

2012 State Politics and Policy Conference

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Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012

Shuttle service to Marriott, Medical Center — 4:30–9:30 p.m.

5:30–6:30 p.m. Poster session, Ley Student Center, Farnsworth Pavilion

6:15–7 p.m. Welcome reception, Baker Hall

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Friday, Feb. 17, 2012

7:30–9:30 a.m. Shuttle service available from Marriott to Baker Hall

7:45–8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Baker Hall, Doré Commons

Panel Rooms

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ICF: Baker Hall, Kelly International Conference Facility (first floor)

B3F: Baker Hall, conference room (third floor)

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Redistricting discussion featuring Michael McDonald (George Mason University) and Richard Murray (University of Houston)

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Conference Schedule

Thursday Poster Session (FW)

5:30–6:30 p.m.

“Scandalous Behavior: ACORN, Voter Registration and the Aging of ‘Action’ Groups”

R. Bruce Anderson (randerson2@flsouthern.edu), Charlotte Garraway (charlottegarraway@yahoo.com) and Gage Nicholas (nicholasgage@yahoo.com)

“Negative Campaigning and Candidate Assessment”

Kevin K. Banda (kbanda@email.unc.edu)

“Competing as a Team: The Impact of Women’s PACs on Women’s Representation in the States”

Tiffany D. Barnes (tiffanydbarnes@rice.edu) and Jaclyn J. Kettler (kettler@rice.edu)

“Representation: Determinants of Legislative Twitter Usage in the American States”

John Cluverius (johngc@email.unc.edu)

“The Policy Consequences of Political Inequality”

William W. Franko (william-franko@uiowa.edu)

“A Geographical Shift in Undocumented Immigrant Population from 2007–2010”

Sylvia Gonzalez-Gorman (s.gonzalez@ttu.edu)

“Industry Strength, Labor Needs and Immigration Policy in the States”

James Hedrick (jjh4@rice.edu)

“Community Detection in Social Networks and the Dynamics of Majority Party Cohesion”

Justin Kirkland (jhkirkla@email.unc.edu)

“Crossing the Intersection: How Interest Groups Represent Diverse Constituencies”

Kathleen Marchetti (kmm516@psu.edu)

“Who’s Talking to Who? Interest Group Ecology in the Land of Steady Habits”

Marvin McNeese, Jr. (mcneese@rice.edu)

“Minority Voices: The Representational Roles of African-Americans and Latinos During State Legislative Deliberations”

Renita Miller (RenitaleeMiller@gmail.com)

“In Search of a Rationale: U.S. Federalism and Policymaking Across the American States”

Paul Skinner (paul-skinner@uiowa.edu)

“Is Moral Entrepreneurship Tied to Religiosity? (aka Why Can’t I Buy Liquor on Sunday?)”

Alan Steinberg (afsteinberg@uh.edu)

“The Effect of Party Registration on Party Self-Identification”

Matt Thornburg (mthornb1@gmu.edu)

“The Consequences of Redistricting: Campaigning to Redrawn Voters and its Effect on Information Costs”

Colby Tiner (Colby.tiner@ttu.edu)

“Proposals of Same-Sex Marriage: An Exploration of the Informational Effect on Direct Democracy Diffusion in the United States”

James Peterson Tomlinson (jcp998@umsl.edu)

Friday, Feb. 17, 2012

Session No. 1 — 8:30–10:15 a.m.

Panel 1: Roundtable on Redistricting (ICF)

Chair: Gary Moncrief (gmoncri@boisestate.edu)

Participants: John Alford (jra@rice.edu), Charles Bullock (cbullock@uga.edu), Jason Casellas (casellas@mail.utexas.edu) and Karin Mac Donald (karin@cain.berkeley.edu)

Panel 2: Policy Diffusion and Agenda Setting (FW)

Chair: Greg Weiher (GWeiher@uh.edu)

“Multiple Dimensions of Reform: Regulation, Punishment and Highway Safety Laws”

Andrew Karch (ajkarch@umn.edu) and Lilliard Richardson (richardsonle@missouri.edu)

“Beyond Contiguity: Patterns in the Diffusion of Policies across the American States”

Frederick J. Boehmke (frederick-boehmke@uiowa.edu) and Paul Skinner (paul-skinner@uiowa.edu)

“Agenda Setting in the American States: Determinants of State Legislative Attention to Tobacco Control and Vaccine Regulation”

Julianna Pacheco (jpacheco@umich.edu) and Graeme Boushey (gboushey@umich.edu)

“Improving the Likelihood of Successful Policy Outcomes: A Theory of Policy Diffusion Policy Analysis”

James W. Stoutenborough (jstoutenborough@bushschool.tamu.edu) and Douglas R. Oxley (doxley@bushschool.tamu.edu)

