

**2010 Midwest Political Science  
Undergraduate Research  
Conference**

March 19-20, 2010

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: student faculty

School: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration Fee per Attendee: \$35  
(includes all meals and banquet)

Make checks payable to Gustavus Adolphus  
College

**Faculty Participation**

- Faculty serve as panel chair/discussants. Please inform Dr. Knutson of your teaching/research fields
- Faculty serve as judges for the Best Paper Awards. Please inform Dr. Knutson of your willingness to serve in this capacity.

**Send registration form to:**

Dr. Kate Knutson  
Department of Political Science  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
800 West College Avenue  
St. Peter, MN 56082

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
February 15, 2010**

**Previous Conference Venues**

2009 Buena Vista University  
2008 Wartburg College  
2007 Missouri Western State University  
2006 Minnesota State University, Mankato  
2005 University of Minnesota, Morris  
2004 Creighton University  
2003 Park University  
2002 Gustavus Adolphus College  
2001 Coe College  
2000 Missouri Western State University  
1999 Buena Vista University  
1998 Creighton University  
1997 Avila University  
1996 Avila University  
1995 Conference not held  
1994 Avila University  
1993 Missouri Southern State College  
1992 Washburn University

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Conference Organizers:  
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## 2010 Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference

Undergraduate students and faculty are invited to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSURC hosted by Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Gustavus Adolphus College is located approximately one hour south of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The annual conference offers an opportunity for undergraduate students to present scholarly research papers to students and faculty from Midwestern colleges and universities.

### Conference Activities

- Student panels in American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, and Public Administration.
- Awards for Best Paper
- Conference Banquet & Speaker

### Lodging

- All participants are responsible for securing their lodging accommodations.
- We have reserved blocks of rooms at two hotels, one in St. Peter and one in nearby Mankato.

#### AmericInn Motel & Suites

700 N. Minnesota Ave., St Peter  
507.931.6554

\$94.90 per night, plus tax, double occupancy  
Block of rooms reserved under "MPSUR  
Conference." Must make reservations by Feb. 19

#### Microtel Inn & Suites

200 St. Andrews Dr., Mankato  
507.388.2818

\$55.00 per night, plus tax, double occupancy  
Block of rooms reserved under "Gustavus"

### Registration Fee

- \$35 per person
- Fee includes Friday Banquet, Saturday Continental Breakfast, and Lunch.
- Registration due **February 15th**

### Paper Proposals

- Proposals must include: title, abstract, name of student author(s), e-mail address, and name of faculty sponsor(s).
- Abstracts must clearly identify a research question or policy problem, argument, research strategy utilized, and findings.
- Proposals should be e-mailed, with "**2010 MPSURC**" in the subject line, to: [knutson@gustavus.edu](mailto:knutson@gustavus.edu)
- Deadline for proposals is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Authors of papers accepted for presentation will be notified via e-mail on or before **February 5th**

### Paper Submissions

- Authors of accepted papers must send one copy of their paper to both the panel chair/discussant AND the conference organizer by **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

### Best Paper Awards

- Papers must be submitted to the conference organizer on or before **March 5<sup>th</sup>** to be eligible for the Best Paper Awards.
- Cash prizes awarded to the two student papers judged best.
  - First prize will receive \$100
  - Second prize will receive \$75
- Awards presented at the Friday Banquet.

## Schedule of Events

All panels are in Old Main

### Friday, March 19

- » Registration 1:00-2:30pm  
Old Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- » Panels – Round I 2:45-4:00pm
- » Panels – Round II 4:30-5:45pm
- » Banquet 6:30-8:00pm  
Jackson Campus Center

### Saturday, March 20

- » Late Registration 7:30-8:30am  
Old Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- » Continental Breakfast 7:30-8:30am  
Old Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- » Panels – Round III 8:30-9:45am
- » Panels – Round IV 10:00-11:15am
- » Panels – Round V 11:30-12:45pm
- » Lunch 12:45-1:45pm  
Jackson Campus Center
- » Faculty Planning Lunch 12:45-1:45pm  
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