



The 50th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association

March 3 & 4, 2023

Conway, Arkansas



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*Celebrating 50 years of the Arkansas Political Science Association
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50th ArkPSA Featured Speakers

Friday Keynote: Dr. Sara Wallace Goodman

Professor of Political Science, University of California-Irvine



Sara Wallace Goodman is a Chancellor's Fellow and Dean's Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Her research examines citizenship and the shaping of political identity through immigrant integration. She is the author of *Citizenship in Hard Times: How Ordinary People Respond to Democratic Threat* (Cambridge University Press, 2022), co-author of *Pandemic Politics: The Deadly Toll of Partisanship in the Age of COVID* (Princeton University Press, 2022), and author of *Immigration and Membership Politics in Western Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 2014). Her work has also appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, and other venues.

Saturday Keynote: Commissioner Benjamin Hovland

U.S. Elections Assistance Commission ~ Washington, D.C.



Mr. Hovland's career in elections spans over 20 years and includes service as Acting Chief Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, where he was a driving force behind Congress appropriating \$380 million in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds to enhance election security to the states in 2018. While at the Senate, he focused on the federal government's role in election administration and campaign finance regulation. He organized several hearings on election security preparations and improving election administration. He was integral to pushing for the restoration of a quorum at

the EAC in 2015. In 2019, Mr. Hovland was confirmed by unanimous consent of the U.S. Senate to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Mr. Hovland currently serves as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Board of Advisors. Mr. Hovland is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

The 50th ArkPSA 2023 Conference At A Glance

All panels are located in the College of Business (COB)

Friday March 3rd: ArkPSA Executive Board Meeting (members only)

11:00 AM- 12:30 PM Mike's Place (private dining room) **808 Front Street, Conway, AR**

Friday, March 3rd: The College of Business (201 Donaghey Ave. Conway, AR 72305)

- 12:30PM-4:15PM: Registration (COB Lobby area)
- 1:00PM- 2:30PM Session 1
- 2:30PM-2:24PM: *break*
- 2:45 PM-4:15 PM Session 2
- 4:15PM- 5:15PM: ArkPSA Business Meeting (COB 107-auditorium)
- 5:15PM-5:30PM: Adjournment and relocate to the Hilton Garden Inn

Evening program, March 3rd: Hilton Garden Inn (805 Amity Rd, Conway, AR 72032)

6:00PM-7:00PM: Reception at the Hilton hotel bar/banquet area (cash bar available)

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7:00PM-9:00PM: Dinner and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Sara Wallace Goodman, Professor of Political Science, University of California-Irvine

Saturday, March 4th: The College of Business (201 Donaghey Ave. Conway, AR)

- 8:00AM- 10:30AM: Registration open (COB lobby area)
- 8:30AM- 10:00AM: Session 3
- 10:00 AM-10:15AM: Break
- 10:15AM-11:45AM Session 4
- 11:45 AM-12:00 PM: Relocate to McCastlain Hall Ballroom for lunch

Saturday Luncheon: UCA McCastlain Hall Ballroom

12:00PM-1:30PM: Lunch and featured speaker and Q&A with Ben Hovland of the Election Assistance Commission (Washington, D.C.)

The organizers would like to thank the following section chairs for their service to association and the conference:

American Government & Politics: Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University

Arkansas Politics & State politics: Jordan Butcher, Arkansas State University

International Relations & Comparative Politics: Mark Mullenbach,

University of Central Arkansas

Political Theory: Kim Maslin, Hendrix College

Public Administration & Public Policy: Kisha Hardwick, University of Central Arkansas

Undergraduate Student Research: Karen Sebold, University of Arkansas

The organizers would like to thank the following units for their generous support:

The UCA College of Business

The UCA Department of Political Science

The UCA College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Arkansas Center for Research on Economics (ACRE)

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The 50th ArkPSA 2023 Conference Schedule

REGISTRATION: COB Lobby 12:30pm -4:15pm

Hospitality room: COB 103G 12:30pm-4:00pm

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

Session ONE: 1:00pm- 2:30pm

COB ROOM 100: Research Panel: Public Administration

Chair/Discussant: Melanie B. Hoskins, University of Arkansas (mbh012@uark.edu)

Papers:

Domestic Violence Shelters: A Case for Systematic Changes

Amber Overholser, Southern Arkansas University (amberoverholser@saumag.edu)

Bridging the Disability Digital Divide Through State Telecommunications Distribution Programs

Amelia Loken, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (amloken@ualr.edu)

The Squeaky Wheel: Identifying Interventions that Matter in African American Student Success

SeRena M. Hill, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (smh020@uark.edu)

COB ROOM 111: Theory Roundtable: *Let's Be Reasonable* by Jonathan Marks

Moderator: Kim Maslin, Hendrix College (maslin@hendrix.edu)

Participants:

Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas (carnold@uca.edu)

Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College (mevans8@nwacc.edu)

Hans Hacker, Arkansas State University (hhacker@astate.edu)

Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University (mrogers6@atu.edu)

Mary Beth Sullivan, University of Central Arkansas (msullivan@uca.edu)

COB ROOM 118: Research Panel: Politics in Arkansas and Beyond

Chair/Discussant: Kim Hoffman, University of Central Arkansas (khoffman@uca.edu)

Papers:

Is Arkansas not so WEIRD after all? Evaluating changing quality of life in small town Arkansas through kindergarten yearbook photos.

