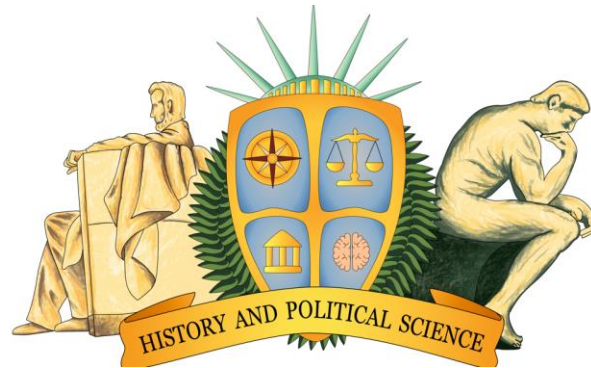


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Friday, March 7: La Villa Italian Restaurant

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Executive Board Meeting

Friday, March 7, Brown Hall (RCB)

SESSION #1 (1:00 PM – 2:30 PM)

ROOM: Brown Hall 435

UNDERGRADUATE PANEL #1: American Election Studies and Analysis

Chair & Discussant: John Sutherlin (University of Louisiana Monroe, sutherlin@ulm.edu)

“Election Administration for Dummies: Exploring the Bureaucracy Behind Elections in Arkansas” by Abbie Asher (University of Central Arkansas, aasher@cub.uca.edu) & Emily Temple (University of Central Arkansas, etemple@cub.uca.edu)

“The Lost Voice of the Natural State: Exploring Low Voter Turnout in Arkansas” by Emily Temple (University of Central Arkansas, etemple@cub.uca.edu)

““Rise Up and Vote:” An Interview-Based Assessment of Student Views on Voting” by Lyndyn Mosser (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, ljmosser@uark.edu) and Laura Newton (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, lenewton@uark.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 446

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/COMPARATIVE POLITICS PANEL #1: War & Refugee Policy and Issues

Chair and Discussant: Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm (University of Arkansas – Little Rock, ejwiebelhaus@ualr.edu)

"Voting Behavior on UN General Assembly Resolutions concerning the Russian-Ukrainian War, 2022-2023: An Analysis of the Effects of U.S. Military Alliances and Security Partnerships" by Dr. Mark Mullenbach (University of Central Arkansas, markm@uca.edu), Julien Mrad, and Daegon Schaal

“Cosmopolitanism, Messaging, and Attitudes Toward Refugees in United States” by Brett R. Bessen (Tecnologico de Monterrey), Brendan J. Connell (Lyon College; brendan.connell@lyon.edu), and Ken Stallman (Regis University)

“Imagining Intergroup Contact Method of Improving Outgroup Relations in Ethnically Diverse Contexts” by Hyo-Won Shin (University of Central Arkansas, hshin@uca.edu)

“Dividing Lines: The Relationship Between Civil Warring States and Their Neighbors” by Daniel Mintun (Texas A & M—Texarkana, dmintun@tamut.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 436

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS #1- *Picking the President: Understanding the Electoral College (Revised and Expanded Edition)* edited by Eric Burin (University of North Dakota)

Book available free to download @ <https://thedigitalpress.org/Picking-the-President-2/>

Chair & Discussant: Andrew Dowdle (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, adowdle@uark.edu)

Participant Papers:

“Does the Electoral College Protect State Interests?” by George C. Edwards III (Texas A & M University, gedwards@tamu.edu)

“Studying Constitutional Reform Efforts” Gary Bugh (Texas A & M- Texarkana, gbugh@tamut.edu)

“Anti-Federalist Criticisms of Presidential Selection: Have They Been Validated by Time?”
Mike Rogers (Arkansas Tech University, mrogers6@atu.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 356

ROUNDTABLE #1 (Women and Politics): The Status of Women and Gender in Politics and the 2024 Presidential Election

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

Participants: Karen Sebold (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, ksebold@uark.edu)

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

Bailey Fairbanks (University of Central Arkansas, bfairbanks@uca.edu)

BREAK (2:30 PM – 2:45 PM)

Session #2 (2:45 PM – 4:15 PM)

ROOM: Brown Hall 435

UNDERGRADUATE PANEL #2:

Comparative Politics & Case Studies

Chair & Discussant: Daniel Mintun (Texas A & M—Texarkana, dmintun@tamut.edu)

“Brazil Case Study: Political Polarization and its Effects on a Democratic Youth” by Diana Godinho (Stetson University, dgodinho@stetson.edu)

“The Effect of Populist Leaders on Modern Democratic Systems” by Lawren Sunni Deb Brooks-Weaver (University of Arkansas-Monticello, LW044919@uamont.edu)

“Crossroads of Policy: A Global Comparison of Progressive Social and Economic Policy Development in Democracies” by Rhett Wallace (University of Arkansas-Monticello, RW040284@uamont.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 446

