



2014 National Student Conference

Saturday, February 15, 2014

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00am | ICC Room 107

Breakfast and Welcome

Alice Jackson, PSA National President

9:00 - 10:30am | ICC Room 107

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Alyx Mark, George Washington University

Little Miss vs. Mr. Man: A Comparative Analysis of Female and Male Congressional Candidates

Kaylin Cullum, East Central University

The Politics of Appearance for Black Male Candidates

Kiyadh Burt, Jackson State University

Looking Presidential: The Child's Perception of the Executive Office

Coty Dildine, East Central University

Rawls, Race, and Reminders: How Political Liberalism Fails to Account for Race

Benjamin Melano, California Lutheran University

10:45am - 12:15pm | ICC Room 107

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 2

Chair/Discussant:

Rachel Blum, Georgetown University

Veteran Representation, the US Congress, and Authorizations of Force

Nicholas Lanier, Saint Leo University

Quantifying Presidential Greatness Through the Reagan and Clinton Year

Benjamin Basta, Marquette University

JFK: Transformation of a President

Liza Gordon, Slippery Rock University

The Normalization of Citizenship in Public Schools: Learning Lessons from "Free Schools"

Andrew Zima, Temple University

10:45am - 12:15pm | ICC Room 108

COMPARATIVE POLITICS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Jessica Anderson, George Washington University

Wolves in Sheep's Clothing: Chavezism as the Most Durable Model of Autocracy in the Post-Arab Spring World

Gregory Ferris, Temple University

Democracy Promotion in India's Foreign Policy

Erin Statz, University of Saint Thomas

Hidden Forces: The Role of Historical Legacy and Informal Institutions in Russia's Transition to Market Capitalism

Aleksandr Fisher, Temple University

12:30 - 1:45pm | ICC Room 107

Lunch & Speaker

Max Fisher, The Washington Post

2:00 - 3:30pm | ICC Room 107

AMERICAN POLITICS SESSION 3

Chair/Discussant:

Jack Santucci, Georgetown University

Political Paradox: Why the Struggling Middle Class Votes Republican

Brian Guay, University of Richmond

Are We the Ones to Blame?: Ideological Polarization and Voter Choice

Robert Williamson, University of Southern Mississippi

Are the methods used by Pennsylvania to register voters and get them to the polls sufficient in increasing voter turnout compared to other states?

Megan Winters, Duquesne University

2:00 - 3:30pm | ICC Room 108

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ PUBLIC POLICY SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Mark Hines, Georgetown University

Economic Development through Connectivity: Public Transportation and the Great Lakes Bay Region

Jeremy Killion, Saginaw Valley State University

Human Trafficking in Ireland

Hayley Evans, University of Notre Dame

Political Instability and Economic Growth: How Politics Affect the Wealth of Nations

Bethany Ratkovich, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Give Them Freedom or Give Me Order: America's Post Crisis Demand for Order

Kelly Krempel, Walsh University

3:45 - 5:15pm | ICC Room 107

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SESSION 1

Chair/Discussant:

Miriam Krieger, Georgetown University

Media Bias in Relation to Israel

Rachel Reeves, Texas Woman's University

Religiosity and Political Conservatism in Israel and Palestine: and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process

Alie Mihuta, St. Lawrence University

Possible Explanations for the Shift in the Number of Collaborators Killed In Gaza and the West Bank Since the Fatah-Hamas Split in 2007

Paige Randall, St. Lawrence University

The Cuba Lobby & It's Affect On U.S.-Cuba Relations

Alex Ieronimo, St. Michael's College

International Law Regarding the Private Sector and Commercial Aspects of the Space Sector

Patrick Baker, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania