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Kentucky Political Science Association
55th Annual Meeting
March 4-5, 2016

All Sessions
at
The Center for Rural Development
Somerset, Kentucky

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

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ELECTORAL COLLEGE ROUNDTABLE

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STATE & LOCAL POLITICS PANEL I

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Friday, March 4, 2016

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL III

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JUDICIAL POLITICS PANEL I

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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/POLICY PANEL I

BALLROOM D

THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

5:15 pm - 7:00 pm

RECEPTION & NETWORKING

BALLROOMS D & E

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

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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

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2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ROUNDTABLE

BALLROOM C

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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 (continued) (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.

“How Domestic Protests Influence Military Coups.” Jaclyn Johnson, University of Kentucky.

“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

“Digital Information and Selective Exposure: The Consequences for Attitude Extremity.” Jason Gainous, University of Louisville.

“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.

“Boutique Wine Politics: A Constitutional and Policy Domain Analysis.” William Green, Morehead State University.

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

“The First Amendment and the Off-Duty Conduct of Public Employees: Tradeoffs between Civil Liberties, Agency Mission, and Public Trust.” Paul Foote and James Clinger, Murray State University.

“Symbolic Racism, Institutional Bias, and Welfare Drug Testing: Racial Biases Matter.” Chris Ledford, University of Kentucky.

JUDICIAL POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 4: 4:00-5:15pm)

CHAIR: Emily Beaulieu, University of Kentucky

DISCUSSANT: Emily Beaulieu, University of Kentucky

“The Power of the Pen: The Civil Rights Legacy of John Marshall Harlan.” Lee Remington Williams, Bellarmine University.

“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.

“Blurred Lines: A Case Study on Civil Service Neutrality and Political Expression in the Age of Social Media.” Jane Rainey and Glenn Rainey, Eastern Kentucky 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

KPSA Executive Committee, 2015-16

James Taylor, Somerset Community College, President (2015-2016; 2014-2015)

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Distinguished Political Scientists

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1991 Dr. Louis Smith, Berea College

1990 Dr. Frederic Ogden, Eastern Kentucky University

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David Hughes Memorial Award

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.

Past Winners

- 2014** - Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, J.S. Butler and Whitney Davis, all of the University of Kentucky. "The Spreading of Innovation: State Adoptions of Energy and Climate Change Policy."
- 2013** - Mark Peffley of the University of Kentucky, Marc Hutchison of the University of Rhode Island, and Michal Shamir of the University of Tel-Aviv, Israel. "The Impact of Terrorism on Israeli Political Tolerance, 1980 to 2011."
- 2012** - Dr. Jason Gainous and Dr. Allison M. Martens of the University of Louisville. "The Effectiveness of Civics Education: Is Being a 'Good Teacher' Actually Good for Students?"
- 2011** - Jonathan W. Pidluzny, Morehead State University. "The Social Requisites of Liberal Democracy, and Alexis de Tocqueville's Analysis of Islam"
- 2010** - Jason Gainous, University of Louisville.
- 2009** - Charles Ziegler, University of Louisville. "Competing for Markets and Influence: Asian National Oil Companies in Eurasia"
- 2008** - William Garriott and Michael Douglas, Centre College. "George Bush, The Rally Effect, And The Partisan Popular Press."
- 2007** - Jonathan Winburn, Western Kentucky University, "Comparing Redistricting Outcomes Across the States: A Comparison of Commission, Court, and Legislative Plans."
- 2006** - Kenneth McIntyre, Campbellsville University, "Orwell's Despair: Nineteen Eighty-Four and the Critique of the Teleocratic State."
- 2005** - Brian Caza, Georgetown College
- 2004** - John Heyrman, Berea College, "The Electoral College: A Critical Analysis."
- 2002** - Glenn W. Rainey, Jr. and Jane Gurganus Rainey, Eastern Kentucky University, "Representational Issues and Electoral College Reform: Implications of the 2000 Presidential Election."
- 2000** - JD Droddy, Western Kentucky University, "Originalist Justification and Methodology of Unenumerated Rights."
- 1999** - Shamima Ahmed, Northern Kentucky University, "Assessing the Effectiveness of Welfare Reform Initiatives: The Relevance of Motivational Theories."
- 1998** - Margaret M. Juergens and Nayef H. Samhat, Centre College, "Middle Powers and American Foreign Policy: A Model for Managing World Politics with Lessons from Irano-U.S. Relations, 1968-1978."
- 1997** - Fragano Ledgister, Morehead State University, "The Racist Right and the Internet."
- 1996** - John Heyrman, Berea College, "Should We Blame the Messenger? If So, for What? A Study of Newspaper Coverage of U.S. House Elections."
- 1993** - Paul Knepper, Northern Kentucky University, "Thomas Jefferson, Criminal Law Reform, and the Founding of the Kentucky Penitentiary at Frankfort."
- 1992** - Paul Blanchard, Eastern Kentucky University, "Education Reform And Executive--Legislative Relations In Kentucky: HB 940 As The Culmination Of Legislative Independence, 1980-1990." & John Heyrman, Berea College, "Reflections on Incumbency and the Meaning of Recent Elections in the United States."

