

**2009 Midwest Political Science
Undergraduate Research
Conference**

March 20-21, 2009

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Circle One: student faculty

School: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Conference Registration Fee per attendee:

\$35.00

(includes all meals and banquet)

» Make checks payable to **Buena Vista University**.

Faculty Participation

» Faculty serve as panel chair/discussants.

Please inform Dr. Best of your
teaching/research fields.

» Faculty serve as judges for the Best Paper

Awards. Please inform Bradley Best of your
willingness to serve in this capacity.

» Send registration form to:

**Dr. Bradley Best
610 West Fourth Street
Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, IA 50588**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

March 1, 2009

Previous Conference Venues

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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MPSURC website:

<http://public.wartburg.edu/mpsurc>

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Undergraduate students and faculty are invited to participate in the 18th Annual MPSURC hosted by Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. Storm Lake is located approximately one hour east of Sioux City, two-and-a-half hours northeast of Omaha, and two-and-a-half hours northwest of Des Moines. The annual conference offers an opportunity for undergraduate students to present scholarly research papers to peers and faculty from Midwestern colleges and universities.

Conference Activities

- » Student paper presentations (panel format) in American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Public Law, Public Administration, and Public Policy.
- » Awards for Best Paper
- » Conference Banquet & Speaker

Registration Fee

- » \$35 per person
- » Fee includes Friday Banquet, Saturday Continental Breakfast, and Lunch.
- » Registration due **March 1, 2009**.

Lodging

- » All participants are responsible for securing their lodging accommodations.
- » The following hotels are conveniently located near the BVU campus:

» **King's Pointe Resort** **712-213-4500**
1520 East Lakeshore Dr., Storm Lake
www.kingspointeresort.com
(Request special MPSURC rate!!)

» **Baymont Inn and Suites** **712-732-1000**
1726 Lake Ave., Storm Lake

» **Super 8 Motel** **712-732-3063**
101 West Milwaukee Ave., Storm Lake

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.
- » Deadline for **proposals** is **February 15**
- » Proposals should be e-mailed, with "2009 MPSURC" in the subject line, to:
Best@bvu.edu
- » Authors of papers accepted for presentation will be notified within **7 days** of receipt of application.

Paper Submissions

- » Authors of accepted papers must send one copy of their paper (in MS Word format) to the conference director by **March 7**.
- » Presenters should also bring a small number of copies to the conference for distribution at their panel.

Best Paper Awards

- » Papers must be submitted to the conference director on or before **March 1** to be eligible for the Best Paper Awards.
- » Prizes along with certificates will be awarded to the three best student papers submitted.
- » Awards to be presented at the Friday Banquet.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, March 20

- » Registration 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Estelle Siebens Science Center
- » Panels* – Round I 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- » Panels* – Round II 4:30-5:45 p.m.
- » Banquet / Guest Speaker 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Harold Walter Siebens Forum

Saturday, March 21

- » Late Registration 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Estelle Siebens Science Center
- » Continental Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Estelle Siebens Science Center
- » Special Presentation 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Estelle Siebens Science Center
- » Panels* – Round III 10:00-11:15 a.m.
- » Panels* – Round IV 11:30-12:45 p.m.
- » Lunch 12:45-1:45 p.m.
Estelle Siebens Science Center
- » Faculty Planning Lunch 12:45-1:45 p.m.
Estelle Siebens Science Center

*** All panels are held in Estelle Siebens Science Center on the East end of the BVU campus**