Friday, March 4, 2016

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
CONFERENCE CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION
LOBBY
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I
BALLROOM B
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

AMERICAN POLITICS PANEL I
BALLROOM C
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PANEL I
BALLROOM D
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II
BALLROOM B
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ELECTORAL COLLEGE ROUNDTABLE
BALLROOM C
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

STATE & LOCAL POLITICS PANEL I
BALLROOM D
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Friday, March 4, 2016

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL III
BALLROOM B
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

5:15 pm - 7:00 pm
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/POLICY PANEL I
BALLROOM D
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
KPSA BUSINESS MEETING
BALLROOM A
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
KPSA AWARDS BANQUET & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
BY JUSTICE DANIEL J. VENTERS
3rd District of the Supreme Court of Kentucky
NORTH EXHIBIT HALL
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:30 am - 10:30 am

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION
(Continental Breakfast Provided)
LOBBY
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

9:00 am - 10:15 am

GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I
BALLROOM B
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COMPARATIVE POLITICS PANEL I
BALLROOM C
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

10:30 pm - 11:45 pm

GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II
BALLROOM B
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ROUNDTABLE
BALLROOM C
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 1:00-2:15pm)

CHAIR: James Clinger, Murray State University
DISCUSSANT: Michael Hail, Morehead State University

“The Influence of Campaign Spending on the Efficacy of Social Media Campaigning in U.S. Congressional Elections.” Andrew Segal, University of Louisville; Faculty Sponsor: Jason Gainous.

“Muslim Europeans: Target or Unintended Consequences?” Laura De La Rosa, Northern Kentucky University; Faculty Sponsor: Shauna Reilly.

“The Mountain Divide: Education Quality Discrepancies between Kentucky and Central Appalachia.” Chase Harpole, University of Kentucky; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Beaulieu.

“The Felon's Lost Voice: A Comprehensive Investigation into Felon Disenfranchisement.” Kevin Lykins, Northern Kentucky University; Faculty Sponsor: Shauna Reilly.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II (Friday, March 4: 2:30-3:45pm)

CHAIR: Benjamin Knoll, Centre College
DISCUSSANT: James Taylor, Somerset Community College

“Controlling the Flow of Information: European Political Parties, State Type, and Electoral Success.” Bryce Kleinsteuber, University of Louisville; Faculty Sponsor: Jason Gainous.

“Public Opinion Regarding Environmental Issues.” Alicia Follrod, Northern Kentucky University; Faculty Sponsor: Shauna Reilly.

“The Paradox of the Progressive Presidency: How the Democratization of the Presidential Selection System has Degraded the Office.” Tyler Syck, Morehead State University; Faculty Sponsor: Jonathan Pidluzny.

“Democracy in Russia: Confronting Challenges to Democratization, 1989-2014.” Matthew Young, Berea College; Faculty Sponsor: Abdul Rifai.

"Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada." Kennedy Womack, Morehead State University; Faculty Sponsor: William Green.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL III (Friday, March 4: 4:00-5:15pm)

CHAIR: Paul Foote, Murray State University
DISCUSSANT: John Heyrman, Berea College

“Effects of Social Media on Voter Turnout.” Jesse Daley, Northern Kentucky University; Faculty Sponsor: Shauna Reilly.

“Resilient Communists: How Fidel Castro Survived the Soviet Collapse and Cuba’s Uncertain Road to Democracy.” Max Prowant, Morehead State University; Faculty Sponsor: Jonathan Pidluzny.

“The Rule of Law and Freedom in the Former Soviet Union.” Jessica Caudill, Northern Kentucky University; Faculty Sponsor: Shauna Reilly.
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL III (Friday, March 4: 4:00-5:15pm)

“The Rise of Party-Based Euroscepticism in Germany.” Paul Kleier, Thomas More College; Faculty Sponsor: John Spence.

“CETA: The Unfinished Canadian-European Trade Agreement.” Ryan Yoder, Morehead State University; Faculty Sponsor: William Green.

GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I (Saturday, March 5: 9:00-10:15am)

CHAIR: James Clinger, Murray State University
DISCUSSANT: Paul Foote, Murray State University

“Stigmas, Stereotypes and SNAP: Framing effects and perceptions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.” Nikki Schiebel, University of Kentucky.

“In Black and White: Endorsement of the use of Lethal Force by Police.” Steven Kaiser, University of Kentucky.

"Public Art, the Male Worker, and Politics in Nazi Germany and New Deal America." Nathanael Green, Art Academy of Cincinnati.

“Distorting the Court: Decision Agreement and Language Selection in Media Portrayals of the Supreme Court.” Alex Denison, University of Kentucky.

“The Case Study of Impeaching Local Officials Under Kentucky’s Constitutions.” Ashley Taulbee, Morehead State University.

GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II (Saturday, March 5: 10:30-11:45am)

CHAIR: Benjamin Knoll, Centre College
DISCUSSANT: Jason Gainous, University of Louisville

“The Effect of Parks, Poverty, and SNAP Benefits on Childhood Obesity.” Lucia Nkem, Murray State University.

“The Impact of Immigrants on State Level Unemployment Rates.” Maftuna Tojiboeva, Murray State University.


“Getting the Vote by the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Switzerland.” Dakota Thomas, University of Kentucky.

“The Hegelian sense of self with regards to wealth in Jane Austen’s Sense and Sensibility.” Laura Pfalzer, Morehead State University.
AMERICAN POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 1:00-2:15pm)
CHAIR: Glenn Rainey, Eastern Kentucky University
DISCUSSANT: Shauna Reilly, Northern Kentucky University


“Is Corruption Always Worse Than a Sex Scandal? How Ideology Shapes Voters’ Responses to Political Scandals.” Tiffany D. Barnes, Emily Beaulieu, and Gregory Saxton, all of University of Kentucky.


INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 1:00-2:15pm)
CHAIR: Charles Dainoff, University of Kentucky
DISCUSSANT: Charles Dainoff, University of Kentucky

“When Alliances Fail: Shifting Power, Alliance Credibility, and Interstate Disputes.” Jesse Johnson and Stephen Joiner, University of Kentucky.

“Democratic versus Authoritarian Coups: The Influence of External Actors on a State’s Post-coup Political Trajectory.” Kendall Hitch and Clayton Thyne, University of Kentucky.

STATE & LOCAL POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 2:30-3:45pm)
CHAIR: Walter Luttrull, Morehead State University
DISCUSSANT: Walter Luttrull, Morehead State University


JUDICIAL POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 4:00-5:15pm)
CHAIR: Emily Beaulieu, University of Kentucky
DISCUSSANT: Emily Beaulieu, University of Kentucky


“The Courts and Public Law” Walter Luttrull, Morehead State University.
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/POLICY PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 4:00-5:15pm)

CHAIR: Jason Gainous, University of Louisville
DISCUSSANT: Jesse Johnson, University of Kentucky

“Turnover at the Top: Causes and Consequences of Leadership Change in Public Agencies.” James Clinger, Murray State University.


COMPARATIVE POLITICS PANEL I (Saturday, March 5: 9:00-10:15am)

CHAIR: Gregory Alan McBrayer, Morehead State University
DISCUSSANT: Jonathan Pidluzney, Morehead State University

“Citizen Attitudes Towards Voting: Does Compulsory Voting Promote Civic Duty or Resentment?” Gabriela Rangel, University of Kentucky

“Referenda on a National Scale.” Shauna Reilly, Northern Kentucky University.

“Women and Politics from a Comparative Perspective.” Melissa Scheier, Georgetown College.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE ROUNDTABLE PANEL (Friday, March 4: 2:30-3:45pm)

“Should the U.S. Electoral College Be Replaced with Direct Popular Elections?”

CHAIR: Michael Berheide, Berea College
PANELISTS: Michael Hail, Morehead State University, and John Heyrman, Berea College

2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ROUNDTABLE PANEL (Saturday, March 5: 10:30-11:45am)

“What’s Going on Here? A Roundtable on the 2016 Republican and Democratic Primaries.”

PANELISTS: Michael Hail, Jonathan Pidluzney, and Ric Caric, all of Morehead State University
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The David Hughes Memorial Award was established to honor the memory of the former Centre College professor and 1972 KPSA President by recognizing the outstanding paper presented at the previous year's conference by a faculty member or graduate student from a Kentucky college or university. Papers are collected by the Executive Secretary and judged by the Executive Committee. The award is bestowed at the dinner meeting of the following conference.

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Each year, the KPSA awards the Abdul H. Rifai Award for the best paper presented by an undergraduate student at its annual meeting. We encourage students from all disciplines to apply, though the paper must be related to some political issue, event or idea.

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2011 Ahmad Shuja, Berea College, "Minority Secessionism in Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes"

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2008 Beth Coleman, Berea College, "Immigration in the EU and the UK: A Conflict of Interests and Policy"


2005 Diana Freeman, Centre College, "An Explanation of Conflict: Ethnicity, Deprivation, and Rationalization."

2004 Heather Barton, Berea College, "Political Participation and College Students: The Case of Berea College" 

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2002 Christopher Skye Freeman, Berea College, "Political Disequilibrium, Containment, and the Cold War: How the Natural Selection of Political Issues May Drive American Foreign Policy and the Unintended Consequences of Political Decisions"

2001 Irakli Khodeli, Berea College, "Human Rights And Sovereignty In Contemporary International Relations" 


1999 Carrie Cutter, Centre College, "Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Economies: A Study of Mozambique and Uganda."


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