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Friday, March 2

Registration Noon-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Refreshments
Davenport Student Commons in the E. Bruce Heilman Student Complex
Foyer and Student Lounge

Friday, March 2, 2012

Session I: 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Panel 1 A *American, State and Local Politics*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 203

Chair: Dr. Sandra Ardrey, Western Kentucky University
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"Chemical Castration as a Sentencing Alternative for Sex Offenders: Risk Regulation Issues in the Criminal Justice Use of Depo-Provera"

Dr. William Green, Morehead State University
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"Turnover at the Top: Retrospective Evaluations of Kentucky School District Leaders"

Dr. James Clinger, Murray State University, co-authored with Dr. Martin Battle at Murray State University
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"Red City, Blue City: Changes in the Urban Electorate for Presidential Elections, 2000-2008"

Dr. Joshua D. Ambrosius, West Virginia State University
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"The Budget Gap: Gender Inequality in the Budget Process, 1962-2011"

Mr. Kevin Fahey, University of Louisville
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"Good Money After Bad. Revealing the Causes of a 481% Increase in Federal Transit Funding?"

Dr. Stephen Mergner, Ph.D., Georgetown College
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Discussant: Dr. Michael Hail, Morehead State University
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Panel 1 B *MPA 1 – Showcasing the Research of MPA Students (and recent graduates)*

Location: Chowning Executive Dining Room, Winters Dining Hall

Chair: Dr. James Chappell, Western Kentucky University

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“Budgets, Books and Bilingualism: An Investigation of Language Challenges in U.S. Libraries”

Mr. Thomas W. Thornberry, Eastern Kentucky University

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“REINS ACT: A Stealthless Attack on Administrative Agency Rulemaking”

Mr. John Barnett, Eastern Kentucky University

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“Does Religion Matter? Comparison of Female Faculty Rates in Religious and Public Universities”

Mr. Sterling Weed, Western Kentucky University

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"Disparities in Study Abroad Programs"

Ms. Cierra Waller, Western Kentucky University

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Discussant: Mrs. Pattie Robinson, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

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Panel 1 C *Undergraduate Research 1*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 105

Chair: Max Wise, Campbellsville University

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“Competition or Cooperation? The Effect of Socioeconomic Status on Minority Immigration Attitudes”

Ms. Haley Silver, Centre College

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“Public Opinion and the Court”

Ms. Lori Wilson, Eastern Kentucky University

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“Insuring America: The Impact of President Obama’s Affordable Care Act on the States”

Mr. James T. Galbreath, Morehead State University

“Handicapping the Vote in Obamacare: Will the Justices’ Represent?”

Mr. Ismaila Ceesay, Berea College

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Discussant: Dr. Stephen Voss, University of Kentucky

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Session II 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Panel II A *Civilization Change*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 203

Chair/Discussant: Mrs. Karen (Casey) Armour, Union College

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“Relativism and Its Consequences for Western Civilization”

Dr. Stephen Lange, Morehead State University

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“Theories of Regime Development Across the Millennia and Their Application to Modern Liberal Democracies”

Dr. Murray Bessette, Morehead State University

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“Factors of Destabilization and Collapse: A Comparative Study of the Roman and British Empires and the Consequences for Western Civilization”

Dr. Michael Hail, Morehead State University

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“Dethroning Christianity and Building Tolerant Citizens: How Philosophers and Theologians Laid Indispensable Ground for Limited Democratic Government in the Western World”

Dr. Jonathan Pidluzny, Morehead State University

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Panel II B *MPA 2*

Location: Chowning Executive Dining Room, Winters Dining Hall

Chair: Dr. James Chappell, Western Kentucky University

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“Consolidation: Can It Save Kentucky Local Governments?”

Mr. Matthew Oyer, Eastern Kentucky University

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“Comparison of Selected Public Service Positions Within Compensation Systems of the United States and China”

Mr. Luhan Wang and Mr. Austin Klaine, Western Kentucky University

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“Assessing The Gender Diversity Among State Legislative Staffers”

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Discussant: Mrs. Pattie Robinson, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

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Panel II C *Undergraduate Research 2*

Location: Technology Training Center - Room # 105

Chair: Mr. Max Wise, Campbellsville University

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“China’s Rising Influence: Impacts on U.S. – China Relation and The Role of America in Asia”

Ms. Yen Hai Tran, Morehead State University

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“Bin Laden’s Road to Radicalization”

Ms. Jordan Johnson, Campbellsville University

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“South Asian Reformations - Why Has The International Development of China and Vietnam Differed Significantly?”

