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.

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 of 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.

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

Education for Democratic Citizenship

Chair/Discussant: Colin Pearce, Clemson University
1. **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. **Roundtable: Ethics and Efficacy of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques**

Chair: Jonathan Smith, Coastal Carolina University