SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 22
WELCOME RECEPTION 6-8 p.m. (Johns Hall Community Square)

Saturday, February 23
BREAKFAST 8-9 a.m. (Johns Hall Community Square)

SESSION ONE 9-10:15 a.m.

Panel 1, Johns Hall 101
Differing Philosophical Conceptions of Love and Happiness (Faculty)
Chair: Laura Roost, Newberry College
Discussant: Laura Roost, Newberry College
- “The Pursuit of Happiness and the Crisis of Liberalism” -- Benjamin and Jenna Silber Storey, Furman University
- “The Political Taming of Eros: Wine, Warfare and Women in Plato’s Laws” -- Ramon Lopez, Furman University

Panel 2, Johns Hall 105
Money, Satisfaction, and “Fake News” (Student)
Chair: Rachel Vanderhill, Wofford College
Discussant: Jordan Ragusa, College of Charleston
- “The Effects of Partisan Media and Fake News on College Students” -- Sabrina Roof, Furman University
- “Microfinance in Sub-Saharan Africa” -- Carmen Marie Laughlin, Newberry College
- “Race or Location: Which Has a Greater Effect on Satisfaction?” -- Philesea J. Matthews, University of South Carolina, Aiken
- “Understanding the Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Coup d’états in Africa” -- Thomas John Collins, Annette Guild, Kevin Krivacsy, Allan Wilford, Anderson University

Panel 3, Johns Hall 107
Issues in International Relations and Foreign Policy (Faculty)
Chair: Suhier Daoud, Coastal Carolina University
Discussant: Cleve Fraser, Furman University
- “Congruent Illiberalism in Turkish Foreign Policy?” -- Tom Wood, University of South Carolina, Aiken
- “Is China a Great Power Yet? Evidence from China’s Participation in Post-Cold War UN PKOs” -- Min Ye, Coastal Carolina University
- “Change and Continuity in Attitudes on International Affairs Among Religious Group: A Snapshot from the American National Election Studies” -- Mark Roeder, North Greenville University

BREAK 10:15-10:30 a.m.

SESSION TWO 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Panel 4, Johns Hall 107
Philosophical Interpretations of Scholem, Arendt, Hobbes, and Aristotle (Student)
Chair: Ramon Lopez, Furman University
Discussant: Ramon Lopez, Furman University
- “Gershorm Scholem’s Crypto-Politics & Hannah Arendt’s Crypto-Theology: Heresy, Justice, and Love” -- Jim Josephson, Bridgewater College and MacKenzie Melvin, Bridgewater College

Panel 5, Johns Hall 105
Issues in State Politics (Faculty)
Chair: Matthew Malone, Lander University
Discussant: Matthew Malone, Lander University
- “South Carolina’s Act 388: Examining the ‘Scope of Conflict’ in School Property Tax Policy” -- Sarah Young, University of South Carolina Aiken
- “Unity of Disunity on Political Issue Positions Among Christians” -- Mark Roeder, North Greenville University
- “Party Voting and the Balance of Power: A View from South Carolina Legislative Roll Calls” -- James Salter, Newberry College

Panel 6, Johns Hall 101
Issues of Race and Gender (Faculty)
Chair: Suhier Daoud, Coastal Carolina University
Discussant: Grant Allard, Clemson University
- “Heritage versus Hate: Assessing Opinions in the Debate Over Confederate Monuments and Memorials” -- Christopher A. Cooper, Western Carolina University; Scott Huffman, Winthrop University; H. Gibbs Knotts, the College of Charleston; and Seth McKee, Texas Tech University
- “Candidate Ethnicity as a Cue for Partisanship in Nonpartisan Elections” -- Matthew P. Thornburg, University of South Carolina, Aiken
- “Colored Lines: Perceptions of U.S. Elites Regarding Venus and Serena Williams” -- Teresa Cosby, Furman University

Panel 7, Johns Hall 109
Topics in Comparative Politics and International Relations (Faculty)
Chair: Min Ye, Coastal Carolina University
Discussant: Rachel Vanderhill, Wofford College
- “Lord of the Flies? Competing States within a Group Home for Troubled Youth” -- Elizabeth Georgian, University of South Carolina, Aiken
BREAK 12-12:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Hartness Pavilion)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2-3 p.m. (Hartness Pavilion)
Opening Remarks, U.S. Senator Tim Scott
A Conversation with Congressman William Timmons (SC 4th District)
Moderated by Dr. Brent Nelsen, Furman University

SESSION THREE 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Panel 8, Johns Hall 101
Reflections on the Trump Administration (Student)
Chair: Kate Kaup, Furman University
Discussant: Min Ye, Coastal Carolina University
• "Populism and Piety: An Analysis of Evangelical Christian Support for Populist Politics" -- Eric Faidley, Furman University
• "Hegemony First: How the United States Can Maintain Primacy in the Age of Donald Trump" -- Jonathan Fitzgerald, Furman University
• "Trumping Immigration Attorneys: The Effects of the Trump Administration on Immigration Litigation" -- Katherine West, Furman University
• "Impeachment in 21st Century America" -- Austin Hough, Erskine College

Panel 9, Johns Hall 105
Book Roundtable (Faculty)
Chair & Discussant: Danielle Vinson, Furman University
• "First in the South: The Case for the South Carolina Presidential Primary" -- Jordan Ragusa and H. Gibbs Knotts, the College of Charleston

Panel 10, Johns Hall 107
Science, Folklore, and Parks and Recreation (Faculty)
Chair: Cleve Fraser, Furman University
Discussant: Matthew Thornburg, University of South Carolina, Aiken
• "Anthony Downs meets Leslie Knope: Using Parks and Recreation to Teach Inside Bureaucracy" -- Matthew Malone, Lander University
• "Fake Science and Folklore: William Gilmore Simms Engagement with Phrenology" -- Colin D. Pearce, Clemson University
• "Presidential Particularism in Science: Studying the Role of Politics in Science" -- Grant A. Allard, Clemson University