Ms. Lauren Elizabeth Vanhook, Morehead State University

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"Russia, Authoritarianism, and the Challenge of Democratization"

Mr. Joel Cerimele, Thomas More College

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“Nations Without States: The Cases of Welsh and Scottish Identity”

Mr. Donald McClain, West Virginia State University

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Discussant: Dr. Shawn Williams, Campbellsville University

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Session III: 4:00-5:45 p.m.

Panel III A *The Art of Teaching: Political Science Pedagogy*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 203

Chair: Dr. Erik Lind Lewis, Morehead State University

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“Civic Education and Democratic Capacity: How do Teachers Teach and What Works?”

Dr. Jason Gainous, and Dr. Allison M. Martens, University of Louisville

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“Simulation Learning and Inter-Institutional Collaboration: Designing and Conducting Effective Simulation Learning Techniques”

Dr. James R. Masterson, Morehead State University

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Panel III B *Round Table on Kentucky Politics*

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Presenters:

Dr. Michael Hail, Associate Professor of Government, Morehead State University

Dr. James Clinger, Professor of Government, Law and International Affairs, Murray State University

Dr. Murray Bessette, Assistant Professor of Government, Morehead State University

Panel III C *Undergraduate Research 3*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 105

Chair: Dr. Benjamin Knoll, Centre College

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“Does Preference In News Outlet Affect Feelings Towards Immigration Policy?”

Mr. Curtis Donald, Jr., Centre College

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“Justifying Terror: How Osama Bin Laden Used the Teaching of a 13th Century Philosopher to Justify Modern Day Terrorism”

Mr. Logan Wolfe, Campbellsville University

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“The Impacts of Executive Policy Implementation on Intergovernmental Relations”

Ms. Kaci Foster, Morehead State University

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“A Dissection of the Israel Lobby’s Acting Agent, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee”

Ms. Natalie D. Crone, Berea College

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Discussant: Dr. Joshua D. Ambrosius, West Virginia State University

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Business Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Writing Lab in the Badgett Academic Support Center

KPSA Reception 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Location: Atrium of the Badgett Academic Support Center

KPSA 51st Anniversary Awards Banquet
March 2, 2012
Banquet Hall, Badgett Academic Support Center
7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Keynote Address
Ambassador Carey Cavanaugh
Director, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Registration: 8:00-9:00 a.m. Eastern Time
Refreshments
Davenport Student Commons in the E. Bruce Heilman Student Complex
Foyer and Student Lounge

Session IV: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Panel: IV A *International Studies*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room #105

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Murray Bessette, Morehead State University
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“Democratic Consolidation and Status of Women in Society: A Comparative Study of Regime Types in Terms of Women’s Status in Present Day World”

Mr. Sambuddha Ghatak, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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“Sovereign Wealth Funds and the Resource Curse: Do Capital Reserves Stabilize Regimes Throughout the Commodity Price Cycle?”

Mr. G. Jason Smith, Florida State University
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“A Proposed Model of the Vote-Buying Process: Empirical Evidence from Thai Provinces”

Dr. David A. Owen, Southern Illinois University
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Panel IV B *Public Administration*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 203

Chair/ Discussant: Dr. Minerva Cruz, Kentucky State University
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“What Have We Done To Our Daughters: An Exploration Of The Utilization Of Maternity Leave Benefits”

Dr. Victoria Gordon, Western Kentucky University
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“Turnover, Time Horizons, and Transaction Costs: Political Determinants of State Public Employee Pension Fund Contributions”

Dr. James Clinger, Murray State University
Co-authored with Jungah Bae, Hongtao Yi and Richard C. Feiock, all of Florida State University
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"The Constitutionality of Health Care Reform: An Examination and Refutation of the Legal Challenges to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

Mr. Alexander Fontana, Eastern Kentucky University

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"The Imperatives of Successful Policy Implementation: A Case Study of the Hollings National Institute of Standards and Technology-Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST-MEP) Program's Implementation in Arkansas"

Dr. Russell M. Frazier, Western Kentucky University

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"Power in the Graveyard of Mountains: A Regional Analysis of Subject and Agency in Appalachia"

Ms. Joy E. Moore, Morehead State University

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Panel IV C *Election 2012*

Location: Chowning Executive Dining Room, Winters Dining Hall

Moderator: Dr. Shawn Williams, Campbellsville University

Panel Participants:

Mr. Ryan Alessi, reporter with Insight Communications as senior managing editor and host of Pure Politics, in charge of news and public affairs coverage. Alessi has covered politics for more than 10 years, including 7 years as a reporter for the Lexington-Herald Leader. Alessi is a native of Baltimore and a graduate of Ohio University.

