Kentucky Political Science Association

54th Annual Meeting
March 6-7, 2015

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association has been hosted by Somerset Community College.

Friday, March 6 Sessions at The Center for Rural Development
Saturday, March 7 Sessions at Somerset Community College

JOIN US NEXT YEAR FOR THE 55th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY, MARCH 2016
Bill Cassie, Murray State University, KPSA President 2015-2016
Abdul H. Rifai Award

Each year, the KPSA awards the Abdul H. Rifai Award for the best paper presented by an undergraduate student at its annual meeting. We encourage students from all disciplines to apply, though the paper must be related to some political issue, event or idea.

Past Winners

2013 Autumn Baker, Morehead State University. "Roger Sherman: The Transition from Articles to the Constitution."
2010 David Hughes, Georgetown College. "Gay Rights and Social Movements in Latin America."
2011 Ahmad Shuja, Berea College. "Minority Secessionism in Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes"
2008 Beth Coleman, Berea College. "Immigration in the EU and the UK: A Conflict of Interests and Policy."
2005 Diana Freeman, Centre College. "An Explanation of Conflict: Ethnicity, Deprivation, and Rationalization."
2004 Heather Barton, Berea College. "Political Participation and College Students: The Case of Berea College."
2002 Christopher Skye Freeman, Berea College. "Political Disequilibrium, Containment, and the Cold War: How the Natural Selection of Political Issues May Drive American Foreign Policy and the Unintended Consequences of Political Decisions."
1997 Lisa Vaughn, Berea College.
1993 Michelle Woolwine, Morehead State University.
1992 Lisa A. Clark, Berea College.
1991 G. Keith Alvey, University of Louisville.
David Hughes Memorial Award

The David Hughes Memorial Award was established to honor the memory of the former Centre College professor and 1972 KPSA President by recognizing the outstanding paper presented at the previous year's conference by a faculty member or graduate student from a Kentucky college or university. Papers are collected by the Executive Secretary and judged by the Executive Committee. The award is bestowed at the dinner meeting of the following conference.

Past Winners

2013 - Mark Peffley of the University of Kentucky, Marc Hutchison of the University of Rhode Island, and Michal Shamir of the University of Tel-Aviv, Israel. "The Impact of Terrorism on Israeli Political Tolerance, 1980 to 2011."
2012 - Dr. Jason Gainous and Dr. Allison M. Martens of the University of Louisville. "The Effectiveness of Civics Education: Is Being a ‘Good Teacher’ Actually Good for Students?"
2010 - Jason Gainous, University of Louisville.
2006 - Kenneth McIntyre, Campbellsville University. "Orwell's Despair: Nineteen Eighty-Four and the Critique of the Teleocratic State."
2005 - Brian Caza, Georgetown College.
2000 - JD Droddy, Western Kentucky University. "Originalist Justification and Methodology of Unenumerated Rights."
1997 - Fragano Ledgister, Morehead State University. "The Racist Right and the Internet."
1993 - Paul Knepper, Northern Kentucky University. "Thomas Jefferson, Criminal Law Reform, and the Founding of the Kentucky Penitentiary at Frankfort."
Saturday, March 7, 2015

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
CONFERENCE CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION
(Continental Breakfast Provided)
COOPER BUILDING, ROOM 115
SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I
COOPER BUILDING, ROOM 100
SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PANEL I
COOPER BUILDING, ROOM 101
SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II
COOPER BUILDING, ROOM 100
SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

AMERICAN POLITICS PANEL I
COOPER BUILDING, ROOM 101
SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
KENTUCKY POLITICS DISCUSSION PANEL AND BOX LUNCH
HAROLD ROGERS STUDENT COMMONS BUILDING, CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK COMMUNITY ROOM
SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS
(Lunch provided by Somerset Community College)

KPSA Executive Committee, 2014-15

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Michael W. Hail, Morehead State University, Executive Secretary (2009-2017)

Distinguished Political Scientists
(as recognized by the Kentucky Political Science Association)

