SCPSA 2013 Conference Schedule

Friday, March 1

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Reception in Honor of Dr. Frances Fox Piven, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology, The Graduate School and University Center of The City University of New York - Open to all registered participants in the Evans Room, 3rd Floor, DiGiorgio Campus Center

Saturday, March 2

8:00 – 9:00 am, Continental Breakfast, Room 114, DiGiorgio Campus Center

9:00 – 10:15 am, Session I

PANEL 1: State and Local Politics – Participation, Representation, and Policy, Room 220

- Chad Kinsella (Lander University), "The 2012 Presidential Election in South Carolina" (ckinsella@lander.edu)
- Charles Duncan (Furman University), "Partisanship, Race, and Poverty in State Voting Law Changes, 2010-2012" (charles.duncan@furman.edu)
- Osman Ali (Winthrop University), "African Americans in the SC Assembly: Do They Represent Us?" (alio2@winthrop.edu)
- John Chambers (USC Aiken), "SC vs. CA: Gerrymandering and the Lack Thereof" (JMCHAMBERS@usca.edu)
- Chair/Discussant: Scott H. Huffmon, Winthrop University (huffmons@winthrop.edu)

PANEL 2: Nationalism and Tradition as Hindrance to Democracy and Political Participation – Serbia and Montenegro, Room 221

- Rebecca Watson (Clemson University), "The Effects of U.S. Foreign Policy on Serbia's Transition into a Democratic State" (rewatso@clemson.edu)
- Katherine Hunter (Clemson University), "Gender Equality in Serbia and Montenegro" (kshunte@clemson.edu)
- William Hunter (Clemson University), "Kosovo: The Key to Milosevic's Ascension to Power and a Perennial Microcosm of Serbian Political Involvement" (whunter@clemson.edu)
- Chair: Vladimir Matic, Clemson University (vmatic@clemson.edu)
- Discussant: Dr. James Kuhlman, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Moore School of Business (jkuhlman@moore.sc.edu)

PANEL 3: Women and Global Politics – Engaging the State and Civil Society, Room 222

- Kayla Davis (Winthrop University), "Women, the State, and Globalization" (davisk10@winthrop.edu)
- Suheir Daoud (Coastal Carolina), "Women and Islamism: Case of Israel" (sdaoud@coastal.edu)
- Laura Jane Burgess (Winthrop University), "Women's Movements in Brazil and Nicaragua: Blurring the Line Between Strategic and Practical Gender Interests" (burgessl2@winthrop.edu)
- Sarah Cohen (Winthrop University), "Religion and Women's Movements: The Impacts of Religious Ideology on Women's Freedom" (cohens3@winthrop.edu)
• Sara Sladek (Winthrop University), "Gender Revolutionary Politics: The Convergence of Women's Activism and Feminist Strategy in Chiapas" (sladeks3@winthrop.edu)
• Chair/Discussant: Jennifer Leigh Disney, Winthrop University (disneyj@winthrop.edu)

10:15 – 10:30 am, Break

10:30 am – 11:45 am, Session II


• Ismael Hernandez-Cruz (Clemson University), “Discontent with the Current Political System and Support for the Creation of a Third Party” (ihernan@clemson.edu)
• Laura Elder (University of South Carolina), “Ambivalence in Public Opinion and the Administrative State” (elderlaurae@gmail.com)
• Carol S. Botsch and Robert E. Botsch (USC Aiken), "The Advantages of Teaching American Government" (CarolB@usca.edu; BobB@usca.edu)
• Coen Nij Bijvank (College of Charleston), “Different Roads to Power: A Comparison of the Struggle of Third Parties in the Political Systems of the U.S. and UK” (jdavidqi@gmail.com)
  o Chair/Discussant: Karen Kedrowski, Winthrop University (kedrowskik@winthrop.edu)

PANEL 5: The Arab Spring, Revolution, and Democracy, Room 221

• Stephen Magu (Old Dominion University), "Stability in Democratic Transitions: ‘Evolutionary Democracy’ or ‘Transitional Democracy’?" (smagu002@odu.edu)
• Diego Avaria (Columbia University), "The Role of Islam in the Popular Uprisings and Regime Change in Egypt" (davaria@gmail.com)
• Hammad Khan (Furman University), “Contemporary Islamist Discourse on Takfir: A Discourse Analysis of Islamists’ Religious Approach(es) towards Violence against Muslim Civilians” (Hammad.khan@furman.edu)
• Chair/Discussant: Justin E. Lance, Presbyterian College (jelance@presby.edu)

PANEL 6: Politics and Justice in Hard Times, Room 222

• Jorge Penalba Moreno, Sara Lopez Mosquera, Marta Ribao Gil, and Angel Acebes (University of South Carolina), “The Legal Model and Judicial Decision Making in Democracy and Regime Transition: The Cases of Costa Rica and Nicaragua” (jpenalba@cunef.edu; slopez@cunef.edu; borlajr92@hotmail.com; martaribaogil@gmail.com; acebespe@email.sc.edu)
• Stephen Tagert (Furman University), "All You Need Is Love?: Why Countries Participate in Humanitarian Intervention" (stephen.tagert@furman.edu)
• Judit Trunkos (University of South Carolina), “Soft Power as National Capability” (trunkos@email.sc.edu)
• Oleg Kodolov (University of Guelph), “Budgeting at a Time of Constraint: Canadian Provincial Governments Respond to Financial Crisis” (okodolov@uoguelph.ca)
• Chair/Discussant: Chris Van Aller, Winthrop University (vanallerc@winthrop.edu)

