

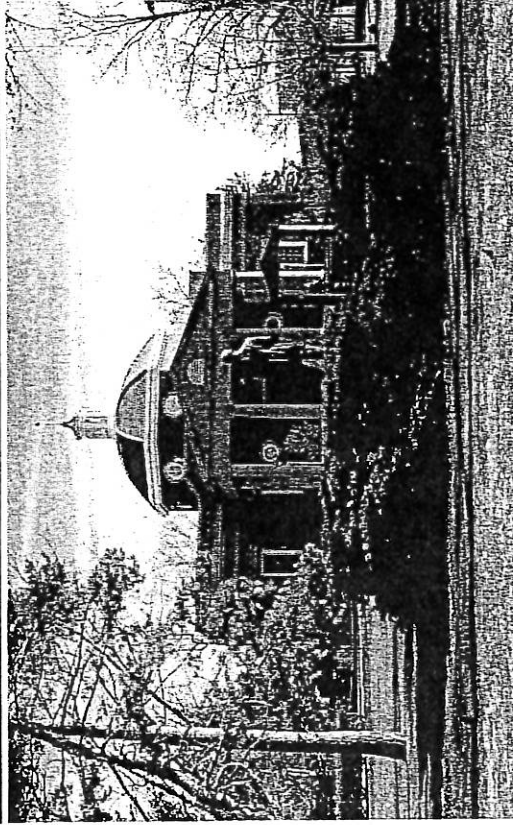
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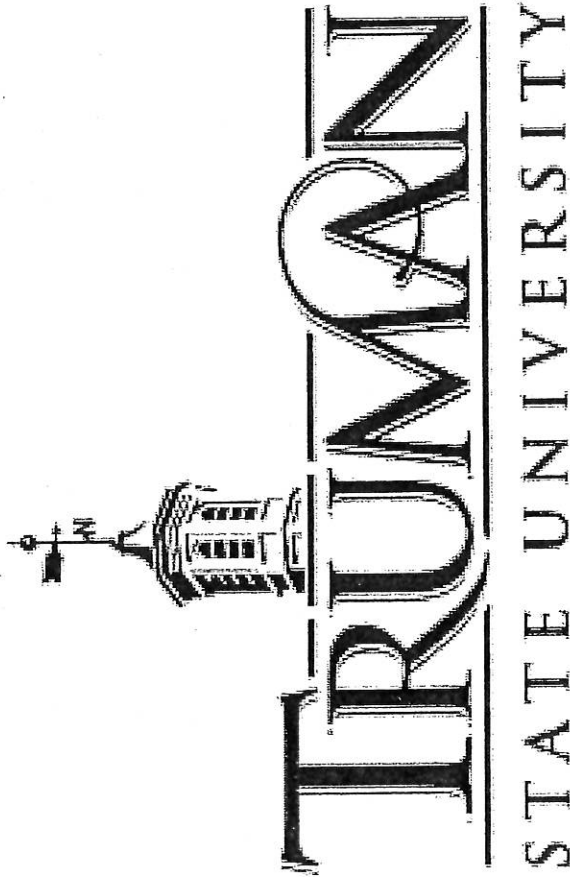


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## Schedule of Events

### Friday

2:00 – 5:30 PM	Registration	SUB 3000- Conference Room
3:30 – 4:45 PM	Panels-Round I	SUB 3201, 3202
5:00 – 6:15 PM	Panels-Round II	SUB 3201, 3202, 3203
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Banquet	SUB 3200- Activities Room

### Saturday

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Late Registration	SUB 3000- Conference Room
8:00 – 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	SUB 3200- Activities Room
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: John Ishiyama	SUB 3200- Activities Room
9:45 – 11:00 AM	Panels-Round III	SUB 3201, 3202
11:15 – 12:30 PM	Panels-Round IV	SUB 3201, 3202, 3203, 3204
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Student Lunch/ Faculty Planning Lunch	SUB 3200- Activities Room

## Keynote Speaker: John Ishiyama

John Ishiyama is University Distinguished Research Professor of Political Science at the University of North Texas. He is the Lead Editor for the *American Political Science Review*. He was previously Editor-in-Chief (and was founding editor) of the *Journal of Political Science Education*, the journal of the APSA Political Science Education section. He is principal investigator for the National Science Foundation-Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) grant "UNT Civil Conflict Management and Peace Science". His research interests include democratization and political parties in post communist Russian, European, Eurasian and African (especially Ethiopian) politics, ethnic conflict and ethnic politics and the scholarship of teaching and learning. He has published extensively on these topics, producing seven books and over 130 journal articles and book chapters. He is a member of the American Political Science Association (APSA) Executive Council and was a member of the executive boards of the Midwest Political Science Association, the International Studies Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary society. He has won numerous awards, including the Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar Award from the International Studies Association and the Heinz Eulau Research Article Award from the American Political Science Association.

