

The Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting

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Friday, February 27, 2015

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

Location: Student Life and Technology Center (SLTC),
O'Kelley Dining Room, 271

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

Location: Student Life and Technology Center, Room 107

Session 1 (1:15-2:45)

Undergraduate Research: Terrorism, Policing and Crime

Location: SLTC 106

Chair/Discussant: Tim Cloyd, Hendrix College (cloyd@hendrix.edu)

Miguel Lopez, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (lmlopez@ualr.edu) "Tehrik-e-Taliban."

Brian Bauer, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (brian.bauer1@gmail.com)
"From al-Qaeda in Iraq to the Islamic State: A Resurgence of Salafi Islamic Terrorism in Mesopotamia."

Josh Hall, Hendrix College (halljl2@hendrix.edu) "Taking One for the Community: Do Sports Teams Reduce Crime Rates?"

Sam Spjut, Hendrix College (spjutsh@hendrix.edu) "The Militarization of America's Police Force and Public Confidence."

Panel: Public Policy/ Public Administration

Location: SLTC 105

Chair/ Discussant: Peter Gess, Hendrix College (gess@hendrix.edu)

Carmen Hardin, Hendrix College (hardinc@hendrix.edu) "Understanding the Intersectional Experiences of Relatives Who Serve as Care Providers to Custodial Children in Arkansas."

Price Dooley, University of Illinois, Springfield (tdool2@uis.edu) Tess Dooley, University of Central Arkansas (tdooley@uca.edu) "To Expand or Not: Key Factors that Impact Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act."

David Jerome, Northwest Missouri State (davidj@nwmissouri.edu) "Radical Organizational Change: Mid-level Leaders Take a Critical View of US Army Transformation."

Britni Ayers, Nathan Kemper, Lindsay Turner, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (blayers@uark.edu, nkepmr@uark.edu, lindsayt@uark.edu) "Food Security on Campus: A Framework for Analysis."

Roundtable on The Meaning of the 2014 Arkansas Elections

Location: SLTC, Worsham Hall North

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

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

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

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Session 2 (3:00-4:30)

Undergraduate Research: Development and Democratization

Location: Mills Center, Room 102

Chair/Discussant: Daniel Whelan, Hendrix College (whelan@hendrix.edu)

Sean Tjaden, Hendrix College (tjadensm@hendrix.edu) “From Panama to Afghanistan: A Lesson in Democratization.”

Zachary Cumbie, Hendrix College (cumbiezs@hendrix.edu) “Education, Economic Development and Regime Type.”

Autumn Reddell, University of Central Arkansas (areddell1@uca.edu) “Education and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa.”

Lora Adams, Hendrix College (adamslg@hendrix.edu) “Governmental Transition and Ethno-Political Marginalization: Changing Democracies and Ethnic Tension.”

Undergraduate Research: Social Media

Location: Mills Center, Room 103

Chair/Discussant: Mike Yawn, Sam Houston State University (mike.yawn@shsu.edu)

Anne Boyer, Hendrix College (boyerav@hendrix.edu) “Internet Usage and Political Polarization.”

Kyle Wicks, Hendrix College (wickskm@hendrix.edu) “Conflict and Connectivity: Do Internet Users Rebel?”

Constance Gabel (arg035@SHSU.EDU) and Megan Chapa (mmc035@SHSU.EDU), Sam Houston State University “City and County Use of Social Media.”

American Politics

Location: Mills Center, Room 307

Chair: Gregory Shufeldt, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (gdshufeldt@ualr.edu)

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

John C. Davis, University of Missouri (johnndavis@mail.missouri.edu) “The Nature and Effects of Political Party Culture on Political Careers.”

Gary Bugh, Texas A&M University - Texarkana (gbugh@tamut.edu) The Theoretical Challenge to Civic Education in America.”

Aaron Mason, Northwest Oklahoma State University (mason@nwosu.edu) “An Interpretation of the Constitutional Theory of American Indian Tribes and its Ramifications for Modern American Federalism.”

Michael T. Rogers, Arkansas Tech University (mrogers6@atu.edu) “A Meta-history of (Formal) Civic Education: A Cyclical History to be Repeated?”

Roundtable on International Politics: “NATO-Russian Relations: What Next”

Location: Mills Center, Wilbur Mills Library

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

Andrew Drummond, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (ajdrummond@ualr.edu)

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

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

Reception (5:00-6:15 p.m.)

Location: Zaza, Hendrix Village

Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

Location: Student Life and Technology Center (SLTC), Campbell Dining Room

Keynote Lecture: Randy LeBlanc, University of Texas at Tyler (rleblanc@uttyler.edu) “Speaking Peace to Enmity: Edward Said, Judith Butler, and the End of Criticism in the Discourse on Palestine/Israel.”

John Randolph LeBlanc (PhD, LSU, 1997) is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas at Tyler where he teaches political theory/philosophy and public law. He is author of *Edward Said on the Possibilities of Peace in Palestine and Israel* (2013) and *Ethics and Creativity in the Political Thought of Simone Weil and Albert Camus* (2004). He is also co-author, with Carolyn M. Jones Medine, of *Ancient and Modern Religion and Politics: Negotiating Transitive Spaces and Hybrid Identities* (2012). His scholarly work has also appeared in journals like *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Philosophy and Literature*, and *Literature and Theology* among others.