Abdul H. Rifai Award

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.

Past Winners

- 2015** Kelly Grenier, Berea College, "Operation Nudge: How Non-Sovereign Organizations can Gain Quasi-Sovereign Powers to Solve Public Choice Issues." / Matthew Hart, Kathleen Kennedy, and Bryan Repishti, all of Centre College, "Split Ticket Voting in Kentucky." / Nathan McNichols, Murray State University, "Decisions Dictated By Perceptions: *The Influences of Society and Education in Scalia's Originalism.*" / Kelli South, Chase Deppen, Matthew Gilbert, and Ryan McDonald, all of Centre College, "Do Coal Unions and Racial Diversity Affect Split Ticket Voting in Kentucky?" / Ashley Taulbee, Morehead State University, "The Evolution of Kentucky's Constitutions: A Comparison of The Original and Second Constitutions."
- 2014** Tyler O'Daniel, Centre College, "Cross of Iron: Public Attitudes and Military Spending Since the Cold War."
- 2013** Autumn Baker, Morehead State University, " Roger Sherman: The Transition from Articles to the Constitution."
- 2010** David Hughes, Georgetown College, "Gay Rights and Social Movements in Latin America."
- 2011** Ahmad Shuja, Berea College, "Minority Secessionism in Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes"
- 2009** Sarah Spiker, Western Kentucky University, "Eco-Sanitation: A method of providing the human right to dignity across the globe."
- 2008** Beth Coleman, Berea College, "Immigration in the EU and the UK: A Conflict of Interests and Policy"
- 2007** Jeremy Wells, Berea College. "*Imperium et Sacerdotium*: Universalism, Fragmentation, and New Medievalism."
- 2006** William Gyude Moore, Berea College. "Demographic Pressures and the Stability of the State in Sub-Saharan Africa."
- 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"
- 2003** Trish Gibson, Berea College, "Prophet vs. Politician: Evaluating the Role of Charismatic Leadership in the Promotion of Political Stability"
- 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"
- 2000** Gail Guiling, Western Kentucky University, "Black Enfranchisement In Kentucky: The Impact of the Voting Rights Act of 1965."
- 1999** Carrie Cutter, Centre College, "Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Economies: A Study of Mozambique and Uganda."
- 1998** Seth Kincaid Jolly, Centre College, "Mediating European Integration in the 1990s: National Identity and Economics in France and Ireland."
- 1997** Lisa Vaughn, Berea College
- 1993** Michelle Woolwine, Moorehead State University
- 1992** Lisa A. Clark, Berea College
- 1991** G. Keith Alvey, University of Louisville

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