The 69th Annual PA Political Science Association  
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008

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A. State and Local Government  
Chair, John Kennedy, West Chester University  
Papers:

"Turning Blue: Measuring the Democratic Shift in Pennsylvania Politics"
Chris Borick, Muhlenberg College and David Liskov, Lehigh University

"The Greening of Local Government"
Theodore Robert Holst, Govt. Affairs Manager, Philadelphia Water Dept.

"Critical Junctures in the Structure of State Legislatures: Apportionment and the Status of Local Government in the 1874 Pennsylvania Constitution"
Richardson Dilworth, Drexel University

Discussant: Jack Treadway, Kutztown University

B. International Relations: Issues in Globalization  
Chair, Jeffrey Burnham, Lock Haven University  
Papers:

“Original Ownership of the Globe and the Right of Relocation: A theoretical inquiry into the Validity of International Borders with Respect to People”
Anil G.C., Columbia University

“Will Globalization Bring Economic Prosperity to Continental Sub-Saharan Africa?”
Captain F. Phillip "Precious" Peche, USMC, Villanova University and University of Pennsylvania

“Globalization Promotes Asymmetric Development: A Comparison of Local and Corporate Economy in India”
Rumela Sen, Villanova University

Discussant: E. Brooke Harlowe, Lock Haven University
12:00 to 2:00 pm  LUNCHEON AND SPEAKER  60 East Wing  
SPEAKER:  Barry Denk, Director, The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

2:30 to 4:00 pm  PANELS SESSION II

C. International Relations and Comparative Government  
Chair:  TBA  
Papers:

  “The Alliance that Never Was: The Politics of Security in the gulf Cooperation Council”  
  Christopher Diehl, Villanova University

  “Kenya: The Post Election Violence Reality”  
  Andrew Musila, Lock Haven University

  "Political Parties in Macedonia: Creating Inequality?"  
  Rebecca Jones, Widener University

Discussant:  TBA

D. Judicial Politics, Constitutional Law and American Government  
Chair and Discussant:  Kyle Kreider, Wilkes University  
Papers:

  "The Failed Nomination of Harriet Miers to the U.S. Supreme Court"  
  Gerald Fitzpatrick, Ursinus College

  "Muddy Waters and Perception of Representative Issue Positions: Constituent Ignorance, Delusion, or Rationality"  
  Robin Lauerman, Messiah College

4:30 to 6:00 pm  PANELS SESSION III

E. American Political Thought: Federalism and Democracy  
Chair:  Donald Tannenbaum, Gettysburg College  
Papers:

  "The Constitution and Representation: Federalists and Antifederalists in Their Own Words"  
  Steve Peterson, Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg

  "Madison, Hamilton, Jay…Tocqueville?: Situating Alexis de Tocqueville in the Ratification Debates of 1787-1788"  
  Clyde Ray, Villanova University

  "Is Democracy an Antidote to Terror: A Theoretical Investigation"  
  Rumela Sen, Villanova University

Discussants:  Donald Tannenbaum, Gettysburg College and Jay Hagerman, Gettysburg College
F. Gender, Power and Politics
Chair: Stephanie Bressler, University of Scranton
Papers:
  "Explaining Women's Accession to Executive Power in the Muslim World"
  Laura Butterfield, Villanova University

  "Gender Bias in the Pennsylvania Judicial Selection Process"
  Heather Frederick, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Bridget Jeffery, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

6:00 to 6:30 pm  PPSA Business Meeting  TBA
6:00 to 7:00 pm  RECEPTION  TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008

8:00 to 11:00 am  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  TBA
8:00 to 10:00 am  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  TBA
8:30 to 10:00 am  STUDENT RESEARCH PANEL SESSION I

A. Ideology, and Law
Chair and Discussant: TBA
Papers:
  “A Treatise on Political ideology”
  Patrick T. Henry, Susquehanna University

  “International and Romani Law: A Case Study of Compliance in Legal Systems
Without Traditional Enforcement Mechanisms”
  Jeffrey Bonetti, Shippensburg University
10:30 am to 12:00 pm STUDENT RESEARCH PANELS SESSION II

B. Reality and Reform in the Presidential Nomination Process

Chair and Discussant: TBA

Papers:

“Grassroots Politics in the Garden State: The Kucinich Presidential Campaign in New Jersey”
April Kuzas, Alex Nelson, and Fran Moran (faculty), New Jersey City University

“A Workable Alternative to the Current Presidential Primary Selection Process: The Pennsylvania Primary Plan”
Jessica Cosme, Kendra Mundell, Steve Barb, and Sharon Sykora (faculty), Slippery Rock University

"The Voter Empowerment Solution”
Ryan Ambrose, Paul DiTomasso, Diana Hafera, Tyler Heckathorn, Marios Kritiotis, Ryan McGregor, Alex McNeill, Scott Stepanovish, and Heather Frederick (faculty), Slippery Rock University

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2009 PPSA CONFERENCE MARCH 29TH AND 30th