STATE & LOCAL POLITICS/AMERICAN POLITICS PANEL #1: Studies of American Political Parties, Political Polarization, and the Electorate

Chair & Discussant: Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, rmaranto@uark.edu)

“Campaign Finance and Political Ideology: Understanding the Causes of Political Polarization in the Senate” by Jackson Terrell (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville), Averil Foster (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville), Karen Sebold (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville),

ksebold@uark.edu), and Andrew Dowdle (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, adowdle@uark.edu)

“Why Does the Blue Wave Continues to Remain Elusive? Hispanic Turnout and Voting in Texas’s Rio Grande Valley” by Steven E. Galata (Stephen F. Austin State University, galatasse@sfasu.edu) & Julie Harrelson-Stephens (Stephen F. Austin State University, harrelsoj@sfasu.edu)

“The 2024 Presidential Election in Arkansas: All Politics is National”
Heather Yates (University of Central Arkansas, hyates@uca.edu) and Jay Barth (Hendrix College, barth@hendrix.edu)

“Arkansas 2025: A Geographical Analysis of Arkansas’ Political Landscape” by Patrick D. Hagge (Arkansas Tech University, phagge@atu.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 436

PUBLIC POLICY/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PANEL #1:

Chair & Discussant: Kisha Hardwick (University of Central Arkansas, khardwick1@uca.edu)

Papers: “Teaching Administrative Ethics in an Intensive Modality with Games” by Christopher Burks (University of Arkansas at Little Rock, cburks@ualr.edu)

“Being Black is Bad for Your Health: Fayetteville’s Prescription for Racial Equity” by D’Andre Jones, (Fayetteville City Council, dre91732000@gmail.com)

“Fixing Failure to Appear: An analysis of the causes of recent arrestees' failure to appear charges and potential interventions” by Delphia Shanks (Hendrix University, shanks@hendrix.edu)

“To Repeal or Reinforce? The Johnson Amendment, Faith-Based Organizations, and Free Speech” by Jeff Aulgur (Arkansas Tech University, jaulgur@atu.edu)

“The Performance of U.S. Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development from Robert C. Weaver through Henry Cisneros” by Dr. Henry Sirgo (McNeese State University, hsirgo@yahoo.com)

ROOM: Brown Hall 356

ROUNDTABLE #5 (Political Theory): Discussing *Demarcating the (Un)livable*

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

Participants: Carol Stong (University of Arkansas-Monticello, strong@uamont.edu)

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

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

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

BUSINESS MEETING (4:15 PM – 5:00 PM)

Open to all faculty and graduate students. Please join!

BREAK (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

Head to Courtyard Marriot Hotel
154 E Aspen Ln, Russellville

RECEPTION (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Courtyard Marriot Hotel Lobby

DINNER (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Keynote Speaker, George C. Edwards III, Emeritus Professor Texas A & M
“Faulty Premises: The Flawed Foundations of the Electoral College”



George C. Edwards III is University Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Jordan Chair in Presidential Studies Emeritus at Texas A&M University. He has served as both the Winant Professor of American Government and the Olin Professor of American Government at the University of Oxford, and the John Adams Fellow at the University of London.

Edwards has written or edited 27 books on American politics and public policy making and is editor of *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and general editor of the *Oxford Handbook of American Politics* (Oxford University Press) series. Among his recent books, *Prisoners of Their Premises* (University of Chicago Press) seeks to explain why talented policymakers often make disastrous decisions; *Changing Their Minds?* (University of Chicago Press) analyzes the inability of President Trump to overcome the usual constraints on presidential leadership; *Predicting the Presidency* (Princeton University Press) shows how understanding the nature of presidential leadership allows us to predict the legislative success of a president and investigates the president’s leadership of those predisposed to support his initiatives; *Overreach* (Princeton University Press), analyzes presidential leadership during the Obama presidency; *The Strategic President* (Princeton University Press) offers a new formulation for understanding presidential leadership; *On Deaf Ears* (Yale University Press) examines the effectiveness of presidential leadership of public opinion; and *Why the Electoral College Is Bad for America* (Yale University Press) evaluates the consequences of the method of electing the president.

Saturday, March 8: Brown Hall
Arkansas Tech University

SESSION #3 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

ROOM: Brown Hall 356

UNDERGRADUATE PANEL #3: Policy Studies in American Politics

Chair & Discussant: Victoria DeFrancesco Soto (Dean of the Clinton School, dean.soto@clintonschool.uasys.edu)

“Political Divide on State Education” by Kaylee Butler (Missouri Southern State, butlerk007@mymail.mssu.edu) and Aryan Arora (Missouri Southern State, aroraa001@mymail.mssu.edu)

“The Platonian Roots of Modern (Western) Education” by Jack Chiasson (University of Arkansas-Monticello, JC048131@uamont.edu)

