

**33rd Annual Meeting of the
North Carolina Political Science Association
Western Carolina University
March 26-27, 2004**

"Polarized Politics: Local, National, and International Perspectives"

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Program Summary

All meetings, panels and roundtables will take place in The Hinds University Center.
The reception and banquet will be held in The Ramsey Center.

Friday, March 26

10:45 a.m. The Executive Council meets in the Rogers Room.

11:00 a.m. Registration begins in the Hinds University Center, 2nd Floor.

1:00 - 2:45 p.m. First group of panels and roundtables

Panel A - 1 (Room 232A)

Roundtable A - 2 (Room 232B)

Roundtable A - 3 (Catamount Room)

3:00 - 4:45 p.m. Second group of panels and roundtables

Roundtable B - 1 (Room 232A)

Panel B - 2 (Room 232B)

Panel B - 3 (Catamount Room)

5:00 p.m. Business Meeting in Room 315 (All NCPSA members are urged to attend.)

6:00 p.m. Reception in the Hospitality Room in the Ramsey Center.

7:00 p.m. Banquet in the Hospitality Room in the Ramsey Center.

Saturday, March 27

9:00 - 10:45 a.m. Third group of panels and roundtables

Panel C - 1 (Room 232A)

Roundtable C - 2 (Catamount Room)

Panel C - 3 (Room 232B)

The Program

Friday, March 26
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Panel A - 1 (Room 232A)
Contemporary Southern Politics

Chair: Dennis Grady, Appalachian State University

J. Michael Bitzer, Catawba College.
Reviewing Redistricting: Where Things Stand in the South

Christopher Cooper and Gibbs Knotts, Western Carolina University
Defining Dixie: Searching for a Better Measure of the Modern Political South

Charles Prysby, University of North Carolina Greensboro
The Development of a Competitive Political Party System in the Contemporary South

Discussant: James Corey, High Point University

Roundtable A - 2 (Room 232B)
The War On Iraq: Quagmire or Opportunity?

Moderator: Jeffrey M. Elliot, North Carolina Central University

Participants:

Oladimeji Aborisade, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Victor E. Archibong, Greensboro College

K. O. Boansi, Elizabeth City State University

Roy M. Melbourne, U.S. Foreign Service (retired)

Emmanuel Oritsejafor, North Carolina Central University

Sanford R. Silverburg, Catawba College

Fred Swan, Scholar

**Roundtable A - 3 (Cardinal Room)
Assessment in Higher Education**

Moderator: Rebecca Klase, Greensboro College

Participants:

Marty Sellers, Lincoln Memorial University

Ruth Ann Strickland, Appalachian State University

David Thornton, Campbell University

**Friday, March 26
3:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

**Roundtable B - 1 (Room 232A)
Election 2004: What Can We Expect?**

Moderator: Jody Baumgartner, East Carolina University

Participants:

J. Michael Bitzer, Catawba College

Claudia Bryant, Western Carolina University

Jay Morris, East Carolina University

Charles L. Prysby, University of North Carolina Greensboro

Leonard Vercellotti, Elon University

**Panel B - 2 (Room 232B)
Theory and Practice of World Politics**

Chair: David Thornton, Campbell University

Papers and Presenters:

Linda Cornett and Mark Gibney, University of North Carolina Asheville
The Terror Within: Trends in Political Repression

Andrew MacRae and James McCabe, Western Carolina University
International Politics as Usual: Realist Politics Thrive in the Post-9/11 World

Discussant: E. Ike Udogu, Appalachian State University.

Panel B - 3 (Catamount Room)
Judicial Process and Politics

Chair: Bruce Carroll, Western Carolina University

Papers and Presenters:

Anthony C. Gabrielli, High Point University

Partisan Turnover of Circuit Court Judges and Supreme Court Decisions

Ruth Ann Strickland, Appalachian State University

Restorative Justice and the Community

Barry Sweet, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Lawrence v. Texas: A Victory for Privacy or Equal Rights? Or Both?

Discussant: Bruce Carroll, Western Carolina University

Saturday, March 27
9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Panel C - 1 (Room 232A)
Electoral Politics

Chair: Christopher Cooper, Western Carolina University

Papers and Presenters:

Jody Baumgartner and Jonathan Morris, East Carolina University

Presidential Candidate Name Recognition in a New Media Age

James Corey, High Point University

Task Force 72: A Republican Party Winning Strategy

Charles Francis, Western Carolina University.

The Political Impact of the Growing Latino Population in the United States

Philip Grant, Pace University

Elections for the United States Senate in Western North Carolina, 1990-2002

Discussants: Christopher Cooper and Gibbs Knotts, Western Carolina University

Roundtable C - 2 (Catamount Room)

The Challenge of Winning the Peace in Iraq

Moderator: Rolin G. Mainuddin, North Carolina Central University

Participants:

Robert Griffiths, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Niall Michelsen, Western Carolina University

Sanford Silverburg, Catawba College

Barry Sweet, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Frank Trapp, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Rudolf Zarzar, Elon University

Panel C - 3 (Room 232B)

Politics and Public Policy

Chair: Stephen M. King, Campbell University

Papers and Presenters:

Lisa Marie Green and Dennis Grady, Appalachian State University
The Politics of Renewables: Energy Policy Across the American States

Earl Sheridan, University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Character and the Civil Rights Struggle

Discussant: Vera Guise, Western Carolina University