2014 William C. Garriott, Jr., Centre College.
2013 Dr. Lee P. Sigelman, University of Kentucky
2012 Dr. William Bennett, Campbellsville University
2011 Dr. Edward Kearny, Professor of Political Science, Western Kentucky University
2008 Dr. A. H. Rifai, Berea College
2007 Dr. Larry Matheny, Centre College
2005 Dr. George Masanhat, Western Kentucky University
2000 Dr. J. Allen Singleton, Eastern Kentucky University
1999 Dr. Malcolm Jewell, University of Kentucky
1993 Dr. Jack Bizzel, Morehead State University
1991 Dr. Louis Smith, Berea College
1990 Dr. Frederic Ogden, Eastern Kentucky University
1988 Dr. Amry Vandenbosch, University of Kentucky
JUDICIAL POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 6: 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.)
CHAIR: Edward Yager, Western Kentucky University
DISCUSSANT: Walter Luttrull, Morehead State University

“Boutique Wine Politics: A Constitutional and Policy Domain Analysis.” William Green, Morehead State University

“Evaluation of Moderate Behavior on the Roberts Court.” Paul Foote, Murray State University

“Stretching the Constitutional Order: The Concentration of Executive Power Through States of Emergency and Martial Law.” Gabriela Rangel, University of Kentucky

“Unpredictable and Even Erratic?: The Supreme Court's Establishment Clause Jurisprudence as Portrayed in Introductory American Government Textbooks.” Jane Rainey, Eastern Kentucky University

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PANEL I (Saturday, March 7: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)
CHAIR: Emmanuel N. Amadife, Kentucky State University
DISCUSSANT: Gregory Alan McBrayer, Morehead State University

“United States-Japan Alliance is Key to Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia.” Lauren McKee, Berea College

“The Role of Ethnocentrism, Race and Ethnocentric News Coverage in Elevating Support for War in the Middle East.” Christopher Ledford, University of Kentucky

“How Terrorists Understand Themselves: Jihadist Ideology & the Failings of Liberal Society.” Jonathon Pdluzny, Morehead State University

KENTUCKY POLITICS DISCUSSION PANEL (Saturday, March 7: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
CHAIRS: Michael Hail, Morehead State University, and James Clinger, Murray State University

NOTE: A box lunch, provided by Somerset Community College, will be served at the beginning of this session.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I (Friday, March 6: 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.)
CHAIR: Paul Foote, Murray State University
DISCUSSANT: Michael Hail, Morehead State University

“Chief Justice Hughes.” Meredith Becker, Murray State University; Faculty Sponsor: Paul Foote

“Ticket Splitting in Kentucky: A Quantitative Analysis.” Cammie Jo Bolin and Matthew Baker, Centre College; Faculty Sponsor: Benjamin Knoll

“Split Ticket Voting in Kentucky.” Matthew Hart, Centre College; Faculty Sponsor: Benjamin Knoll

“Do Coal Unions and Racial Diversity Affect Split Ticket Voting in Kentucky?” Kelli South, Centre College; Faculty Sponsor: Benjamin Knoll

“Kentucky Split-Ticket Voting: Ask the Experts.” Lex Ehrenschwender and Jeffrey Podis, Centre College; Faculty Sponsor: Benjamin Knoll

“Split-Ticket Patterns According to Kentucky Voters.” Hope Wigginton, Centre College; Faculty Sponsor: Benjamin Knoll

“Governing Like Judges: Europe’s New Constitutionalism.” Lenora Johnson, Morehead State University; Faculty Sponsor: William Green

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II (Friday, March 6: 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)
CHAIR: Benjamin Knoll, Centre College
DISCUSSANT: James Taylor, Somerset Community College

“Decisions Dictated By Perceptions: The Influences of Society and Education in Scalia’s Originalism.” Nathan McNichols, Murray State University; Faculty Sponsor: Paul Foote

“Politics of the Farm to School Program.” Steele Rouse, Transylvania University; Faculty Sponsor: Andrea Neal-Malji

“How Terrorists Understand Themselves: Jihadist Ideology & the Failings of Liberal Society.” Jonathon Pdluzny, Morehead State University

“Chinese-Arab Relations: China’s Foreign Policy Strategy.” Patrick Griffio, Bellarmine University; Faculty Sponsor: Lee Remington Williams
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL III (Friday, March 6: 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