Patrick A. Stewart, University of Arkansas (pastewar@uark.edu), Thomas J. Greitens, Central Michigan University (thomas.greitens@cmich.edu), Jeffrey K. Mullins, University of Arkansas (jmullins@walton.uark.edu)

Representative Government: An Evaluation of Single-Party Dominance in the State of Arkansas

Kennedy Hill, University of Arkansas (kennedy.hill01@me.com)

Creating Opportunities: Leadership Diversity in Term-Limited State Legislatures

Jordan Butcher, Arkansas State University (jbutcher@astate.edu)

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

Session ONE: 1:00pm- 2:30pm

COB ROOM 307: Research Panel: Arkansas Center for Research on Economics (ACRE)

Chair/Discussant: Jeremy Horpedahl, University of Central Arkansas (jhorpedahl@uca.edu)

Papers:

The Opportunity Costs of State Economic Development Incentives: An Arkansas Case Study

Joseph Johns (ACRE) (jjohns@uca.edu) and Thomas Snyder (tjsnyder@uca.edu),
University of Central Arkansas

Developing a Transparency Guide for the One-Time Influx of COVID-19 Relief Funds to Local Governments: Lessons from Arkansas

Joyce O. Ajayi (ACRE) (oajayi1@uca.edu), Joseph Johns (ACRE), Ashley Philips
(aphillips@uca.edu), Mavuto Kalulu (mkalulu@uca.edu), University of Central
Arkansas

Special Interests and State Occupational Licensure Reform

Takahito Orr (ACRE) (torr@cub.uca.edu), Zachary Burt (ACRE) (zburt1@uca.edu),
Thomas Snyder (tjsnyder@uca.edu), University of Central Arkansas
(jjohns@uca.edu)

Individual Income Tax Determinants of Interstate Migration Patterns in the Southern United States

Joseph Johns (ACRE), University of Central Arkansas (jjohns@uca.edu)

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

Session TWO: 2:45pm-4:15pm

COB ROOM 100: Research Panel: American Politics Panel

Chair/Discussant: Delphia Shanks, Hendrix College (shanks@hendrix.edu)

Papers:

Unenumerated Fundamental Constitutional Rights

Thomas Halper, Baruch College- City University of New York
(thomas.halper@baruch.cuny.edu)

When to Respond Rhetorically to School Shootings? Clinton's Nine Responses

Margaret Scranton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (mescranton@ualr.edu)

After Dobbs: The New Electoral Politics of Abortion

Magnolia Hammer and Kim Maslin, Hendrix College (maslin@hendrix.edu)

A Cyclone of COVID: Challenges of COVID-19 Vaccinations in Arkansas

Christopher Housenick, Arkansas Tech University (chousenick@atu.edu)

"Going Public" On Web 2.0? Comparing Social Media Messaging by the Obama and Biden Administrations

James McQuiston, Southern Arkansas University, (jamesmcquiston@saumag.edu)

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

Session TWO: 2:45pm-4:15pm

COB ROOM 111: Roundtable: The Year of Women in Politics-the Gains and the Setbacks

Moderator: Karen Sebold, University of Arkansas (ksebold@uark.edu)

Participants:

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Angie Maxwell, University of Arkansas (amax@uark.edu)

Nicole Shoaf, Missouri Southern State University (shoaf-n@mssu.edu)

Heather Yates, University of Central Arkansas (hyates@uca.edu)

COB ROOM 118: Undergraduate Research Panel: International Politics

Chair: Ava Baghestani, University of Arkansas (abaghest@uark.edu)

Discussant: Wael Abdelhafez, University of Arkansas (warabeay@uark.edu)

Papers:

Understanding Persistent Underdevelopment: An Analysis of How Economic Dependency and Exploitation Causes Underdevelopment in the Periphery

Phillip Powell Hendrix College (powellpa@hendrix.edu)

Sovereignty and Ethnicity: Vladimir Putin's Falsified History of Ukraine

Matthew Daniel Outlaw, University of Arkansas at Monticello
(MDO28914@uamont.edu)

Fragile States and Sustainability: Comparing and Contrasting Yemen/Somalia with Finland/Norway to Target Indicators for State Strength