Saturday, February 28, 2015

Breakfast Business Meeting (7:15-8:15 a.m.)

Location: Student Life and Technology Center (SLTC), Campbell Dining Room

Registration (8:15-10:15 a.m.)

Location: Mills Center Lobby

Session 3 (8:30-10:00)

Issues in International Relations

Location: Mills Center, Room 102

Chair/Discussant: Kiril Kolev, Hendrix College (kolev@hendrix.edu)

Andrew Drummond, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (ajdrummond@ualr.edu) "Clinton's Europe: The EU 20 Years after the Brussels Speech on Eastern European Integration."

Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas (markm@uca.edu) "What Works in Africa? An Analysis of the Management of Intrastate Disputes, 1960-2012."

Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (ejwiebelhaus@ualr.edu) "Truth Commissions in the Absence of Transition: The Strength and Limitations of Transitional Justice Norms."

Undergraduate/Graduate Research: Social Welfare

Location: Mills Center, Room 103

Chair/Discussant: Carmen Hardin, Hendrix College (hardinc@hendrix.edu)

Erika Bowsher, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (elbowsher@ualr.edu) "Examining the Influence of European Union Accession on Child Institutionalization in Post-Communist Europe: Case Studies on Romania and Czech Republic."

McKinley Sparling, Hendrix College (sparlingem@hendrix.edu) "Environmental Securitization: Route to Progress or Pure Rhetoric?"

Roundtable on The Life and Legacy of Wilbur Mills

Location: Mills Center, Wilbur Mills Library

Moderator: Kay Goss, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (kay.goss@post.harvard.edu)

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

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

Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (jwhayne@uark.edu)

Session 4 (10:15-11:45)

ARKANSAS/STATE POLITICS

Location: Mills Center, Room 102

Chair: Ann Clemmer, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (avclemmer@ualr.edu)

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

Spencer Hall, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (sch011@uark.edu)

Stephanie DeMora, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (sdemora@uark.edu) “The Impact of Denomination on Voter Choice: Arkansas Special Elections.”

Greg Shufeldt, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (gdshufeldt@ualr.edu)

Patrick Flavin, Baylor University (Patrick_j_flavin@baylor.edu) “State Party Competition and Citizens’ Political Efficacy.”

Matthew Gross, Henderson State University (grossm@hsu.edu) “The Emergence of Parties in the Arkansas General Assembly.”

JR Baxter, University of Arkansas School of Law (jrb015@uark.edu)

Mark Nabors, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (mnabors@uark.edu)
“Evolution of Judicial Selection in Arkansas.”

Undergraduate Research: Voting and Representation

Location: Mills Center, Room 103

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

Tyler Hartney, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (twhartne@email.uark.edu) “The Great Divide: Analysis of Southern and Non-Southern 'Independent' Voters in the United States.”

Alexander Gray, Texas A&M University - Texarkana (austingray1@gmail.com) “The State of Research on Electoral College Reform.”

Austin Nelson, Hendrix College (nelsonar@hendrix.edu) “Race and Redistricting: How Racial Gerrymandering Benefits Black Voters and Republicans.”

Jill Nguyen, Hendrix College (nguyengd@hendrix.edu) “Descriptive Representation and Domestic Violence: A Cross-National Analysis.”

Issues in Comparative Politics

Location: Mills Center, Room 307

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

Willis Arnold, Kayla Close, and Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas
(warnold@conwaycorp.net) (kclose2@cub.uca.edu) (markm@uca.edu) “Ballots and Observers: Elections, Election Monitoring, and Political Stability in Post-Colonial Africa, 1961-2010.”

John Passe-Smith and Mary Sue Passe-Smith, University of Central Arkansas
(johnp@uca.edu and marysuep@uca.edu) “American Attitudes Toward Immigrants: The Dangers and Possibilities of Analyzing Social Media.”

Liz Petray, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (bpetray@email.uark.edu) “Fiscal Federalism and Economic Growth: A Comparison of the Effects of Centralization Policies on the Regional Economies of the United States and Russian Federation.”

Roundtable on Erica Benner’s *Machiavelli’s Prince: A New Reading*

Location: Mills Center, Wilbur Mills Library

Moderator: Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas (carold@uca.edu)

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

Steven Thomason, Ouachita Baptist University (thomasons@obu.edu)

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

Luncheon (12:00-1:30 p.m.)

Location: Student Life and Technology Center (SLTC), Campbell Dining Room

Guest Speaker: Jay Barth, Hendrix College “The Challenges and Opportunities of an Academic in Public Life.”

Jay Barth (PhD, UNC at Chapel Hill, 1994) is M.E. and Ima Graves Peace Professor of Politics and Bill and Connie Odyssey Professor and Director of Civic Engagement Projects at Hendrix College. Barth’s academic work includes research on the politics of the South, state government and politics, LGBT politics, political communication (particularly radio advertising), and the achievement gap in Arkansas. He is the co-author (with the late Diane D. Blair) of the second edition of *Arkansas Politics and Government: Do the People Rule?* (University of Nebraska Press, 2005). Since 2012, Barth has also been a member of the Arkansas State Board of Education.