

# 2024 Conference Program

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

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

Location: School of Forestry & Natural Resources Conference Center

Lobby (Look for directional signs on the first floor)

**Session 1 (1:15-2:45)**

**American Politics: Roundtable**

***The 2024 General Elections in Arkansas and its Effect on, and Implications for Public Policy***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

**Chair:** Andrew Dowdle, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

**Participants:**

Hal Bass, Ouachita Baptist University

Joseph Giammo, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Heather Yates, University of Central Arkansas

**International Relations / Comparative Politics: Paper Panel**

***Immigration, Peacekeeping and Elections in the World***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** Gizachew Tiruneh, University of Central Arkansas

**Papers:**

“Workplace Diversity and Immigration Policy Preferences.”

David H. Bearce, Texas A&M University, and Brendan J. Connell, Lyon College.

“Third-Party Peacekeeping Missions in Intrastate Disputes, 1946-2022: Recent Trends and Patterns.”

Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas, and Jaylan Harris, University of Central Arkansas.

“Outgroup Trust and Cross-Ethnic Voting in the Sub-Saharan Context.”

Hyo-Won Shin, University of Central Arkansas.

**Graduate Research: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Christian Fundamentalism, Partisanship and Leadership***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

***Chair:*** Williams Yamkam, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith

***Papers:***

“Christian Fundamentalists’ Influence on Policy Agendas: State-Level Analysis Controlling for Professionalization.”

Madeline Kittler, University of Missouri

“Term Limits and Partisan Motive”

Nathaniel T. Reeves III, Arkansas State University

“A Case Study of Leadership in Public Administration”

Dylan McClain, University of Arkansas – Monticello

**Meet the Author: Roundtable**

***The Palgrave Handbook of Teaching and Research in Political Science***

***Moderator:*** Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University

***Participants:***

Kevin Brennan, Ouachita Baptist University

Jaeyun Sung, Lyon College

Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin State University

Hans Hacker, Arkansas State University

Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College

**Session 2 (3:00-4:30)**

**Political Theory: Roundtable**

***A Critical Discussion of Demagoguery and Democracy by Roberts-Miller***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

**Moderator:** Mary Beth Sullivan, University of Central Arkansas

**Participants:**

Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas

Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College

Mike Rogers, Arkansas Tech University

Carol Strong, University of Arkansas – Monticello

Hans Hacker, Arkansas State University

**Public Policy: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Public Service and Pedagogy***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** Amber Overholser, Southern Arkansas University,

**Papers:**

“Public Service as a Profession: Encouraging Undergraduates to Pursue Public Service Careers.”

Kim Hoffman, University of Central Arkansas, Joe Howard, University of Central Arkansas, Kisha Hardwick, University of Central Arkansas.

“Technology Pedagogy in Public Administration Graduate Programs.”.

James McQuiston, Southern Arkansas University.

“Navigating the World of State Government: The Value of Undergraduate Internships.”

Katherine Hindsley, University of Arkansas – Monticello.

**Undergraduate Research: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Foreign Policy, Social Media, and Digital Language in World Politics***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** Dylan McClain, University of Arkansas – Monticello

**Papers:**

“The Impact of Social Media upon Voters’ Foreign Policy Preferences.”

Joshua Archer. Lyon College

“Digital Terrorism: The Connection Between Conspiracy and Social Media.”

Madeline Cleaves. Lyon College

“Importance of Translators and Wikipedia in Digital Language Hierarchies within Europe.”

Kolya Souvorin. Hendrix College

**Business Meeting (4:45-5:45 p.m.)**

Location: **SFNR Conference Center, A101**

**Student ‘Meet and Greet’ with Victoria DeFrancesco Soto (4:45-5:15 p.m.)**

Location: **SFNR Conference Center, A101**

**Reception and Dinner (6:30-8:30 p.m.)**

**Location:** UAM Student Center, Capitol Room

***Networking Reception (6:30)***

**Light Refreshments and Musical Entertainment by Chris Prior.**

***Dinner (7:00)***

**Welcome:** Dr. Carol Strong, 2024 ArkPSA Conference Chair

**Keynote Speaker:** Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, Dean, Clinton School of Public Service

**Post-Dinner Gathering off the Old Town Square**

Location: Bella Luna, 200 North Main Street, Monticello Arkansas

Website: [www.twobrothersrestaurant.net](http://www.twobrothersrestaurant.net)

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

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

Location: School of Forestry & Natural Resources Conference Center Lobby

**Session 3 (8:30-10:00)**

**Political Theory: Paper Panel**

***The Art of Deception in Politics***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** TBA

***Papers:***

“Lukács, Deception, and American Populism.”

Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College, and Mike Rogers, Arkansas Tech University.

“John Salisbury on Deception.”

Mary Beth Sullivan, University of Central Arkansas.

“Machiavelli and the Challenge of Deception.”

Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas.

“Machiavellianism and Interdisciplinary Synthesis: From Political Theory to Psychological Science and Back.”

Eric Prichard, University of Arkansas – Monticello, and Carol Strong University of Arkansas – Monticello.

**Public Administration and Policy: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Veteran Homelessness, State Taxation and Fair Use***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** James McQuiston, Southern Arkansas University

***Papers:***

“A State-level Approach to Veteran Homelessness and the Potential Role of State Capacity.”

Eric Button, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville.

“State Taxation of Vaping & Vaping Products.”

Catherine C Reese, Arkansas State University, Dean L. MacDonald, Jr., Arkansas State University.

“Searching for Help in Times of Crisis: A Systematic Review of Arkansas Domestic Violence Shelter Websites”

Amber Overholser, Southern Arkansas University and Courtney Sherman, Southern Arkansas University, .

“Place Your Bets! A Political History and Analysis of Casino Gambling in Arkansas.”

Chris Housenick, Arkansas Tech University.

**Undergraduate Research: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Student Loan Forgiveness, Term Limits and Acceptance of Refugees***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** Walter Everett, University of Arkansas – Monticello

***Papers:***

“An Analysis of Student Loan Forgiveness.”

Brooks J. Braugh, Northwest Arkansas Community College

“Effects of Term Limits in Arkansas.”

M.K. Duffield. Zoe Papazoglou, Lyon College

“What Explains Americans’ Attitudes towards the Acceptance of Refugees?”

Kourtney Thompson. University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

**Session 4 (10:15-11:45)**

**Roundtable: International Relations / Comparative Politics**

***Geopolitical Uncertainties: Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the China Straits***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

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

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Christopher Housenick, Arkansas Tech University, ([chousenick@atu.edu](mailto:chousenick@atu.edu))

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Carol Strong, University of Arkansas – Monticello, ([strong@uamont.edu](mailto:strong@uamont.edu))

**American Politics / Arkansas Politics: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Partisanship, Polarization, Term Limits and Gambling***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University, [mrogers6@atu.edu](mailto:mrogers6@atu.edu)

***Papers:***

“Polarization in the US Counties.”

Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin State University, ([goochdm@sfasu.edu](mailto:goochdm@sfasu.edu)).

“Creating Opportunities: Leadership Diversity in Term-Limited State Legislatures.”

Jordan Butcher, Arkansas State University, ([jordanmbutcher@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmbutcher@gmail.com))

“Partisan Realignment among White Working-Class Voters,”

Curtis Sullivan, University of Missouri – Columbia

“An Orange Prince, Time with Andy, and a Disgruntled Photographer: A Little More than Fifteen Minutes worth of the Supreme Court Ruling on Fair Use.”

John Sutherlin, University of Louisiana – Monroe, ([sutherlin@ulm.edu](mailto:sutherlin@ulm.edu)).

**Undergraduate Research: Paper Panel**

***Issues of Pirates and Colonial Legacy***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

**Chair:** Dr. Reagan Bijou, Associate Research Director, YouGov

***Papers:***

“Pirates, Famine, and Sheep: Why Somalia Remains Divided.”

Matthew Daniel Outlaw, University of Arkansas – Monticello

“Colonial Legacy: A Comparative Analysis of the Modern Status of former French and British Colonies on the African Continent.”

Garrett Marks, University of Arkansas – Monticello

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

Location: UAM Student Center, Capitol Room

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Reagan Bijou, Associate Research Director with YouGov's Scientific Research Group