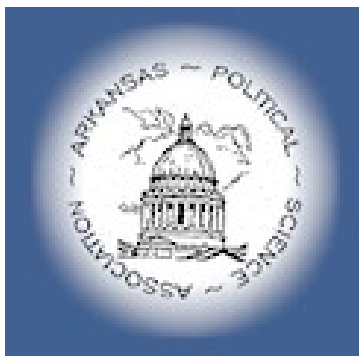


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Friday, February 28, 2014

Executive Committee Luncheon (11:30-12:45 p.m.)

Location: Doc's Grill, 1301 E Beebe Capps Expressway

Registration (12:00-4:00 p.m.)

Location: American Heritage Conference Center

Session 1 (1:00-2:30 p.m.)

Roundtable: International Relations

Location: Liberty Room (1st Floor)

Chair: Bill Topich, Pulaski Academy/UALR "Coming Full Circle: The Influence of Lashkar-e-Taiba- in Pakistan" (bill.topich@pulaskiacademy.org)

Mark Elrod, Harding University, "The Decline of War in the International System" (elrod@harding.edu)

Christopher Housenick, Arkansas Tech ""Terrorism and Telecommunications Infrastructure" (chousenick@atu.edu)

Mark Mullenbach, "Carrot or Stick? An Analysis of the Application of Third Party Leverage in Intrastate Disputes" University of Central Arkansas (markm@uca.edu)

Student Panel: American Politics

Location: American Heritage 207

Chair/Discussant: Sarah Burks, University of Arkansas (smburks@uark.edu)

Counting Counties: Voting Patterns in Arkansas Counties in the 2012 Presidential Election," Abby Lloyd, Harding University (alloyd@harding.edu)

"The War on Drugs in Black and White: An Exploration of its Disparate Effects on the African American Community," Tyler Harrison, University of Arkansas Monticello (JTH06977@uamont.edu)

"Silent Screams of a Forbidden Trade: Power Relations in the Sex Trade" Reva Humphries, University of Arkansas Monticello (RAH00577@amont.edu)

"Animal Testing Laws in the United States: An Analytical Critique of the Relevancy (or lack thereof) of Existing Legislation." Sarah Phillips, University of Arkansas Monticello (SBP07120@uamont.edu)

American Politics

Location: American Heritage 209

Chair/Discussant: Hal Bass, Ouachita Baptist University (bassh@obu.edu)

“The Natural State in a Time of Change: A Survey-Based Analysis of State Party Organizations in Arkansas, 1999-2013” John C. Davis, University of Missouri (johndavis@mail.missouri.edu)

“What Can Texas Schools Teach Public Managers? Lessons from Quantitative Studies of Public Management’s Impact on Student Performance in Texas Public Schools” John Topinka, University of Memphis (jtpinka@memphis.edu)

Launching a Political Biography: Writing, Editing, Finding a Publisher, Making Presentations, Signing Books. Kay Goss, University of Arkansas (kgoss@gcbarnesgroup.com)

Session 2 (2:45-4:15 p.m.)

Arkansas Education Policy

Location: Liberty Room

Chair/Discussant: Cheri Yecke, Harding University (cyecke@harding.edu)

“School Vouchers” Michael Crouch, University of Arkansas (mlcrouch@uark.edu)

“NSLA District Funding” Sarah Burks, University of Arkansas (smburks@uark.edu)

“Charter Authorizers” Jennifer Ash, University of Arkansas (jash@uark.edu)

“Alternative Certification for Teachers” Benton Brown, University of Arkansas (bentonb@uark.edu)

Student Panel: American Politics

Location: American Heritage 207

Chair/Discussant: Carol Strong University of Arkansas Monticello (strong@uamont.edu)

“Policy Innovation Diffusion of Voter Identification Laws from 2004 to 2013.” Blake Brizzolara, University of Central Arkansas (bbrizzolara1@uca.edu)

“Effect of Oil Pipeline Spills on Adoption of State-Level Policies,” Sasha Keck, Hendrix College (KeckSL@hendrix.edu)

“A Broken System: The Factors that Effect Premature Mortality in Arkansas.” Chris Meyer, Harding University (cmeyer2@harding.edu)

Roundtable: Discussion of *Identity and Violence* by Amartya Sen
Location: American Heritage 209

Chair: Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, University of Central Arkansas (marys@uca.edu)

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Paul Babbitt, Southern Arkansas University- Magnolia (prbabbitt@saumag.edu)

Reception (4:45-5:45 p.m.)

Location: American Heritage 208

Dinner (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Location: Cone Chapel (American Heritage 2nd Floor)

Keynote Lecture: "The Battle of Little Rock." Shawn Fisher, PhD.

Dr. Fisher is a scholar whose interests focus on Civil Rights, Southern Masculinity, and Military History. He earned a PhD from the University of Memphis and has spoken at conferences in the United States, England, and Ireland. His research emphasizes the role that Southern masculinity and identity played within the Arkansas National Guard during the Central High Crisis, providing a fresh new perspective on those events. He is a former member of the Arkansas National Guard and former teacher in the Little Rock School District.

