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AGENDA

Thursday, November 6

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Registration and check-in, Brighton Room
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Opening Reception, Brighton Room

Friday, November 7

7:15 – 8:20 am  Executive Council Meeting, Wine Room
7:30 am – 4:00 pm  Registration, Suite 227

Session I: Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am

A. Law and the Courts Roundtable: Too Much Supreme Court?
Chair and Discussant: Carolyn Long, Washington State University – Vancouver

Participants:
Don Crowley, University of Idaho
Mark Graber, University of Maryland
Kerry Hunter, The College of Idaho
George Lovell, University of Washington

B. Current Politics and Political Issues in the Pacific Northwest: Roundtable
Chair and Discussant: Clive S. Thomas

Participants:
Clive S. Thomas, University of Alaska – Juneau
Jasper M. LiCalzi, The College of Idaho
Sean Patrick Eudaily, University of Montana – Western

William M. Lunch, Oregon State University

T. M. Sell, Highline Community College

C. International Relations I: Africa & the Diaspora
Chair and Discussant: Joel Ngugi, University of Washington – Seattle

*Paper Presenters:*
“Mobilizing the Vote Abroad: US Citizen Coalitions in Ghana Supporting Senator Barack Obama for President,” Lisa Aubrey, Arizona State University


“Ghana and The Return of Diasporic Ancestors: What the burial sites of Dubois, Padmore and Kwame Nkrumah in Accra mean for the African Diaspora,” Isidore Lobnibe, Western Oregon University

Session II: Friday, 10:15 – 11:45 am

A. Political Theory
Chair: Vicki Hsueh
Discussant: Kimberly Hendrickson, Boston College

*Paper Presenters:*
“Analysis and the History of Political Thought,” Peter Steinberger, Reed College

“Citizenship and the Amish,” Susan Cohen, Lewis & Clark College

“Politics at/as the Intersection of Environmental and Urban Concerns: Nature, Culture, and the Silence of Political Theory,” Delacey Tedesco, University of Victoria

B. Successful Political Science Internships: The Do’s and Don’ts
Chair and Discussant: Ronald J. Hrebenar, University of Utah

*Participants:*
Nancy Warren, Highline Community College

David Bernell, Oregon State University

Clive S. Thomas, University of Alaska – Juneau
C. International Relations II
Chair: Timothy Jeske, Yakima Valley Community College
Discussants: Christina Cliff, University of Idaho, and Barbara Salera, Washington State University

Paper Presenters:
“An Analysis of UN Peacekeeping Efforts,” Christina Cliff, University of Idaho, and Barbara Salera, Washington State University

“Are there any Factors Affecting the Causal Relationship between Military Spending and GDP Growth?” Mehmet F. Dicle, Loyola University New Orleans, and Betul Dicle, Louisiana State University

“An Existential Interpretation of Global Terrorism”
William D. Eldridge, The Ohio State University

“Coercing a 'Rogue State': Lessons from U.S.-Iraqi Strategic Interactions”
David Palkki, UCLA and Institute for Defense Analyses

Lunch Program, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, Crystal Ballroom

Keynote Address:

Session III: Friday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

A. Law & the Courts Panel: The Presidency, Judicial Supremacy and the Constitution
Chair: George Lovell, University of Washington
Discussant: Rorie Spill Solberg, Oregon State University

Paper Presenters:
“Signing Statements before the Courts,” Jacob Day, Washington State University

“George W. Bush’s Unitary Presidency: Dismantling the Judiciary,” Ericka Christensen, Washington State University

“Judicial Supremacy and Pragmatism,” William M. Curtis, University of Portland

B. Race and American Politics I: Latino Politics: Case Studies on Immigration, Mobilization, and Political Organizations
Chair & Discussant: Martin M. Garcia, Eastern Washington University

Paper Presenters:
“Piolin y el Papa: Methods of Mobilization in the 2006 Immigration Marches,” Matt A. Barreto, University of Washington

“How perceived discrimination moderates Latino trust in government and immigration policy preferences?” Francisco I. Pedraza, University of Washington


C. State and Local Politics
Chair: Jasper LiCalzi, The College of Idaho
Discussant: Todd Schaefer, Central Washington University

Paper Presenters:
“When Incumbency is a Disadvantage: Population Growth and the Reelection of County Commissioners.”
Mathew Manweller, Central Washington University

“Regional Colonialism: The Political Economy of Regional Migration in the Pacific Northwest.”
Andrew Thomas, Washington State University

