

Friday

1:00-2:15

International Relations

Chair: Roger Murphy, Western Kentucky University

“Who Loves the United States? The Impact of Liberalism and Political Globalization on Public Perceptions of the United States.”

Satoshi Machida, University of Nebraska-Kearney

“Power, Interdependence, and Conflict: What IR Theories Tell Us about China’s Rise.”

James Masterson, Morehead State University

“Committee Strategy and Representative Type in the Welsh Assembly, 2003-2007.”

Martin Battle, Murray State University

“The Obama Administration’s Public Diplomacy Towards Iran: A New Direction or the Same Old Lines?”

Soleiman Kiasatpour, Western Kentucky University

“China in the Balance: Can Economic Interdependence Bring Stability to South Asia?”

Lauren Vanhook and James Masterson, Morehead State University

Discussant: Roger Murphy, Western Kentucky University

Undergraduate Research

Co-Chairs/Discussants: James Chappell and John Petersen, Western Kentucky University

“Education in the American Republic: Liberal Education, the Founding Fathers, and the Educational Reforms of the Progressive Movement”

Blake Bedingfield, Morehead State University

Sponsored by Jonathan William Pidluzny, Morehead State University

“Olaudah Equiano as Citizen and Moral Agent”

Daniel Mattox, Morehead State University

Sponsored by Ric Caric, Morehead State University

“The Gender Wage Gap and Why it Matters”

Molly Merrick, Western Kentucky University

Sponsored by Jeffery Kash and Scott Lasley, Western Kentucky University

“The Decline of the Catholic Church and the Deterioration of its Power in American Politics”

Michaela Miles, Campbellsville University

Sponsored by Shawn H. Williams, Campbellsville University

“Immigration and Integration in France, Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom”

Damian Buttle, Berea College

Sponsored by Abdul Rifai, Berea College

Community Engagement Within the Academy

Roundtable discussion led by Robert King, Council on Postsecondary Education, Daniel Hall, Vice President for Community Engagement, University of Louisville and Court Voorhees, Western Kentucky University

2:30-3:45

Undergraduate Research

Co-Chairs/Discussants: James Chappell and John Peterson, Western Kentucky University

“Investigating the Effects of Leading Instructions to Questions of Political Orientation”

Spencer Medley, Thomas More College

Sponsored by John Spence, Thomas More College

“High-Level Nuclear Waste Disposal in the United States”

Courtenay Burns, Berea College

Sponsored by Michael Berheide, Berea College

“The Death of Neutrality as a Foreign Policy Option”

Mark Messingschlager, Thomas More College

Sponsored by John Spence, Thomas More College

“Implementing Mental and Medical Healthcare Statues”

Sarah Rainey, Western Kentucky University

Sponsored by James Chappell, Western Kentucky University

European Political Thought

Chair: Edward Yager, Western Kentucky University

“The Impact of Scarcity & Historical Materialism on 20th Century European Thought: Sartre, Foucault, Baudrillard, Zizek, Marcuse, Horkheimer, and Adorno.”

Grant Buckles, Transylvania University

“John Locke and the Liberal Citizen’s Cognitive Understandings.”

Edward Yager, Western Kentucky University

“Servant Leadership and Sir Winston Churchill.”

B.J. Hardy, Western Kentucky University

Discussant: John Heyrman, Berea College

Practical Politics for the Professional

Roundtable discussion on the practical aspects of working in a political environment led by Bowling Green City Manager Kevin DeFebbo, former Bowling Green City Manager Chuck Coates and Warren County Public Schools Human Resource Manager Michelle Tolbert

4:00-5:45

Public Administration

Chair: Margaret Sloan, Morehead State University

“Public Policy Implementation on Aging: United States vs. Puerto Rico”

Minerva Cruz, Kentucky State University

“Congregants, Culture and City/County Consolidation in Louisville, KY”

Joshua Ambrosius, West Virginia State University

“Cognitive Interviewing: What are Respondents Thinking about When They Answer Survey Questions about State Government?”

Chad Kinsella, University of Cincinnati

“Race, Class, and Zoning”

Joshua Poe, University of Louisville

Discussant: James Clinger, Murray State University

American Politics

Chair: Murray Bessette, Morehead State University

“Creating a Common Market for Wine: Constitutional Conflicts Over State Alcohol Regulation.”

William Green, Morehead State University

“The Effects of Professionalization on Legislator Evaluations of Legislative Performance.”

Joel Turner, Scott Lasley and Alexandra Edelstein, Western Kentucky University

“The Gentleman from Kentucky: Congressman William H. Natcher.”

Nan Natcher and Edward Yager, Western Kentucky University

“Scared White Voters? The Effects of Population Density and Race on Turnout.”