Discussants: Virginia Gray (vagray@email.unc.edu) and Elizabeth Rigby (erigby@gwu.edu)

Panel 3: The Impact of Early Voting and Vote Centers (B3F)

Chair: Kevin Arceneaux (kevin.arceneaux@temple.edu)

“The Effects of Early Voting on Electoral Campaigns”

Johanna Dunaway (dunaway@lsu.edu) and Robert M. Stein (stein@rice.edu)

“When Election Day is Two Weeks Long: Field Experiments on Mobilization for Early In-Person Voting”

Christopher B. Mann (cmann@miami.edu)

“Close to Work, Close to Home? An Examination of Where Voters Choose to Cast their Ballot”

Lisa A. Bryant (lbryant@unm.edu) and Lonna R. Atkeson (atkeson@unm.edu)

“Vote Centers and the Spatial Distribution of Voting”

Greg Vonnahme (vonnahmeg@umkc.edu), Lonna R. Atkeson (atkeson@unm.edu), Lisa A. Bryant (lbryant@unm.edu), Christopher B. Mann (cmann@miami.edu) and Robert M. Stein (stein@rice.edu)

Discussant: Kevin Arceneaux (kevin.arceneaux@temple.edu)

Session No. 2 Panels: 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Panel 1: Legislative Representation and Responsiveness (ICF)

Chair: Beth Reingold (polbr@emory.edu)

“Factors Conditioning the Representational Activities of State Legislators”

Robert E. Hogan (rhogan1@lsu.edu)

“Multidimensional Responsiveness: The Determinants of Legislators’ Representational Priorities”

Jeffrey Harden (jjharden@unc.edu)

“Election Law Reforms and the Equality of Political Representation in the American States”

Patrick Flavin (Patrick_J_Flavin@baylor.edu)

“Safe Havens or Facilitators: The Influence of Legislative Professionalism on Policy Responsiveness”

Cindy Rugeley (cindy.rugeley@ttu.edu)

Discussants: Tracy Osborn (tracy-osborn@uiowa.edu) and Lynda Powell

(lynda.powell@ur.rochester.edu)

Panel 2: State of the State: Governors and Their Policy Agendas (B3F)

Chair: Don Ostdiek (dho@rice.edu)

“The Governors’ Game: Winning on Budgets and Losing on Policy”

Thad Kousser (tkousser@ucsd.edu) and Justin Phillips (jhp2121@columbia.edu)

“Media Coverage of Gubernatorial Policy Agendas”

Richard Herrera (richard.herrera@asu.edu) and Karen Shafer (karen.shafer@waldenu.edu)

“Gender and Governors’ Policy Agendas”

Barbara Ferrara (bferr1@uis.edu)

Discussants: Nelson C. Dometrius (nelson.dometrius@ttu.edu) and Don Ostdiek (dho@rice.edu)

Panel 3: What Factors Impact Voter Turnout? (FW)

Chair: Lyn Ragsdale (lyn.ragsdale@rice.edu)

“Voter Turnout and Laws in the U.S. States: Investigating the Causal Effect of Participatory Culture”

Robert S. Erikson (rse14@columbia.edu) and Kelly Radar (ktr2102@columbia.edu)

“Do Highly Exclusive Social Welfare Programs Increase Political Inequality? A Comparative Analysis of the 50 U.S. States”

Eric Plutzer (exp12@psu.edu)

“The Politics of the Restoration for Ex-Felon Voting Rights”

Marc Meredith (marcmere@sas.upenn.edu) and Michael Morse morsem@sas.upenn.edu)

“Legally Mandated Inconvenience: Do Driver’s License Suspensions Reduce Voter Turnout?”

John E. McNulty (jmcnulty@binghamton.edu), Michael A. Allen (allenmi@missouri.edu),

Laura M. Martin (lmm@senatorlibous.com) and Tansy Woan (twoan318@gmail.com)

Discussants: Caroline J. Tolbert (caroline-tolbert@uiowa.edu) and

Christopher B. Mann (cmann@miami.edu)

Session No. 3 Panels: 1:45–3:30 p.m.

Panel 1: The States in Washington (FW)

Chair: Ann O'M. Bowman (abowman@bushschool.tamu.edu)

“Fifty Interest Groups: The U.S. States in the Intergovernmental Lobby”
Heather M. Creek (hcreek@umd.edu)

“A State Legislature and Federalism: Variables Affecting Consensus and Conflict on Intergovernmental Policy Issues”
Justin Gollob (jgollob@mesastate.edu) and J. Wesley Leckrone (jwleckrone@widener.edu)

“Rise of the Partisans: The Republican and Democratic Governors Association in Campaigns, Political Campaigns, and Washington Politics”
Jennifer M. Jensen (jjensen@binghamton.edu)

“Predicting State Waiver Requests and Federal Response”
Bryan Shelly (bshelly24@gmail.com)

