Friday, March 19th

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 McLean, 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

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@bvnu.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 20th

Continental Breakfast
8.30-9:30, Student Center 105

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Saturday Morning Panels:

Panel 4 - Environmental Politics
9:30-10:45, Administration Building 335

Chair & Discussant: Dr. Graham Ramsden, Creighton University; 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  
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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

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; maleepel@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 Blaukenau, Wayne State College; 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

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

Emily Loehr, University of Minnesota – Morris
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Getting Neighborhood Associations Involved
Brooke Hautzinger, Creighton University
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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; reneue55@juno.com

Variance in Obstetrician/Gynecologist Liability Insurance Premium Rates
Jessica Stulc, Creighton University
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Cedar Rapids Teachers and the No Child Left Behind Act
Mary Schlaphoff, Coe College
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The Impact of US Military Aid to Israel Since 1967
Shain Bestick, Minnesota State University – Mankato
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The Disproportionate Incarceration of America’s Minority Youth
Julie Borchers, Creighton University
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