Daniel Scheller, Western Kentucky University

“Blackfacing America and American National Identity”

Ric Caric, Morehead State University

Discussant: Erik Lewis, Morehead State University

Empowering Students to Serve Generously and Act Responsibly

Roundtable discussion led by Terry Shoemaker, Program Coordinator for Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility and Political Science Senior Seminar Students, Western Kentucky University

Saturday

9:00 – 10:15

Promoting Civic Health in Kentucky

Roundtable discussion led by Patrick Neal, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Office of Secretary of State Elaine Walker and Paul Markham, Co-Director, Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility

Public Administration

Chair: Jeff Kash, Western Kentucky University

“Changing Rationales for Ethanol in Agriculture”

Jeff Kash, Western Kentucky University

“Political Determinants of Public Pension Funding Ratios: An Examination of State Employee Retirement Systems”

James Clinger, Murray State University

“Intermittent Attention: Political Oversight of Kentucky Regulatory Agencies”

James Clinger, Murray State University

“Benevolent Eugenics: Ethical and Practical Defense”

William J. Conroy, Kentucky Wesleyan College

Discussant: Minerva Cruz, Kentucky State University

Showcasing the Research of MPA Students (and recent graduates)

Chair: Leonard Bright, University of Louisville

“Lessons Learned from Internships”

Ameshia Elliott, Western Kentucky University

“Southern Foods: A Public Administration Student’s Reflection on Organizational Culture in a Business Setting”

Nan Natcher, Western Kentucky University

“Health Disparities in Children: A Case Study”

Cierra Waller, Western Kentucky University

“Workforce Planning in the Water/Wastewater Industry”

Amber Ford, Western Kentucky University

“Intergovernmental Cooperation in Kentucky”

Joe Lyon and Heather Cowherd, Western Kentucky University

“The Kevin Bacon Effect: The Impact of Informal Relationships on Multiple Organizational Partnerships”

Ryan Schwank, Western Kentucky University

Discussant: Jeff Osgood, West Chester University

10:30 – 11:45

Undergraduate Research

Chair: Roger Murphy, Western Kentucky University

“Britain’s Lack of Alliances Allows Relationships with the United States and the European Union”

Mark Yager, Centre College

Sponsored by Lori Hartmann-Mahmud, Centre College

“Opposition to Hitler, Operation Valkyrie, and the July 20 Conspirators Trial”

Joseph Stockham, Morehead State University

Sponsored by William Green, Morehead State University

“China-Taiwan Relations: Redefinition through Confidence- Building Measures”

Quentin Johnson, University of Louisville

Sponsored by Rodger Payne, University of Louisville

“Understanding the Growth of Prison Populations in the Commonwealth: A Multivariate Analysis of Demographic, Economic, Social and Policy Related Influences”

Ashley Adkins, Morehead State University

Sponsored by Paul Steele, Morehead State University

“Political Time and Presidential Character: Frameworks for Judging Presidential Leadership”

Sierra Merida, Berea College

Sponsored by John Heyrmann, Berea College

Discussants: Roger Murphy and Joel Turner, Western Kentucky University

The Art of Teaching: Political Science Pedagogy

Chair: Saundra Curry Ardrey, Western Kentucky University

“Promoting Deeper Student Learning Through In-Class Activities and Writing Assignments”

Susan Willey, Western Kentucky University and Ann Sutton Updike, Miami University

“The Subject of Southern Politics in Academia”

Wesley Mearer, Western Kentucky University and John Torres, LaGrange College

“The Effectiveness of Civics Education: Is Being a ‘Good Teacher’ Actually Good for Students?”

Jason Gainous and Allison M. Martens, University of Louisville

“Urban Political Theory and the Case of the Local Government Simulation”

Jeffery L. Osgood, Chris Stangl and Lorraine Bernotsky, West Chester University

Discussant: Soleiman Kiasatpour, Western Kentucky University

KFTC at 30

Discussion forum that brings together student activists and academics involved in Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) to share ideas on collective action. Led by Erik Lewis, Morehead State University, K.A. Owens, immediate KFTC past chair, Greg Capillo and Dana Beasley-Brown, Bowling Green Chapter of KFTC

12:00 – 1:15

American Political Theory and Development

Chair: Casey Armour, Union College

“Representation and the Transition from the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution”
Stephanie Davis, Morehead State University

“Tocqueville, Local Government, and Civic Participation.”
Jonathan Pidluzn , Morehead State University

“The Political Thought of James Duane and Joseph Galloway: Constitutional Union and Confederation.”
Michael Hail, Morehead State University

Discussant: Murray Bessette , Morehead State University

Intergovernmental Relations, Policy & Economic Development

Chair: Jeremy L. Hall, University of Texas at Dallas

"Preliminary Research Findings on the Size and Scope of the Nonprofit Sector in Selected ARC Counties"
Margaret F. Sloan, Morehead State University

“Block Grants and Federalism: An Examination of the Impact of the Community Service Block Grant”
Stephanie Davis, Morehead State University

Discussant: Stephen J. Lange, Morehead State University

Making Sense of the 2010 Midterm Elections

Discussion led by Ronnie Ellis, CNHI News Service, Scott Lasley and Joel Turner, Western Kentucky University