeping Operations~~"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Christopher Brooks, St. Olaf College

Panel 2C, Confer 125:

Scott Hahn, Creighton University: "The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: A Rational Actor Approach to Studying Federal Judicial Nominations"

Katie Ward, Creighton University: "Theological Attitudes of Mainline Protestant Clergy and its Effects on Political Mobilization"

Eric Ryberg, University of St. Thomas: "Bush v. Gore: A Constitutional Law Interpretation"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Chris Gilbert, Gustavus Adolphus College

10:00-10:15 Refreshment Break (Confer)

10:15-12:00 Concurrent Panels

Panel 3A, Confer 127: *Comparative Politics*

Jennifer L. Oetken, St. Olaf College: "Vaclav Havel: Living in Truth Within a Modern Political System"

Leah E. Smith, St. Olaf College: "Russian Women's Participation in the Workforce Not So Rosy After All: An Analysis of the Inequalities in the Workplace Experienced by Russian Women from the Soviet to Post-Soviet Period"

Dragan Stanišević, Park University: "The Prospects of European Union" *The Necessity of Establishing a Common European Union Security and Foreign Affairs Policy*

Faculty Discussant: Professor Paula O'Loughlin
University of Minnesota, Morris

Panel 3B, Confer 128

Nate Anderson, Mike Stone, and Jake Schaefer, University of Minnesota, Morris: "Swath of Destruction: Testing an Event Inflation Hypothesis"

Jillian Evans, University of Minnesota, Morris: "A Q-Method Study of American Conceptions of Citizenship"

Kevin Yordy, Drury University: "Effectiveness of the Freedom of Information Act"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Graham Ramsden, Creighton University

Panel 3C, Confer 125:

Kevin Bresnahan, Buena Vista University: "Special Education: A Comparative Approach"

Kym Christianson, Buena Vista University: "The Importance of Class Size in Learning"

Sandi Vanderhule, Drury University: "Issues and Prospects for Social Security"

Faculty Discussant: Professor Ron Brecke, Park University

12:15-1:30 LUNCH (Marketplace, Campus Center)

(Faculty bring their lunch to 49ers Room, near Campus Center Information Desk, for MPSSC 2003 Planning Meeting)