

MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

APRIL 11 & 12

PARK UNIVERSITY

PARKVILLE, MISSOURI

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

2:30-4:45 Registration

Milsap Foyer (entrance to the underground)

3:30-4:45

Panel 1 Watkins Literacy Center (underground)

Madelaine Trull (Benedictine), "Zombies, Cockroaches, the IRS – Oh my! An Examination of the Widespread Disdain of Congress"

Stephanie Swanson (Gustavus), "United We Stand: The Political Movement of Ross Perot"

Bailie Berner (Park), "Ensuring Electoral Success: Rebranding the Republican Party"

Discussant: Dr. Bruce Nesmith (Coe)

Panel 2 Room 306 (underground)

Sandra Krueger (Coe), "Participatory Development in Uganda: An Analysis of the Degree to which Government Incorporates the Findings of the Ugandan Participatory Poverty Assessment into its Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers"

Nicholas Brothers (Missouri Western), "Strong Rulers, Weak Institutions: Exploring the Consequences of Concentrated Power and Conflict in Liberia and Democratic Republic of Congo"

Shanel Wermerskirchen, (Coe), "The Rise of Turkey's AKP in 2002: Religious Resurgence"

Discussant: Dr. James Pasley (Park)

3:30 – 4:45 continued:

Panel 3 Room 222 (underground)

Braydon Roberts (Coe), “Occupying the Middle: How Polarization has Changed Moderates in the United States Senate”

Garret Hurd (Drury), “Contemporary Conservatism in America”

Discussant: Dr. Graham Ramsden (Creighton)

5:00

Dinner PDL-MA, (underground)

Greetings: Dr. Jerry Jorgensen, Provost, Park University

Paper Awards Presented

Introduction of the guest speaker: Dr. James Pasley

Guest Speaker: Jason Kander, Missouri Secretary of State.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 – 9:00 Registration

Milsap Foyer (entrance to the underground)

7:30 Continental Breakfast: hallway across from Louise Morden Board Room in the underground.

8:00 – 9:15

Panel 4 Watkins Literacy Center (underground)

Stephanie Oliver (Creighton), “Variation in the Duration of Unemployment Insurance”

Aaron Tucker (Drury), “Corporatism, Economic Equality, and Unionized Labor: An Empirical Survey”

Therese O’Brien (Pittsburg State), “TARP and the AARA: Bundle of Bias?”

Discussant: Dr. Ronald Brecke (Park)

Panel 5 Room 306 (underground)

Samuel Peak (Park), “Healthcare Transparency in the United States”

Michael Abboud (Creighton), “Do Term Limited Legislators Vote Differently?”

Discussant: Dr. Timothy Westcott (Park)

8:00--9:15 continued:

Panel 6 Room 222 (underground)

Dakoda Trithara (Drury), "South China Sea: A US Foreign Policy Dilemma"

Zoey Reisdorf (Buena Vista), "Irrational Behavior or Rational Reaction? The Origins of North Korean-South Korean Relations, 1945-1953"

Alexandria Brewer (Drury), "How Internal Factors of States Influence International Diplomacy"

Mary Baylie (Truman State), "An Examination of Sanction Imposition"

Discussant: Dr. Brett Billet (Wartburg)

9:15--9:30 Break

9:30—10:45

Panel 7 Watkins Literacy Center (underground)

Amandha Lopes (Creighton), "The Impact of Social Media on Social Movements"

Teri Mueller (Wartburg), "Restricted Freedom of Foreign Movement: An Examination of the Connection to Causal Factors"

Alexandrea Swanson (Creighton), "Women in Politics: Examining the Gender Gap in Latin American and Caribbean National Parliaments"

Discussant: Dr. Richard Leitch (Gustavus)

Panel 8 Room 306 (underground)

Tyler Conklin (Pittsburg State), "Federal Coercion and the Federal Spending Power: No Happy Medium"

Lindsay Lehmen (Drury), "Voting Isn't Fair: The Underlying Voting Power Distribution of the United States' Electoral College"

J. R. Baxter (Arkansas), "A Punctuated Equilibrium Model for Presidential Power Evolution: The Proof is in the Executive Privilege"

Discussant: Dr. Brad Best (Buena Vista)

9:30—10:45 continued:

Panel 9 Room 318 (underground)

Media Ajir (Creighton), “The Effect of Internet Usage on Voter Choice in the 2012 United States Presidential Elections”

A. Maximillian Byers (Drury), “The Effect of Democratic Party Mobilization on Black Voter Turnout”

Shelbie Konkel (Washburn), “Kansas Secure and Fair Elections Act”

Discussant: Dr. Elizabeth Paddock (Drury)

Panel 10 Room 222 (underground)

Joel McGuire (Coe), “On Marsilius of Padua’s Argument for an Understanding of Legislative Authority as Stemming from a Conception of *Valentior Purs*”

Elizabeth Heffernan (Buena Vista), “Riding the Race: How Society Constructs Race Through Literature and Law”

Micah Black (Pittsburg State), “A Divergence of Marxists: Vladimir Lenin and Rosa Luxemburg”

Discussant: Luke Campbell (Kansas)

10:45—11:00 Break

11:00—12:15

Panel 11 Watkins Literacy Center (underground)

Brandy Fowler, (Buena Vista), “Justifying War: Perspectives from Moral Philosophy”

Mirae Nakouzi, (Hastings), “From Ordinary Citizen to Radical: Understanding Terrorist Group Recruitment”

Zachary Decker (Coe) “The Provisional Irish Republican Army”

Jacob Martin (Wartburg), “The Effect of Free Speech and Free Press on Domestic Conflicts”

Discussant: Dr. Robert Amyot (Hastings)

11:00—12:15 continued:

Panel 12 Room 306 (underground)

Annalise Dobbstein (Gustavus), “The Twenty First Century Civil Rights Movement: Marriage Equality in the 2012 Election”

Caitlyn Potter (Truman State), “A Case Study of the Utility of the Implementation Games Model in the Study of Public Policy Making”

⁴ Amanda Praestholm (Arkansas), “Capital Punishment in Colorado: An Analysis of Media Coverage, Bias and the Larger Narrative of the Death Penalty”

Discussant: Dr. Jon Euchner (Missouri Western)

Panel 13 Room 222 (underground)

Kate Elam (Drury), “More Than Material: Explaining Public Support for Environmental Protection in Western Democracies”

Linus Platzer (Hastings), “Going With the Wind? Strategies and Institutional Challenges for Local Wind Power Policy in the US and Germany”

Ian Terayama (Creighton), “Explaining the Variation in Medical Marijuana Support”

Discussant: Darren Botello-Samson (Pittsburg State)

12:30 Lunch

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