



## 2016 National Student Conference

Saturday, February 13, 2016

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

#### 8:30 - 9:00am | MPA B07

Breakfast and Welcome

Sean Twombly, PSA Executive Director | Stephen Farnsworth, PSA National President

#### 9:00 - 10:30am | MPA B07

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Clinton Jenkins, George Washington University

*Talking [About] Class: Candidate Campaign Rhetoric in Low, Medium and High Income Cities*

Lindsey Callahan, Rhode Island College

*Architects of Language: How Narrative Framing Shapes Politics*

Alec Lafavore, Marymount Manhattan College

*The Impact of Fact Checking in Presidential Primaries*

Alexis Wagner, Arizona State University

*Make It A Picture: The Role Infographics Play In Disseminating Public Opinion Survey Results*

Georgia Pevy, University of South Florida

#### 9:00 - 10:30am | MPA 310

COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Fabiana Perera, George Washington University

*Civil Wars in Nepal and Sri Lanka: An institutional approach to understanding civil wars in the developing world*

Diana Stoffel, University of St. Thomas

*Immigration Nations: Migration Crises in America and the European Union*

Juliet Beckstrand, Wake Forest University

*Redefining Revolution: Examining Ideology as a Causal Factor in Producing Regime Change*

Will Freeman, Tufts University

*Between Pragmatism and Political Ideology: Changing South Korean Progressive Views on North Korea*

Allison Kim, Georgetown University

#### 9:00 - 10:30am | MPA 305

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Aparna Ravi, George Washington University

*China's Climate Change Agreement*

Megan Harbaugh, University of Montana

*The Conversion of an Empire: William Wilberforce as Norm Entrepreneur*

Priscilla Pelle, Oakland University

*Are the International Court of Justice's decisions biased?*

Irina Ivanova, Elmira College

*From Intrastate to Interstate Conflict: Human Rights Practices in Conflict Zones*

Erin Brewer, University of Iowa

#### 9:00 - 10:30am | MPA 309

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant:

Jack Santucci, Georgetown University

*Child Welfare Laws: Does Gender Make a Difference in Voting?*

Lauren Wolfe, Elmira College

*Muslim women in U.S. electoral politics post 9/11*

Banapsha Rahman, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

*Contributions of Women on the Supreme Court of the United States*

Kayla Burgess, Mary Baldwin College

*Party Loyalty vs. Racial Identity in the 2012 Election*

Sarah Eller, Stony Brook University

**10:45am - 12:15pm | MPA 310**

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 3

Chair/Discussant: Jack Santucci, Georgetown University

*How the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership is Changing our Ideas about Economic Development*

Jillian Smith, Youngstown State University

*Socioeconomic Status and Attitudes Towards Immigrants: A Survey*

Shanna Johnson, Oakland University

*Is Black the New Orange?*

Erica Nelson, East Central University

*Anti-Federalist Fears of Judicial Activism and the Federalist Response*

Ivan Larson, Ashland University

**10:45am - 12:15pm | MPA 309**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant:

Fabiana Perera, George Washington University

*Understanding the Development of Welfare States: Measuring Economic and Political Transition between the World Wars*

Timothy Smith, California State University, Fullerton

*The Government's influence on Educational Standards*

Hannah Rafalowski-Houseman, Elmira College

*The State-Building Race: Islamist Organizations and the Effects of their Public Service Delivery*

Ameera Naguib, Santa Clara University

*Voter Drive: Do Proportional Representation Systems Hold the Key to Higher Voter Turnout?*

Graham Scott, Shepherd University

**10:45am - 12:15pm | MPA 305**

PUBLIC POLICY SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Trey Herr, George Washington University

*Anthropogenic Activity Effecting the Dead Zone in Gulf of Mexico*

Daniel Petrelli, Slippery Rock University

*Documenting the Global Shift Away from Fossil Fuels*

Connor McGuire, Saint Joseph's University

*Climate Change Policy: Brazil and the United States*

Kendra Couture, Mary Baldwin College

*Determinants of Science Policy Change and the Need for Reform in Congressional Decision-Making and Political Science Research*

Gabrielle Schneiderman, University of Colorado Boulder

**10:45am - 12:15pm | MPA B07**

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 4

Chair/Discussant:

Clinton Jenkins, George Washington University

*Communication and Citizen Participation in Southern Local Politics: A Disconnect Between Municipalities and Constituents*

Rachael Houston, Coastal Carolina University

*The Local American Voter: Turnout in Mayoral Election in Midsized Midwestern American Cities*

Austin Aldag, Illinois Wesleyan University

*The impact of Write-in Candidacies on Local Mayoral Elections*

Amanda Stevens, Oakland University

*Analyzing and Quantifying Local News Media Bias*

Kathryn McDaniel, University of Redlands

**12:30 - 1:45pm | MPA B07**

Lunch & Speaker

Byron Tau, *The Wall Street Journal*

Lunch sponsored by the American Political Science Association

**2:00 - 3:30pm | MPA B07**

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 5

Chair/Discussant:

