

2013 Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference

Opening Banquet Program

March 22, 2013, 6:00 P.M.
Centennial Student Union, Heritage Room
Minnesota State University, Mankato



Welcome and Introductions

Dinner

Presentation of Best Paper Awards

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Fred Slocum

*Associate Professor of Political Science
Minnesota State University, Mankato*

Keynote Address: “The Supreme Court and Archival Research”

Dr. Timothy R. Johnson

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Dr. Timothy R. Johnson is Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Washington University in St. Louis in 1998. Dr. Johnson’s research and teaching interests include American politics, judicial politics, Supreme Court decision-making, Supreme Court oral arguments, executive/judiciary relations, and the evolution of the norm of respecting precedent. He has published articles in *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Journal of Politics*, *Law and Society Review*, *Loyola University Law Review*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *University of Illinois Law Review*, *University of Minnesota Law Review*, *Washington University Law Review*, and *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy*. He is also co-author of *Oral Arguments and Coalition Formation on the U.S. Supreme Court: A Deliberate Dialogue* (University of Michigan Press, 2012, with Ryan C. Black and Justin Wedeking), co-editor of *A Good Quarrel* (University of Michigan Press, 2009, with Jerry Goldman), author of *Oral Arguments and Decision Making on the U.S. Supreme Court* (SUNY Press, 2004) and co-author of *Religious Institutions and Minor Parties in the United States* (Praeger Press 1999, with Christopher Gilbert, David A.M. Peterson, and Paul Djupe).

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Friday, March 22

- 2:00-6:00 Registration, inside main (south) entrance, CSU
- 2:00-6:00 Welcome! Please enjoy refreshments in CSU 204
- 4:00-5:15 Panel Set I:

CSU 201: U.S. Public Policy

Chair/Discussant: Dr. J. Scott Granberg-Rademacker, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Casey Hagedorn (Gustavus Adolphus College), "No Student Left Behind: Achieving the Least Restrictive Environment."

Tyler Reed (Buena Vista University), "The Student Loan Debt Crisis: Evaluating Competing Solutions Using Formal Policy Analysis Techniques."

Jasmine Porter (Gustavus Adolphus College), "Slavery Behind Bars: America's Journey from Chattel Slavery to Private Prison Industries."

Renate Willer (Gustavus Adolphus College), "Perversion of Justice: A Social Relations Approach to Sex Offender Laws."

CSU 202: International Conflict

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Abdalla Battah, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Spencer Wilson (Creighton University), "Refugees, Aid, and Internal Conflict."

Jill Whitehouse (Coe College), "To Bargain or Not To Bargain? Wilson's Struggle to Pass the Versailles Treaty."

Zoey Reisdorf (Buena Vista University), "Assessing the Importance of Ideology in Religious and Ethnic Conflicts."

Kaylyn Krzemien (Creighton University), "The Causes of Wartime Casualties."

- 6:00-8:00 Dinner banquet and speaker, CSU Heritage Room (first floor)

Saturday, March 23

- 7:45-12:00 Registration, inside main (south) entrance, CSU
- 7:45-12:00 Breakfast and refreshments, CSU 203
- 8:30-9:45 Panel Set II:

CSU 202: U.S. Law and Politics

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Bradley Best, Buena Vista University

Micah Black (Pittsburg State University), "The Death Penalty Debate: Critical Legal Theory and *Dead Man Walking*."

Michael Lafleur (Wayne State College), "The Future of the Commerce Clause, Post *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* (2012)."

Nicholas Farrar (Benedictine College), "Birth of the Thousand Year Reich: A Grandson's View of the Lebensborn Project and Engineering Nationalism."

Sarah Dietz (Park University), "The *Amistad* Trials: Connecting Spain and the U.S. Through Treaties and Other Related Documents."

CSU 204: Comparative Politics: Developing Nations

Chair/Discussant: Dr. John Settich, Benedictine College

Bimal Adhikari (Coe College), "The Underlying Reasons Behind Nepal's Failed Development."

Naomi Wentz (University of Minnesota - Morris), "Food as a Political Tool: An Analysis of the Use of Food Towards Attaining and Sustaining Swaraj (Indian Independence) in the Thought of Gandhi and Shiva."

Shayla James (Coe College), "Cuban Musicians and the Revolutionary Government: Support or Contestation."

Adam Yotter (Wartburg College), "The Effects of Resource Scarcity and Resource Abundance on the Outbreak of Internal Conflict in Economically Less Developing Countries."

10:00-11:15 Panel Set III:

CSU 202: Political Economy

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Roger Rose,
University of Minnesota - Morris

Yaro Sadek Tahirou (Minnesota State
University, Mankato), "The Role of the
International Monetary Fund in the East
Asian Debt Crisis (1997)."

Eun-Ho Peter Kim (Wartburg College),
"Under Neocolonial Relationship, Political
Corruption Directly Affects Economic
Development."

Grant Goodman (Creighton University),
"Levels of USAID Spending, Where Does
the Money Go? An Analysis of the Effects
of U.S. Signal Data in Latin America from
1990-1999."

Iris Burniece (University of Minnesota
- Morris), "Responding to the Global
Ecological Challenge: The Persuasive
Power of a Local Approach."

CSU 204: U.S. Politics and Elections

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Joseph Blankenau,
Wayne State College

Felicia Pettinger (Creighton University),
"Candidate Attractiveness: Correction as
a Negating Effect."

Joshua Preston (University of Minnesota -
Morris), "The President's Speech: Attention
to Human Rights in Post-Cold War
Presidential Rhetoric."

Mary Harrity (Benedictine College), "The
Staging of the 2012 Presidential Election:
From the Opening Act in Iowa to the Final
Act in Washington, DC."

Michael Happ (Creighton University),
"Different System, Different Results:
Electoral Success in Competitive,
Nonpartisan, Legislative Elections."

CSU 238: Political Science Potpourri

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Fredrick Lee,
Winona State University

Margaret O'Connor and Raven Kapayou
(both Creighton University), "Self-
Determination to Self-Governance."

Emily Tanner (Creighton University),
"Social Capital and Native Self-
Governance: The Effects of Social Capital
Measures on Self-Governance Likelihood
for American Indian Tribes."

Dylan Dittrich (Coe College), "Leo Tolstoy's
Doctrine on Nonviolent Resistance."

Michael Pettis (Creighton University),
"Examining Intellectual Property Rights
Protection."

11:30-12:45 Panel Set IV:

CSU 202: State and Local Politics

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Kevin Parsneau,
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Morgan Schreurs (University of St.
Thomas), "Every Farm is Different:
Agricultural Practices and Water Quality
in Minnesota."

Evan Vogel (University of Minnesota -
Morris), "Maintaining the Integrity of
Minnesota Elections: An Investigation of
the Effects Voter ID Legislation Could Have
in Minnesota."

Kevin Miller (Benedictine College), "City-
County Consolidation: An Analysis of
Atchison, Kansas."

CSU 204: Separatism, Terrorism and Political Violence

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Kimberly Lanegran,
Coe College

Nicholas Goeden (Creighton University),
"Separatist Motivation: An Examination of
Culture."

Thomas Olsen (Hastings College), "My
Neighbor's Regime Is Gone."

Sophie Wagner (Creighton University),
"Explaining the Variance in Terrorism."

Alison Prater (Creighton University), "A
Theoretical Approach to Political Violence:
Using a DAG (Directed Acyclical Graph)
to Understand the Spread of Al-Qaeda
Influence to Africa."

1:00-2:00

Buffet lunch, CSU Heritage Room

1:00-2:00

Faculty planning lunch, CSU 191

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