“A Comparative Analysis of State Immigration Policy throughout the Years” by Axl Ramirez (Missouri Southern State, ramireza013@mymail.mssu.edu) and Chris Stockton (Missouri Southern State)

“The Influence of Social Media and Personal Experiences on the Perception of Race Relations in the U.S.” by Victoria Moody (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, vmooddy@uark.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 446

ROUNDTABLE #2 (Teaching Political Science): Service-Learning Activities in Arkansas

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

Participants: Bailey Fairbanks (University of Central Arkansas, bfairbanks@uca.edu)

Mike Rogers (Arkansas Tech University, mr Rogers6@atu.edu)

Rachel Norris (The Clinton School of Public Service, rnorris@clintonschool.uasys.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 435

ROUNDTABLE #3 (Arkansas Politics): The 2024 Elections in Arkansas and Beyond

Chair: Andrew Dowdle (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, adowdle@uark.edu)

Participants: Hal Bass (Ouachita Baptist University, bassh@obu.edu)

John C. Davis (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, Jcd09@uark.edu)

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

Karen Sebold (University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, sebold@uark.edu)

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

ROOM: Brown Hall 436

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS #2: Exploring the Potential of Literature in Politics- *The Dissident Politics in Václav Havel's Vaněk Plays* by Carol Strong (University of Arkansas-Monticello, strong@uamont.edu)

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

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

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

Break (10:00 AM – 10:15 AM)

SESSION #4 (10:15 AM – 11:45 AM)

ROOM: Brown Hall 435

UNDERGRADUATE PANEL #4: Religion or Court Studies

Chair and Discussant: Brendan Toner (Arkansas Tech University, btoner@atu.edu)

“The Correlation of Church and State in Arkansas: An Examination of Religious Influence on Government Policies” by Mary Emily Wrzesinski (University of Arkansas-Monticello, MW045494@uamont.edu)

“Doing God's Work: An Investigation of Faith-based Reentry Programs in Arkansas” by Marleigh Hayes (Hendrix College, hayesmq@hendrix.edu)

“The Context of Justice: A Statistical and Legal Analysis of Federal Criminal Sentencing” by Madeline Hansen Broshears (Harding University, mhansen2@harding.edu)

“Pro se Litigations: Determined or Deadly? The Impact of Self-representation in Craighead and Faulkner Counties” by Dani Brumbelow (Hendrix College, brumbelowdf@hendrix.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 446

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL #3: Explaining the 21st Century Arkansas Political Party Realignment- *From Blue to Red: The Rise of the GOP in Arkansas* by John Davis (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, jc09@uark.edu)

Chair: Mike Rogers (Arkansas Tech University, mrogers6@atu.edu)

Participants:

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Daniel Fudge (University of the Ozarks, dfudge@ozarks.edu)

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

ROOM: Brown Hall 436

AMERICAN POLITICS #1: Issues and Agencies from the American Political Landscape

Chair and Discussant: Henry Sirgo (McNeese State University, hsirgo@yahoo.com)

“Free Speech and Social Class on Campus” by Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, rmaranto@uark.edu) & Martha Bradley-Dorsey (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, mlbradle@uark.edu)

“An Analysis of Office of Legal Counsel Opinions 2017-2025” by Billy Monroe (Prairie View A&M University, bwmonroe@pvamu.edu)

“AI Saves the World, Maybe? Artificial Intelligence Applications for Environmental Compliance” by John W. Sutherlin (University of Louisiana Monroe, sutherlin@ulm.edu)

ROOM: Brown Hall 356

ROUNDTABLE #4 (International Relation/Comparative Politics): Geopolitics and International Security

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

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

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

Carol Strong (Southern Arkansas University, strong@uamont.edu)

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

Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm (University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ejwiebelhaus@ualr.edu)

BREAK (11:45 AM - Noon)

Head to Williamson Hall for lunch.

LUNCH (Noon – 1:30 PM) Williamson Hall Dining Room



Senator Breanne Davis of Russellville
Arkansas State Senator.

Senator Breanne Davis of Russellville won a special election in 2018. She represents District 25, which includes most of Pope and Conway Counties. Senator Davis is the chair of the Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials Committee. She is a member of the Senate Education Committee, the Senate City, County and Local Affairs Committee, the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, Arkansas Legislative Council. Senator Davis is serving as the Senate Majority Whip of the 95th General Assembly.

In 2021 Senator Davis sponsored legislation to create “Lila’s Law,” which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need an organ transplant. She sponsored legislation to mandate Medicaid coverage of

continuous glucose monitors for people with diabetes and to amend the law regulating paid canvassers for ballot issues.

Senator Breanne Davis was the first member of the General Assembly to give birth while in office, when she had a baby girl in the fall of 2018. Senator Davis graduated from Russellville High School and has a bachelor’s degree in speech communications from Arkansas Tech. Senator Davis is wife to John-Paul, a mom to 4 kids, and a Down syndrome advocate.