Friday, March 27th

Registration

2:00 – 5:30 PM

SUB 3000

Round I

3:30 - 4:45 PM

Round I - Panel I

SUB 3201

American Politics I

“The Policy Formulation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, 2000”

*Kayla Gunter, Truman State University*

“The Major Obstacles Preventing Water Sustainability in the Colorado River Basin”

*Connor Roth, Coe College*

“Application of Kingdon’s Multiple Streams Model to the Violence Against Women Act”

*Macy Toal, Truman State University*

Discussant: *Dr. Bruce Nesmith, Coe College*

Round I - Panel II

SUB 3202

International Relations I

“Prolonging Peace: External Intervention After Civil War”

*Carissa Hernandez, Creighton University*

“Democratic Strength and Interstate Trade Levels”

*Katie Kerkemeyer, Truman State University*

“Finding a Regime’s Worst Enemy: An Examination of the Efficacy of Economic Sanctions”

*Dakota Triithara, Drury University*

Discussant: *Dr. Michael Rudy, Truman State University*

## Round II

5:00 - 6:15 PM

### Round II - Panel I

SUB 3201

Political Thought

“American Exceptionalism”

Jasmine Chuah Joo Lee, *Drury University*

“The Illusion of Free Will, and Potential Ramifications”

Ian Korpel, *Buena Vista University*

“Association and Membership: On the Ground of Political Obligation”

Joel McGuire, *Coe College*

Discussant: Dr. Paul Parker, *Truman State University*

### Round II - Panel II

SUB 3202

American Politics II

“The Issue that Divided a Nation: The Republican Party and its Evolving Views on Slavery During the Civil War”

Braydon Roberts, *Coe College*

“Political Realignment in New Hampshire: 1828-2012”

Jessica Williams, *Pittsburg State University*

Discussant: Dr. Graham Ramsden, *Creighton University*

### Round II - Panel III

SUB 3203

International Relations II

“Bowing to Pressure: The Relationship Between Israeli Settlements and International Law”

Laddie Miller, *Drury University*

“Term Limits and Conflict Initiation”

Sarah Muir, *Truman State University*

Discussant: Dr. Bret Billet, *Wartburg College*

Banquet

SUB 3200

Welcome

Presentation of Awards

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 28th

Late Registration

8:00 - 9:00 AM

SUB 3000

Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 9:30 AM

SUB 3200

Keynote Speaker:

8:30 - 9:30 AM

SUB 3200

**John Ishiyama**

**“Political Science and the State of the Discipline”**

University Distinguished Research Professor of Political Science  
at the University of North Texas  
Lead Editor for the *American Political Science Review*

## Round III

9:45-11:00 AM

Round III - Panel I

SUB 3201

International Relations III—  
International Political Economy

“Global Superpower: Chinese Foreign Policy Shifts and Elevated UNPKO Involvement”

Alex Berge, *Bemidji State University*

“BRICS: A Challenge To The Global Status Quo?”

Sharon Mutwiwa, *Coe College*

“The Impact of European Union Membership on the Levels of Economic Development”

Nothizile Jullian Ncube, *Warburg College*

Discussant: **Dr. John Quinn**, *Truman State University*

## Round IV

11:15 AM-12:30 PM

### Round III - Panel II

SUB 3202

American Politics III

“The Snowden Effect: The Conflict in a Free Society, Who Values Privacy Versus Who Values Security?”

**Matthew C. Blake**, *Bemidji State University*

“Losing Congress: The Disconnect Between Congressional Trust and Approval”

**Jordan Butcher**, *Drury University*

“Koch Industries and Other Major Corporations’ Influence on Kansas and National Politics”

**Jordan Schaper**, *Pittsburg State University*

Discussant: **Dr. Bradley Best**, *Buena Vista University*

### Round IV - Panel I

SUB 3201

American Politics IV

“The Misrepresentation of the Electoral College”

**Joseph Coll**, *Buena Vista University*

“Income Inequality’s Effect on Political Engagement in the United States”

**Matthew Hoover**, *Creighton University*

“Strengthening Democracy by Increasing Youth Political Knowledge and Engagement”

**Laura Langer**, *Bemidji State University*

Discussant: **Dr. Patrick Donnay**, *Bemidji State University*

## Round IV - Panel II

SUB 3202

### American Politics—Judicial Politics

“The Effect of Information on Judicial Behavior”

**Brady Moe**, *Creighton University*

“The Formulation of *Citizens United*”

**Eric McDonnell**, *Truman State University*

“Testing the Proposed Effect of Judicial Performance Evaluations: Voters’ Use of the Information”

**Erin Rossiter**, *Creighton University*

Discussant: **Dr. Darren Botello-Samson**, *Pittsburg State University*

## Round IV - Panel III

SUB 3203

### Comparative Politics

“The Struggle for Human Rights in South Africa”

**Aaron Albrecht**, *Truman State University*

“Ecologically Unequal Exchange and the Environmental Effects of FDI: Empirical Analyses of Emissions and Consumption in Developing Countries, 1997-2007”

**Sho Kawashima**, *Warburg College*

“Source Countries in International Human Trafficking: A Time Series Analysis”

**Bianca Jinete Mejia**, *Creighton University*

Discussant: **Dr. Elizabeth Paddock**, *Drury University*

## Round IV - Panel IV

SUB 3204

Political Science as a Profession

Political Science Graduate Programs—Expectations and Advice

Dr. John Ishiyama, *University of North Texas*

Lunch

SUB 3200

12:30 - 1:30 PM



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