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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to formally invite you and your students to participate in the 18th Annual **Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference** to be held **March 20-21** on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. This panel-formatted gathering allows undergraduates an opportunity to present their original research, share ideas with other students, and interact with faculty from a wide range of political science and public administration departments in the Midwest. Attendees are treated to several meals, including a Friday evening banquet, a guest speaker of national reputation, and the opportunity to submit their work for possible publication in the *Missouri Valley Social Science Journal*.

Faculty from political science, public administration, and other disciplines are especially encouraged to attend and participate as a chair/discussant on a student panel. The meals, speaker events, and small measure of "down time" are terrific opportunities for informal conversation about teaching, research, and academic life in general.

Interested students are encouraged to review the paper submission guidelines and mail a paper proposal/abstract by **February 15, 2009**. Completed conference registration forms must be completed by students and faculty and received by **March 1, 2009**. Final drafts of accepted papers must be provided to Dr. Bradley Best no later than **March 7, 2009**. Finally, please note the various hotel/motel options available in the Storm Lake area, including our designated conference hotel - the new **King's Pointe Resort** (712-213-4500).

For additional information and access to application forms and paper guidelines, please visit the MPSURC website at <http://public.wartburg.edu/mpsurc/>. Needless to say, we are excited to host this year's event and look forward to seeing everyone on the shores of Storm Lake.

Kindest regards,

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Conference Website

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Important Dates

- Paper Proposal Deadline (abstract) – February 15, 2009
- Conference Registration Form and Fee – March 1, 2009
- Submission for “Best Paper Awards” – March 1, 2009
- All papers submitted to Dr. Bradley Best – March 7, 2009
- **Last day to reserve King’s Pointe Resort hotel rooms at conference rate – February 18, 2009**
 - **Go to: <http://www.kingspointeresort.com>**
 - **Telephone: 1-866-552-5960 (toll free) or 712-213-4500**

Requested Paper Submission Format

Papers may be submitted as either an MS Word attachment file or in Adobe PDF format. This approach allows for easy distribution of papers to panel chair/discussants.

Note to Faculty

Faculty members are encouraged to serve as a chair/discussant on at least one student panel. When completing the conference registration form, please indicate the fields and subfields in which you are most comfortable at reviewing and commenting on student work.

Note to Students

Students are reminded that all papers are presumed to be “research in progress.” Moreover, the purpose of MPSURC is the development of student researchers. Following presentation of student papers, faculty chair/discussants will offer constructive observations and suggestions for improvement. Audience members are also invited to ask questions and offer encouraging remarks.

