

South Carolina Political Science Association

2014 Annual Meeting

Pluralism and Power: Group Interests in the Political Process

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The **South Carolina Political Science Association (SCPSA)** is the statewide professional association of political scientists. The SCPSA holds its annual meeting during February or March, and the event is generally held on the campus of the program chair. This allows members to learn more about their colleagues' research while providing opportunities for improving professional development skills. The conference usually consists of participation from faculty members, graduate students and undergraduate students – the latter may compete for the annual Mary Jean Byrd Award.

The Journal of Political Science is the professional journal published annually by the SCPSA. *The Journal* publishes on all topics of interest to political scientists across all specializations and methodological approaches, although some preference is given to work on Southern and South Carolina politics. *The Journal* is distributed to all SCPSA members, to other individual scholars and to more than 200 libraries. Indexed by ABC-PoliSCI and others, *The Journal* is published for the SCPSA by The Athenaeum Press, an academic initiative housed in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at Coastal Carolina University.

Guidelines SCPSA 2014 Annual Meeting

In order to facilitate dialogue and audience participation and interaction, please adhere to the following guidelines:

PRESENTERS should have submitted their papers to all panel members no later than 10 days in advance of the conference (by February 20). If the paper was incomplete, presenters were requested to forward a working draft version.

Presenters on panels with **three** papers should take **15 minutes maximum** to present their findings and/or commentary. Presenters on panels with **four** papers should take **12 minutes maximum**. The professional courtesy and respect shown to your fellow presenters and members of the audience by doing so is greatly appreciated by all. Please note that the panel chairs have been asked to be very strict in enforcing time limits and cutting off presenters who go beyond the 15-minute limit.

Presenters should provide only a summary, highlighting the basic points of the paper (such as the research question, research strategy, major research findings and conclusions). Please do not read your paper. Details should be saved for the question-and-answer period. Handouts and visual displays are

always appreciated by members of the audience (especially at roundtable discussions). Also, presenters have been encouraged to bring extra copies of their papers for distribution as well as to make them available online via email.

CHAIRS should be polite, yet strict, in enforcing these guidelines. For example, they should inquire about the status of papers to ensure that they have been received in a timely fashion before the conference, and during the panel, notify the presenter or discussant when no more than two minutes of his/her formal time remains. They should then make certain that the presenter or discussant concludes his/her comments within the prescribed limits.

DISCUSSANTS should take **12 minutes (maximum)** to discuss the papers and, if appropriate, offer to provide more extensive comments in writing or after the session has concluded. Our goal again is to facilitate and maximize audience participation and feedback.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SENATOR LUKE A. RANKIN

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SENATOR
33rd DISTRICT



A native of Horry County, Luke Rankin has strong family ties to the Grand Strand. He was born and raised in Conway, graduated from Conway High School and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. He has a thriving law practice in Conway and lives in Myrtle Beach with his wife Lindsey, daughter Hollings and son Luke Jr.

Rankin is a strong advocate for Horry County. He was first elected to the State Senate in 1993 and has served continuously since. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Banking and Insurance Committee, the Transportation Committee and the Education Committee. He also chairs the subcommittee on Office of Regulatory Staff of the Public Utility Review Committee, which is tasked with oversight of the state's public utilities.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 22

6 to 8 p.m. RECEPTION

Edwards Courtyard
Edwards College Building
(Wall Boardroom in the event
of inclement weather)

Saturday, March 23

8 to 9 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Wall Boardroom
(Wall Building - 222)

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

▶ PANEL 1: Democratization and Development

Wall Building - 205

- **Andrew Davis** *Virginia Tech*
"Socialism for the 21st Century: Considerations of Formal Democracy in Venezuela"
- **Nate Madden** *The Citadel*
"Economic and Agricultural Development in Uganda: A Case Study of the Africa Renewal University Farming Project"

- **Adrien Ratsimbaharison** *Benedict College*
"Democratization and Armed Conflicts in Post-Cold War Africa, 1989-2012"