Discussants: Ann O'M. Bowman (abowman@bushschool.tamu.edu) and Richard C. Kearney (rick_kearney@ncsu.edu)

Panel 2: Electoral Districts and Public Opinion (ICF)

Chair: Richard Niemi (niemi@rochester.edu)

“United but Unequal: State Population Size and Representation in America’s Federal System”
Caroline J. Tolbert (caroline-tolbert@uiowa.edu) and Daniel C. Bowen (bowend@tcnj.edu)

“Resurrecting the Dead: Using the Literary Digest to Study State Politics Before the Modern Era of Public Opinion Polling”
John P. McIver (mciver@austin.utexas.edu)

“Primary Type and Polarization of State Electorates”
Barbara Norrander (norrande@email.arizona.edu) and Kerri Stephens (kstephen@email.arizona.edu)

Discussants: Lonna R. Atkeson (atkeson@unm.edu) and Jeffrey Harden (jjharden@unc.edu)

Panel 3: Legislative Careers and Legislative Experience (B3F)

Chair: Gary Moncrief (gmoncri@boisestate.edu)

“Progressive Ambition in the States”
Daniel Butler (daniel.butler@yale.edu)

“Just Passing Through? Explaining the Career Lengths of State Legislators”
Zachary Baumann (zdb1@psu.edu)

“More Perceptions of Full-time, Part-time and Real-time State Legislators”
Nelson C. Dometrius (nelson.dometrius@ttu.edu) and Justin Carter (justin.carter@ttu.edu)

“Dissecting the Relationship between Term Limits and Fiscal Policy”
Daniel C. Lewis (dclewis1@uno.edu)

Discussants: Nancy Martorano Miller (Nancy.Martorano@notes.udayton.edu) and Gary Moncrief (gmoncri@boisestate.edu)

Session No. 4 Panels: 3:45–5:15 p.m.

Panel 1: Institutional Gridlock and Coalition Building (B3F)

Chair: Boris Shor (bshor@uchicago.edu)

“Overcoming Fiscal Gridlock: Institutions and Budget Bargaining”

Carl Klarner (cklarner@indstate.edu) and Justin Phillips (jhp2121@columbia.edu)

“Gridlock? Explaining Variation in Cross-Party Coalition Building in the 99 Chambers”

Lynda Powell (lynda.powell@ur.rochester.edu)

“Recovering Status Quos in the State Legislatures”

Jim Battista (jbattista@buffalo.edu), Michael Peress (mperess@mail.rochester.edu) and Jesse Richman (jrichman@odu.edu)

Discussants: Royce Carroll (rcarroll@rice.edu) and Boris Shor (bshor@uchicago.edu)

Panel 2: Context Matters: Implications for Electoral Outcomes (FW)

Chair: Robert E. Hogan (rhogan1@lsu.edu)

“A Gubernatorial Helping Hand? How Gubernatorial Party Affects Presidential Elections”

Robert S. Erikson (rse14@columbia.edu), Olle Folke (of2152@columbia.edu) and James M. Snyder (jsnyder@gov.harvard.edu)

“Obama: the State Legislator People Vote Against”

Steve Rogers (rogerssm@princeton.edu)

“Primary Attraction: Does the Romance Continue? The Failure of Successful Women Primary Candidates in General Elections”

R. Bruce Anderson (randerson2@flsouthern.edu) and Joshua Vaal (jvaal@flsouthern.edu)

Discussants: Robert M. Stein (stein@rice.edu) and Robert E. Hogan (rhogan1@lsu.edu)

Panel 3: Where Do You Draw the Line? Partisan or Demographic Determinants (ICF)

Chair: John Alford (jra@rice.edu)

“Redistricting, Representation, and the Politics of Splitting Communities of Interest”

Daniel C. Bowen (bowend@tcnj.edu) and Jonathan Winburn (jwinburn@olemiss.edu)

“Defining ‘Communities of Interest’ in Redistricting Through Initiative Voting”

Todd Makse (toddmakse@gmail.com)

“Southern Redistricting under the VRA: A Model of Partisan Tides”

Nicholas Goedert (ngoedert@princeton.edu)

“A Test for Partisan Gerrymandering”

Scott T. Macdonell (smacdonell@utexas.edu)

Discussants: Jason Casellas (casellas@mail.utexas.edu) and John Alford (jra@rice.edu)

Redistricting Discussion at the University of Houston Dinner

Featuring Michael McDonald (George Mason University) and Richard Murray (University of Houston)

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012

Session No. 5 Panels: 8:30–10:15 a.m.