ROUNDTABLE I: Assessing the Introduction to American Government Course, Room 223

• Mary Ryan-Morris, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Greenville Technical College (mary.ryanmorris@gvltec.edu)
• Joe Stewart, Professor of Political Science, Clemson University (jstewa4@clemson.edu)
• Chad Kinsella, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lander University (ckinsella@lander.edu)
• Moderator: Beth Traxler, Professor of Political Science, Greenville Technical College (beth.traxler@gvltec.edu)

11:45 am – 12:00 pm, Break

12:00 – 1:45 pm, Luncheon and Keynote Address, Richardson Ballroom, DiGiorgio Campus Center

• Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director, Women's Studies Program
• Keynote Speaker: Dr. Frances Fox Piven, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology, The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York
• Presentation of Mary Jean Byrd Award for Best Undergraduate Paper and SCPSA Business Meeting:

Dr. Zihua (David) Liu, President, SCPSA

Luncheon Menu

Tuscan Buffet
Mixed Greens
Rotini Marinara
Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Green Beans Gremolada
Foccacia Sticks
Assorted Rolls with Butter
Cannoli, Cookies, Brownies

1:45 am – 2:00 pm, Break

2:00 – 3:15 pm, Session III

PANEL 7: The United States in Diplomacy and at War, Room 220

• Stephen Smith and Jose Paramo (Winthrop University), “Dissidence and Disobedience in the U.S. Military During the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars” (smiths@winthrop.edu; paramoj2@winthrop.edu)
• William Lusk (University of Central Florida), “Maritime Pirates and Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Complicit Against the United States and NATO?” (wlsuk@knights.ucf.edu)
• Chris Van Aller (Winthrop University), “International Perspectives on Gun Control: Can Policies Work Across Cultures?” (vanallerc@winthrop.edu)
• Chair/Discussant: Stephanie Sillay, Newberry College (stephanie.sillay@newberry.edu)

PANEL 8: Ontological and Discursive Constructions of Political Reality, Room 221

• Robert Ralston (Virginia Polytechnic and State University), "Beyond Big Brother and the Panopticon? Critical Reflections on Orwell, Foucault, and the Future of Surveillance Studies” (ralston2@vt.edu)
• Raul Rodriguez (Furman University), "American Cartesianism & Human Liberty” (raul.rodriguez@furman.edu)
• Andrew Davis (Virginia Polytechnic and State University), "Common Sense Solutions: On Opinion, Ideology, and Delusion” (davisa8@vt.edu)
• Lorena Hildebrandt and Judson Abraham (Winthrop University), “The Language of Exploitation: Discursive Framing of the European Debt Crisis” (lorena.hildebrandt@gmail.com; abrahamj2@winthrop.edu)
• John Huffman (Winthrop University), “Towards an Open Discourse Model” (huffmanj2@winthrop.edu)
• Chair/Discussant: Michael Lipscomb, Winthrop University (lipscombm@winthrop.edu)

PANEL 9: Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Religion in Government and Politics, Room 222

• Morgan Roach (Converse College), "Nationalism in Morocco as a Catalyst for the Development of Women's Rights” (morgan.roach@converse.edu)
• Stephen Magu (Old Dominion University), “Democracy’s Antithesis: Tribe and Ethnic Identity” (smagu002@odu.edu)
• Amanda Michalski (Furman University), “Varying Levels of Convergence: The Bologna Process and Factors that Influence Cross-Cultural Policy Convergence” (amanda.michalski@furman.edu)
• Brent Nelsen (Furman University), "European Integration and the Catholic and Protestant Churches” (brent.nelsen@furman.edu)
• Chair/Discussant: Oleg Kodolov, University of Guelph (okodolov@uoguelph.ca)

ROUNDTABLE II: Experiential Learning, Civic, and Academic Engagement, Room 223

• Katarina Moyon, Assistant Director, The John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy, Winthrop University (moyonk@winthrop.edu)
• Allie Briggs, Undergraduate Student, Winthrop University (briggsa3@winthrop.edu)
• Moderator: Karen Kedrowski, Professor of Political Science, Winthrop University (kedrowskik@winthrop.edu)

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm, Break

3:30 – 4:45 pm, Session IV

PANEL 10: China in the Global Political Economy, Room 220

• Cody Chick (The Citadel), "China’s Relationship with International Financial Institutions” (chickc1@citadel.edu)
• Licheng Zhu (Seton Hall University), "Cooperation or Confrontation? China’s Environmental Movements on Line” (hawkinszhu@gmail.com)
• Judson Abraham (Winthrop University), “To Mogadishu from Peking: the Failure of Chinese Anti-Revisionist Internationalism in Somalia” (abrahamj2@winthrop.edu)
• Chair/Discussant: Zihua (David) Liu, Presbyterian College (zliu@presby.edu)
PANEL 11: Government and the Economy, Room 221

- Matthew Tarpey and Jordan Ragusa (College of Charleston), “Local or Macro? Reexamining the Effects of Economic Indicators on Congressional and Presidential Vote Choice” (mmtarpey@g.cofc.edu; ragusajm@cofc.edu)
- Ryan Strickler (University of South Carolina), “Productionism and Sustainable Agriculture in North and South Carolina” (ryan.strickle@gmail.com)
- Travis Whisenant (Winthrop University), “The Constitutionality of Sunday Laws and their Economic Impact: A Case Study of South Carolina Counties” (whisenantt2@winthrop.edu)
- Chair/Discussant: Adolphus Belk, Jr., Winthrop University (belka@winthrop.edu)

SPECIAL THANKS

Drs. Jon Smith, Coastal Carolina University, Erin S. McAdams, Presbyterian College, Justin E. Lance, Presbyterian College, and Michael Lipscomb, Winthrop University, judges for the Mary Jean Byrd Award

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