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

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WARTBURG COLLEGE

RENN TISTORY, 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 detweile@stolaf.edu

Toleration in Utopia: Thomas More’s Defense of a Humanist Catholic Church
Caleb Weiss, St. Olaf College weissc@stolaf.edu

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Chair/Discussant: Dr. John Quinn, Truman State University jquinn@truman.edu

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
Whitehouse Business Center 214

AMERICAN POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant: Dr. Randy Hagerty, Truman State University RHagerty@truman.edu

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  Whitehouse Business Center 217

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

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  ostroscm@miamioh.edu

How to Get it Wrong: The Failed Nomination of Harriet Miers  
Thomas Petrino, Coe College  impetrino@coe.edu

Saturday B-2 9:45-11:15 AM  Whitehouse Business Center 217

GLOBALIZATION AND POLITICS

Faculty Chair/Discussant:  Dr. Ted Vaggalis, Drury University  
epaddock@drury.edu

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  bnesmith@coe.edu

The Local American Voter: Turnout in Mayoral Elections in Midsized Midwestern American Cities
Austin Aldag, Illinois Wesleyan University  aaldag@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
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