Panel 1: Partisan Competition and Legislative Party Polarization (ICF)

Chair: Gerald C. Wright (wright1@indiana.edu)

“The Role of Party: The Legislative Consequences of Partisan Electoral Competition”
Royce Carroll (rcarroll@rice.edu) and Jason Eichorst (jaeichorst@rice.edu)

“Evolution in Texas? The 40-Year Partisan Realignment of the Texas House”
Tiffany D. Barnes (tiffanydbarnes@rice.edu) and Mark P. Jones (mpj@rice.edu)

“Polarization in Roll Call Voting Among Women State Legislators”
Tracy Osborn (tracy-osborn@uiowa.edu), Cassie Cumings-Peterson
(cassie-cumings-peterson@uiowa.edu) and Rebecca Kreitzer (rebecca-kreitzer@uiowa.edu)

“When Reds are Redder and Blues are Bluer: Party Competition, Party Polarization and the Changing Demand for Lobbying in the American States”
Virginia Gray (vagrays@unc.edu), David Lowery (dlowery@psu.edu), Boris Shor (bshor@uchicago.edu), John Cluverius (cluverius@unc.edu) and Jeffrey Harden (jjharden@unc.edu)

“Accounting for Legislative Polarization in the States”
Gerald C. Wright (wright1@indiana.edu) and Nathaniel Birkhead (nbirkhea@indiana.edu)

Discussants: Jennifer Clark (jclark10@uh.edu) and Thomas M. Carsey (carsey@unc.edu)

Panel 2: What Factors Shape Public Policy? (FW)

Chair: Richard Winters (Richard.Winters@dartmouth.edu)

“What Shapes Policy Efforts Across the American States?”
Saundra K. Schneider (sks@msu.edu) and William G. Jacoby (jacoby@msu.edu)

“Who Wins (and Who Loses) in Class-based Political Parties?”
Elizabeth Rigby (erigby@gwu.edu)

“Environmental Policy Support in the American States”
Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo (becky.bromley-trujillo@uky.edu)

“Easy Pickings: State Legislatures Look to Their Local Governments”
Ann O'M. Bowman (abowman@bushschool.tamu.edu) and Richard C. Kearney
(rick_kearney@ncsu.edu)

Discussants: Andrew Karch (ajkarch@umn.edu) and Richard Winters
(Richard.Winters@dartmouth.edu)

Panel 3: Beyond the Bench: A Look at State Supreme Court Justices (B3F)

Chair: Paul Brace (pbrace@rice.edu)

“Representation in State Supreme Courts: Evidence from the Terminal Term”
Melinda Gann Hall (hallme@msu.edu)

“Strategic Retirements of Elected and Appointed Justices in State Supreme Courts: A Hazard Model Approach”
Todd A. Curry (todd.a.curry@wmich.edu) and Mark S. Hurwitz (mark.hurwitz@wmich.edu)

“Cooperation on State Supreme Courts”
Meghan E. Leonard (mleonar@ilstu.edu) and Joseph V. Ross (jvross@email.arizona.edu)

“The Diffusion of Female Supreme Court Justices in American States”
Sally J. Kenney (skenney@tulane.edu) and Jason H. Windett (jwindett@slu.edu)

Discussants: Paul Brace (pbrace@rice.edu) and Brent Boyea (boyea@uta.edu)

Session No. 6 Panels: 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Panel 1: State Legislatures Allocate Power, Positions, Pork and Control (FW)

Chair: Peverill Squire (squirep@missouri.edu)

“Principals, Agents, Tools and Influence: Sorting Out the Causes of Legislative Leadership Power”
Christopher Mooney (cmoon1@uis.edu)

“A Cross-state Analysis of Legislative Committee Request Success Rates”
Ronald D. Hedlund (r.hedlund@neu.edu), Claudia Larson (larson.cl@husky.neu.edu), Rob DeLeo (deleo.ro@gmail.com) and David P. Hedlund (david_p_hedlund@hotmail.com)

“Parties and Pork: Historical Evidence from the American States”
Gerald Gamm (Gerald.gamm@rochester.edu) and Thad Kousser (tkousser@ucsd.edu)

“Legislatures, Courts and Statutory Control of the Bureaucracy across the U.S. States”
Robert J. McGrath (rmcgrat2@gmu.edu)

Discussants: Jim Battista (jbattist@buffalo.edu) and Peverill Squire (squirep@missouri.edu)

Panel 2: The Impact of Political or Social Context on Public Opinion (ICF)

Chair: Barbara Norrander (norrande@email.arizona.edu)

“Public Opinion and State-level Electoral Reform Following the 2010 Elections”
Emily Shaw (shawe@thomas.edu)

“Support for LGBT Rights: How Personality Effects are Conditioned by State Legal Environment and Social Context”
David P. Redlawsk (redlawsk@rutgers.edu) and Caroline J. Tolbert (caroline-tolbert@uiowa.edu)

“Constructing Distrust: The Consequences of African-American Encounters with Police”
Donald P. Haider-Markel (dhmarkel@ku.edu), Charles Epp (chuckepp@ku.edu) and Steven Maynard-Moody (smm@ku.edu)

