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Political Science Association

**2015 North Carolina Political Science Association
Conference**

**February 27, 2015
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Center City Building
320 E. 9th Street Charlotte, NC 28202**

Program Chair: Dr. Martha Kropf

Schedule At A Glance

8:00am-1:00 pm: Registration: Lobby, 1st Floor, Center City Building

8:30am-10:00am: Panel Set A

10:00am-10:15am: Break, 2nd Floor, Atrium

10:15am-11:45am: Panel Set B

11:45am-2:00 pm: Lunch, Keynote Address, Awards

1:30pm-2:00pm: Poster Presenters Available for Questions

2:00pm-3:30pm: Panel Set C

3:30pm-3:45pm: Break

3:45pm-5:00pm: Panel Set D

5:00pm: NCPA General Membership Meeting

Interested in Graduate School?

The following programs have representatives participating in the meeting:

- University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Master of Public Administration, Dr. Suzanne Leland
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Public Policy Ph.D., Dr. Martha Kropf, Dr. Suzanne Leland
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Master of Public Administration, Dr. Thomas Barth
- Appalachian State University, MA in Political Science, Dr. Adam Newmark
- Queens University, Knight School of Communication: Ms. Jakita Cofer.
- Queens University McColl School of Business, MBA (just information, no representative)

EVENT DETAILS

Panel Set A (1 & 2)

8:30am-10:00am

Panel A-1: Local Politics, Service
Provision and Accountability

Room: 701

Chair and Discussant: Suzanne
Leland, UNC Charlotte

- Craig Burnett, UNC Wilmington,
The Politics of Potholes
- Zachary Mohr & Tonderai
Mushipe, UNC Charlotte, *Beyond
Bean-counting: The Role of Costs
during the Charlotte-Douglas
Airport Takeover*
- Charis Blackmon, UNC
Charlotte, *Building Blocks for a
Better Future: The Best Approaches
to Community Development in
Charlotte*

Panel A-2: Courts and Judicial Policy

Room: 602

Chair: John Szmer, UNC Charlotte

Discussant: Brian Smentkowski,
Appalachian State

- Elisha Savchak-Trogdon, NC State,
*Gauging Judicial Quality and Selection
Methods in State Supreme Courts: Is
there Merit in Merit Selection?*
- John Szmer, UNC Charlotte; Rob
Christensen, University of Georgia;
Erin Kaheny, University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee, *Attorney
Gender and Appellate Decisionmaking*
- Aaron Houck, Davidson College,
*Intelligent Design: The Court-Directed
Evolution of Judicial Review*
- Susan Johnson, UNC Greensboro,
*Judge Gender, Consciousness Raising,
and Women's Issues in Canada's
Intermediate Appellate Courts*

Panel Set A (3 & 4)

8:30am-10:00am

Panel A-3: African Politics and Policy

Room: 604

Chair: Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte

Discussants: Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte and Peter Thompson, Appalachian State

- Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte, *Diaspora Voting and Ethnicity in Kenya*
- Peter Thompson, Appalachian State, *The Penetrating Influence of Social Media in Africa's Political Landscape: A Case Study of International Pressure on the Nigerian Government in the Wake of the Boko Haram Mass Kidnap*
- Koffi Yao-Kouame, UNC Charlotte, *Framing Homophobia in Contemporary Africa*
- Michelle Haragos, UNC Charlotte, *Natural Resource Wealth and Rebel Group Strength*

Panel A-4: Understanding Sovereignty

Room: 606

Chair: Mark Kelso, Queens University

Discussant: Leanne Powner

- Bill Bleistein, Queens University, *The Effects of Politics and Economics on Western Democracies' Strong Secessionist Movements*
- Holly Bowers, Queens University, *Native American Sovereignty Waivers: A Two Case Study of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Lakota Oglala Sioux*
- Luiza Meziat, Queens University, *An Assessment of Sovereignty and the Internet*
- Diana Montesdeoca, Queens University, *Latin American Integration: A Study of the Political and Economic Effects of Complete Integration*
- Lee Ryan, Queens University, *In or Out? The Economic Case for European Integration*

Panel Set B (1 & 2)

