

**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration  
2:30-4:30, Student Center - Lower Level**

**Friday Afternoon Panels:**

**Panel 1 – American Politics and Policy I  
3:30-4:45, Administration Building 335**

**Chair and Discussant: ??????**

Do PAC Contributions Affect Agricultural Policy?  
Nicholas LeClaire, Bemidji State University  
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A Policy Analysis of the Uninsured Population in the United States  
Joseph Wall, Wayne State College  
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Some Deaths are More Equal than Others: A Content Analysis of Media Framing Effects  
Tim Lindberg, University of Minnesota – Morris  
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The Negative Effects of MNCs on the Globalist Ideal  
Jeremy Reichel, Wartburg College

Ford's Pardon of Nixon  
Amy McClean, University of Nebraska - Omaha

**Panel 2 – Comparative Politics I  
3:30-4:45, Administration Building 435**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Bret Billet, Wartburg College; [billet@wartburg.edu](mailto:billet@wartburg.edu)**

The Political Socialization of School-Aged Children in Northern Ireland  
Aliza Fones, Coe College  
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An Unstable Peace: The Northern Irish Question  
Alaina Stedille, Creighton University  
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Political Persons & Economic Policies: Argentina and Chile Compared  
Chad Zenisek, Coe College  
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Democracy and Development: Comparative Case Studies  
Ina Acharya, Minnesota State University – Mankato  
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**Panel 3 – Judicial Politics**

**3:30-4:45, Administration Building 432**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Bradley Best, Buena Vista University; [best@byu.edu](mailto:best@byu.edu)**

The Sixth Amendment on Trial: The Case of Fellers v. United States

Jon Carlson, Wayne State College

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The Constitution as a Tool of Oppression

William Kariker, Missouri Western State College

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Do Women Have Fair Representation on State Supreme Courts?

Angela Boyer, Creighton University

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Egalitarianism in Citizenship Education in the Post-Civil Rights Movement Era

Kevin Ely, University of Minnesota – Morris

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**Conference Banquet  
5:30-7:00, Student Center Ballroom**

**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Continental Breakfast  
8.30-9:30, Student Center 105**

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8.30-9:30, Student Center 105**

**Saturday Morning Panels:**

**Panel 4 - Environmental Politics**

**9:30-10:45, Administration Building 335**

**Chair & Discussant: Dr. Graham Ramsden, Creighton University; [gpr@creighton.edu](mailto:gpr@creighton.edu)**

To Drill or Not to Drill: An In-Depth Look at the Ethical Dilemma of Drilling for Oil in ANWR

Jeremy Peichel, Buena Vista University

The Resource Curse: Does the Existence of Oil Threaten Democracy?  
Melissa Jacobsen, Bemidji State University  
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Exploring the Feasibility of a Rural Revitalization and Restoration Organization  
Kate Ellis, University of Minnesota – Morris  
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The Administering of the Takings Clause and its Effect on the Environment  
Devon Thorne, Missouri Western State College  
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**Panel 5 –Political Culture**  
**9:30-10:45, Administration Building 337**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Fred Slocum, Minnesota State University – Mankato;**  
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The Controversy of Faith-Based Initiatives  
Christine Main, Park University  
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Analyzing Red and Blue America  
William Albertson, Bemidji State University  
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Analyzing Minnesota's Changing Political Culture  
Jason Swanson, Bemidji State University  
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Sexual Trafficking and the Problem with Respect to Tourism  
Jessica McLaren and Christi Coburn, Minnesota State University – Mankato  
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**Panel 6 - State Politics**  
**11:00-12:15, Administration Building 435**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Bruce Nesmith, Coe College; [bnesmith@coe.edu](mailto:bnesmith@coe.edu)**

The Gun Behind the Door  
Michael Parme, Creighton University  
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The Politics of the Punch Card Ballot in California's Recall Election  
Amanda Clausen, Bemidji State University  
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From Jesse to Arnold: The Framing of America's Movie Star Governors  
Geoff Sheagley, University of Minnesota – Morris  
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The Effects of Term Limits on the Flow of Legislation: Evidence from Six States  
Cory Carnahan, Wayne State College

**Panel 7 – Political Behavior**  
**11:00-12:15, Administration Building 335**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Mark Leeper, Wayne State College; [maleepe1@wsc.edu](mailto:maleepe1@wsc.edu)**

Citizen Satisfaction and Political Participation  
James Schneider, Bemidji State University  
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Local Food Choices: Rational Choice vs. Social Connections  
Monica Haynes, University of Minnesota – Morris  
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Does the Pretty One Always Win? A Look at the Impact of Appearance on American Voting Behavior  
Amanda Stone, Creighton University  
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Why X-Y? Explaining Variation in Male Support for Politically Active Women  
Katie Jerabek, Creighton University  
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**Panel 8 – Comparative Politics II**  
**11:00-12:15, Administration Building 337**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Joseph Blankenau, Wayne State College; [joblank1@wsc.edu](mailto:joblank1@wsc.edu)**

Language Politics in the Former Soviet Republics  
Seth Brooks, Creighton University  
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Russia and China: Comparing Political Cultures  
Takehito Kamata, Minnesota State University – Mankato  
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The Future of Democracy in China: Lessons from the Past  
Fran Cassell, Wayne State College  
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The Role of Religion in Rebuilding Iraq  
Katherine Devlaminck, Coe College  
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Fair Trade Overrides Free Trade  
Chris Untiet, Wartburg College  
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**Lunch**  
**12.30-1:30, Student Center 105**

**(Faculty Planning Meeting, Student Center 209)**

**Saturday Afternoon Panels:**

**Panel 9 – American Politics and Policy II**  
**1:45-3:00, Administration Building 337**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Ron Brecke, Park University; [ron.brecke@park.edu](mailto:ron.brecke@park.edu)**

The Impact of Political Parties on Federal Government Spending

Patrick Waletzko, Bemidji State University  
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Explaining Tribal Economic Development: A Case Study of the Winnebago Tribe

Andrew Tonnies, Wayne State College

Agenda Staying Power? Media Coverage of Three Non-Redistributive Policy Questions.

Emily Loehr, University of Minnesota – Morris  
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Getting Neighborhood Associations Involved

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**Panel 10 – American Politics and Policy III**  
**1:45-3:00, Administration Building 335**

**Chair and Discussant: Dr. Jon Euchner, Missouri Western State College; [rencue55@juno.com](mailto:rencue55@juno.com)**

Variance in Obstetrician/Gynecologist Liability Insurance Premium Rates

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Cedar Rapids Teachers and the No Child Left Behind Act

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The Impact of US Military Aid to Israel Since 1967

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The Disproportionate Incarceration of America's Minority Youth

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