“Immigration Politics and Partisan Realignment: An Analysis of California and Texas”
Jamie Monogan (monogan@uga.edu)

Discussants: Barbara Norrander (norrande@email.arizona.edu) and John P. McIver (mciver@austin.utexas.edu)

Panel 3: Strategy and Money in State Campaigns (B3F)

Chair: Ruth Jones (Ruth.Jones@asu.edu)

“Two Stage Elections, Strategic Candidates and Agenda Convergence”
Kevin K. Banda (kbanda@email.unc.edu) and Thomas M. Carsey (carsey@unc.edu)

“A Model of Inequities in Campaign Money in State Legislative Elections”
Greg Vonnahme (vonnahmeg@umkc.edu)

“Is It Really ‘All About the Benjamins?’: Exploring the Role of Campaign Self-Finance in the State Legislative Electoral Process”
Rhonda Wrzenski (rwrzensk@ius.edu)

“Determinants of Participation and Electoral Competition in Publicly Funded State Legislative Campaigns”
William Salka (salkaw@easternct.edu)

Discussants: Ruth Jones (Ruth.Jones@asu.edu) and Kayla J. Crider (kjrchr7@mail.missouri.edu)

Session No. 7 Panels: 1:45–3:30 p.m.

Panel 1: Direct Democracy: Outcomes and Impacts (ICF)

Chair: Frederick J. Boehmke (frederick-boehmke@uiowa.edu)

“The Limits of Statehouse Endorsements on Opinions Toward Referendums”

Craig Burnett (burnettcm@appstate.edu) and Janine Parry (parry@uark.edu)

“Ballot Initiatives and Electoral Timing”

A. Lee Hannah (lee.hannah@psu.edu)

“Analyzing the Effect of the Citizen Initiative on Fiscal Outcomes Over Time”

Michael New (michael.j.new@gmail.com)

“Demographic Change, Direct Democracy and Political Context: A Multivariate Analysis of State Adoption of Restrictive Immigration Policies”

Jay Barth (Barth@hendrix.edu) and Gary Reich (greich@ku.edu)

Discussants: Frederick J. Boehmke (frederick-boehmke@uiowa.edu) and Daniel Smith

(dasmith@ufl.edu)

Panel 2: Impacting the Redistricting Process and Subsequent Effects (FW)

Chair: Richard Murray (rmurray@central.uh.edu)

“Commissions and Competition in the 2002–2010 U.S. House Elections”

Eric A. Lindgren (elindgren@whittier.edu)

“One Person, One Vote: Principle Versus Reality in U.S. House Elections”

Jeffrey W. Ladewig (jeffrey.ladewig@gmail.com) and Seth C. McKee (scmckee@mail.usf.edu)

“Getting the Map You Want: A Bargaining Model of Interest Groups in Local Government Redistricting”

Justin M. Levitt (jlevitt@ucsd.edu)

Discussant: Jonathan Winburn (jwinburn@olemiss.edu)

Panel 3: Legislative Development and Capacity (B3F)

Chair: Ronald D. Hedlund (r.hedlund@neu.edu)

“One Tough Nut: The Development of Legislative Structure and Procedure in the Constitution and Statutes of the Buckeye State”

Nancy Martorano Miller (Nancy.Martorano@notes.udayton.edu) and Ronald D. Hedlund (r.hedlund@neu.edu)

“Quorum Rules in Historical Perspective”

Peverill Squire (squirep@missouri.edu)

“An Institutional Explanation of State Legislative Black Caucus Formation, 1971–1989”

Christopher J. Clark (chriclar@email.unc.edu)

“State Legislative Institutions and Information Asymmetries: How State Legislatures Respond to Emerging Issues”

Bryan S. McQuide (mcquide@uidaho.edu)

Discussant: Christopher Mooney (cmoon1@uis.edu)

Session No. 8 Panels: 3:45–5:15 p.m.

Panel 1: The Impact of Policy (B3F)

Chair: Lilliard Richardson (richardsonle@missouri.edu)

“Empowerment Through Design: Institutional Remedies to Environmental Injustice”

David M. Konisky (dmk74@georgetown.edu) and Christopher Reenock (creenock@fsu.edu)

“Who Should Regulate Insurance? An Evaluation of Title Insurance Rates Inequality Among States”

Beibei Zou (beibeizou@mail.utexas.edu) and David Eaton (eaton@mail.utexas.edu)

“You Can’t Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: The Emergence of Employment Bureaucracies in TANF Implementation”

Belinda Creel Davis (davisbe@lsu.edu)

“Concealed Handgun Laws, Contagion and Endogeneity Problems”

Scott Basinger (sjbasinger@uh.edu) and Michael Ensley (mensley@kent.edu)

Discussants: Lilliard Richardson (richardsonle@missouri.edu) and Donald P. Haider-Markel