“Measuring Interest Group Strength on the State Level”
Jasper LiCalzi, The College of Idaho

Session IV: Friday, 3:15 – 4:45 pm

A. Comparative Politics I
Chair and Discussant: Tuong Vu, University of Oregon

Paper Presenters:
“Finding a Way Out of the Swamp vs. the Least Soggy Part: Multilevel Policy Disasters and Vancouver’s Aboriginal Peoples,” Patrick Smith, Simon Fraser University


“Electoral Cycles and Turnout: A Natural Experiment of Executive Responsiveness in English Local Elections,” David Brockington, University of Plymouth
**B. Teaching and Learning in Political Science**
Chair and Discussant: **Erin Richards**, Cascadia Community College

*Paper Presenters:*
“Teaching on-line,” **T.M. Sell**, Highline Community College

“Interdisciplinary Education in Renewable Energy: Measuring the Impact of Course Instruction on Students’ Knowledge,” **Christopher A. Simon, Theodore Batchman, and Christine Taylor**, University of Nevada – Reno

“Teaching, Writing and Reviewing: A Holistic Approach to Being All the Comparative Politics Professor You Can Be,” **Eliot Dickinson**, Western Oregon University

**C. Women in Politics Roundtable**
Chair: **Sara Weir**, Western Washington University

*Participants:*
**Sara Weir**, Western Washington University

**Melissa Buis Michaux**, Willamette University

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**Balmer Post-mortem**

5:00 – 6:00 pm **No-host Social Hour**, Fireplace Lobby

6:00 – 9:00 pm **Balmer Post-mortem Dinner**, Crystal Ballroom

*Speakers:*
**Jeff Mapes, The Oregonian**

**Stuart Elway**, Washington Pollster and Director of Elway Research

**Lisa Grove**, Founder and Principal of Grove Insight

**Andrew Over**, Executive Director of the Oregon Republican Party

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**Saturday, November 8**

7:30 – 8:00 am **Continental Breakfast**, Crystal Ballroom

7:45 – 9:00 am **General Membership Meeting: Election of Officers & Other Business**, Crystal Ballroom
A. Race in American Politics II  
Chair and Discussant: Vernon D. Johnson, Western Washington University

Paper Presenters:
“Allegiance to Race: African American Academic Intellectuals,” Rachael Murphey-Brown, University of North Carolina

“Racial Resentment: A Function of Core Values and Personal Identity,” Jerry Poppe, Wisconsin Lutheran College

“Critical Race Theory: Constructionism vs. Science and the Role of Black Identity on Race Relations,” Stephen Graves, University of Nevada-Reno

“Emotions and Movement Framing: A Content Analysis from the Black Power and ACT UP Movements,” Rhiannon Trozzi Andreini and Debra Salazar, Western Washington University

B. Comparative Politics II  
Chair and Discussant: Eliot Dickinson, Western Oregon University

Paper Presenters:
“Privatization, Politics and Violence: Urban Lands in Ghana,” Nicole R. Lefore, University of Virginia

“Burkas, Babushkas, and Bombs: Toward an Understanding of the "Black Widow" Suicide Bombers of Chechnya,” Liz Frombgen, Hastings College

“Women's Issues in the State Duma of the Russian Federation: Roll-Call Vote Analysis,” Raminta Stockute, The University of Kansas

C. American Politics  
Chair: Mathew Manweller  
Discussant: Kevin Pirch

Paper Presenters:
“Learning from Biased Sources: Do Perceptions of Bias Undermine the Media’s Ability to Inform the Public?” Glenn Smith, Washington State University

“Health Care Policy and the Consequences of a Billing Code Monopoly,” Jennifer Bolen, Portland State University

“Turnout and Competitive Presidential Primaries and Caucuses: Mobilizing Disadvantaged Voters,” Caroline Tolbert, University of Iowa
A. Race and American Politics III: Latino Political Participation and Representation in the State of Washington
Chair & Discussant: Gilberto Garcia, Central Washington University

Paper Presenters:

Faculty Advisor: Gilberto Garcia, Central Washington University

B. Voting & Elections
Chair and Discussant: Robert Eisinger, Lewis & Clark College

Paper Presenters:
“The Registered Nonvoter: The Effect of All-Mail Elections on Inactive Voters,” Priscilla Southwell, University of Oregon


“The Electoral College and Minor Parties: An Examination of Third Parties in Presidential Elections,” Kevin Pirch, Eastern Washington University

Annual Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm