

# 2015 Conference Program

## ***PRELIMINARY PROGRAM***

### **2015 SOUTH CAROLINA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Hosted by

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 27-28, 2015

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Barbecue in honor of Dr. John Aldrich, Pfizer-Pratt University

Professor of Political Science at Duke University

Hosted by FMU President Fred Carter and his wife, Folly

Wallace House (President's House)

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**8:00 – 11:45 a.m.**

Conference registration

Lee Nursing Building (LNB) Lobby

*All panels will take place in the Lee Nursing Building*

NOTE: To help ensure fairness in the judging for the Mary Jean Byrd Undergraduate Research Award, names of students presenting papers, and their universities, have not been included.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28** (continued)

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

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##### **1. A. Politics of the Transitioning State**

*The Iron Law of Erdogan: The Decay from Intra-Party Democracy to Personalistic Rule*

*Would the "Balkanization" of Iraq Help to Ensure Peace in the Failed State?*

*Explaining Russia's Intervention in Ukraine*

Chair/Discussant: Thomas J. Wood, University of South Carolina Aiken

**1. B. Political Behavior in a Global Age**

*The United States in the Eyes of the World: An Analysis of Public Opinion*

*Voting Behavior and the Tea Party*

*Internet Use and Trust in Government*

Chair/Discussant: Adam Chamberlain, Coastal Carolina University

**1. C. Roundtable: Trends in South Carolina State and Local Politics**

Chair: Alissa Warters, Francis Marion University

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28** (continued)

**10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

**1. A. Political Economy of the Developing World**

*Understanding the Modern Scramble for Africa: Political Factors and Trade Preference in Sub-Saharan Africa*

*Patron-Client State Accommodation: Kyrgyzstan's Membership in the European Union*

Thomas J. Wood, University of South Carolina Aiken

*The Socioeconomic Effects of Drug Trafficking*

Chair/Discussant: William T. Daniel, Francis Marion University

**1. B. Normative Perspectives in Politics**

*Rousseau, Pascal, and the Modern Man: Rousseau and Pascal on Human Nature, Politics, and Christianity*

*Love Thy Neighbor: The Challenge of Liberation Theology in Latin America*

*Society Open or Closed? Some Comparative Analysis of Strauss and Hayek*

Colin Pearce, Clemson University

Discussant/Chair: Michael Lipscomb, Winthrop University

**1. C. Roundtable: Teaching South Carolina Government and Politics**

Bob Botsch, University of South Carolina Aiken

Dan Ruff, Midlands Technical College

Lisa Toland, Piedmont Technical College

Chair: John Holder, Winthrop University

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28** (continued)

**12:00 noon – 1:45 p.m.** LUNCHEON, The Cottage

Guest Speaker:

Dr. John Aldrich, Pfizer-Pratt University Professor

of Political Science at Duke University

**2:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

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**1. A. Comparative Public Policy in Education**

*The Gender Gap in Political Knowledge and Interest Among College Students: Real, Related, and Roads to Redress*

Carol Botsch and Robert Botsch, University of South Carolina Aiken

*Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Why do Fewer Girls than Boys Attend Secondary School?*

*Explaining Education Policy Convergence in Europe: A Research Note*

Brent Nelsen, Amanda Michalski and James L Guth, Furman University

*Education for Democratic Citizenship*

Chair/Discussant: Colin Pearce, Clemson University

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28** (continued)

**1. B. Political Institutions: Continuity and Change**

*Control or Cooperation? The Structure of Legal Doctrine in Judicial Hierarchy*

Claire Wofford, College of Charleston

*Histories of Exception: Labor Rights and the Construction of Citizenship*

*The Decline of Competition in South Carolina Legislative Elections, 1960-2014: From One-Party Competition Towards Two-Party Competition and Return to One-Party Dominance*

Dan Ruff, Midlands Technical College

Chair/Discussant: Natalie P. Johnson, Francis Marion University

**2:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

**1. C. Roundtable: Ethics and Efficacy of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques**

Chair: Jonathan Smith, Coastal Carolina University