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Panel 2: Politics, the News Media and the New Media (FW)

Chair: Martin Johnson (martin.johnson@ucr.edu)

“Gulf State Local News Framing of the Horizon Deepwater Oil Spill”

Kirby Goidel (kgoidel@lsu.edu), Ashley Kirzinger (akirzi1@tigers.lsu.edu), Johanna Dunaway (jdunaway@lsu.edu) and Phillip Madison (tmadis1@tigers.lsu.edu)

“Hispanic State Legislators and Spanish-Language Media: Shaping Latino Policy Agendas in the States”

D. Xavier Medina Vidal (dmedi005@ucr.edu)

“Governors Campaign Online: Social Media in the American States”

Marija Bekafigo (marija.bekafigo@gmail.com) and Diana Tracy Cohen (cohendit@ccsu.edu)

“Smart on Crime: How a Shift in Political Attention is Changing Penal Policy in the U.S. States”

Garrick L. Percival (percival@d.umn.edu)

Discussant: Martin Johnson (martin.johnson@ucr.edu)

Panel 3: Political Opinion and Political Participation (ICF)

Chair: Robert M. Stein (stein@rice.edu)

“Does the Election of Women Cause Other Women To Vote or Run for Office? Evidence From a Regression Discontinuity Design”

David Broockman (broockman@berkeley.edu)

“The Participatory Impact of Truncating Early Voting in Florida”

Michael Herron (Michael.herron@dartmouth.edu) and Daniel Smith (dasmith@ufl.edu)

“The Interactive Role of Elite Cues and Residential Context in Shaping Public Opinion about Immigration in the New England States”

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General Conference Information

Hotel Information

Houston Marriott at the Texas Medical Center

6580 Fannin St.

Houston, TX 77030

Phone: 713-796-0080

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/houmc-houston-marriott-at-the-texas-medical-center

Rice University Information

Rice University general information phone number: 713-348-0000

Rice University emergency number (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 713-348-6000

In case of an emergency, blue-light emergency phones are available across campus. Press the red button and the police will respond.

Rice University

6100 Main St.

Houston, TX 77005-1827

Baker Hall

North corner of College Way (also known as Loop Road) and Alumni Drive

Building No. 7 – www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html

Rice Memorial Center/Ley Student Center

South corner of College Way (also known as Loop Road) and Alumni Drive

Building No. 37 and 57 – www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html

Internet Access

Wireless Internet is available for free anywhere on campus. To connect, join the network titled “Rice Visitor.”

Transportation Information

Getting to and from the Conference

Walking Directions:

If you are staying at the conference hotel, walking to and from Baker Hall is easy and takes about 12 minutes. Follow these simple directions and consult the map enclosed for more details. The path will be marked with SPPC signs, which you can follow to Baker Hall.

From Hotel to Campus:

1. Start from the main entrance of the Marriott, Medical Center, 6580 Fannin St.
2. Turn left (northeast) on Fannin St. toward University Boulevard (the first traffic signal).
3. Turn left onto University Boulevard.
4. Cross Main Street (the first traffic signal) and turn right. You are now walking along a crushed-granite path.
5. Turn left at your first opportunity. This is a lighted cement trail through a grassy area, approximately 75 feet from the intersection. Follow the trail until it comes to an end at a street.
6. Continue straight ahead on the street until you reach the first intersection. Baker Hall is the first building to your left after the intersection. The main entrance is located in the courtyard with the fountain.
7. If continuing to Farnsworth Pavilion (Ley Student Center), remain on the street until the second intersection. The Rice Memorial Center/Ley Student Center is the building on the right just before the intersection. After entering the building, Farnsworth Pavilion is immediately to the right.

Two Rice shuttles will run during the conference between Baker Hall and the Marriott. The mini bus, with the Rice logo, will pick up passengers on Dryden Road and will make a continuous loop between the two locations during the following times:

Thursday: 4:30–9:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30–9:30 a.m. and noon–2 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30–9:30 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30–6:30 p.m.

A regular Rice shuttle route includes a stop at the BioScience Research Collaborative building located at 6500 Main St. (corner of Main Street and University Boulevard). Pick up is every 30 minutes, leaving the BRC to go to campus at 10 minutes and 40 minutes past the hour, every hour, from 8:10 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. Get off at Stop 4 for the shortest walk to Baker Hall. The complete shuttle route can be found at <http://brc.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=51>.

To Get to Rice University

If you are driving to Houston, please visit <http://2012sppconference.blogs.rice.edu/transportation/parking> for directions to campus and parking information.

Parking

The Central Campus Garage is the most convenient place to park and closest to Baker Hall. Parking is \$1/12 minutes or \$11/day.