10:15am-11:45am

Panel B-1: Campaigns and Conventions

Room: 701

Chair and Discussant: Peter Francia,
East Carolina

- Aaron King, UNC Wilmington,
Jumping Out of the Pool: The Strategic Timing of Candidacy Decisions in Primary Elections
- Eric Heberlig, Suzanne Leland, and Justin McCoy, UNC Charlotte,
Presidential Nominating Conventions and Mayoral Ambition
- Mary Jo Shepherd, UNC Charlotte,
The Effect of Complexity of Campaign Finance Laws on Candidate Decisions in the 50 US States
- Charles Prysby and Thom Little, UNC Greensboro, *The 2014 US Senate Election in North Carolina*
- Brian Smentkowski, Appalachian State, *Under Attack? The Causes and Consequences of Perceived Threats to Religious Liberty*

Panel B-2: Education and Equal

Opportunity

Room: 602

Chair and Discussant: Elizabeth Fournier, St. Augustine's University

- Samuel Grubbs, UNC Charlotte,
Transitioning Workers to the New Economy of the South: The Role of Political Support for Policy Implementation
- Jason Giersch, UNC Charlotte,
Rational Responses: How Teachers React to High-Stakes Tests in the Context of Academic Tracking and the Long Term Effects
- Tonderai Mushipe, UNC Charlotte,
Evolution of Affirmative Action

Panel Set B (3 & 4)
10:15am-11:45am

Panel B-3: Issues in Non-Profits and
the Voluntary Sector

Room: 604

Chair and Discussant: Tatyana
Ruseva, Appalachian State

- Jaclyn Piatak and Sarah Pettijohn,
UNC Charlotte, *A Closer Look at
Government-Nonprofit Relations:
Factors Influencing the Reliability of
Government Funds during the Great
Recession*
- Elizabeth Wemlinger, UNC
Charlotte, *Motherhood and
Membership: A Cross-National
Analysis of the Influence of Gender
and Parenthood on Voluntary
Membership*
- Taylor Bishop and Joanne Carman,
UNC Charlotte, *A Closer Look at
Cross-Sector Collaboration:
Government as the Bridge Builder*

Panel B-4: Universities in Society

Room: 606

Chair and Discussant: Andy Taylor,
NC State

- Phillip Ardoin, Appalachian State,
*Political Science: Marching We
Matter? Should We Care?*
- Thomas Barth, UNC Wilmington,
*Escaping the Ivory Tower: Reflections
of an Engaged Professor*
- Thomas Eamon, East Carolina,
*Looking Backward: A New
Interpretation of North Carolina
Progressivism in the 20th Century*
- Ada Ucha, UNC Charlotte,
*Becoming a World Class Institution: A
Review of Nigerian Universities*

LUNCH, KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND AWARDS

11:45pm-2:00pm, 2nd Floor Atrium

Welcome: Dr. Martha Kropf, UNC Charlotte, President,
NCPSA and Program Chair

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Bill Hill, Associate Dean of UNC
Charlotte's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Awards Ceremony

Keynote Address (in Adjoining Auditorium): Dr. Paul
Gronke, Reed College and Daniel B. German Endowed Visiting
Professor, Appalachian State, Editor, *Election Law Journal*

POSTER SESSIONS

**Posters on display at 10:15am; Presenters available from
1:30pm-2:00pm, 2nd Floor Atrium**

American Politics and Policy Posters

-Parker Quinlan, *Militarization within Municipal Police Departments in the United States*

-Fabbiana Gutierrez, Queens University, *Motivation in Classrooms*

-Dayana Donisca, Queens University, *The New Jim Crow: Why African Americans Can
Not Succeed in Society*

-Daniel Burrill, UNC Charlotte, *Measuring the suppressive effect of photo-ID laws*

Discussant: Dr. Martha Kropf

Comparative/International Relations Posters

-Taylor Pinckney, Queens University, *Women's Political Influence on the Violence in
Guatemala*

Discussant: Dr. Greg Weeks

-Ralitsa Francois, Queens University, *Two Countries, Same Island, Different Development*

-Jamilie Vieira, Queens University, *Developing Countries and the Washington vs. Beijing
Consensus*

Panel Set C (1 & 2)
2:00pm-3:30pm

Panel C-1: Roundtable- North

Carolina and Race: Looking Back and
Looking Forward

Room: 701

Chair: Earl Sheridan, UNC
Wilmington

- Zaphon Wilson, St. Augustine
- Dwight Mullen, UNC Asheville
- Dolly Jenkins-Mullen, UNC Asheville
- Jarvis Hall, North Carolina Central
- Tom Eamon, East Carolina