Rachel Blum, Georgetown University

*Social Capital, Social Media, and the Millennial Vote*

Michael Turinetti, Purdue University

*Presidential Traits in the 2016 Presidential Election*

Priscilla Pelle, Oakland University

*End of the Establishment: Analyzing Millennials' Support of Political Outsiders during the 2016 U.S. Presidential Campaigns*

Molly Knappenberger, Oakland University

*Public Opinion of Labor Unions in the United States*

Baili Volluz, Saint Louis University

**2:00 - 3:30pm | MPA 310**  
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 3

Chair/Discussant:  
Scott Weiner, George Washington University

*Between Open Doors and Closed Borders: President Obama's Central American Minors Refugee Program*  
Maria Gabriela Sanchez, Mills College

*African Americans in the Foreign Service Profession*  
Christian Reaves, Tuskegee University

*The United States Military: How Servicewomen are Disregarded When Reporting Rape*  
Jo Hannah Burch, Georgia Southern University

**2:00 - 3:30pm | MPA 309**  
AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 6

Chair/Discussant:  
Mark Hines, Georgetown University

*Citizen Perceptions of the Affordable Care Act*  
Megan Hoberg, Oakland University

*When Should Extreme Candidates Run for Office?*  
Colin Emrich, Temple University

*The Obama Effect: Explaining Obama's 2008 Success in Indiana*  
Ryan Baker, Franklin College

*Maryland's Political Party Dynamics: Democratic Dominance and a Struggling GOP*  
Erin Chase, St. Mary's College of Maryland

**2:00 - 3:30pm | MPA 305**  
POLITICAL THEORY SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:  
Kristen Collins, Georgetown University

*Liberal Political Institutions*  
Bianca Scrimali, Eastern University

*Death of the American Dream*  
Derek Careya, Ohio Northern University

*Caesar Says 'Do this,' and it is Performed: Political Implications of the Faith of the Centurion in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and Antony and Cleopatra*  
Janna Karatas, Tufts University

*Pais Petit: An Analysis of Catalan Nationalist Discourse from the Renaixença to Today*  
Jacqueline Noel Manuel, Marymount Manhattan College

**3:45 - 5:15pm | MPA B07**  
AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 7

Chair/Discussant:  
Rachel Blum, Georgetown University

*From Smiles to Rage: An Experiment in Cognitive Dissonance*  
James Martherus, Brigham Young University

*The Cause of Low Trust in Government: Does the Public Think there is Too Much Moneyed Influence in Washington?*  
Christian Tecker, Oakland University

*Jedis, Wizards, Republicans, and Democrats: An Investigation into the Relationship Between Star Wars and Harry Potter and the Political Socialization of Generations*  
Kristen McKell, Ohio Northern University

*A Study of African Americans' Physiological, Psychological and Political Responses to Racially Traumatic Stressful Events*  
Jasmine Jackson, Jackson State University  
Jauan Knight, Jackson State University  
Jeremy Anderson, Jackson State University  
Alexis Armstrong, Jackson State University

**3:45 - 5:15pm | MPA 309**  
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 4

Chair/Discussant:  
Scott Weiner, George Washington University

*Invisible Chains: Propaganda and Indoctrination in the DPRK*  
Brittany Small, Mary Baldwin College

*Do Ask, Do Tell: The Exclusion of Gay Men from Universal Male Conscription in the Republic of Turkey*  
Barrett Greenwell, Western Kentucky University

*Invisible Children: The Effectiveness of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Education in Central America*  
Megan Skaggs, Western Kentucky University

*Democratic Satisfaction for Losers and Non-voters in the Czech Republic*  
Haley Reed, Western Kentucky University

**3:45 - 5:15pm | MPA 310**  
COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 5

Chair/Discussant:  
Eric Dunford, University of Maryland

*Changing Environments and Evolving Policy: A comparative analysis of international environmental organizations in China and the US*  
Aubrey Waddick, Augustana College

*Trouble With the Neighbors: The Baltic States' Perspective on Security after the Annexation of Crimea*  
Girard Bucello IV, University of Mary Washington

*China as the Occident of the East: A Saidean Analysis of Sino-Tibetan Relations*  
Ben Brisson, St. Lawrence University

*An Assessment of the United States' Agency for International Development's Assistance to Morocco and its Effect on the Moroccan Education System*  
Greta Frost, Youngstown State University

*The Journey Matters*  
Graham Healy, Elmira College

**3:45 - 5:15pm | MPA 305**  
PUBLIC POLICY SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant:  
Mark Hines, Georgetown University

*The Effects of Age and Race/Ethnicity on Public Finance Opinions in Florida*  
Anthony Cilluffo, University of South Florida

*Homelessness: A Comparative Analysis*  
Hina Ahmad, California State University, Fullerton

*The Future Effectiveness of Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF)*  
Sarah Weaver, Purdue University

*Public Health in Nicaragua: A Case Study of Neoliberal Design*  
Mikaela Strech, Oakland University