On the campus parking map, <http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html>, the Central Campus Garage is located below Janice and Robert McNair Hall, home to the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business (Building No. 51) on the map. For additional parking information and rates, including free and reduced-rate options, please visit <http://parking.rice.edu/visitors.cfm>.

Getting to and From the Airport

There are two main options for traveling to and from the airports. The SuperShuttle is more cost-effective for groups of two or fewer. For those traveling in a group of three or more, a taxi is more economical.

SuperShuttle is a good option for travel between the airport and your hotel. Travel to Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is \$23 one-way and travel to Hobby Airport is \$18 one-way, with the Rice discount code: Owls1. You can use the discount code if you book in advance online at www.supershuttle.com. SuperShuttle has booths inside the airport terminals and will pick up directly at the Marriott for your trip back to the airport.

Taxis:

IAH to Texas Medical Center about \$55 (one-way)

Hobby to Texas Medical Center about \$45 (one-way)

Getting Around Houston

Marriott Hotel Van

The hotel has a complimentary van that will transport guests to locations within a five-mile radius. The van is a good option for traveling to the Rice Village, which is less than three miles from the hotel. The van is first-come, first-served. Inquire at the hotel's front desk.

Public Transportation (METRORail)

The METRORail is a light-rail that links downtown, midtown, the Museum District and the Texas Medical Center, including Rice University. The closest rail station to the Marriott, Medical Center is the Dryden/TMC station and costs \$1.25 (one-way). A map of the line and schedules is available at www.hou-metro.harris.tx.us/SchedulesMaps/RailSched.aspx.

Meals

Meals provided at the conference will include Thursday dinner, all three meals on Friday, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. All meals, except dinner on Friday, will be served in Baker Hall, Doré Commons.

Dinner — Friday, Feb. 17, 2012

On Friday evening, buses will transport conference attendees to the University of Houston campus for dinner at the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Dinner at the University of Houston is supported by funds from the Pauline Yelderman Endowment.

Entertainment

It is our hope that you will take some time to enjoy Houston while you are here for the 2012 State Politics and Policy Conference. We have outlined several things that you might like to do. Most of the places listed are conveniently located to campus.

Museums

Houston has several excellent museums. You can explore the full range of options at www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org.

Houston Museum of Fine Arts (www.mfah.org)

5601 Main St., Houston, TX 77005
713-639-7300

Tickets: \$7 adult, \$3.50 student

Hours: Thursday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. (Opens at 9:30 a.m., closes at 9 p.m.);
Sunday, 12:30–5:30 p.m. (Opens at 12:15 p.m., closes at 7 p.m.)

Current special exhibit: King Tut — Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs takes you back 5,000 years in time and explores what it was like to live like a pharaoh through the Golden Age, when Egypt was at the height of power and artistry. The exhibition spans 2,000 years and some of the most notable leaders of ancient Egypt. More than 100 artifacts from the tombs and temples of King Tut, his ancestors and contemporaries bring this rich history to life. To read more about the exhibit, visit www.kingtut.org.

Exhibit tickets: \$25 weekday, \$33 weekend (student: \$23 weekday, \$29 weekend)

Houston Museum of Natural Science (www.hmns.org)

5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, TX 77030

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students
713-639-4629

Hours: Tuesday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Sunday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Current special exhibits: Discovering the Civil War — This exhibit draws upon letters, diaries, photos, petitions and patents from the National Archives. As part of the exhibit, the Emancipation Proclamation will be at HMNS Thursday, Feb. 16–Tuesday, Feb. 21, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. To read more about the exhibit, visit www.hmns.org.

Exhibit tickets: \$25.

Gemstone Carvings: The Masterworks of Harold Van Pelt: This exhibition includes the extraordinary artworks of Harold Van Pelt. This exhibition is included in admission to the museum's permanent exhibition halls and will be on display through Spring 2012. To read more about the exhibition, visit www.hmns.org.

The Menil Collection (www.menil.org/index.php)

1515 Sul Ross St. Houston, TX 77006
713-525-9400

Free admission

Hours: Wednesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Current special exhibit: Imprinting the Divine: Byzantine and Russian Icons from The Menil Collection — The Menil's collection of Byzantine icons is widely regarded by scholars in the field as one of the most important of its kind in the United States. The group of more than 60 works, many of which were acquired by Dominique de Menil in 1985 from the noted collector Eric Bradley, spans 600 years, from the 13th to the 18th centuries, and encompasses a number of distinct cultures including Greek, Slavic and Russian.

Also within a short walking distance the Menil maintains:

Rothko Chapel — named on of Texas' Top 10 Masterpieces by Texas Monthly magazine —
(www.rothkochapel.org/index.php)
Cy Twombly Gallery
Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum
Dan Flavin Installation at Richmond Hall

Theater and Symphony

Houston is one of just five cities that offers world-class, year-round resident companies in all of the major performing arts — symphony (Houston Symphony), opera (Houston Grand Opera), drama (Alley Theatre) and ballet (Houston Ballet). The 17-block Theater District contains a total of almost 13,000 seats, the largest concentration in the U.S. except for New York. Below are a few of the performances during the dates of the conference. You can explore the full range of theaters at www.downtownhouston.org/district/theater/.