Mia Bendenelli University of Arkansas at Monticello (MB036145@uamont.edu)

COB ROOM 206: Theory Panel: Bringing Theory to Bear

Chair/Discussant: Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas (carnold@uca.edu)

Papers:

Provincializing the Public in Civil Resistance

Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College (mevans8@nwacc.edu)

At the Pleasure of the President

Gary Wekkin, University of Central Arkansas (garyw@uca.edu)

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

Session TWO: 2:45pm-4:15pm

COB ROOM 307: Undergraduate Research Panel: Public Policy

Chair: Summer Woehr, University of Arkansas (swoehr@uark.edu)

Discussant: Janine Parry, University of Arkansas (parry@uark.edu)

Papers:

What factors impact the speed of crisis response? Insights from COVID-19

Keira Boop, Hendrix College (boopkg@hendrix.edu)

Moving Toward Rehabilitation Interventions in Relation to Drug Abuse in the Criminal Justice System

Drew Frasure, University of Arkansas at Monticello (DF035863@uamont.edu)

The Failures and Successes of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021 and the North American Grasslands Conservation Act of 2022

Madeline Kittler, University of Central Arkansas (mkittler@cub.uca.edu)

Thomas Jefferson: A Passive-Negative President

Madeline Kittler, University of Central Arkansas (mkittler@cub.uca.edu)

Determinant Factors in Abortion Support Preceding Dobbs: Has SCOTUS Left Popular

Caden Hall, University of Arkansas (cah050@uark.edu)

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023

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Hospitality room: COB 103G 8:30am-11:15am

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023

Session THREE: 8:30am-10:00am

COB ROOM 100: Roundtable: The Geopolitical Orientations of Major Powers: China, Russia, and the United States

Moderator: Gizachew Tiruneh, University of Central Arkansas (gtiruneh@uca.edu)

Participants:

Kevin Brennan, Ouachita Baptist University (brennank@obu.edu)

Mark Elrod, University of Central Arkansas (melrod@uca.edu)

Christopher Housenick, Arkansas Tech University (chousenick@atu.edu)

Carol Strong, University of Arkansas at Monticello (strong@uamont.edu)

COB ROOM 105 Roundtable: Rethinking the Undergraduate Curriculum

Moderator : Kim Maslin, Hendrix College (maslin@hendrix.edu)

Participants:

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Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University (mrogers6@atu.edu)

Peter Gess, Hendrix College (gess@hendrix.edu)

Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College (mevans8@nwacc.edu)

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023
Session FOUR: 10:15am-11:45am

COB ROOM 100: Roundtable: The 2022 Elections in Arkansas

Moderator: Andrew Dowdle, University of Arkansas (adowdle@uark.edu)

Participants:

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Joe D. Giammo, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (jdgiammo@ualr.edu)

Heather E. Yates, University of Central Arkansas (hyates@uca.edu)

COB ROOM 105: Research Panel: Comparative Politics & International Relations

Chair: John Passe-Smith, University of Central Arkansas, (johnp@uca.edu)

Discussant(s): Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas, (markm@uca.edu)

Brenden Connell, Lyon College (brendan.connell@lyon.edu)

Papers:

Speaking the Language of Capital: Measuring Neoliberalism Through the Speech of Policymakers

Brendan Connell, Lyon College (brendan.connell@lyon.edu)

Money, Politics, and the Political Empowerment of Women

Maya Kreczmer and Kiril Kolev, Hendrix College, (kolev@hendrix.edu)

Generation 9/11: An Analysis of College Student Attitudes regarding U.S. Foreign Policy

Mark Mullenbach and Mark Elrod, University of Central Arkansas, (markm@uca.edu)
and (melrod@uca.edu)

COB ROOM 111: Research Panel: Public Administration

Chair/Discussant: Henry B. Sirgo, McNeese State University (hsirgo@mcneese.edu)

Papers:

The Expanding Divide: The Intersection of Race, Poverty, and Mobility in the Mississippi Delta

Ty Price Dooley (tdool3@uis.edu), Junfeng Wang (jwang86@uis.edu), and Millicent Emma Feny, University of Illinois Springfield

The Effects of State-level Veterans' Mental Health Programs on Veteran Mental Health

Eric D. Button, University of Arkansas (edbutton@uark.edu)

Up in Smoke: Environmental Consequences of an Expanded Cannabis Industry

John W. Sutherlin, University of Louisiana-Monroe (sutherlin@ulm.edu)

COB ROOM 118: Theory Research Panel: The Challenges of Modernity

Chair/Discussant: Hans Hacker, Arkansas State University (hhacker@astate.edu)

Papers:

Machiavelli's Deceptions

Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas (carnold@uca.edu)

Locating Arendt's Approach to Reason: It's not about emotion...

Kim Maslin, Hendrix College (maslin@hendrix.edu)

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