Mr. Kenny Colston, is the Frankfort Bureau Chief for Kentucky Public Radio (a collaborative effort of public radio stations in Kentucky). Colston has covered Kentucky's Capitol and state government since 2010. He is a Louisville native, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Joseph Gerth, is political writer for The Courier-Journal, Kentucky's largest newspaper, covering Kentucky politics. His weekly column appears on Mondays in the newspaper's Metro section. Gerth is originally from Louisville, has been at the newspaper since 1988.

Session V: 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Panel V A *Theory and Discourse of the 21st Century*

Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 203

Chair: Dr. Saundra Ardrey, Western Kentucky University

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"Political Film In The Era Of The War On Terror"

Dr. John Heyrman, Berea College

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"Talking About Torture: U.S. Discourse in the Case of Guantanamo Bay"

Dr. Kali Wright-Smith, Georgetown College

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“Forgiveness, Guilt, and Race in American Political Thought”
Dr. Ric Caric, Morehead State University
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“Understanding Ethnocentrism’s Effects on Support for War through the Issue-Attention Framework”
Mr. Christopher W. Ledford, University of Louisville
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“Competing Metanarratives of Racial Consciousness in Contemporary America”
Mr. Daniel Mattox, Morehead State University
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Discussant: Dr. Stefan Brooks, Lindsey Wilson College
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Panel V B *Teaching Abroad for Faculty*
Location: Technology Training Center – Room # 105

Moderated by: Dr. DeWayne Frazier, Campbellsville University
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Panel V C *2012 Kentucky General Assembly*
Location: Chowning Executive Dining Room, Winters Dining Hall

Moderated by: Mr. John Chowning, Campbellsville University
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The session features key State Senators and State Representatives from Kentucky's heartland region and will focus on major issues pending in the 2012 General Assembly session. Topics to be discussed include state budget, political impacts of redistricting, education, tax reform, and other issues pending in Frankfort.

Panel Participants:

Honorable Jimmy Higdon, Kentucky State Senator for District 14, from Lebanon
Honorable David Givens, Kentucky State Senator for District 9, from Greensburg
Honorable Bam Carney, Kentucky State Representative for District 51, from Campbellsville
Honorable Terry Mills, Kentucky State Representative for District 24, from Lebanon

KPSA 2012 Participants

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Ardrey, Sandra
Armour, Karen
Armour, Robert
Bae, Jungah
Barnett, John
Barros, Claudiane
Barros, Leonardo
Battle, Martin
Bierwirth, Chris
Berheide, Michael
Bessette, Murray
Brooks, Stefan
Burson, Randy
Caric, Ric
Carney, Bam
Cavanaugh, Carey
Ceesay, Ismaila
Cerimele, Joel
Chappell, James
Chowning, John
Chowning, Kaleb
Ciccarelli, Jessica
Cierwirth, Chris
Clinger, James
Coffee, Bradley
Colston, Kenny
Crone, Natalie
Cruz, Minerva
Donald Jr., Curtis
Douglas, Sheila
Draper, She'Rohn
Eubank, Damon
Fahey, Kevin
Feiock, Richard
Flanagan, Virginia
Fontana, Alexander
Foster, Kaci
Frazier, Russell M.
Frazier, DeWayne
Gainous, Jason
Galbreath, James
Gerth, Joseph
Ghatak, Sambuddha
Gilbert, Samuel
Givens, David
Gordon, Victoria

Green, William
Hail, Michael
Heyrman, John
Hicks, D. Bruce
Higdon, Jimmy
Ivnaov, Ivan Dinev
Johnson, Jordan
Kern, Christina
Klaine, Austin
Knoll, Benjamin
Lange, Stephen
Ledford, Christopher
Lenoir, Jennifer
Lewis, Eric Lind
Markle, Elizabeth
Martens, Allison
Masterson, James
Mattox, Daniel
McClain, Donald
McKinney, Joan
Mergner, Arthur W.
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Mills, Terry
Moore, Joy
Noland, Sheri
Nugent, Emily
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Veatch, Monte
Vines, Kelly

Voss, Stephen
Waggener, Linda
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Watkins, Rusty
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Williams, Shawn
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Wise, Max
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