Alley Theatre: “The Seagull,” by Anton Chekhov and directed by Gregory Boyd

Performances: Tuesday–Thursday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 2:30 p.m.

Description: Chekhov created, in his 1895 play that describes the romantic entanglements of a group of actors, writers and artists gathered on a Russian estate, one of the enduring masterpieces of the world theater, and a modern classic that grows richer with time. The ensemble cast includes James Black as the novelist Trigorin and Josie de Guzman as the actress Arkadina.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.alleytheatre.org or call 713-220-5700.

Hobby Center for Performing Arts: “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” based on the book by

Jeffrey Lane, with music and lyrics by David Yazbek

Performances: Wednesday–Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 2 p.m.

Description: Based on the popular 1988 film, “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” follows two men living on the French Riviera and, of course, a dame. A hilarious battle of cons ensue, that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.thehobbycenter.org or call 713-315-2525.

Houston Symphony: “Orbit- an HD Odyssey”

Performance: Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Description: Join us for the world premiere of the second film in our HD Odyssey series, this time focused on our planet. With striking images taken from NASA missions to Earth’s orbit and accompanied by Strauss’ epic tone poem “Also sprach Zarathustra,” this event is not to be missed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.houstonsymphony.org or call 713-224-7575.

Music

Houston also boasts a healthy live music scene. For a list of upcoming shows, visit the Houston Press website at www.houstonpress.com/calendar/. Copies of the Houston Press are available on campus in the Rice Student Center/Ley Student Center and Valhalla, the graduate student pub, and around Houston.

Golf

If you are planning to stay through Sunday, Houston has several great golf courses. To explore golf options, visit www.golflink.com/golf-courses/city.aspx?dest=houston+tx. Also the Houston Municipal Golf Course website at www.houstontx.gov/municipalgolf/ has additional information on municipal golf courses.

Parks

Hermann Park

Houston has several nice parks, including Hermann Park, which is within walking distance of the Marriott and Rice University. The park includes the Houston Zoo, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, a train ride and the Hermann Park Golf Course. Free options in the park include paved trails, a playground, a Japanese Garden, the Houston Garden Center and a plaza around the lake that includes fountains and picnic areas. For more information, visit www.hermannpark.org/visit.php.

Memorial Park

One of the largest urban parks in the U.S., Memorial Park includes extensive jogging paths, the highly ranked municipal Memorial Park Golf Course, tennis courts, plenty of playgrounds and the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center.

Discovery Green

Located in downtown Houston, Discovery Green encompasses 12 acres of green space and often has free, family-friendly events on the weekends. To explore entertainment in downtown Houston, visit <http://downtownhouston.org/>.

Dining Options

Food connoisseurs will love Houston. The city is well-known for its array of restaurants, which include every ethnicity and price range in all areas of town.

Highly Rated Restaurants

Au Petit Paris (French)

2048 Colquitt St. @ Shepherd Dr., 713-524-7070

Americas (South American)

2040 W Gray St., 832-200-1492

Brennan's Houston (Cajun/Creole, Steakhouse)

3300 Smith St., 713-522-9711

Da Marco (Italian)

1520 Westheimer Rd., 713-807-8857

Haven (New American, Texas Regional Cuisine)

2502 Algerian Way, 713-581-6101

Huynh (Vietnamese)

912 St. Emanuel St., 713-224-8964

Hugo's (Mexican)

1600 Westheimer Rd., 713-524-7744

Mark's American Cuisine (New American)

1658 Westheimer Rd., 713-523-3800

Reef (Seafood)

2600 Travis @ McGowen, 713-526-8282

Tony's (Italian)

3755 Richmond Ave., 713-622-6778

Rice Village Restaurants

Benjy's (New American)

2424 Dunstan Rd., 713-522-7602

Bombay Brasserie (Indian)

2414 University Blvd., 713-355-2000

Café Rabelais (French)

2442 Times Blvd., 713-520-8841

D'Amico's Italian Market (Italian)

5510 Morningside Dr., 713-526-3400

El Meson (Mexican, Cuban, Spanish)

2425 University Blvd., 713-522-9306

Gugliani's (Pizza, Italian)

2400 Times Blvd., 713-526-4499

Istanbul Grill (Turkish)

5613 Morningside Dr., 713-526-2800

Kubo's Sushi Bar and Grill (Japanese)

2414 University Blvd., No. 200, 713-528-7878

Pasha (Turkish)

2325 University Blvd., 713-592-0020

Prego (Italian)

2520 Amherst St., 713-529-2420

