

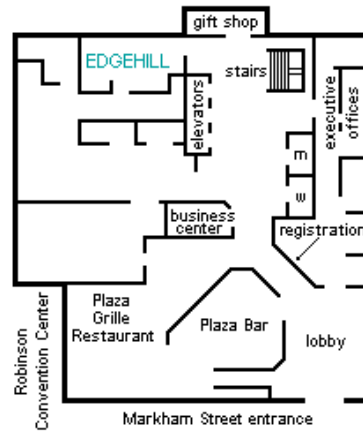
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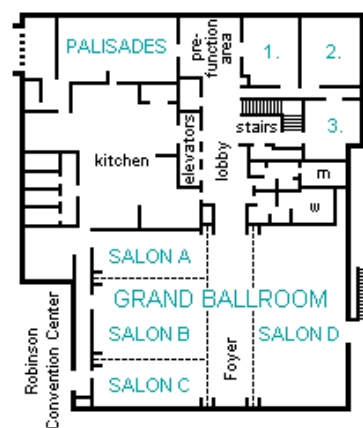
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Friday, March 4, 2011

11:30-12:45

Executive Committee Lunch

Noon-4:00 PM

Registration

1:00-2:30

The State of Civics Education

Riverside East

Chair: Gary Bugh, Texas A&M-Texarkana

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PAPERS

“Introduction: What Social Scientists Know About Civic Education”

“A Civics Education Crisis in the 21st Century?”

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“Just the Facts Ma'am, and a Few Stories: What We Need in Civic Education and What Is to be Done”

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“Failing Grade: Students in the Natural State Miss the Naturalization Bar”

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“Perceptions of Civics Course Coordinators at Two- and Four- Year Higher Education Institutions in the State of Arkansas”

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“Arkansas Attitudes about Citizenship Tests for High School Students”

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Arkansas and the 2010 Elections
Riverside West

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International Conflict and Conflict Management
Palisades

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**Economic Development
Edgehill**

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PAPERS:

“The Give and Take of Government Funding on Private Giving: A Look at Cities in the Midsouth”

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“A Comparative Study of Arkansas Economic Development Districts”

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“Examining the Diffusion of TIF Districts in Missouri”

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“Purchasing Power: The Impact of Oil Revenues on Political Development in Kazakhstan”

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2:45-4:15 PM

**Civic Literacy & Civic Education II: Civic Education Best Practices
Riverside East**

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PAPERS

“Implications of Common Core’s Reading Standards for Increasing Civic Literacy in Arkansas”
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“In Their Own Words: Norms of Civic Engagement in a Political Science Internship Program”
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“Helping Students Become Civically Engaged Through Service Learning Courses”
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**Conflict and Peace
Palisades**

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PAPERS

“Blood Tears of Acholiland: Ethnic Plurality and Intrastate Conflict in Uganda”
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“Dial T for Terror: Telecommunications Infrastructure and Terrorist Incidents”
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“U.S. - Iranian Engagement under President Obama”
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“Pliny’s Political Epistemology”
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American Politics
Riverside West

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PAPERS

“Living in a Time of Democratic Agitation: Exploring Congressional Efforts to Reform the Electoral College”

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“The Idea of Liberty as Conceived by the American Founders”

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“Surge and Decline in the Louisiana Political Science Association.”

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“We Know What You Did Last Summer: The Impact of Petition Signing on Voter Turnout”

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“It’s a Wonderful Life: Representations of the Small Town in American Movies.”

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Undergraduate Research on International Relations Edgehill

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PAPERS

“Liberation Theology and Democratic Development in Latin America”
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“Is Less Really More—Reexamining the Relationship between Foreign Aid & Development in Sub-Saharan Africa”
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“Foreign Aid: Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes. A quantitative analysis of the effectiveness of American development assistance on Latin America”
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“Hamas: transition from terrorism to democracy”
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“A Comparative Assessment of the Democratic Peace, the Liberal Peace, and the Balance of Power Theories”
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4:30-6:00 PM

Reception

Salon B

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6:15-8:00 PM

Dinner

Salon B

Speaker – Congressman Tim Griffin

Saturday, March 5, 2011

7:00-8:30 AM

Breakfast

Salon B

8:45-10:15 AM

Roundtable: The Obama Presidency at Mid-Stream
Salon A

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Comparative Politics Salon C

Chair: TBA

PAPERS

“Losing Ground: Democracy, Women, and Under-Representation in Eastern Europe”

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“Understanding and Coping with Mexican Drug Violence”

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“Effective Number of Party Systems: A Measure with Application to the Central and Eastern European Democracies”

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“Do Navigable Waterways and Ports Explain Variable Rates of Development?

Using GIS to Analyze the Geography of Poverty”

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Undergraduate Research on American Politics Riverside West

Chair: Donald Gooch, Arkansas Tech University

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PAPERS

“Party Platform Evaluations”

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“Archetypal Metaphor in the Boston Tea Party and the Tea Party Movement”

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“Why Politicians Should (Discreetly) Buy Votes”

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Documentary Film Presentation
Riverside East

“Stay Brady, Stay”
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10:30-Noon

Civic Literacy and Civic Education III: Roundtable for Arkansas Civics Teachers
Riverside East

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Roundtable: The Obama Administration and the Judicial Nomination Process
Salon A

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Public Administration
Riverside West

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PAPERS

“The Impact of Act 60 on Arkansas School Districts: A Case Study Involving Two Predominantly African American School Districts”

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“The Internet as a Proxy for Democratic Accountability and Transparency: A Comparative Test of Waldo’s Five Problem Areas in Five Advance Democratic Societies”

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“Globalizing Student Engagement”

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“Back in the Fold or Out in the Cold? Superintendents Respond to Obama’s Blueprint for Reform”

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Undergraduate Research on Public Policy Issues
Salon C

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PAPERS

“Legal Issues with Wrongful Convictions: The Case of Damien Echols”
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“The Death Knell For Capital Punishment: A Quantitative Analysis of the Deterrent Effect of Capital Punishment on Violent Crime and Murder”
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“Policy Challenges and Recommendations for the Implementation of Health Exchanges in Arkansas”
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Lunch
Salon B

Speaker: Skip Rutherford, Dean, Clinton School of Public Service