Panel c-2: Political Theory

Room: 602

Chair: Ham Lheem, Fayetteville State

Discussant: Clyde Ray, UNC Chapel
Hill and Dean Caivano, York
Univeristy

- Dean Caivano, York University,
*Democratizing Ontology: Ephemeral
Points of Democratic Being*
- Clyde Ray, UNC Chapel Hill, *John
Marshall, Marbury v. Madison, and
the Construction of Constitutional
Legitimacy*
- Han Lheem, Fayetteville State,
*Confucian Political Philosophy: Xi's
Grand Strategies*
- William Brandon, UNC Charlotte,
*The Social Welfare State and the
Affordable Care Act: Insights into the
Incomplete US Health Reform and
Political Theory*

Panel Set C (3)
2:00pm-3:30pm

Panel C-3: Gender and Politics

Room: 604

Chair and Discussant: Beth
Wemlinger, UNC Charlotte

- Anna Macs, Fayetteville State,
*Governmental Spending and Single
Parent Families: A Comparative
Analysis of Australia, Germany,
Sweden, and the US*
- Terza Lima-Neves, Johnson C.
Smith, *D’NOS MANERA: Gender,
Collective Identity and Leadership in
The Cape Verdean Community in The
United States*
- Whitney Manzo and David
McLennan, Meredith College, *The
Hillary Clinton Problem: Are Women
Viewed as Effective Leaders?*
- Tonya Williams, Johnson C. Smith,
*Race, Gender, Region and Abortion
Policy in a Southern State Legislature*

Panel Set D (1 & 2)
3:45pm-5:00pm

Panel D-1: State-Level Immigration
Politics: New Forces, New Responses

Room: 701

Chairs and Discussants: Greg Weeks,

UNC Charlotte and Terza Lima-
Neeves, Johnson C. Smith

- Maggie Commins, Queens University, *Explaining State by State Variation in Immigration Policy Outcomes: Threats or Interests?*
- Morgan Yaguda, Queens University, *When politicians favor immigration: An analysis of North Carolina's HB 786 override*
- Ramon Garibaldo Valdez, Johnson C. Smith, *The Impatient Giant: The Political Mobilization of Latinos in Southern New Destination States*

Panel D-2: Energy Policy

Room: 602

Chair and Discussant: Mark Kelso,
Queens University

- Joseph Cochran, UNC Charlotte, *The Promise and Disappointments of State-Level RPS Policies: Using Complex Quantitative Methods to Evaluate the Efficacy of Energy Policies*
- Tatyana Ruseva, Appalachian State, *Renewable Energy Policy in the European Union: Case Evidence from Bulgaria*
- Michael DeLor, Elon University, *State-Level Partisanship and Ideology and Its Influence on the State Legislative Choice to Restructure Electric Utility Markets*

Panel Set D (3 & 4)

3:45pm-5:00pm

Panel D-3: Undergraduate Research

Panel: Contemporary Issues in
American Politics

Room: 604

Chair: Craig M. Burnett, UNC
Wilmington

Discussant: Aaron S. King, UNC
Wilmington

(All Panelists UNC Wilmington)

- Nicholas Cannon, *American Politics Portrayed in Fictional Television: Don't Believe Everything You See*
- Tyler Clarke, *Getting People Talking: An Obvious Answer to the Mobilization Problem*
- Hannah Littlefield, "God-Gap" in *American Politics? The Effects of Religion on Opinions Towards Same-Sex Marriage*
- Haylie Stone, *The American Way: Issue Framing and Opinions about the National Gun Control Debate*

Panel D-4: Undergraduate Research Panel:

Election Reforms

Room: 606

Chair: Dr. Whitney Manzo, Meredith
College

Discussant: Dr. Paul Gronke, Reed
College and Appalachian State

- Ryan Gobble and Andreas Lefrank, UNC Charlotte, *Single Parents, A Civic Underclass?: The Effects of Voter Identification Requirements on the Voting Behaviors of Single Parents*
- Jennifer Colton, Madelyn Bolger, Brendan McCartney, and Alexander Elliott, Duke University, *Voter ID Laws in North Carolina: Suppressing College Students Through Confusion*
- Caitlyn Mercier, Queens University, *Redistricting: Independent Commissions v. State Legislature*
- Andrina Akins, Monica Bamambote, Quinn Chavez, April Ellis, and Krishana Jackson, UNC Charlotte, *College Students, Voter ID and Intention to Vote*

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