

**25th Annual Midwest Political Science
Undergraduate Research Conference**
- 2016 CONFERENCE PROGRAM -

REGISTRATION

2:15-3:45 PM, McCaskey Lyceum Lobby

FRIDAY SESSIONS
March 11, 2016

**WARTBURG
COLLEGE**

Friday A-1 4:00-5:30 PM *Whitehouse Business Center 214*

RELIGION, POLITICAL AGENCY, AND POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Ted Vaggalis**, Drury University
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Causal Factors of Refugeeism

Kristina Aleksander, Wartburg College kristina.aleksander@wartburg.edu

The Folly of Perpetual Peace for Human Freedom (and why human agency matters)

Nathan Detweiler, St. Olaf College detweiler@stolaf.edu

Toleration in Utopia: Thomas More's Defense of a Humanist Catholic Church

Caleb Weiss, St. Olaf College weissc@stolaf.edu

Friday A-2 4:00-5:30 PM *Whitehouse Business Center 217*

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. John Quinn**, Truman State University
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Pro-Government Militias and the Institutionalized Enemy

Brandon Bolte, Truman State University blb3748@truman.edu

Civil Society and Conflicting Identities in the First Palestinian Intifada

Tara Schaeffle, St. Olaf College schaeffle@stolaf.edu

Routes and Barriers to Economic and Social Prosperity: An Examination of Countries Identified as Socialist in the Early 1990s

Lola Vafaeva, Wartburg College lola.vafaeva@wartburg.edu

The Impact of Terrorism on the Use of Military Force

Josie Wagler, Wartburg College josephine.wagler@wartburg.edu

CONFERENCE BANQUET

Friday, 6:30-8:00 PM

Welcome

Speaker: The Honorable Charles “Chuck” Grassley

Senior Senator from the State of Iowa

Awards Committee & Ceremony

Dr. Bruce Nesmith, Coe College

Dr. Elizabeth Paddock, Drury University

Dr. Randy Hagerty, Truman State University

Heritage Room, Saemann Student Center

REGISTRATION

7:30-8:15 AM, McCaskey Lyceum Lobby

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30-8:15 AM, McCaskey Lyceum Lobby

SATURDAY SESSIONS

March 12, 2016

**WARTBURG
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Saturday A-1 8:15-9:30 AM

Whitehouse Business Center 214

AMERICAN POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Randy Hagerty**, Truman State University

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Shot's in the Dark or Right on Target?: An Examination of the NRA's Effectiveness

Austin Bauer, Missouri Western State University abauer4@missouriwestern.edu

Congressional Reactions to Title VII Supreme Court Rulings

Clark Cunningham-White, Coe College cecunningham@coe.edu

The Failure of Self-Identification: Reconsidering the Liberal-Conservative Perspective

Max Accardi, Drury University maccardi@drury.edu

Saturday A-2 8:15-9:30 AM

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PUBLIC POLICY AND THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Darren Botello-Samson**, Pittsburg State University
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Food Safety Regulation: The Italian Way

Jasmine Chuah, Drury University jchuah@drury.edu

Red, White, Blue, and Green: Public Policy Model Testing through Title IV of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

Jared Heern, Truman State University jch7556@truman.edu

Calling for a Sustainable Future: The Effects of Animal Agriculture on the Environment

Emily Murray, Drury University emurray004@drury.edu

Saturday B-1 9:45-11:15 AM

Whitehouse Business Center 214

WOMEN AND POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Doug Casson**, St. Olaf College
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Effect of European Union Membership on Gender Equality

Kaitlin Box, Drury University kbox002@drury.edu

Human Trafficking in Nations: An Empirical Approach to Examining Causal Factors

Allison Maybee, Wartburg College allison.maybee@wartburg.edu

Women's Access to Education in the Middle East

Christine Ostrosky, Miami University of Ohio ostroscom@miamioh.edu

How to Get it Wrong: The Failed Nomination of Harriet Miers

Thomas Petrino, Coe College tmpetrino@coe.edu

Saturday B-2 9:45-11:15 AM

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GLOBALIZATION AND POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Ted Vaggalis**, Drury University
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The International Court of Justice, Globalization, and the Evolution of International Legal Culture

Morgan Daves-Gehrls, Drake University morgan.daves-gehrls@drake.edu

Major Determinant Factors of Visa Restriction in the World

Arda Delibas, Wartburg College kivilcim.delibas@wartburg.edu

Peace and Stability in a Globalized World: Analyzing Connections
Leif Olson, Wartburg College leif.olson@wartburg.edu

Saturday C-1 11:30-12:45 PM *Whitehouse Business Center 217*

STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant: **Dr. Bruce Nesmith**, Coe College
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The Local American Voter: Turnout in Mayoral Elections in Mid-sized Midwestern American Cities
Austin Aldag, Illinois Wesleyan University aldag@iwu.edu

The Persistence of Ghettos and Gangs in United States Society
Kim Lensen, Wartburg College kim.lensen@wartburg.edu

Perceptions of Traffic Stops by Race, Age, and Gender
Henrio Thelemaque, Truman State University het4348@truman.edu

LUNCH

1:00-2:00 PM, *Whitehouse Business Center 116*

FACULTY PLANNING LUNCH

1:00-2:00 PM, *Whitehouse Business Center 101*

PREPARATION & PLANNING ROOM AVAILABLE DURING CONFERENCE

Whitehouse Business Center 116