Friday, March 19

Registration
Old Main, 2nd Floor
1:00-2:30 pm

Panels—Round I
Old Main, Basement
2:45-4:00 pm

Panel 1A: American Political Institutions—Old Main 05

Papers:
Efficiency in the Supreme Court
Amanda Johnson, Missouri Western State University

Understanding Corruption
Erica Goven, Creighton University

Motives and Benefits: Understanding Pork Barrel Politics
Ken Smith, Creighton University

Gerald R. Ford and the Quest for Legitimacy
Kevin Dyrland

A Time of Decisions: Roosevelt, Truman, and the Policy of Unconditional Surrender
Michael Bahr, Buena Vista University

Discussant: Dr. Bruce Nesmith, Coe College

Panel 1B: International Conflict and Peacemaking—Old Main 06

Papers:
Causes of Ethnic Conflict: Examining the Role of Religious Diversity and Contagion Effects
Mai Nguyen, Creighton University

Ethnic Politics of Nepal: Can It Be a Source of Positive Influence With Its Neighbors?
Ravi Kumar, Buena Vista University

Discussant: Dr. Mimi Gerstbauer, Gustavus Adolphus College
Panels—Round II

*Old Main, Basement*

Panel 2A: American Public Policy—Old Main 05

**Papers:**
- The Impact of Shifting U.S. Defense Spending Priorities on Employment
  Houston Johansen, Creighton University
- Creating a Comprehensive Profile of the Academic Competitiveness Grant
  Kelsea Klein, Bemidji State University
- A Time of Decisions: Roosevelt, Truman, and the Policy of Unconditional Surrender
  Michael Bahr, Buena Vista University

**Discussant:** Dr. Jon Euchner, Missouri Western State University

Panel 2B: International Political Institutions—Old Main 06

**Papers:**
- Defining Genocide: A Current Case Study and a Test of Power’s Theory
  Rebecca Pfenning, Coe College
- Promising Non-Proliferation Without Triggering a Collapse: China’s North Korea Policy
  Yanchuan Liu, Macalester College
- Failed States: Methods for Assessment and Rehabilitation/Stabilization
  Stuart J.W. Washington, Park University

**Discussants:**
- Dr. Bret Billet, Wartburg College
- Dr. James Pasley, Park University

Banquet

*Three Crowns Room, Jackson Campus Center*

Announcement of Best Paper Award winners

Entertainment by I Am, We Are

*I Am We Are* is a student-led organization striving to create a more socially just campus community through the organization and presentation of theatrical performances and workshops that deal with issues of social justice.
Saturday, March 20

Late Registration
*Old Main, 2nd Floor*
7:30-8:30 am

Continental Breakfast
*Old Main, 2nd Floor*
7:30-8:30 am

Panels—Round III
*Old Main, Basement*
8:30-9:45 am

Panel 3A: American Political Behavior—Old Main 05

Papers:
- Latino Youth Voter Turnout
  Breanna Bergstrom, Creighton University
- 2002 American Midterm Election Turnout
  Thomas Kerkhove, Creighton University
- The Impact of Short Term Economic Data on the Perception of Public Officials: Analysis of the 2008 Economic Crisis and the American Presidential Election
  James A. Foster, Bemidji State University

Discussant: Dr. Chris Gilbert, Gustavus Adolphus College

Panel 3B: International Poverty and Economic Development—Old Main 06

Papers:
- Landlocked Countries and Human Development
  Bibek Chand, Wartburg College
- Terrorism, Tourism, and Effects on Economic Development: A Closer Look at Latin America, Caribbean, and South Asia
  Chelsea Jensen, Wartburg College
- Evaluating Microfinance for Public Policy Implications
  Kelly Carlbom, Coe College
- How the Informal Economics of Latin America Affect Income Inequality
  Michael Manning, Creighton University
- Multinational Enterprises: Their Impact on Developing States and Their Growing Influence on the International Political Economy
  Kate Green, Northern Illinois University

Discussant: Dr. Lynda Barrow, Coe College
Panel 4A: Political Communication in American Politics—Old Main 05

Papers:
Rush Limbaugh: A Study in Political Communication
Justin Erickson, Wartburg College
Abhay Nadipuram, Wartburg College

Negative campaigning in 1988: Influence on a Presidential Election
Ryan Lee, Gustavus Adolphus College

Interactive Marketing in the 2008 Election: Setting the Bar
Lynn Hillen, Gustavus Adolphus College

Discussant:
Dr. Ron Brecke, Park University

Panel 4B: Development and the Environment—Old Main 06

Papers:
Sudan and Underdevelopment
Samantha Maranell, Gustavus Adolphus College

Sustainable Development Initiatives in the Amazon: Lessons and Implications
Mark Vanderlinden, Coe College

The Determinants of Environmental Sustainability in Africa and Asia
Kira Stoller, Wartburg College

Discussants:
Dr. Graham Ramsden, Creighton University
Dr. Pat Donnay, Bemidji State University
Panels—Round V

_Old Main, Basement_

Panel 5A: Political Theory—Old Main 05

Papers:  
- _A Summary and Analysis of Giles of Rome’s Treatise “On Ecclesiastical Power”_  
  Kyle Herink, Coe College

- _The Modern Crisis of Political Myth_  
  Nick Harper, Gustavus Adolphus College

- _A Libertarian Critique of Sandel’s Communitarian Philosophy_  
  Ronald Forsell, Buena Vista University

- _A Conservative Critique of Communitarianism_  
  Brian Janssen, Buena Vista University

Discussant:  
Dr. Brad Best, Buena Vista University

Panel 5B: Gender in International Politics—Old Main 06

Papers:  
- _Dangerous Obscurity: A Study of the Female Suicide Terrorists in Sri Lanka_  
  Jessica Santala, Bemidji State University

- _Saudi Arabian Women in Business_  
  Lyman Rickman

Discussant:  
Dr. Jill Locke, Gustavus Adolphus College

Closing Lunch

_Students: Three Crowns Room, Jackson Campus Center_
_Faculty: Presidents Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center_

For Students:  
- Keynote Address
  Political Science: A Major for the Rest of Your Life
  Dr. Jill Locke

For Faculty:  
- MUPSRC Planning