CHAIR: James Clinger, Murray State University
DISCUSSANT: Jonathon Pidluzny, Morehead State University

"Operation Nudge: How Non-Sovereign Organizations can Gain Quasi-Sovereign Powers to Solve Public Choice Issues." Kelly Grenier, Berea College; Faculty Sponsor: Michael Berheide

"Victim Blaming: A Partisan Issue?" Chloe Atwater, University of Kentucky; Faculty Sponsor: Tiffany Barnes

"Voter Identification Laws and Their Affect on Voter Turnout." Dylan A. Gorski, Berea College; Faculty Sponsor: John Heyrman

"A Tale of Two Candidates: Eric Cantor, Mitch McConnell, and the 2014 Republican Primaries." Caroline Snell and Kit Thomas, Centre College; Faculty Sponsor: Benjamin Knoll

"Chief Justice Roberts." Leah Cline, Murray State University; Faculty Sponsor: Paul Foote

"Justice Holmes." Austbrook Hudson, Murray State University; Faculty Sponsor: Paul Foote

GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL I (Saturday, March 7: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)

CHAIR: Jane Rainey, Eastern Kentucky University
DISCUSSANT: James Taylor, Somerset Community College

"Do Men and Women Apply Egalitarianism in Unique Ways?" Sidwell A. Ferguson-English, University of Louisville

"Governors Going Green: The Role of Public Opinion in the State of the State address." Jordan Leising, University of Kentucky

"Public Art, the Male Worker, and Politics in Nazi Germany and New Deal America." Nathanael Green, Art Academy of Cincinnati

GRADUATE RESEARCH PANEL II (Saturday, March 7: 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.)

CHAIR: Glenn Rainey, Eastern Kentucky University
DISCUSSANT: Michael Goleman, Somerset Community College

"Tracing the Uses of Executive Unilateral Directives Over Time." Yu Ouyang and Meghan Steinbeiss, University of Kentucky

"Suffrage and Democratic Reversal: Elite Responses and Motivations." Dakota Thomas, University of Kentucky

COMPARATIVE POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 6: 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.)

CHAIR: Lauren McKee, Berea College
DISCUSSANT: Minerva Cruz, Western Michigan University

"Media Coverage of Male and Female Candidates in High Profile Elections: Evidence from South Korea.” Tiffany D. Barnes, University of Kentucky, and Jinhyeok Jang, University of Louisville

"Understanding the Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Coup d’etats in Africa, 1960-2012.” Allan Wilford, University of Tennessee

POLITICAL THEORY PANEL I (Friday, March 6: 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)

CHAIR: Stephen Lange, Morehead State University
DISCUSSANT: Stephen Lange, Morehead State University

"Teaching Aristotelian Epistemology to Political Science Students.” Gregory Alan McBrayer, Morehead State University

"The Theological Foundations of Religious Liberty in the Thought of John Locke and James Madison.” Edward Yager, Western Kentucky University

STATE & LOCAL POLITICS PANEL I (Friday, March 6: 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)

CHAIR: John Heyrman, Berea College
DISCUSSANT: Jason Gainous, University of Louisville

"Holding School Leaders Accountable: Estimating the Effects of Retrospective Evaluations of Kentucky School District Superintendents and Board Members.” Martin Battle and James Clinger, Murray State University

"Kentucky’s Prison Population: Changing Influences over Time.” Paul D. Steele, James R. Masterson, Lanora Johnson, and Sarah Westfall, Morehead State University

"A Comparative Study on Elderly Care: What do Older Adults from Different Cultural Settings Value During Caregiving?” Minerva Cruz, Western Michigan University

AMERICAN POLITICS PANEL I (Saturday, March 7: 10:30-11:45am)

CHAIR: Michael Hail, Morehead State University
DISCUSSANT: Robert Lancaster, Kentucky State University

"Informal Executive Actions and Agency Guidance: Legal and Political Implications for Immigration and Other Policy Areas.” Ihsan Alkhatib and James Clinger, Murray State University

"Digital Information and Self-Selection: The Consequences for Attitude Intensity.” Jason Gainous, University of Louisville, and Kevin M. Wagner, Florida Atlantic University