South Carolina Political Science Association
2018 Annual Meeting
March 23-24, 2018

Chair: Claire B. Wofford – College of Charleston
Discussants: Claire B. Wofford –
College of Charleston and Karen M. Kedrowski
Winthrop University

➢ PANEL 8
Regional Topics – Wall 210
  • Lexie Harvey – Furman University
    "Prostitution Policy in Scotland: Policy
    Convergence and Agenda Setting"
  • Adrien Ratsimbaharison – Benedict College
    "Understanding the Conditions of Political
    Stabilities and Crises in Post-Cold War
    Sub-Saharan Africa"
Chair and Discussant:
Rick Kilroy – Coastal Carolina University

BREAK - 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON
12:15-1:45 p.m. – Singleton Ballroom
KEYNOTE ADDRESS –
Fulbright ‘SIR’ Distinguished Visiting Scholar
Mimouna Zitouni – Coastal Carolina University

BUSINESS MEETING – 1:45-2 p.m.

SESSION III - 2-3:15 p.m.
➢ PANEL 9
The Middle East and the Future of Jihadi
Groups – Wall 205
  • Carlie Todd – Coastal Carolina University
    "The Economic Strategy and Tactics of the
    Islamic State"
  • Casey Mallon – Coastal Carolina University
    "The Islamic State Abroad: Where will the
    Islamic State turn next?"
  • Sarra Souid – Furman University
    "Reintegration of Returning Foreign Fighters:
    What Model Would Work Best for Tunisia?"
Chair and Discussant:
Christopher Ferrero – Coastal Carolina University

➢ PANEL 10
Religion and Politics – Wall 206
  • Kathleen Smith – Furman University
    "Institutional Opportunity and Papal
    Encyclicals"
  • Noah Zimmermann – Furman University
    "In the Name of the Common Good: Maritain
    and Manent on Immigration"
Chair and Discussant:
Brent Nelsen – Furman University

➢ PANEL 11
Identity Politics – Wall 209
  • Charlie Hollis Whittington –
    Georgetown University
    "Political, Economical, and Methodological
    Reasons for LGBTQ Data Collection"
  • Nicole Hyman – Furman University
    "An Analysis of the Organizational Structure of
    Turning Point USA"
Chair and Discussant: Min Ye –
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Minouna Zitouni

As the cultural ambassador of Algeria in USA for 2017-2018, Minouna Zitouni strives to share Arabic and Algerian cultural patrimony in USA through active participation in teaching the Arabic language/culture and literature across cultures to CCU students and through enriching other U.S. scholarly communities by visiting different universities and participating in a variety of seminars, lectures and conferences. Zitouni is a native of Oran; the Algerian Economic Capital. She is an associate professor in sociolinguistics studies (discipline English) at the University of Mohamed Ben Ahmed, Oran 2, Algeria. Currently, she acts as a distinguished Fulbright ‘SIR’ visiting scholar to Coastal Carolina University. Her research interests include the didactics of English for specific purposes, intercultural communication, discourse analysis and translation studies. She is currently working on a research work titled “Hostility and Controversies upon Recommending the Teaching of a Colloquial Variety at Primary School Level: The Case of Darija in Algeria.”

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Schedule of Events

Friday, March 23

RECEPTION – Wall Boardroom 222, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Wall Boardroom 222, 8-9 a.m.

SESSION I - 9-10:15 a.m.

- PANEL 1
  Gender Issues and Politics – Wall 205
  - Claire B. Wofford and H. Gibbs Knotts – College of Charleston
    “The Impact of Marital Name Change on Female Political Candidates”
  - Brandon Johnson and Samantha Ruesch – Coastal Carolina University
    “Women in Public Administration”
  - Sarah Young – University of South Carolina at Aiken
    “The Impact of Maternal Social Policies on Number of Women in State Elected Offices: Applying McDonald’s ‘Motherless State’ Hypothesis to Sub-national Governments”

- PANEL 3
  South Carolina Politics – Wall 209
  - Lauren Couvry – Furman University
    “Greenville County Decision-makers and the Influence of Environmental Ethics in Conservation Easements”
  - Abby DeMare – Furman University
    “Nascent Political Ambition and Athletic Experience”
  - Dan Ruff – Midlands Technical College
    “South Carolina Legislative Special Elections, 1961-2018: Political Novices and Underdogs in the Development of the Two-Party Modern Era”

Chair and Discussant:
Matthew Malone – Lander University

- PANEL 4
  International and Comparative Politics – Wall 210
  - Jessica Doscher – Winthrop University
    “Cries of Identity: Uncovering the Roots of Ethnic Division in Liviu”
  - Shaoshuang Wen – University of South Carolina at Columbia
    “Decomposing the Relationship between PTAs and Militarized Conflict”
  - Matthew Deininger – Furman University
    “Institutions and Crises: An Exploration of Political Regime Type and Economic Crashes”

Chair and Discussant:
Adrien Ratsimbaharison – Benedict College

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

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

- PANEL 5
  Intelligence Operations – Wall 205
  - Brent F. Nelsen and James L. Guth – Furman University
  - Karyn Amira, Lauren Johnson – Coastal Carolina University

Chair and Discussant:
Marian Dekanozishvili – Coastal Carolina University

- PANEL 6
  Political Theory – Wall 206
  - Evan Norfleet – Furman University
    “The Case for Community: Understanding Alexis de Tocqueville and the Current American Moment”
  - Colin D. Pearce – Clemson Institute
    “Finding Schmitt and Forgetting Strauss: S. LINDERHOF ON YOCKEY’S IMPERIUM”
  - John Altick – The Citadel
    "The Primacy of the Political"
  - Liam Simpkins-Walker – Furman University
    “The Evolution of the American Public Sphere”

Chair and Discussant:
Michael Julius – Coastal Carolina University

- PANEL 7
  Local and Electoral Politics – Wall 209
  - Matthew Thornburg – University of South Carolina at Aiken
    “Party Registration and Turnout in Closed Primary Elections”
  - Matthew Malone – Lander University
    “Does Size Matter? An Examination of the Variation of PSM of Emergency Managers Based on Population and Staff”
  - Ben Cardew – Furman University
    “The media and its role in reporting on the mass shooting in Las Vegas”
  - Jordan Ragusa, Deon McCray, Karyn Amira, Lauren Johnson – College of Charleston
    “Republican Opposition to the Trump Legislative Agenda”

“Biometrics and Human Intelligence: Security Implications for Operational Travel”
“Alison Reilly – Coastal Carolina University
“APPLESAUCE: The Roots of the CIA’s Special Collection Program”
“Katlyn Lloyd – Coastal Carolina University
“Intelligence Operations in Latin America and Their Impact Today on the Region”

Chair and Discussant:
Joseph Fitisanakis – Coastal Carolina University