Panel Chair & Discussant:

Lee Walker *University of South Carolina*

▶ PANEL 2: Women's Representation, Activism and Leadership

Wall Building - 206

- **Suheir Daoud** *Coastal Carolina University*
"Palestinian Women in the Islamic Movement in Israel"
- **Lauren Metcalf** *Winthrop University*
"Decriminalization of Sex Work"
- **Carol Botsch** *University of South Carolina-Aiken*
"Irene Rudnick for the People: A Case Study of a Southern Woman Politician"
- **Kayla Davis** *Winthrop University*
"Pre-Patriarchal Persephone and the Appropriation of the Female Trinity"

Panel Chair and Discussant:

Michael Lipscomb *Winthrop University*

▶ **PANEL 3: American Government: Economics, Elections and Representation**

Wall Building - 209

- **Michael Julius** *Coastal Carolina University*
"Presidential Midterm Campaigning and Party Competitiveness"
- **Jamison Nicklaus** *Lander University*
"A New State: Foreign Investment Changes in South Carolina's Culture"
- **Aaron Talmage and John McKenzie** *Lander University*
"Is it Something in the Water?"

Panel Chair & Discussant:

Chad Kinsella *Lander University*

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

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

▶ **PANEL 4: Pluralism and Power in the United States**

Wall Building - 211

- **Judson Abraham** *Virginia Tech*
"Ideological Appropriation: The Young Patriots and Revolutionary Nationalism"
- **Brandi Geurkink** *Winthrop University*
"Solidarity or Dissonance within Occupy Charlotte: 99% or .004%?"
- **Lauren Lay** *Winthrop University*
"Power, Cattle, and Corruption in the United States: Public and Private Rangelands"
- **Paul Peterson** *Coastal Carolina University*
"The Influence of Charles Beard on American Understanding of the Constitution"

Panel Chair & Discussant:

Michael Julius *Coastal Carolina University*

▶ **PANEL 5: Public Administration and Policy**

Wall Building - 224

- **LaTasha Chaffin** *College of Charleston*
"California and South Carolina Training Program Expansion in Response to the Great Recession"
- **Lindsay Maher** *University of North Carolina-Wilmington*
"Shifting Designs: Managing Public Health as a Network of Agencies"
- **Kevin Lasher** *Francis Marion University*
"Foreign Policy Grand Strategy and the Obama Administration"

Panel Chair and Discussant:

Holley Tankersley *Coastal Carolina University*

11:45 a.m. to noon BREAK

Noon to 1:45 p.m. LUNCHEON

Wall Boardroom (Wall Building - 222)

Keynote Address

S.C. SENATOR
LUKE RANKIN

Business Meeting

1:45 to 2 p.m. BREAK

2 to 3:15 p.m. SESSION III

▶ **PANEL 6: Pluralism and Power Around the World**

Wall Building - 205

- **Thomas Wood** *University of South Carolina-Aiken*
"Protest Trajectory in Post-Soviet Governance: Revolutionary Outcomes in Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine Compared"
- **William Eger** *Old Dominion University*
"The 'New Radicals': Emerging Populism in Europe"
- **John Keaney** *University of South Carolina*
"Smarter, Not Harder: The Effectiveness of State Responses in Combatting the Drug Trade"
- **Leizhen Zang** *Peking University*
"Does the Internet Promote Political Participation in Transformational China?"

Panel Chair and Discussant:

Stephanie Sillay *Newberry College*

▶ **PANEL 7: Inquiry in International Relations**

Wall Building - 206

- **Christopher Van Aller** *Winthrop University*
"The Past and Future of the A-10 Aircraft"
- **Stephen Magu** *Regent University*
"Expanding Game Theory: The 'Brute' Strategy"
- **Dominique DeWit** *Coastal Carolina University*
"Sustainable Development in a Global Dynamic System"

Panel Chair and Discussant:

Mikel Norris *Coastal Carolina University*