

**2007 Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference**  
**FINAL PANEL SCHEDULE**

ALL student presenters need to send an advance copy of their paper to the faculty discussant for their specific panel. E-mail addresses are provided for each discussant by panel. **Please send your papers to each discussant no later than Friday March 23, 2007.**

**Friday March 30**

**3:45-5:00 p.m.**

**Panels-Round I**

1-A: Law and Public Policy

**Popplewell 206**

**Faculty Discussant: Dr. Ron Brecke (Park University) *rbrecke@mail.park.edu***

“Press Freedom Around the World: *Do Violations of Civil Liberties Lead to a Censored Press?*”

**Kelli Bamforth (Park University)**

“Juvenile Court Jurisdiction: *An Analysis of American States*”

**Susan K. Tvrdy (Creighton University)**

“Public Support for Environmental Protection: *Financial Sacrifices vs. Active Support*”

**Sarah Arpin (Creighton University)**

1-B: International Politics

**Popplewell 207**

**Faculty Discussant: Dr. Frank Kessler (Benedictine College) *fkessler@benedictine.edu***

“From Tsars to Presidents: *How Political Culture and Geopolitics Shapes Russian Foreign Policy*”

**Erin Klein (Benedictine College)**

“WTO?GATT Round Negotiations and American Trade Stimulation”

**Josh Fangmeier (Hastings College)**

“Globalization and the International Trade of DVDs: *What Barriers Exist and How are the Marketplace Actors Affected?*”

**Jamie M. Richards (Coe College)**

**Saturday March 31**

**Panels-Round II**

**9:30-10:45 a.m.**

2-A: American Politics

**Popplewell 206**

**Faculty Discussant: Dr. Graham Ramsden (Creighton University) [gpr@creighton.edu](mailto:gpr@creighton.edu)**

“Effectiveness of the Minnesota Political Contribution Refund Program:  
*An Analysis of Minnesota State House of Representatives Elections From 1986-2002*”

**Matt Little (University of Minnesota-Morris)**

“The Role of State Demographics in 04: *Red State, Blue State*”

**Billy Williams (Park University)**

“Campaign Finance Reform: *Contributions in Colorado Legislative Elections*”

**Matthew Barnes (Creighton University)**

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2-B: International Politics

**Popplewell 207**

**Faculty Discussant: Dr. David Steiniche (Missouri Western) [stein@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:stein@missouriwestern.edu)**

“Income Inequality and its Role as an Obstacle to Brazil’s Development”

**Naomi Fottral (Coe College)**

“The Latino Candidate and Vote *Su Voto Su Voz*”

**Nancy Vasquez (Benedictine College)**

“The Role of Parliamentary Committees in East Central  
European Democracies”

**Lucija Bajzer (Creighton University)**

### Panels-Round III

11:00-12:15

3-A: International Politics

Popplewell 206

**Faculty Discussant:** **Dr. Brett Billet (Wartburg College)** [bret.billet@wartburg.edu](mailto:bret.billet@wartburg.edu)

“Serbia and Croatia: A Struggle for Control”

**Josh Zingher (Coe College)**

“Regional Conflict within the European Union”

**Carl Hoeg (Wartburg College)**

“Women’s Representation and Democracy in France and the United States”

**Elizabeth M. Piskor (Coe College)**

“Trust in Government: Readdressing the Australian Republic Referendum”

**Courtney Gray Foote (Creighton University)**

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3:B: Political Theory

Popplewell 207

**Faculty Discussant:** **Dr. Bruce Nesmith (Coe College)** [bnsmith@coe.edu](mailto:bnsmith@coe.edu)

“Federal versus Confederal Constructs in Political Systems”

**Ryan Robinson (Washburn University)**

“Michael Foucault’s Discipline and Punish”

**Charles Showalter (Coe College)**

“Plato and Aristotle on What Form of Government is Best”

**Bruce Goll (Missouri Western State University)**

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3:C American Politics

Popplewell 202

**Faculty Discussant:** **Dr. Jon Euchner (Missouri Western)** [euchner@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:euchner@missouriwestern.edu)

“Underage Binge Drinking in the United States”

**Erik Thomas (Creighton University)**

“Resource Allocations and the War on Terror: Is Our Homeland Really Secure”

**Talitha Hazelton (Benedictine College)**