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Breakfast Business Meeting (7:15-8:15am)

Location: Cone Chapel, American Heritage Building

Registration (8:15-10:15 am)

Location: American Heritage Conference Center

Session 3 (8:30-10:00 a.m.)

Roundtable: Congress and the Courts

Location: Liberty Room

Chair: Tom McInnis, University of Central Arkansas (tomm@uca.edu)

Doug Reed, Ouachita Baptist University (reedd@obu.edu)

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

Graduate Student Panel

Location: American Heritage 207

Chair/Discussant: Michael Crouch, University of Arkansas (mlcrouch@uark.edu)

Type 1 Diabetes on Campus: “Students Helping Students” Dorothea Bartelli, Henry Brooks, Michael Flanigan, Noah Pittman, & Everett Smith (npittman@uark.edu)

“Putting Community Colleges Back in the Community: An Examination of the Collaborative Effects of Community Colleges on Rural Economic Development.” Andrew English, University of Arkansas (aenglish@uark.edu)

“The Challenge and Necessity of Mobility: Factors that Affect Public Transportation Ridership.” Jordan C. Smith, Harding University (jsmith25@harding.edu)

Roundtable: Life and Legacy of Diane Blair

Location: American Heritage 208

Chair: Jay Barth, Hendrix College (barth@hendrix.edu)

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

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

International Relations/Comparative Politics

Location: American Heritage 209

Chair/Discussant: Christopher Housenick, Arkansas Tech (chousenick@atu.edu)

“Retribution, Healing, and Transitional Justice in the Wake of the Arab Spring” Eric Joseph Wiebelhaus-Brahm, University of Arkansas Little Rock (ejwiebelhaus@ualr.edu)

“The German Federal Election 2013: How a change in electoral rules spelled the end of the CDU/CSU – FDP Coalition” Andrew J. Drummond, University of Arkansas Little Rock (ajdrummond@ualr.edu)

“Will U.S. Energy Independence Reduce America’s Footprint in the Middle East?” Daniel Egbe, Philander Smith (degbe@philander.edu)

“Examining the Role of Religion in Education and the Impact on Ethnic Violence” Chris Harris, Arkansas State University (cdewayneharris@gmail.com)

“Why Should I Stay? A Legal Framework for Understanding Jihadist Choice between Domestic and Foreign Fighting.” Chris Wright, University of Arkansas Monticello (wrightch@uamont.edu)

Session 4 (10:15-11:45 a.m.)

Roundtable on 2014 Elections in Arkansas

Location: Liberty Room

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

Jay Barth, Hendrix College (barth@hendrix.edu)

Harold Bass, Ouachita Baptist University (bassh@obu.edu)

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Civic Education in the 21st Century: A Multi-dimensional Inquiry

Location: American Heritage 207

Chair: Michael Rogers

Discussant: Ann Clemmer, University of Arkansas Little Rock (avclemmer@sbcglobal.net)

“The Cyclical History of Civic Education in the US,” Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech (mrogers6@atu.edu)

“A Natural Disaster of Civic Proportions: A Comparative Study of Civic Literacy in Two Southern Universities,” Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin State (goochdm@sfasu.edu)

“An Examination of Judicial Civic Education Efforts” Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University (btoner@atu.edu)

“Teaching Local: Civic Engagement & Local Government,” Mike Yawn Sam Houston State University (mike.yawn@shsu.edu)

Student Panel: International Politics

Location: American Heritage 209

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

“Twenty Years of International Justice: An Evaluation of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia” Erika Bowsher, University of Arkansas Little Rock (elbowsher@ualr.edu)

“A European Demos: Immigration Trends and Public Opinion in the European Union.” Robert Liebendorfer, Hendrix College (LiebendorferRT@hendrix.edu)

“Should Countries ‘Go It Alone’: Comparing Unilateral Efforts of Counterterrorism and United Nation’s Initiatives,” Amanda Thompson, University of Arkansas Monticello (ALT06555@uamont.edu)

“‘Reaping What Someone Else Has Sown’: A Regional Assessment of the Impact of Western Influence.” James Tringleth, University of Arkansas Monticello (JST0681@uamont.edu)

Luncheon (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Location: Cone Chapel

Guest Speaker: Arkansas Representative Ann Clemmer

Ann Clemmer is a longtime member of the Arkansas Political Science Association and instructor of Political Science who is currently serving in her third term in the State House where she was selected to serve as the Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore. She is the Chairman of the Higher Education Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Education Committee. She also serves on the State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, Rules, and Legislative Council Committees.

Prior to the beginning of her campaign for state representative, Clemmer was a frequent panelist on AETN's "Arkansas Week", a regular commentator for "Arkansas Viewpoint" on KUAR (NPR- Little Rock) and provided radio, print, and television political commentary on a regular basis.

